

Sparrows and a nanten tree

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.: 3085 

Type: painting; hanging scroll

Artist/Maker: Kantei

Date of production: 1810
Edo (Tokugawa) period

Place of production: Japan

Signed: the name of the painter (Kantei)

Marks: two red stamps, date

Materials/Technique
s: ink and colours on silk

Dimensions: height: 165 cm
width: 44.5 cm
mirror: 96.5 × 34.3 cm

Acquisition: collected by Péter Vay

Stretching upwards on the left-hand side of the painting is a nanten tree, well known in Japan for its bright red berries and believed by the Japanese to bring good fortune. A sparrow sits on a branch of briar rose that extends towards the right, while its mate flies downwards towards it.

