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Group of 18th Century Ornithological Engravings

£1,650

A set of eight engraved and hand coloured ornithological pictures engraved after George Edwards (British, 1694-1773) The plates, each titled and with explanation of the relevant species, presented in two groups of four within decorative grey and gilt lined cream card mounts, within bespoke giltwood frames

SKU: C4689

Height: 75 cm (29.5 inches) framed

Width: 63.5 cm (24.75 inches) framed

Year: 18th century



George Edwards (1694–1773) was a distinguished English naturalist and ornithologist, best known for his work 'A Natural History of Uncommon Birds'. Published between 1743 and 1761 during his tenure as Librarian at the Royal College of Physicians in London, it featured engravings and detailed descriptions of over six hundred previously unrecorded species and it importantly introduced many previously unseen exotic birds from Europe, Asia, and the Americas to an English audience.