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Today We Learned About:



John James Audubon

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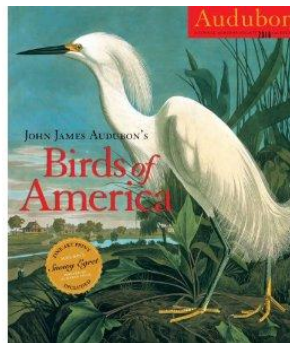
Ornithology—the scientific study of birds

Conservation—the preservation of natural sciences, wildlife, or art

Birder—one who identifies & studies birds in their habitats, a birdwatcher

John James Audubon (1785-1851) was an American artist, explorer, and birder. As a pioneer naturalist and ornithologist who had received no formal scientific training, Audubon carefully observed birds and other animals in their natural habitats. He made extensive detailed drawings and notations, further expanding the scientific knowledge and understanding of wildlife and nature in early 19th century America.

Audubon is remembered for his love and dedication to birds depicted in his best-known work, *Birds of America* series, a collection of prints from 435 paintings depicting 1065 birds in their natural habitats. Considered an early conservationist, Audubon recognized declining bird populations. His early work led to the formation of the National Audubon Society, which continues to promote wildlife and habitat conservation in his honor.



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