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Set of Four Dove Coloured Engravings by Eleazar Albin 19thc

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA805648****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Set of four beautiful 19th Century Coloured Engravings of doves, by Eleazar Albin. Depicting four different types of dove alongside descriptive text. Height 49 cm, Width 42 cm and Depth 3 cm. 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.

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