

# Milk Glass Robin



**Vintage milk glass robin w/berry on diamond top basket**

### Description:

Up for auction is this mint condition robin on diamond top basket. It is 4½” tall and 5½” long. There is no manufacture so it could have been made by the original company, Greentown. There is a robin on split rib base made by Boyd’s Crystal Art Glass. This item was also made by Degenhart, Kemple, & St. Clair but my source book, *The Collector’s Encyclopedia of Milk Glass*, does not specify if this source made the split rib or diamond top base. In 1998, it was valued between \$40 and \$45. Good luck.

**Winning Bid:**

# \$301.00

**Ended:** 7/31/07  
**History:** 12 bids  
**Starting Bid:** \$.99  
**Winner:** Carmel, IN

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## Denise’s Story (eBay ID: ke215cop)

I love milk glass and at one point in my collecting I had about 300 pieces of it. Yikes!! I had it on display everywhere and my fireplace mantle held several vases (see photo). Double yikes!!! My living room took on the appearance of a milk glass museum. I got to a point where I realized that I had way, way too much stuff and it was over-shadowing my real love, Waterford crystal and Belleek china. I weeded out the run-of-the-mill pieces, which I sold at a few garage sales. I kept the better stuff like Fenton, Imperial Glass and Westmoreland milk glass. I also kept 2 birds on nests and packed them away for safekeeping for who knows what.

I recently starting selling things on eBay and one day as I was sitting at my computer I noticed the box in my closet and thought there might be something in the box worth putting up for auction. Sure enough, there were these 2 birds. I picked the prettier one to sell first, figuring it would bring in the most money of the two. It was a pre-WWI piece that I also bought in Tucson for \$5. It sold about 10 days ago for \$58.11 and I was pleasantly surprised that it went for

that much money.

When I put the second bird up I started getting questions about the item like, ‘Does the berry have bumps on it or is it smooth?’ Or, ‘Is there a ridge just below the bird’s head?’ and, ‘Are the rice-looking dots below the long cross on the bottom of the basket straight or curved?’ Wow, what detailed questions! I looked at the item two hours before the auction ended and the top bid at that time was \$32.49, so you can imagine my shock when the auction ended for \$301.00!!!! You just never know what will happen on eBay and I love that.

As a side note to the photo of the fireplace, to the upper left of the photo there is a vase and some figurines on a shelf. That’s the only photo I have of the vase. I put it up on eBay a year and a half ago through an eBay seller. I inherited the vase from my mother’s estate so I paid nothing for it. It sold for \$1,535!!! The top two bidders were from Japan. The vase was an antique Nippon vase dating to somewhere between 1871 and 1890. I wish I would have sold it on my own!!

