



ITEM# UJWA104

A NOBUTAKA WAKIZASHI

UNSIGNED, EDO PERIOD (ENPO ERA 1673~1681)

- Swordsmith:** *Den Bishu Nobutaka* (attribution, second generation)
Location: *Owari no Kuni* (Aichi prefecture), Owari Seki School
Length: 51.5cm (ubu nakago) **Curvature:** 1.4cm
Hamon: *Gunome midare with yahazu (arrow notch shaped) and togari*
Jihada: *Tight Itame (wood grain pattern)*
Certificates #1-2: **NTHK-NPO Kanteisho** (a sword and koshirae designated as Authentic by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)
Fujishiro rank: **Shinto Josaku** (a superior swordsmith in the Early Edo Period)
Included: Vintage koshirae, silk carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD,

SOLD

The Nobutaka family were skilled swordsmiths who enjoyed the patronage of the Tokugawa clan of Owari province. This long wakizashi is attributed to the 2nd generation Nobutaka who was a *Jo-Saku* (superior smith) who lived to the tender age of 87.

An eye-catching *hamon* (temper line) featuring *yahazuba* (arrow notch pattern) blesses the sword. Well-carved rain dragons from late Edo envelope the *fuchi and kashira* (collar/pommel). There is also a lucky rabbit riding on top of a wavy *tsuba* (guard). This delightful wakizashi has *two certificates* of authenticity from NTHK-NPO for both the sword and Edo Period fittings.

Please watch introductory video here (15 min): <https://youtu.be/iWJJe0v7ZyKM>

Saki-haba: 2.3cm

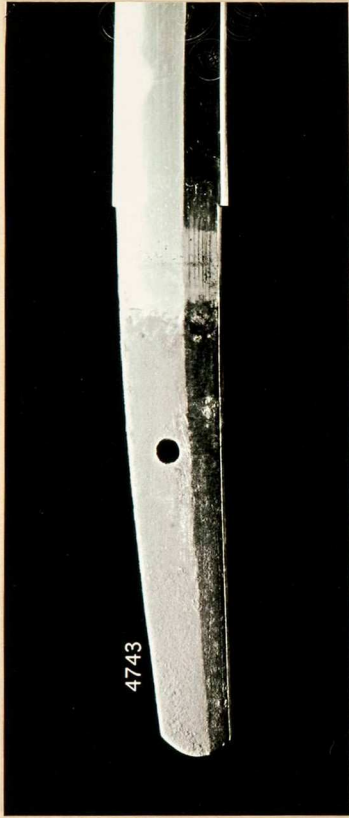
Nagasa: 51.5cm





Sori: 1.4cm

Moto-haba: 2.8cm







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NTHK-NPO Kanteisho Certificate of Authenticity

This wakizashi was designated as *Authentic*
by the Non-Profit Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword

One, Wakizashi

Mei (signature)

Mumei (Den Bishu, 2nd generation Nobutaka)
Enpo era (1673~1681)

Nagasa (length)
1-shaku 7-sun (51.1cm)

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Nihon Token Hozon Kai
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A rain dragon stares sky high.

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