



DOUGLAS REYNOLDS GALLERY



**ARTIST UNKNOWN (HAIDA)
EAGLE AND BEAR FAMILY TOTEM**

\$7,000.00 CAD

Dimensions	4 × 10 in
Height	10"
Depth	4"
Width	4"
Medium	Argillite

Eagle is one of the most important beings in the art and mythology of the Northwest Coast. It is respected for its intelligence and power, as well as its extraordinary vision, in both the literal and figurative senses. Eagles in myth are, likewise, usually noble characters. Eagle is revered as a powerful hunter. Groups of mythical Eagles may gather for co-operative whale hunting expeditions, since, unlike the giant Thunderbird, Eagle is not strong enough to hunt whales alone. Eagle may often be depicted with Salmon, one of its favourite foods, with a hooked beak and small ears.

Bear is a dominant crest symbol. Bears are closely related to humans especially when standing on their hind legs, bridging the human and non-human realms. Their strength and intelligence are universally respected and they are considered to be helping spirits of warriors. Bear is often depicted with a short snout, round paws, stubby tail and bared teeth.