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**Double-crested Cormorant. *Phalacrocorax Dilophus*, Swain & Richards Male adult
spring plumage. Plate CCLVII**

Stock#: 97471
Map Maker: Audubon & Havell, Jr.
Date: 1835
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.7 x 28.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Double-crested Cormorant

The Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) is a waterfowl native to North America, distinguishable by its slender profile, long neck, and a notably hooked bill. Its name is derived from the tufts of feathers that appear above each eye during the breeding season. Preferring freshwater and coastal habitats, these birds are adept divers, plunging into water to catch fish, which constitute their primary diet. While underwater, they propel themselves with their webbed feet, emerging often with a catch in



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their bill. Historically, the population of the Double-crested Cormorant faced significant decline due to pesticide exposure, notably DDT. However, with subsequent bans on harmful pesticides and conservation efforts, their numbers have rebounded in recent decades. Nonetheless, their increasing population has led to concerns among fishery managers about the potential impact on fish stocks.

Detailed Condition:

Hand-colored engraving with aquatint on a double elephant folio sheet of wove paper watermarked "JWhatman 1834". Several large clean tears well into the image expertly repaired on verso.