

# Basic Detail Report

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## Comb

### Date

1830-1850

### Primary Maker

Tlingit

### Medium

Yew

### Description

This finely carved comb with densely intertwined faces depicts a whale at the bottom, a thunderbird at the top, and a small human face in the center. The stylized image of the whale with its wide mouth is identified by its dorsal fin that projects out at the center and its pectoral fins that extend up the side of the comb. His pectoral fins double as the thunderbird's wings. The carver achieved a sensitive and balanced composition in the creation of this comb.

### Dimensions

Overall: 6 × 2 3/4 × 1 1/2 in. (15.2 × 7 × 3.8 cm)