

Basic Detail Report



Spoon

Date
c. 1900

Primary Maker
Yurok

Medium
Elk antler horn

Description

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Dimensions

Overall: 7 1/4 × 2 3/4 × 15 in. (18.4 × 7 × 38.1 cm)