

Basic Detail Report

Hummingbird

Date

18th century

Medium

Hanging scroll: ink and colors on dark-colored silk

Description

One of a pair (cf. 75.058.013) of paintings that depicts the subject of birds and flowers. Later examples of a popular theme firmly established by the 12th century Southern Song Academy. Two ducks swim close to shore, where grasses, plants, flowers and a peony plant grow. Several of the peonies are in full bloom. A hummingbird is perched near the top of a stalk sprung forth from perhaps a reed-like plant. Bright colors and decorative details are added to fine line drawings.

Dimensions

59 1/2 x 18 inches (151.1 x 45.7 cm)