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Eleazar Albin Four c18thc Hand Coloured Engravings of Birds

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA240020****Date of manufacture:**

Description

Eleazar Albin, four c18th Hand Coloured Engravings of Birds. Highly Decorative. Eleazar Albin (fl. 1690 - c.1742) as an English Naturalist and watercolour illustrator who wrote and illustrated a number of books including *A Natural History of English Insects* (1720), *A Natural History of Birds* (1731–38) and *The Natural History of Spiders and other Curious Insects* (1736). He has been described as one of the "great entomological book illustrators of the 18th century". Nothing is known of his early life, though he may have been German-born and claimed to have been in Jamaica in 1701. In 1708 he is known to have been married and living in Picadilly, London According to autobiographical details in *A Natural History of English Insects*, Albin taught watercolour painting before being instructed in natural history by silk weaver and naturalist Joseph Dandridge. In his work on birds he describes the wood crow from a stuffed specimen, being probably the last description of this bird made while the species was, probably, still extant. 26 x 21 cms

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