



Vintage Taxidermy, Cased Heron With Naturalistic Background

Sold



REF: 27917

Height: 85 cm (33.5")

Width: 61 cm (24")

Depth: 24 cm (9.4")

Description

Vintage Taxidermy, Heron.

A well prepared late 20th century piece of taxidermy of a Heron mounted in a naturalistic setting. The bird is artistically modeled amongst fine groundwork all against a painted backdrop. The heron is displayed in original case with a glazed front. There is a small label in the case "This Bird Died After Being Found Injured By River Camel 6th July 1987" with the taxidermists own label "Taxidermy by M.R. Grace, Camelford, Cornwall".

A wonderful piece of taxidermy.

Grey herons are unmistakeable with their grey, black and white feathering, long legs and long beak. They can stand with their neck stretched out, looking for food, or hunched down with their neck bent over their chest. Although herons resemble birds in other families such as storks and cranes, they differ as they fly with their necks retracted rather than outstretched like the others. They can be found at any time of year around any kind of water, garden ponds, lakes, rivers and even on estuaries. Herons eat lots of fish, but are also known to eat small birds such as ducklings, small mammals like voles, and even amphibians. During harvest grey herons can sometimes be seen in fields looking for rodents to eat.