



Vintage Red Deer Antlers On Oak Shield, Antique Taxidermy

Sold



REF: 28489

Height: 90 cm (35.4")

Width: 84 cm (33.1")

Depth: 57 cm (22.4")

Weight: 5 kg

## Description

Set of mounted red deer antlers.

A large pair of 10 point red deer antlers with skull cap, mounted onto an oak shield carved with oak leaves. These stag antlers are an excellent wall display. As the Taxidermist is unknown it is very difficult to date such items but our judgment puts these in the mid 20th century period.

The Antlers have been adapted for easier shipping. The left-hand antler is removable from the skull and can be pushed back on, and secured with a nut and bolt fixing. The skull can also be removed from the board for easier shipping. This greatly reduces the cost of shipping.

See images.

The Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*), or Red Stag, is one of the largest deer species that inhabits most of Europe, the Caucasus Mountains region, Asia Minor, Iran, parts of western Asia, and central Asia. It also inhabits the Atlas Mountains region between Morocco and Tunisia in north-western Africa. The red deer is the largest non-domesticated mammal still existing in the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Ireland. The Barbary stag (which resembles the western European red deer) is the only member of the deer family represented in Africa. Only the stags have antlers, which are made of bone and grow at a rate of 2 ½ cm (1inch) a day. The antlers start growing in the spring and are shed each year, usually at the end of winter.