



Totem pole

Primary Maker

Gyaawhlins, John Robson (c. 1850-1927)

Medium

argillite

Description

Argillite Totem pole, representing the following figures from bottom to top: Thunderbird above Killerwhale; Ancestor figure holding wolf or bear crest-shield; Raven grasping hat of ancestor in his beak; Crouching bear on the Raven's head. The pole has a concave back. The base was attached to the pole with pegs. Glue residue is visible at the bottom of the pole where it joins the base and also on the hollowed out back, possibly the result of a repair. Some chipping is visible on the base, on the wolf-crest shield and on the crouching Bear. Natural fracture lines are noticable.

Dimensions

Overall: 43 cm