

SA948876

Victorian Carved Whitby Jet 9CT Gold Bird Earrings

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA948876****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Width = 1.7 cm (0.7")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

These beautifully detailed Victorian swallows are a rare find, hand carved in jet with incredible detail on the wings. The birds are suspended on solid nine-carat gold ear wires. In Victorian England a flying swallow was traditionally considered a token of good luck and the bird represented enduring love and loyalty, as the swallow mates for life. Jet is a type of coal, made from driftwood which sinks to the floor of the sea and becomes slowly buried in mud, hardening over millions of years. Victorian jet, now extremely collectible, largely comes from the English seaside town of Whitby - not to be confused with "French jet", which is actually black glass. Jet was popularised by Queen Victoria, who wore only black mourning jewellery following the death of her beloved husband Prince Albert in 1861. Jet was expensive - both limited in supply and requiring skilled craftsmanship to carve without breaking. The earrings are in very good antique condition; we see no cracking or chips to the jet, just some wear to the edge surfaces. Size: The birds measure approximately 1.7cm diameter and the total drop from the top of the ear wire is 2.5cm. Weight: 1.4g. FREE INTERNATIONAL ...

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