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Lynx Rufus. Guldenstaed. Common American Wild Cat.

Stock#: 94288
Map Maker: Audubon
Date: 1843
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 23.5 x 17.75 inches
Price: \$ 9,500.00



Description:

A fine example of the *Common American Wild Cat* a vivid hand-colored imperial folio lithograph of an American bobcat by John James Audubon and J.T. Bowen and published in Philadelphia in 1842.

The precise rendering of the *Lynx Rufus* at 3/4 natural size demonstrates Audubon's storied role as America's great 19th-century natural history artist. Set against a backdrop of oaks and rolling fields, the piece harmonizes the subject with its environment, underscoring its ecological context.

The bobcat carries a dramatic expression of surprise, as if the viewer went unnoticed by the animal as it left the undergrowth into a field.

The mid-19th century marked a significant phase in the intersection of art, science, and natural history. Audubon's works, including this distinguished plate from *Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*, played a pivotal role in documenting and disseminating knowledge of the continent's diverse wildlife. Amidst burgeoning explorations and discoveries, artworks like these served as both aesthetic and educational resources, contributing to the collective understanding of North America's ecological wealth.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Lithograph on imperial folio sheet of wove paper. Very minor wear to edges.