

Vincent of Beauvais OP, *Speculum naturale*, books 2-17

Vincentii *Speculum Naturale* I-XV

Codicology: Vellum, mm 240 x 215 (13.3 x 8.5 in.), ff. 384 + 6, double columns of 45 lines. Cent. **xiv early**, very well written. Flyleaves, 2 at the beginning and 4 at the end from a **xiv-xv**th century copy of a commentary on *Job*¹ in double columns, badly written.

Collation: a², 1⁸-48⁸ b⁴.

2 fo.: “diffinire uolens”.

Provenance: At top of f. 1r (**xv-xvi**) is the word or name “May”. On f. 384v near the bottom in old pencil: “I (or X) C. xii”. At top of f. 1r an inscription has probably been cut off. I have an impression from the character of the writing (coupled with the press-mark, if press-mark it be, at the end) that the book is from Norwich Priory¹.

Foliation: ff. i-ii + 1-21 + 21a + 22-388 + iii-iv.

Language: Latin.

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Without title: libri I - XV (II - XVII). <<Note that in the printed editions Liber I is the compiler's Preface to the whole *Speculum*, which is not in this copy. Liber I of this MS. therefore = Liber II of the print and so on. Further, books X and XI of the print are here shortened (esp. book X) into one book, Liber IX. Liber X of the MS. therefore = XII of the print and so on, XV of the MS. = XVII of the print.>>

3r (1r) **Rubric:** De diuersis mundi acceptionibus ex libro qui dicitur ymago mundi

3r () **Incipit:** Mundi factura quinque modis describitur

Liber XV ends

384v **Explicit** ubi de columba. Hec de auibus dicta sufficiant

384v () **Rubric:** Explicit liber XV^{us} sequitur XVI^{us}.

In col. 2, in a different and smaller hand

384v () **Rubric:** Incipiunt virtutes Rose marine

384v () **Incipit:** Recipe florem ipsum in panno

384v () **Explicit** ab omni infirmitate custodit

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

- text: copied from James.txt CF
- markup: CF
- markupCheck: checked by CF, SP, CF 2nd
- msCheck: NJM 10.7.2007
- remarks: