



# Statuette of a baboon drawing a bow

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## On display

**Title/Description:** Statuette of a baboon drawing a bow

**Object Type:** Figure

**Materials:** Gold, Wood

**Measurements:** h. 28 x w. 8 x d. 6 mm

**Accession Number:** 615

**Historic Period:** Dynasty XVIII (c. 1400 BC)

**Production Place:** Africa, Egypt

**Credit Line:** Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1975

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The animal stands with feet together, the tail falling behind to provide a third support. He holds with both hands a strung bow that reaches from his knees to his chin. The wood of which it is carved is gilded, but the gold leaf is missing in places. Representations of animals engaged in activities normally associated with humans are not infrequently found in Egyptian art. Often they have satirical overtones, but this does not seem to be the case with the present statuette. A markedly similar figure, but on a slightly larger scale, is in the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, no. ega 4592.1943.

Entry taken from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection 3 volume catalogue, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997).

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## Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Peter Sharrer in 1975 out of funds provided by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury.

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