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Victorian Taxidermy- Baltimore Oriole by the famous London taxidermy firm of James Gardner

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1166958****Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Width = 29 cm (11.4")

Description

A North American bird. In typical wall hanging gilt edged dome. Circa 1885. Gardner's small trade label listing 'by appointment to the Queen' along with the address 426 Oxford Street London, can be found nestled amongst the ground work. Additionally, and very faintly there is also the remains of another Gardner trade label to the verso of case, plus an old inscription 'Baltimore oriole'. Baltimore oriole (*Icterus galbula*) is a small icterid blackbird common in eastern North America as a migratory breeding bird. It received its name from the resemblance of the male's colours to those on the coat-of-arms of 17th-century Lord Baltimore. This particular wall dome is one from an original set of four. All recently purchased from a private house, and not previously offered for sale. 29cm Diameter. For more information on this remarkable taxidermy firm, see "A History of British Taxidermy" by C. Frost..... 'James Gardner was one of several British taxidermists to stand at the Great Exhibition in London 1851'.

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