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Obverse



Tsuba *of Katana*

Metal *Steel*

School or Style *Nara*

Maker's Name *Yamashiro*

Reverse



Date *2nd quarter of 18th century*

Subject of Decoration

Obverse:— *Flying crow, pierced. Two Chinese characters "反哺" meaning "young crows feed their parents in their old age".*

Reverse:— *Blank. Save for pierced hole.*

Note:— *The crow is China, a symbol of filial piety.  
反哺 = to return the feeding got from parents in childhood.*