



Mold for a Bird Amulet

Date

959-909 BCE

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

limestone

Description

Square mold for a bird, in profile to left. The workmanship is fine, the carving shallow. The bird has a small head, long, pointed beak, and crest with two long feathers extending separately behind the head. A large circular groove indicates the eye. The thin neck curves forward to meet the large body, which tapers to a point at the tail. The nearer leg—the upper section much shorter than the lower—extends beyond the edge of the body, ending in a bifurcated foot.

Dimensions

1 3/4 × 4 5/16 × 3 7/8 in. (4.5 × 11 × 9.9 cm)