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**Cuthbert Edmund Swan,
1870-1931
A Leopard with a Peacock in a
Tree**

Price

GBP 1,200

| USD \$1,624 | EUR 1,404

Item Reference: SA837763

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 35 cm (13.8")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

Cuthbert Edmund Swan, 1870-1931 A Leopard with a Peacock in a Tree Signed and dated 1918 Inscribed as title on a label verso pencil and watercolour 35 x 25 cm. (14 x 10 in.) The green peafowl is native to Burma and Java, while the blue comes from India and Sri Lanka. These countries are home to a wide range of large hunters that are potential peacock predators, and peacocks have fallen prey to the likes of large jungle cats such as leopards and tigers, but also to smaller animals, like the mongoose or stray dogs. Indian peacocks (*Pavo cristatus*) are some of the globe's most unforgettable and physically stunning animals, what with their vivid decorative trains. The females of the species are nowhere near as showy in the feather department -- and they're known as peahens, rather than peacocks. When talking about both of the genders, the term is peafowl. Indian peahens are visually a lot more lackluster than peacocks, and for good reason pertaining to the survival of offspring. While the males have to be conspicuous to gain the attentions of females for breeding, the goal of the females is to stay as far under the radar as possible. If peahens can mix in seamlessly with...

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