

Basic Detail Report



Title
Baldpates
Artist
Frank Weston Benson
Date
1924
Dimensions
9 7/8 x 7 3/4 in.
Medium
Drypoint
Classifications

Prints

Credit Line

Gift of Joseph Hearst

Object number

1951.434

Published References

Paff catalogue 235

Exhibition History

Toledo Museum of Art, *For the Birds*, April 13-October 14, 2012.

Collections

Works on Paper

Label Text

Formerly known as the Baldpate, the male American Wigeon is easily identified by the striking white stripe on its head. It is a common migrant visitor to the Lake Erie marshes. Benson wrote of his method of depicting birds, “Every artist must see things in his own way. He will do this as the Japanese have done it for centuries—study some object in nature until he can draw it from memory by repeated practice. In that way I learned how birds appear in flight, watching them by the hour, returning to my studio to make drawings, then back to the birds to make corrections.”

Not On View