

SA712956

Stephen Elmer, 1715 – 1796 Black Game in a Highland Landscape

Price

GBP 6,500

| USD \$8,801 | EUR 7,606

Item Reference: SA712956**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 37 cm (14.6")

Width = 43 cm (16.9")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Stephen Elmer, 1715 – 1796 Black Game in a Highland Landscape oil on canvas 37 x 43 cm. The black grouse or blackgame or blackcock (*Tetrao tetrix*) is a large game bird in the grouse family. It is a sedentary species, breeding across northern Eurasia in moorland and bog areas near to woodland, mostly boreal. The black grouse is closely related to the Caucasian grouse. In the UK there was a dramatic decline in Black Grouse from the 18th century, when birds were found in nearly all British counties, to the current situation where they cling to existence in a few corners of upland Britain. The female is greyish-brown and has a cackling call. She takes all responsibility for nesting and caring for the chicks, as is typical with gamebirds. The black grouse's genome was sequenced in 2014. The black grouse is one of the many species first described in the 10th edition of *Systema Naturae* in 1758 by Carl Linnaeus, and still bears its original binomial name. Both *Tetrao* and *tetrix* come from Ancient Greek words referring to some form of game bird. The male and female are sometimes referred to by their folk names, blackcock and greyhen respectively. These names first occur in the ...

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