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# AUDUBON AND OTHERS

a bicentennial exhibition  
of illustrated bird books

Mezzanine Exhibit Gallery  
Thomas Cooper Library  
*May-July, 2001*

Among the greatest treasures of the antebellum South Carolina College was its set of Audubon's huge double-elephant folio *Birds of America*, published in parts between 1828 and 1838. Fewer than 130 complete sets, with all 435 plates, now survive. (On the original acquisition, by a one-vote majority in the South Carolina legislature, see Davy-Jo Stribling Ridge, *A Load of Gratitude: Audubon and South Carolina*, 1985).

The current exhibition, supported by the University's Bicentennial Commission, traces the development of bird illustration, to give a context for viewing Audubon's achievement. The exhibit is arranged chronologically, starting with European bird illustrations of the sixteenth century and concluding with Audubon and other 19th century illustrators.

In addition to its main archival set of *Birds of America*, Thomas Cooper Library has a smaller group of Audubons donated by Miss Jennie Haddock Feagle (1896-1993). Her three double-elephant folio versions of Audubon's first plate, the American wild turkey (Lizars, 1827; Havell, 1828; Bien, 1858) are in the Feagle Hall and two more of her Audubons hang in the Graniteville Room.

## 1: EARLY BIRD ILLUSTRATION, I

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II (Bononiae: Typographia Manolessiana, [1645]).

\* Jonstonus, Joannes, 1603-1675, *Historiae naturalis*, (Amsterdam, 1657). *J.S. Billings Endowment*.

\* Latham, Simon, *Latham's falconry: or, the faulcons lure, and cure*, 2 vols. in one (London: Harison, 1633).

## 2: EARLY ILLUSTRATION, II

\* Nieremberg, Juan Eusebio, 1595-1658, *Historia natvrae, maxime peregrinae* (Antwerp: Moreti, 1635).

- \* Willughby, Francis, 1635-1672, *The ornithology of Francis Willughby* (London: A.C. for J. Martyn, 1678).

### Case 3: CATESBY

- \* Catesby, Mark, 1683-1749, *The largest white billed wood-pecker*, reproduction (London: Alecto, 1996).
- \* Catesby, "The Blue Heron," pl. *The natural history of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahama Islands*, 3rd ed. (London: White, 1771). *Gift of Claudia Lea Phelps*.
- \* Unknown artist, c. 1765, *The Blue Jay of South-Carolina*, c. 1765. *Gift of Ethelind Pope Brown*.

### 4: SOME 18TH CENTURY BOOKS

- \* Buffon, Georges Louis Leclerc, 1707-1788, *Histoire naturelle des oiseaux, tome premier* (Paris, 1770).
- \* Edwards, George, 1694-1773, "The Swallow-Tailed Kingfisher," *A natural history of birds: most of which have not been figur'd or describ'd* (London, 1743-51). *Gift of Mrs. J. Henry Fair*.
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- \* Pennant, Thomas, 1726-1798, "The Lanner," *British Zoology* (Warrington: Eyres, 1776-77).
- \* Pennant, "Honeysuckers," *Genera of birds*, 2nd ed. (London: White, 1781).

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- \* Hayes, William, fl. 1794, "The Lapwing," *A natural history of British birds* (London: Hooper, 1775). Uncolored.
- \* Bewick, Thomas, 1753-1828, "The Jay," in *A history of British birds. The figures engraved on wood* (Newcastle: Walker, for T. Bewick, 1805).

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- \* Alexander Wilson, from Grosart (1876).
- \* Robert Burns, Wilson, and Allan Ramsay,



**Four funny tales**(Air: J. & P. Wilson, 1802): the library also has *Poems* (Paisley, 1790). *Roy Collection*.

\* Wilson, "Orchard Oriole," pl. 4 *American ornithology; or, The natural history of the birds of the United States* (Philadelphia: Bradford & Inskip, 1808-14).

\* Bartram, William, 1739-1823, *Travels through North and South Carolina, . . .* (London: Johnson, 1792). *Richard Wingate Lloyd Collection*.

\* Wilson, letter to Bartram in Grosart, *Poems and literary prose of Alexander Wilson* (Paisley: Gardner, 1876).

\* Wilson, "Carolina Parrot," pl. 26, in *American ornithology. . . Plates* (NY: Hall; Philadelphia: Collins, 1829).

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\* John James Audubon, 1785-1851, "Kentucky Warbler," *Birds of America*, pl. 38 (London: Havell, 1828).

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\* Brissot de Warville, J.-P., 1754-1793, *Lettre . . . sur ses rapports concernant les colonies . . . dans le cours de la révolution* (Paris: Desenne, 1790).

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\* Audubon, "Carulean Wood-Warbler," *The Birds of America* (NY: Audubon; Philadelphia: Chevalier, 1840-44).

\* Audubon, and Maria Martin, "Yellow-crowned Heron," Havell pl. 336 (1836).

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\* V. and J.W. Audubon, **John James Audubon**, 1841, from Foshay (1997).

\* Audubon, "American Flamingo," pl. 375, *The Birds of America* (NY, Philadelphia, 1840-44).

\* Audubon, "Barn or Chimney Swallow," pl. 48, no. 10, and cover, no. 11, *The Birds of America*, parts, octavo (NY, Philadelphia, 1840-44). Wrappers.

\* Audubon, *A synopsis of the Birds of North America* (Edinburgh: A. & C. Black; London: Longman, 1839).

## **8: AUDUBON AND BACHMAN**

\* **John Bachman**, from Ridge (1985).

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## **9: CONTEMPORARIES & RIVALS**

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