Primary Maker: John James Audubon
Title: **Wild Turkey (Meleagris gallopavo), Havell plate no. 1**
Date: ca. 1825
Medium: Watercolor, black ink, graphite, pastel, collage, and gouache with touches of metallic pigment and selective glazing on paper, laid on card
Dimensions: Sheet: 39 7/16 × 26 3/8 in. (100.2 × 67 cm) Mat: 53 x 39 in. (134.6 x 99.1 cm)
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Object Number: 1863.17.1

Classification: DRAWINGS

Curatorial Remarks:
The background flora has been identified as cane (Arundinaria gigantea or Arundinaria); Originally engraved by William H. Lizars in Edinburgh, Scotland and later retouched by Havell; Rescued from a fire that nearly destroyed all of the plates in 1845; Wild turkey lost out to the Bald eagle as America's national symbol

Physical Description:
Adult male

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