

# The Birds of America by John James Audubon: A Masterpiece of Natural Science

John James Audubon's *The Birds of America* is one of the most important and beautiful books ever published. It is a collection of 435 life-size prints of birds, each hand-colored and engraved by Audubon himself. The book was published in four volumes between 1827 and 1838, and it quickly became one of the most sought-after books in the world.



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Audubon's paintings are not only beautiful, but they are also scientifically accurate. He spent years studying birds in their natural habitat, and he was able to capture their movements and expressions with incredible detail. His paintings are a valuable resource for scientists and bird enthusiasts alike.

## **The Creation of The Birds of America**

Audubon began work on *The Birds of America* in 1820. He traveled throughout the United States and Canada, observing and collecting birds. He would often spend days or even weeks in the wilderness, living among

the birds and studying their behavior. He would then return to his studio and paint his subjects from memory.

Audubon's paintings were so detailed that they often took him months to complete. He would often work on multiple paintings at the same time, and he would often use live birds as models. He would also consult with other scientists and artists to ensure that his paintings were accurate.

### **The Publication of The Birds of America**

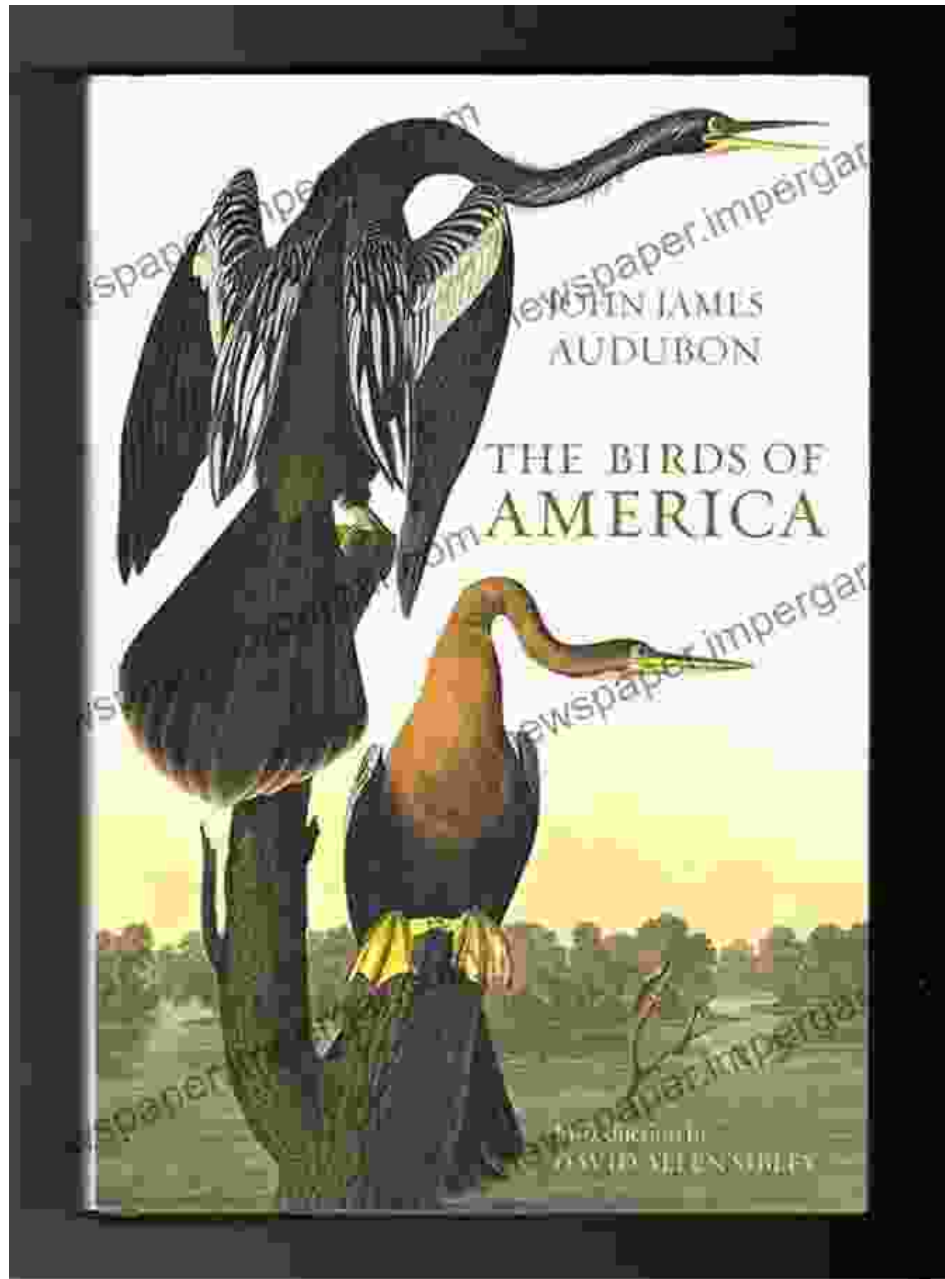
The first volume of The Birds of America was published in 1827. The book was an immediate success, and it quickly became one of the most popular books in the world. Audubon sold over 1,000 copies of the book during his lifetime, and it has continued to be reprinted and sold ever since.

The Birds of America is a valuable resource for scientists and bird enthusiasts alike. It is a beautiful and accurate record of the birds of North America, and it is a testament to Audubon's skill as an artist and naturalist.

### **The Legacy of The Birds of America**

The Birds of America is one of the most important books in the history of American art and science. It is a beautiful and accurate record of the birds of North America, and it has helped to inspire generations of scientists and artists.

Audubon's work has also had a major impact on the conservation movement. His paintings helped to raise awareness of the importance of protecting birds and their habitats. Today, The Birds of America is considered to be one of the most important books ever published on the subject of ornithology.



## Further Reading

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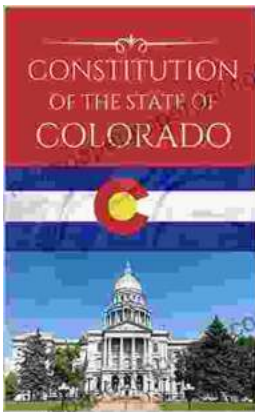
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