

Dove

Middle Eastern Collection

Accession Nr.: **58.211.1** 

Type: **metalwork**

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: **Iran**

Materials/Technique
s: **cast steel, gold and silver inlay**

Dimensions: height:35 cm
width: 23 cm

Pigeons enjoy a high esteem all across the Islamic world.

In Shi'a tradition doves assume an even more vital role, both as guards of the martyrs' desecrated corpses and as messengers of God. This significance ensured the inclusion of pigeons in the processional paraphernalia of Moharram rituals.

