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**CHARLES DARWIN  
& THE GALAPAGOS**

*an exhibit from the*

**C. Warren Irvin Collection  
of Charles Darwin**

*and related collections*

**Graniteville Room  
Thomas Cooper Library  
University of South Carolina**  
*April-May 2002*

This exhibit chiefly from the C. Warren Irvin, Jr., Collection of Charles Darwin accompanied a Thomas Cooper Society lecture by the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Edward J. Larson, chair of the Department of History, Richard B. Russell Professor of American History, and Professor of Law, at the University of Georgia. His books include *Trial and Error* (1989), *Sex, Race and Science* (1995), *Summer for the Gods: the Scopes Trial* (1997; Pulitzer Prize, 1998), and most recently *Evolution's Laboratory: God and Science on the Galapagos Islands* (2001).

### **Some Early Visitors to the Galapagos, 1697-1837**

Professor Larson's book *Evolution's Laboratory* charts changing attitudes to the islands Darwin made famous, from the first European explorers onwards. Early accounts shown here from the original holdings of the South Carolina College library are:

\* Dampier, William, 1652-1715. *A new voyage round the world. Describing particularly, the isthmus of America, several coasts and islands in the West.* 2d ed. corrected. London: James Knapton, 1697.

\* Vancouver, George, 1757-1798. *A voyage of discovery to the North Pacific ocean, and round the world; in which the coast of north-west America has been carefully examined and accurately surveyed.* London, Printed for G. G. and J. Robinson, 1798.

\* Colnett, James, 1755-1806. *A voyage to the south Atlantic and round Cape Horn into the Pacific Ocean, for the purpose of extending the spermaceti whale fisheries, and other objects of commerce, . . . in the ship Rattler.* London: for the author by W. Bennett, 1798.

\* Delano, Amasa, 1763-1823. *A narrative of voyages and travels in the northern and southern hemispheres: comprising three voyages round the world ...* Boston: E. G. House, for the author, 1817.

\* Porter, David, 1780-1843. *Journal of a cruise made to the Pacific Ocean.* Second edition. New York: Wiley & Halsted, 1822.

\* Hall, Basil, 1788-1844. *Extracts from a journal, written on the coasts of Chili, Peru, and Mexico, in the years 1820, 1821, 1822.* Philadelphia: E. Littell, 1824.

\* Fitzroy, Robert, 1805-1865, ed. *Narrative of the surveying voyages of His Majesty's ships Adventure and Beagle, between the years 1826 and 1836, describing their examination of the southern shores of South America, and the Beagle's circumnavigation of the globe.* London: H. Colburn, 1839. In South Carolina College binding.

### **Darwin on the Galapagos**

\* Darwin, Charles, 1809-1882. *The journal of a voyage in H.M.S. Beagle.* Guildford, Eng.: Genesis Publications, 1979. Limited facsimile edition of 500 signed and numbered copies from the manuscript at Down House.

\* Darwin, Charles, *Journal of researches into the geology and natural history of the various countries visited by H. M. S. Beagle, under the command of Captain FitzRoy, R. N., from 1832 to 1836.* First edition. Original cloth. London: H. Colburn, 1839.

\* Darwin, Charles, *Journal of researches into the natural history and geology of the countries visited during the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle round the world. 2nd ed., corr., with additions.* London : John Murray, 1845.

\* Darwin, Charles, *Journal of researches into the natural history and geology of the countries visited during the voyage of*



*H.M.S. Beagle round the world.* Tenth thousand. London: J. Murray, 1860. Original green cloth.

### Reporting what Darwin had found

\* John Gould on the Galapagos finches, from *Proceedings of the Zoological Society*, part V (1837): 4-8.

\* "Geospiza strenua," from *The Zoology of the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle: pt. III. Birds.* Described by John Gould, Esq. London: Published by Smith, Elder and Co., 1841. In South Carolina College binding.

\* Joseph Dalton Hooker, "An enumeration of the plants of the Galapagos Archipelago, with descriptions of those which are new," read 1845, *Transactions of the Linnean Society*, 20, (1851): 163-262.

### Three Newly-acquired Darwin First Editions from the 1840s

Until this spring, among the very few gaps remaining in the Irvin Collection were three significant first editions from the 1840's. When all three became available within a two-week period, three library endowments made possible their immediate purchase:

\* Charles Darwin, *The Structure and Distribution of Coral Reefs*, London: Smith Elder, 1845. Original cloth. *Purchased from the C. Warren Irvin, Jr., and Josephine Irvin Endowment.*

\* Charles Darwin, *Geological Observations on Volcanic Islands*, London: Smith, Elder, 1844. Contemporary quarter calf. *Purchased from the Thomas Cooper Society Endowment.*

\* Charles Darwin, *Geological Observations on South America*, London: Smith, Elder, 1846. Original cloth. *Purchased with support from the Ethelind Pope Brown Natural History Endowment.*

## **Herman Melville in the Galapagos**

Shown here is the first part of Melville's apocalyptic account "The Encantadas," from *Putnam's Monthly Magazine* (1854, in publisher's cloth; from the Joel Myerson Collection), together with matching volumes of Darwin's *Journal of Researches* and Melville's travel book on the Marquesas Islands, both published in John Murray's Home and Colonial Library, nos. 22-24 and 30-31 (1845 and 1846).

## **The Galapagos and Darwin's Origin of Species**

\* Darwin, Charles, and Wallace, Alfred Russel, "On the tendency of species to form varieties: and on the perpetuation of varieties and species by natural means of selection," communicated by Sir Charles Lyell and J. D. Hooker. *Journal of the proceedings of the Linnean Society: Zoology*, vol. 3. London, 1858.

\* Darwin, Charles, *On the origin of the species by means of natural selection, or, The preservation of favoured races in the struggle for life*. London: J. Murray, 1859. First edition. Original cloth

\* Darwin, Charles, *On the origin of species by means of natural selection, or, The preservation of favoured races in the struggle for life*. 5th thousand. London: J. Murray, 1860. Second edition, second issue. Original cloth.

## **Twentieth-Century Perspectives**

\* Beebe, William, 1877-1962. *Galapagos, world's end, with 24 coloured illustrations by Isabel Cooper, and 83 photographs*. Published under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society. New York, London, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1924.

\* Wilson, Edmund, 1895-1972. "In the

Galapagos: Mr. William Beebe and a marine iguana," in *Discordant encounters; plays and dialogues*. New York: A. & C. Boni, 1926. (from the Matthew J. & Arlyn Bruccoli Collection of F. Scott Fitzgerald).

\* Vonnegut, Kurt. *Galápagos : a novel*. New York, N.Y. : Delacorte Press/Seymour Lawrence, 1985 (from the Modern American Writers Project).

\* Frazier, Charles, 1950- , with Donald Secreast. *Adventuring in the Andes: the Sierra Club travel guide to Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, the Amazon Basin, and the Galapagos Islands*. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1985. Pictorial wrappers.

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