

Bating the Fox

Sold



REF: 11027

Height: 62 cm (24.4")

Width: 116 cm (45.7")

Description

This picture is related to a superior version : Baiting the Fox by Marmaduke Cradock, National Trust, Middlethorpe Hall, North Yorkshire. Not on show. NT 1548245.

Cradock is known to have painted more than one version of a number of pictures and only signed the superior artwork.

This picture is not simply a detached, ornamental view. The tethered fox creates drama which is a device used by Cradock and his followers, not usually encountered in ornamental bird pieces. The birds on the ground are giving alarm calls, and the duck has been sent into a flurried flight to avert danger.

Characteristically the individual birds are painted with great accuracy, making them easily identifiable.