



An Early 19th Century Sinhalese
Ebony and Specimen Wood Center
Table

Inventory Number :180-105

Size: Height 29 ¼ ins. Width 43 ¼ ins.

A particularly fine example of these striking tables from the Galle District of what is now Sri Lanka. The tilt top with a swirling design in multiple specimen woods above a twined baluster standard, raised on stepped and carved cabriole legs terminating in bird-head feet. The creatures here possibly derive from representations of *jatayu*, a demi-god in the form of a vulture who played a central role in the Hindu epic, the *Ramayana*.

Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Galle District, c. 1825-35

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