

SA1211229

Rare George I Yew Wood Chest of Drawers c. 1720

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1211229****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Description

An exceptionally rare solid yew wood chest of usable and most attractive proportions, having a beautiful colour with rich natural patination and with barber pole inlays in ebony and holly to the top and to each of the drawer fronts. Yew trees are evergreen and were often planted next to Christian churches to represent eternal life and resurrection. Pagans also planted yew trees in their most sacred places and early Christian churches were frequently built on these sites and the Pagan yew trees retained. Yews are extremely slow growing and have unusual healing capacity which enables the trees to recover from storm and lightning damage. There are yew trees in the UK known to be more than 3,000 years old and in Europe some are believed to be as old as 9,000 years. The remarkable grain and beautiful colours of yew, its density, durability and weight made it a treasured timber for the early joiners and cabinet makers but yew wood was very hard to obtain because yew trees were rarely cut down. Small branches were used - steamed and bent to make hoops and rails for the best quality Windsor chairs or sliced into veneers to add beautiful crossbandings and panels to oak and ma...

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