

Basic Detail Report



Quiver

Date

19th Century

Primary Maker

Klamath

Medium

Dry tule

Description

Twined of tule with striped design in darker tones of tule. A flat, conical shaped basket for carrying arrows woven in plain, 2 element S-twining on twisted warps with solid alternate lines of brown dyed tule encircling the basket at intervals for decoration. This quiver illustrates the vast extent to which the Klamath and Modoc used tules and bulrushes in the manufacture of most of their possessions. Whereas other tribes might make such things as the quiver, moccasins, leggings and even house coverings out of skins, these people prefer to weaves such articles out of the plants growing in the marshy areas. Dr. Frederick Dockstader, formerly with Museum of American Indian Heye Foundation visited Bowers and stated he knows about 1/2 dozen of examples like that in the U.S. It is more important as an object than as an example of basket stitching. The Loewe Museum, Berkeley, and the Smithsonian have lots of fragments but not complete/whole examples. It is rare and is equivalent in rarity and value to our best feather basket - M. Key

Dimensions

17 × 6 × 1 3/4 in. (43.2 × 15.2 × 4.4 cm)