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## Swallow-tailed Hawk. Plate 18.

**Stock#:** 81159  
**Map Maker:** Bien / Audubon  
**Date:** 1860  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 29 x 22 inches (including text)  
**Price:** \$ 950.00



### Description:

Attractive chromolithographed image of the Swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) grappling with a garter snake in its fearsome claws.

The plate comes from the Julius Bien edition of Audubon's *Birds of America*, the second large-format 19th-century edition of the most important color plate book of all time.

The Swallow-tailed Hawk, as it is referred to by Audubon, is a resident of the American Southeast and Florida, with its range extending to South America.

Audubon gives the antiquated Linnean binomial, *Falco Furcatus*.

### Detailed Condition:

Chromolithograph on wove paper. A few expert marginal mends.