Primary Maker: John James Audubon
Title: Carolina Parakeet (Conuropsis carolinensis), Study for Havell plate no. 26
Date: ca. 1825
Medium: Watercolor, graphite, pastel, gouache, and black ink with scraping and selective glazing on paper, laid on card
Dimensions: Sheet: 29 3/4 × 21 1/4 in. (75.6 × 54 cm) Mat: 40 x 30 in. (101.6 x 76.2 cm)
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Object Number: 1863.17.26

Classification: DRAWINGS

Curatorial Remarks:
The background flora has been identified as Cocklebur (Xanthium sturmarium).

Physical Description:
Lower center bird immature; others adults

Inscribed: Inscribed at lower left in graphite: "No 6 / Plate 26 ---"; at lower left of center: "Carolina Parrot. Males 1. F. 2. Young 3 / Psitacus carolinensis"; at lower right of center: "Plant Vulgo -- Cockle Burr."; at lower right: "The upper Specimen was shot near Bayou Sarah / and appeared So uncommon having 14 Tail feathers all very / distinct and firmly affixed in 14 diferent receptacles that I / drew it more to exhibit one of those astonishing fits of Nature / than any thing else -- it was a female -- / The Green headed is also a singular although not / uncomon a
Variety as the above one -- -- / Louisianna -- December --- J.J. Audubon”; birds identified clockwise from lower center: "female"; "Male"; "Female"; "Female N[?] / 14 Tail feathers"; "Male"; "Male[crossed out]"; below: "Young --"; erased inscriptions thoughout

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