

**John James Audubon: The Birds of America, 1986**

Host: At the age of 18, John James Audubon, the son of a French sea captain, came to the United States. Imbued from an early age with a sense of nature's grandeur, Audubon came to focus his fascination for nature upon the birds of America and, over the course of his lifetime, developed an uncanny ability to capture these creatures in bold and colorful paintings.

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Audubon's work combines the art of painting with the authority of a naturalist rendering. Many, however, in the scientific community, felt that he took just a little too much dramatic license. Well, now you be the judge, as *Arts America* presents "John J. Audubon: The Birds of America."