



# Comb with caribou image

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## On display

**Title/Description:** Comb with caribou image

**Object Type:** Comb

**Materials:** Walrus ivory

**Measurements:** h. 76 x w. 30 x d. 5 mm

**Accession Number:** 733

**Historic Period:** 18th century or earlier

**Production Place:** Alaska, North America, The Americas

**Credit Line:** Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1980

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The top of this weathered ivory comb appears to represent a young caribou without antlers. It has a slightly concave back and a simple engraved design on both sides. The small eyes are deeply drilled; four of the twelve tines are missing. Although its age is not known, it is likely to be of considerable antiquity.

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from *Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North American Art*, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 236.

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## Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Arbutus Limited on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1980 out of income from the Sainsbury Purchasing Fund.

