









BIRD GALAXY
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Where else can you find four different birds on one piece of carnival? It comes in two colors and two sizes that I know of in carnival glass, yet there is no record of one selling at a major auction. Very little has been written about it except in Rose Presnick's 1966 second book and Bill Edwards's encyclopedia, I don't know which book it is in, but Bill used my vase to photograph. There are also vases that are not iridized, amethyst, custard, and opaque robin's egg blue. I have not seen the blue vase but the dealer that sold me my custard vase said she had one that was already sold. The birds are repeated three times and are strolling thru long leafed vegetation with wavy lines to indicate water.

Rose Presnick reported that she had two green vases since 1940, were only the birds that were iridized, and were the same size as my custard and iridized clear white vase. 10'H 3 ½' B 6 ½'W 3 3/8'M. I bought the white vase at the 1987 ACGA convention from Emma Tilden, not one hour later another dealer offered a larger sized vase for the same price but it was damaged. A good researcher would pull out his trusty ruler and made a note of this, not being one I didn't. From memory it was about two inches higher and fatter. Just lately the amethyst one was on eBay. I did get the size of this, 15 3/4H 6 ½'W 4 1/2"B 4 ¼"M. These vases are three molds with no collar base. I do not believe that other white vase I saw was six inches taller than mine. So maybe there are three sizes. Mrs. Presnick listed Northwood as the maker. I have no idea. The birds are in high relief so I would like to think Consolidated, lots of luck on that being right., Now just what are the birds? On Number one there is no doubt is a pheasant. Rose Presnick took artist privilege on Number two and drew eyes in this birds' tail. There are none on the vases, and Rose listed the other two as heron and flamingo. Number four seems to be adolescent. It might be hard to find someone to lay claim of it. Maybe they are from another galaxy? As collectors we need to know.

Send what you believe the number 2, 3, and 4 are to mhygoodies@yahoo.com or call 937-439-0697 if you do not have access to a computer and with the next issue we will solve this puzzle.

Research: Mordini price guides and Presnicks' book 2,