



Antique Kirgiz carpet with Boteh design, 19th century



code	XR56
size (m)	1.30x2.80m
estimated age	19th century
comments	A 19th century Kirgiz rug in good condition for its age with some wear but with pile remaining all over. Its selvages are also in good condition with a few old repairs. Colors are soft and seem to be natural dyes, suggesting that the rug is early in date, likely pre-1880s. An earlier date than most Kirgiz rugs we see is also supported by the design, which is a Turkomen-influenced Boteh without any of the Chinese influence we sometimes see in early 20th century Kirgiz pieces.