

SA405370

After Jacques Barraband (1767-1809) Set of Six Coloured Lithographs of Exotic Birds

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA405370****Date of manufacture: 1950**

Dimensions

Height = 75 cm (29.5")

Width = 55 cm (21.7")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

Description

A Fabulous Set of Six Coloured Lithographs of Exotic Birds, After Jacques Barraband, mounted in cloth and gold lining surround. c1950 Jacques Barraband's watercolors and engravings of birds are masterpieces of French ornithological illustration. Most of his stunning portraits were done for the distinguished ornithologist Francois Levaillant, who commissioned the artist to illustrate his landmark works on African ornithology, including the lavish and striking *Histoire Naturelle des Perroquets*. Images of African birds were popular in early 19th-century France both for their exoticism and for the interest in Africa that Napoleon's campaigns were generating. The collaboration of Levaillant and Barraband represented a departure from previous ornithological texts in its emphasis on beauty and luxury, with sumptuously colored and flawlessly rendered birds. Some very minor foxing to a couple. The key to Barraband's renown was his success as an illustrator of luxurious bird books. In addition to illustrating Francois Levaillant's *Histoire naturelle des perroquets* (1801-05), Barraband also executed the original watercolors for the ornithologist's *Histoire naturelle des oise...*

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