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Taxidermy – Little Owl (Athene noctuain) Circa 1910

Price

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Item Reference: SA1178473

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 29.5 cm (11.6")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

A delightful little case, unlabelled but very much in the manner of Rowland Ward of London Just 29.5cm High x 25cm Wide x 15cm Deep. Notes on the Little Owl: Most of the UK's Little Owls are thought to originate from successful introductions during the late 19th century. However, there are earlier Little Owl sightings. Two Little Owls were spotted in London in 1758; both were assumed to be escapees from private collections. In 1808, there was a further record in Devon and two more in Cumbria in 1811. In 1842, Charles Waterton acquired some Little Owls from Rome and released them in Walton Park, West Yorkshire but there is little evidence that these owls bred. Apparently the first Little Owl introduction was by Edmund Meade-Waldo in Stonewall Park, Kent - he released 40 owls between 1874 and 1880. A pair first bred there in 1879. A second successful Little Owl introduction was carried out by Lord Lilford, in Northamptonshire during the 1880s.

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