Guide to the Thomas Bewick Wood Blocks 1885-1887

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Descriptive Summary

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Scope Note
These woodblocks accompany the memorial edition of Thomas Bewick’s Works. These are the original woodblocks used for the following prints: v. 1, p. xxxi-xxxv; v.2, pps. 2, 14, 113, 123, 124, 146, 251, 324; v. 3, pps. 222, 281, 394, 459; v. 4, p. 199; v. 5, p. 347. Most of the blocks depict a single animal: a bird, mammal, or fish. Some of the animals are shown amidst elements of their habitat. These blocks measure about two inches tall and three inches across. Most of the other blocks are smaller, about one inch tall and two to three inches across, and depict a component of an animal: its head, feather, or foot. Two of the blocks measure about two inches tall and about three inches across. They are rectangular with an oval engraving inscribed inside. Within the oval is an animal in an elaborate setting. One depicts a fox inside a house beside a chair and table. The other depicts a frog seated in a pastoral clearing, framed by low-hanging trees, and facing a small cottage in the distance.

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**Subject Headings**

- Bewick, Thomas, 1753-1828
- Block printing
- Wood blocks (printing blocks)

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