

Basic Detail Report



“Karasu Tengu, Off to the Sky”

Date

2022

Primary Maker

Fumio Noguchi ()

Medium

Deer antler, buffalo horn

Description

Japanese netsuke figure of a karasu tengu, or a bird-like tengu. Made from a slender piece of antler, with their beak pointed straightup, and ears/hair along back. He

wears One-tooth-Geta (wooden sandal) A tengu is a mountain goblin or spirit. There are different types of tengu. Daitengu are usually depicted as a male human, or at times as a yamabushi (“mountain priest”) with a long nose and a red face. A karasu tengu is a bird or bird-like tengu. They are usually associated with flight, and sometimes their form is a combination of a long-nosed man with bird wings. Tengu are generally considered malevolent spirits. In early Japanese Buddhism the image of the tengu as a monk was sometimes used to convince people not to follow opposing Buddhist groups. However, like other yokai, tengu do not easily fall into a good or bad category. Despite their description as malicious, tengu can also be noble and helpful.

Dimensions

96mm