



Comb with caribou image

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

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.

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.
