


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/Techniques:	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.

