

Finch & C^o



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TRADITIONAL CHIP CARVED DECORATION TO THE HANDLE / GRIP

THE ELONGATED HEAD FORMED FROM A 'ROOT' BALL OF A SAPLING

GLOSSY BROWN PATINA

WOOD

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SIZE: 42.5CMLONG - 16⁵/₁₆ INS LONG

LITERATURE

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THE MISSIONARY, JOHN WILLIAMS FIRST TOOK 'BANANA' SUCKERS TO SAMOA IN 1838, FROM THERE, BANANAS SPREAD TO TONGA AND FIJI IN THE 1840'S. EVENTUALLY SPREADING FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO THE EAST COAST OF AUSTRALIA IN THE 1850'S.