Heron and Woodpecker Taxidermy.

James Hutchings

Sold

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REF: 25504

Height: 94 cm (37")

Width: 51 cm (20.1")

Depth: 27 cm (10.6")

Description

Vintage Taxidermy, Heron and Woodpecker, J. Hutchings.
A well prepared Heron and Woodpecker mounted in a naturalistic setting. The birds are artistically modeled, the heron amongst fine groundwork, the green woodpecker in flight, all against a painted backdrop and displayed in an ebonized case with glass front and sides. This is a typical Hutchings case with its square feet, rounded corners and gilded bars over black tape. There is a paper trade label within the case that reads 'J. Hutchings, Naturalist & Gun Maker, Aberystwyth'. This is a very nice and clean display piece.

James Hutchings started preserving animals in the 1860's and his three sons, James (Fred), George and Walter, along with his daughter, Poppy, followed him into the taxidermy trade. Based in Aberystwyth, the family business produced an extraordinary quantity of very fine taxidermy until 1942. For such a small business, they appear to have been very prolific. Moreover, their work is considered to be of a very high standard and examples of their work are frequently seen in museums. Other than a few obituaries and a newspaper article published in 1953, very little is known of the family and their prominent business in Aberystwyth.

NOTE: Shipping price P.O.A. Shipping subject to quotation and will be charged separately.

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