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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Rare Books and Special Collections

**Title:** Gwillim Collection

**ID:** Gwillim

**Date:** [between 1801 and 1807] (date of creation)

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**Physical description:** 164 paintings : watercolour

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

**Note**  
**[sourcesDescription]:** Wood, Casey A. "XXVIII.—Lady [Elizabeth] Gwillim—Artist and Ornithologist." *Ibis* 67, no. 3 (1925): 594-599.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Hereford-born Lady Elizabeth Gwillim (née Symonds) was an artist whose watercolors of Indian birds preceded John James Audubon's bird paintings by about twenty years and are equally detailed and natural. Married in 1784 to lawyer Henry Gwillim, who was knighted in 1801, she accompanied her husband to Madras, India (modern-day Chennai) that same year, together with her younger sister, Mary Symonds. Following the defeat of Tipu Sultan in 1799, which secured South India for the 'Company Raj', Henry took the position of Puisne Judge in the Madras High Court. Elizabeth and Mary were prolific letter writers and their correspondence with family and friends in England (now in the British Library MSS Eur C240) includes descriptions of Indian culture and British life in India. During her six years in India, Elizabeth painted some 200 works, many life-sized. As well as birds, she also painted botanical subjects. Elizabeth Gwillim's drawings of birds have been compared to those of her near contemporary John James Audubon (1). Her botanical drawings were also praised in Curtis' *Botanical Magazine* (Sims 1804), which noted the 'unusual elegance and accuracy' of her work. Elizabeth Gwillim studied botany with the eminent Madras botanist Dr Johann Rottler (1749-1836), who named a magnolia after her, *Gwillimia*. She used her garden as an experimental farm, testing delicate northern plants like parsley, mint, thyme and strawberries (the quintessential English fruit) in the damp heat of Madras, and collecting seeds of the local flora for commercial nurseries in Fulham and Brompton. She was hailed as 'the patroness of the science in that Presidency' (Sims, *Botanical Magazine*, 1807), an acknowledgement of her role in an enterprise whose study has to date focused on male botanists like Roxburgh and Heyne. Gwillim died in India at the age of 44 of unknown causes.

## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Mary Symonds was born in 1772 in Hereford, England, and is known as an artist and letter-writer. In 1802, she accompanied her older sister, Lady Elizabeth Gwillim, the bird artist, and Elizabeth's husband, Sir Henry Gwillim, to India (modern-day Chennai). Both sisters wrote home often about their activities, with vivid descriptions of daily life in India, as well as commentary on Indian culture. Mary particularly enjoyed the many social invitations of British life in Madras during the Company Raj. Like her sister, Mary also painted and some of her works, including those of fish, are part of the works donated by Casey A. Wood to the Blacker Wood Collection at McGill's Rare Book Library. After her sister died in 1807, Mary and her brother-in-law sailed back to England. In 1809 Mary married John Ramsden, captain of the ship on which she had returned from India.

### Custodial history

The drawings in the collection were acquired in 1924 by Casey A. Wood, who established the Blacker Wood Collection. He recounts the story of finding the drawings from a London dealer: "After a search in his cellar among much half-forgotten stock, he brought out a parcel containing about thirty small (10 x 14 in.) mounted and coloured drawings of Indian Fishes." Some of the watercolours were signed "E.G.". The dealer also possessed a portfolio of flower drawings, with an inscription on a separate page: "Elizabeth Gwillim, Madras, 1800-1806." Finally, the proprietor located "an immense, dust-laden, but extremely well made portfolio about five feet broad and four high ... [that] must have weighed thirty pounds." This portfolio contained 121 paintings of birds. Wood acquired the lot for £76. The three portfolios were preserved in the Blacker Wood Collection; some of the bird paintings were framed for exhibitions in the 1930s, and the original portfolio bindings were discarded. The paintings were exhibited in 1975 at the Royal Ontario Museum and subsequently in 1980 at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, Ontario and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

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## Scope and content

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The collection contains 164 botanical and zoological paintings created chiefly by Elizabeth Gwillim as well as possibly by her sister Mary Symonds while living in Chennai, India (then Madras). The collection includes 121 watercolours of birds with inscriptions, 31 watercolours of fish, and twelve of flowers, drawn from life rather than specimens. The paintings reflect the sisters' time in Madras during which, as artists and letter writers, they created a substantial visual record of the landscape and inhabitants of Madras and environs. The paintings also reflect Gwillim's scientific pursuits, including her study of botany.

## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on content.

### Related material

Elizabeth Gwillim and Mary Symonds' correspondence is held at the British Library, MSS Eur C240. Portraits and landscapes by Mary Symonds are held at the South Asian Decorative Arts and Crafts Collection, Norwich, UK.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Illustrations (documentary form)
  - Birds in art (subject)
  - Animals in art (subject)
  - Natural history. (subject)
  - Zoology. (subject)
  - Chennai (India) (place)
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## Series descriptions

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### Series Gwillim-1: Birds

Creator: Gwillim, Elizabeth, 1763-1807

Date: [between 1801 and 1807?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of 121 watercolour paintings of birds, created by Elizabeth Gwillim while she was living in Chennai, India (then Madras). The birds were painted from life rather than from the skins or stuffed specimens used by many artists of her day. Many paintings feature their avian subjects within a full landscape. Some paintings contain inscriptions with species identifications and, occasionally, additional observations about the birds.

Physical description: 121 paintings

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
Gwillim-1-001	Item - Kestrel ( <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> ) <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807]		
Gwillim-1-002	Item - Brahminy Kite ( <i>Haliastur indus</i> ) <i>Haliastur indus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807]		
Gwillim-1-003	Item - White-necked, or woolly-necked stork ( <i>Ciconia episcopus</i> ) <i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-004	Item - Purple heron ( <i>Ardea purpurea</i> ) <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-005	Item - Indian, black, red-headed or Pondicherry vulture ( <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> ) <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-006	Item - Long-billed vulture ( <i>Gyps indicus</i> ) <i>Gyps indicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-007	Item - Egyptian vulture ( <i>Neophron percnopterus</i> ) <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-008	Item - Short-toed eagle ( <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> ) <i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-009	Item - Black-headed ibis ( <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i> ) <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-010	Item - Black stork ( <i>Ciconia nigra</i> ) <i>Ciconia nigra</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-011	Item - Bonelli's eagle ( <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i> ) <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-012	Item - Crested honey buzzard ( <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i> ) <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-013	Item - Crested serpent-eagle ( <i>Spilornis cheela</i> ) <i>Spilornis cheela</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-014	Item - Marsh harrier ( <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> ) <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-015	Item - Marsh harrier ( <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> ) <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-016	Item - Booted eagle ( <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> ) <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-017	Item - Long-legged buzzard ( <i>Buteo rufinus</i> ) <i>Buteo rufinus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-018	Item - Spot-billed duck ( <i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i> ) <i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-019	Item - Bar-headed goose ( <i>Anser indicus</i> ) <i>Anser indicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		
Gwillim-1-020	Item - Indian shag ( <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i> ) <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]		

Gwillim-1-021	Item - Brown-headed gull ( <i>Larus brunicephalus</i> ) <i>Larus brunicephalus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-022	Item - Koel ( <i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i> ) <i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-023	Item - Lesser florikan ( <i>Sypheotides indicus</i> ) <i>Sypheotides indicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-024	Item - Eagle owl ( <i>Bubo bubo</i> ) <i>Bubo bubo</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-025	Item - Bonelli's eagle ( <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i> ) <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-026	Item - Oriental darter ( <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> ) <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-027	Item - Herring gull ( <i>Larus argentatus</i> ) <i>Larus argentatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-028	Item - Herring gull ( <i>Larus argentatus</i> ) <i>Larus argentatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-029	Item - Eurasian bittern ( <i>Botaurus stellaris</i> ) <i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-030	Item - Red junglefowl ( <i>Gallus gallus</i> ) <i>Gallus gallus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-031	Item - Indian pond-heron ( <i>Ardeola grayii</i> ) <i>Ardeola grayii</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-032	Item - Cattle egret ( <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> ) <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-033	Item - Grey heron ( <i>Ardea cinerea</i> ) <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-034	Item - Grey heron ( <i>Ardea cinerea</i> ) <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-035	Item - Smaller egret ( <i>Egretta intermedia</i> ) <i>Egretta intermedia</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-036	Item - Green heron ( <i>Butorides striatus</i> ) <i>Butorides striatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-037	Item - Chestnut bittern ( <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i> ) <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-038	Item - Sarus crane ( <i>Grus antigone</i> ) <i>Grus antigone</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-039	Item - Adjutant, or Greater Maribou stork ( <i>Leptoptilos dubius</i> ) <i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-040	Item - Smaller adjutant, or Lesser maribou stork ( <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i> ) <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-041	Item - Asiatic open-billed stork ( <i>Anastomus oscitans</i> ) <i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-042	Item - Indian pond-heron ( <i>Ardeola grayii</i> ) <i>Ardeola grayii</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-043	Item - Chestnut bittern ( <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i> ) <i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-044	Item - Whimbrel ( <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> ) <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-045	Item - Curlew sandpiper ( <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> ) <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-046	Item - Painted snipe ( <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> ) <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]

Gwillim-1-047	Item - Sanderling ( <i>Calidris alba</i> ) <i>Calidris alba</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-048	Item - Red-wattled lapwing ( <i>Vanellus indicus</i> ) <i>Vanellus indicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-049	Item - Black-winged stilt ( <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> ) <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-050	Item - Yellow-wattled lapwing ( <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> ) <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-051	Item - Temminck's stint ( <i>Calidris temminckii</i> ) and Little stint ( <i>Calidris minuta</i> ) <i>Calidris temminckii</i> and <i>Calidris minuta</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-052	Item - Eastern collared, or Oriental, pratincole ( <i>Glareola maldivarum</i> ) <i>Glareola maldivarum</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-053	Item - White-breasted water hen ( <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> ) <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-054	Item - Bronze-winged jacana ( <i>Metopidius indicus</i> ) <i>Metopidius indicus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-055	Item - Pheasant-tailed jacana ( <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i> ) <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-056	Item - Banded crake ( <i>Rallina eurizonoides</i> ) <i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-057	Item - Blue-breasted banded rail ( <i>Rallus striatus</i> ) <i>Rallus striatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-058	Item - Baillon's, or Tiny, crake ( <i>Porzana pusilla</i> ) <i>Porzana pusilla</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-059	Item - Indian, black, red-headed or Pondicherry vulture ( <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> ) <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-060	Item - Indian, black, red-headed or Pondicherry vulture ( <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> ) <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-061	Item - Marsh harrier ( <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> ) <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-062	Item - Pied harrier ( <i>Circus melanoleucos</i> ) <i>Circus melanoleucos</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-063	Item - Montague's harrier ( <i>Circus pygargus</i> ) <i>Circus pygargus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-064	Item - Montague's harrier ( <i>Circus pygargus</i> ) <i>Circus pygargus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-065	Item - Oriental hobby ( <i>Falco severus</i> ) <i>Falco severus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-066	Item - Kestrel ( <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> ) <i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-067	Item - Purple heron ( <i>Ardea purpurea</i> ) <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-068	Item - Tufted duck ( <i>Aythya fuligula</i> ) <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-069	Item - Cotton pygmy goose, or Teal ( <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i> ) <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]



Gwillim-1-070	Item - White-cheeked tern ( <i>Sterna repressa</i> ) <i>Sterna repressa</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-071	Item - Whiskered tern ( <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i> ) <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-072	Item - Brown shrike ( <i>Lanius cristatus</i> ) <i>Lanius cristatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-073	Item - Bay-backed shrike ( <i>Lanius vittatus</i> ) <i>Lanius vittatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-074	Item - Large cuckoo-shrike ( <i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i> ) <i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-075	Item - Black-backed cuckoo-shrike ( <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> ) <i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-076	Item - Common babbler ( <i>Turdoides caudatus</i> ) <i>Turdoides caudatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-077	Item - Golden oriole ( <i>Oriolus oriolus</i> ) <i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-078	Item - Lesser cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i> ) <i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-079	Item - Indian cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus micropterus</i> ) <i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-080	Item - Common hawk-cuckoo ( <i>Cuculus varius</i> ) <i>Cuculus varius</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-081	Item - Pied crested cuckoo ( <i>Clamator jacobinus</i> ) <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-082	Item - Banded bay cuckoo ( <i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i> ) <i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-083	Item - Black-headed cuckooshrike ( <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> ) <i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-084	Item - Brahminy, or black-headed, or pagoda myna or starling ( <i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i> ) <i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-085	Item - Magpie-robin ( <i>Copsychus saularis</i> ) <i>Copsychus saularis</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-086	Item - Ashy swallow-shrike ( <i>Artamus fuscus</i> ) <i>Artamus fuscus</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-087	Item - Small green-billed malkoha ( <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> ) <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-088	Item - Lesser golden-backed woodpecker ( <i>Dinopium benghalense</i> ) <i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-089	Item - Purple sunbird ( <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i> ) and Loten's sunbird ( <i>Nectarinia lotenia</i> ) <i>Nectarinia asiatica</i> or ; <i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-090	Item - Purple-rumped sunbird ( <i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i> ) <i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-091	Item - Painted spur fowl ( <i>Galloperdix lunulata</i> ) <i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-092	Item - Red spurfowl ( <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> ) <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	[between 1801 and 1807?]

Gwillim-1-093	Item - Rain, or Black-breasted quail (Coturnix coromandelica)Coturnix coromandelica	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-094	Item - Crested wood-partridge (Rollulus roulroul)Rollulus roulroul	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-095	Item - Ringed turtle-dove (Streptopelia risoria)Streptopelia risoria	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-096	Item - Spotted dove (Streptopelia chinensis)Streptopelia chinensis	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-097	Item - Red turtle-dove (Streptopelia tranquebarica)Streptopelia tranquebarica	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-098	Item - Red-whiskered Bulbul (Pycnonotus jocosus)Pycnonotus jocosus	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-099	Item - White-browed Bulbul (Pycnonotus luteolus)Pycnonotus luteolus	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-100	Item - Yellow-bellied fantail flycatcher (Rhipidura hypoxantha)Rhipidura hypoxantha	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-101	Item - Kashmir black redstart (Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides)Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuroides	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-102	Item - Black redstart (Phoenicurus ochruros)Phoenicurus ochruros	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-103	Item - Forest wagtail (Dendronanthus indicus)Dendronanthus indicus	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-104	Item - Large pied wagtail (Motacilla maderaspatensis)Motacilla maderaspatensis	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-105	Item - Indian robin (Saxicoloides fulicata)Saxicoloides fulicata	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-106	Item - Pied bush chat (Saxicola caprata)Saxicola caprata	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-107	Item - Indian robin (Saxicoloides fulicata)Saxicoloides fulicata	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-108	Item - Common iora (Aegithina tiphia)Aegithina tiphia	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-109	Item - Eastern ringed plover (Charadrius hiaticula)Charadrius hiaticula	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-110	Item - White-bellied drongo (Dicrurus caerulescens)Dicrurus caerulescens	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-111	Item - Great-eared nightjar (Eurostopodus macrotis)Eurostopodus macrotis	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-112	Item - Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)Sturnus vulgaris	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-113	Item - Scaly, or White's thrush (Zoothera dauma)Zoothera dauma	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-114	Item - Cuckoo (Cuculus canorus)Cuculus canorus	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-115	Item - Corncrake (Crex crex)Crex crex	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-116	Item - Desert wheatear (Oenanthe deserti)Oenanthe deserti	[between 1801 and 1807?]

Gwillim-1-117	Item - Spot-billed pelican (Pelecanus philippensis)Pelecanus philippensis	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-118	Item - Paradise flycatcher (Terpsiphone paradisi)Terpsiphone paradisi	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-119	Item - Common iora (Aegithina tiphia)Aegithina tiphia	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-120	Item - Sunbirds (Nectarinia)Nectarinia	[between 1801 and 1807?]
Gwillim-1-121	Item - Red avadavit (Amandava amandava)Amandava amandava	[between 1801 and 1807?]

## Series Gwillim-2: Fish

Creator: Symonds, MaryGwillim, Elizabeth, 1763-1807

Date: 1801-1806 (date of creation)

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Scope and content:

The series consists of 31 watercolour paintings of fish, created while Elizabeth Gwillim and Mary Symonds were living in Madras, India (modern-day Chennai). The paintings are preceded by an introductory page of notes by Casey A. Wood. The paintings were originally attributed to Gwillim by Wood, largely on the basis of handwriting, but have more recently been tentatively attributed to Mary Symonds approximately around the year 1805 on the basis of information found in the sisters' correspondence. The fishes depicted are identified by a handwritten caption in the margin of each painting. Approximately one third of the paintings also feature an additional caption written in an Urdu script. These paintings may be copies of Symonds' originals created by a local artist in India. Item 30 (*Crocodylus palustris*) also contains additional manuscript notes.

Physical description: 31 paintings : watercolour

Access points:

- Fishes (subject)

Publication status:

Published

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
Gwillim-2-a	Item - Title page notes by Casey Wood	[1924?]		
Gwillim-2-1	Item - <i>Serranus lanceolatus</i>	[between 1801 and 1806]		
Gwillim-2-2	Item - <i>Tetrodon oblongus</i>	[between 1801 and 1806]		
Gwillim-2-3	Item - <i>Exocoetus</i>	[between 1801 and 1806]		
Gwillim-2-4	Item - <i>Serranus formosus</i>	[between 1801 and 1806]		
Gwillim-2-5	Item - <i>Julis lunaris</i>	[between 1801 and 1806]		

Gwillim-2-6	Item - Therapon servus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-7	Item - Physalia (Portuguese man-of-war)	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-8	Item - Apogon cupreus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-9	Item - Triacanthus brevirostris	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-10	Item - Mesoprion johnii	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-11	Item - Platycephalus insidiator	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-12	Item - Teuthis javus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-13	Item - Balistes viridescens	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-14	Item - Myripristis murdjan	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-15	Item - Serranus horridus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-16	Item - Hemiramphus dussumierii	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-17	Item - Mesoprion fulviflamma	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-18	Item - Holacanthus imperator	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-19	Item - Sphyaena obtusata	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-20	Item - Mesoprion bohar	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-21	Item - Chrysophrys hasta	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-22	Item - Holocanthus xanthurus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-23	Item - Rhinobatos granulatus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-24	Item - Chaetodon vagabundus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-25	Item - Pristis cuspidatus	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-26	Item - Callichrous chechra	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-27	Item - Pseudeutropius op	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-28	Item - Cirrhina	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-29	Item - Notopterus kapiat	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-30	Item - Crocodilus palustris	[between 1801 and 1806]
Gwillim-2-31	Item - Coryphaena equiselis	[between 1801 and 1806]
<b>Series Gwillim-3: Flowers</b>		

Creator: Gwillim, Elizabeth, 1763-1807

Date: 1801-1805 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of 12 watercolour paintings of flowers by Elizabeth Gwillim, created while Gwillim was living in Chennai, India (then Madras). The paintings are preceded by pages of brief notes by Casey A. Wood. The flowers are identified by small caption titles written in pencil on each painting.

Physical description: 12 paintings : watercolour

Access points:

- Flower pieces (documentary form)
- Chennai (India) (place)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
Gwillim-3-a	Item - Title page notes by Casey Wood	[1924?]		
Gwillim-3-b	Item - VI Flowers			
Gwillim-3-c	Item - Drawings by Lady Gwillim wife of Chief Justice of Madras in 1801-1805			
Gwillim-3-1	Item - Callistephus chinensis "China Aster"	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-2	Item - Amaryllis belladonna	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-3	Item - [Rosaceae?]	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-4	Item - Erythrina	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-5	Item - Chironia	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-6	Item - Ranunculus asiaticus	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-7/8	Item - Cowslip primula veris	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-9	Item - Glaucium luteum	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-10/11	Item - [Untitled leaves] ; Anemone hepatica	[between 1801 and 1805]		
Gwillim-3-12	Item - Maize – zea mays	[between 1801 and 1805]		