Primary Maker: John James Audubon
Title: Cooper's Hawk (Accipter cooperii), Havell plate no. 36
Date: 1824–1826
Medium: Watercolor, pastel, graphite, and black ink with touches of gouache, scratching out, and selective glazing on two sheets of paper, laid on card
Dimensions: Mat: 53 x 39 in. (134.6 x 99.1 cm) Sheet: 38 5/8 × 18 5/8 in. (98.1 × 47.3 cm)
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Object Number: 1863.17.36

Classification: DRAWINGS

Curatorial Remarks:
Bottom bird painted in Philadelphia in 1824; top bird painted at Bayou Sara, Louisiana ca. 1824-1826.

Physical Description:
Second year male and adult female. Audubon originally called this bird the Stanley Hawk after Lord Stanley (Edward Smith Stanley, 13th Earl of Derby, 1775-c.1852). The bird was named after William Cooper (1798–1864), a conchologist and one of the founders of the New York Lyceum of Natural History, by Charles Lucien Bonaparte in 1828.

Inscribed: Birds numbered lower and upper respectively in brown ink: "1"; "2"
Markings: Watermarks: JWHATMAN