

A Citron-crested Cockatoo and a Snake

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Sold



Description

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Signed lower centre: E. Lear

Watercolour and pencil heightened with bodycolour

17.1 by 13.5 cm., 6 ³/₄ by 5 ¹/₄ in.

Provenance:

By descent in the family of the owner

The Citron-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua sulphurea citrinocristata*) is a medium-sized cockatoo with an orange crest and dark grey beak. The underside of its larger wings and tail feathers have a pale yellow colour. The eye colour ranges from brown through very dark brown to black. The smallest of the Yellow-crested Cockatoo subspecies, it is endemic to Sumba in the Lesser Sunda Islands in Indonesia, although it is now listed as critical endangered.