

SA918048

George Edwards (1694-1773)
set of SEVEN framed
hand-coloured etchings of
exotic birds

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA918048****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

An attractive set of SEVEN hand-coloured etchings, all in identical gilt frames, depicting various exotic birds. Each is dated (between 1745-1757) and each has a pencil description of the birds illustrated. Etchings are by the famous George Edwards (1694-1773). The exotic birds illustrated include: Summer Duck; Black, White and Red Indian Creeper; Goosander; Humming Birds; Duck!; Chinese Teal; Grey Water-Wagtail. George Edwards (1694-1773) was a renowned naturalist and ornithologist, known as 'The Father of British Ornithology'. Over a period of 21 years, Edwards published seven volumes containing descriptions and hand-coloured etchings of birds. In a few cases, he depicted other animals. None of the species were native to the British Isles. The first four volumes were published between 1743 and 1751 with the title "A Natural History of Uncommon Birds". In all the volumes contain a total of 362 hand-coloured etchings. Edwards was a member of the Royal College of Physicians and elected a member of the Royal Society in 1757, where he won the Copley Medal. Measurements (including frame); 12 inches x 9 inches (30.5 x 23cm). Etchings dated: c.1745-1757.

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