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**Barn Owl *Strix Flammea* Male 1. Female 2. Ground Squirrel *Sciurus Striatus*. Plate
CLXXI.**

Stock#: 102132
Map Maker: Audubon / Havell, Jr.
Date: 1833
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22.75 x 33.75 inches
Price: \$ 45,000.00



Description:

One of Only Three Audubon Night Scenes.

This exquisite double-elephant folio plate from John James Audubon's monumental first edition of *The Birds of America* showcases the Barn Owl, *Tyto alba* (formerly known as *Strix Flammea*), in a captivating nocturnal scene. It features two adult Barn Owls perched on branches against a dramatic backdrop. The upper bird, with wings majestically flared, clutches a chipmunk, identified by Audubon as a "Ground Squirrel (*Sciurus Striatus*)," highlighting the natural predatory behavior of this species. The scene is set high on an overlook, offering a breathtaking view of a river meandering through the countryside below, under the cover of night.



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This plate is one of only three night scenes within the entire collection, the others being Plate CXXI (Snowy Owl) and Plate CCCXI (American White Pelican).

Detailed Condition:

Aquatint and engraving on a double-elephant folio sheet of 19th-century wove paper watermarked "JWHATMAN TURKEY MILL 1833". Binding mark at left edge.