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William IV period, circa 1830
wonderful large rosewood tea
caddy box or chest with
beautiful mother of pearl bird
and foliate inlay.

Price

GBP 595

| USD \$806 | EUR 696

Item Reference: SA93226

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 18 cm (7.1")

Description

Stunning example of a William IV period tea caddy box or chest of imposing size, made in rosewood with exquisite mother of pearl inlay. The sarcophagus shape with deeply canted top edge is accented inside and out with gadrooned edges, and the top, front and interior lid have gorgeous lustrous mother of pearl inlay in a foliate scroll, tree and bird design. The escutcheon is also mother of pearl. The mother of pearl inlays shine in the beautiful natural white, pink and blue hues it is prized for. The grain, colour, and patina of the wood is lovely, and the original circular carved and turned handles are still present on the sides. The whole stands on beautifully carved feet. The interior contains two removable rosewood canisters with much of their original zinc lining, and a very attractive cut and etched glass mixing bowl that is of the right age and size, but is not original to the box. It has a small chip on the underside of the lip. The original velvet liner is underneath. Tea caddy boxes were used to store and mix black and green tea. Tea was an expensive commodity during this period, and was kept in a locked box to keep it away from the house staff. Size-14 inc...

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