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19th century diamond set bird-of-paradise jewel, c.1880, with comb fitting for wear in the hair, the exotic bird naturalistically modelled with wings and tail raised,

with head and long beak looking upward left, the tail feathers all stood up behind, pave set throughout with old brilliant, cushion, single and rose cut diamonds, cabochon ruby eyes, the fan tail further embellished by five knifebar wires each hung pendant style at intervals with articulated diamonds, the gold feet below hinged and grasping crossed S scrolls motif, open collet set in silver and gold, the comb fitting detachable, approximately 22cts of diamonds in all, together with a later fitted S J Phillips case

Length 8.8cm / 3"

Width across wings 4.3cm / 1"

Width across tail fan 6.2cm / 2 3/87"

Weight: 49g