

EARLY 19TH CENTURY FRENCH CARVED OAK IMPERIAL EAGLE SCULPTURE

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Decorate an office"s shelf or a study with this elegant antique carved Imperial eagle. Crafted in France circa 1830, and almost three and a half feet wide, the wooden eagle has a commanding presence standing on an integral square base, its wings spread. The avian sculpture features wonderful detailed carvings through the plumage and talons. The tall and wide sculpture is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, and adorns a rich dark walnut patina. The French Imperial Eagle (Aigle de drapeau, lit. "flag eagle") refers to the figure of an eagle on a staff carried into battle as a standard by the Grande Armée of Napoleon during the Napoleonic Wars. Although they were presented with regimental colors, Napoleon's regiments tended to carry at their head the Imperial Eagle. The eagle signifies inspiration, release from bondage, victory, longevity, speed, pride, father and royalty; it is often an emblem for powerful nations. The Roman, French, Austrian, German, and American peoples have all adopted this image as their symbol. 40"W x 14"D x 28"H

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