



Fallow Deer Antler On Carved Shield

£320



REF: 30119

Height: 70 cm (27.6")

Width: 67 cm (26.4")

Depth: 49 cm (19.3")

Description

Vintage Taxidermy, Mounted Antlers.

A prepared set of continental Fallow deer antlers with skull cap mounted on a carved wooden shield. The taxidermist is unknown. The antlers are broad shovel-shaped (palmated) and has the skull cap which is secured to the oak shield carved with acorns and oak leaves.

The fallow deer is an elegant, medium-sized deer, with a typically spotted coat. Males have broad, palmate antlers. During the autumnal breeding season, known as the 'rut', males make a loud belly belch to proclaim their territory and fight over the females. This display may involve groaning and stylised walking, but often results in dangerous, physical contact as they lock antlers. The resulting fawns are born the following summer.

Fallow deer prefer deciduous or mixed woodland with large clearings, typically living in small herds. They are also common in many deer parks throughout the country. They eat grasses and herbs, and will browse young, broadleaf trees. (<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org>)