



GARY HALE

Resides: Tulsa, Oklahoma
b. 1951, Missouri, USA

Crown of Autumn

Elk

Bronze, 21 x 19.5 x 10.5

I observed this particular bull elk as he was feeding in northern New Mexico one fall. He suddenly stopped grazing, and tilting back the massive antlers that crowned his head scratched 'just the right spot' along his back. These bulls possess an incredible awareness of the physical positioning of their multi-tined racks that crown their heads each

autumn. It is always amazing to see how an animal with such a seemingly cumbersome headgear can so effortlessly slip into a densely wooded area and disappear from view. Compositionally I was intrigued by the crown-like appearance of the antlers when tilted to one side.