



Bowl

Date

1800-1840

Primary Maker

Coast Tsimshian or Nishga or Southern Tlingit

Medium

Alder wood, red turban snail opercula shells

Description

This representation of a bird portrays the Raven-at-the-Head-of-the-Nass, the owner of the box in which daylight was kept. The red turban snail opercula shell inlay on the rim was traded among all coastal Northwest Coast cultures. Found only at a few specific sub-tidal sites between Washington State and Southeast Alaska, the snail's rarity made them a valuable form of decoration, and their status remains so today.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 1/2 × 8 1/4 × 13 1/2 in. (19.1 × 21 × 34.3 cm)