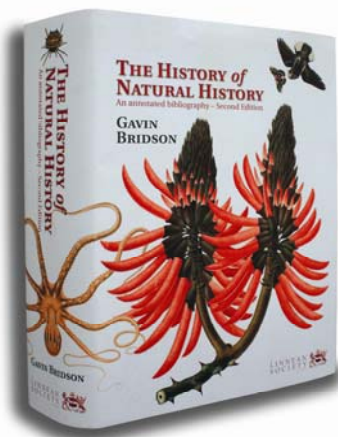


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The Whip-poor-will, a type of Night-jar, taken from the octavo version of *Birds of America* by John James Audubon. Audubon (1785–1851) was born in Saint Domingue (now Haiti), the illegitimate son of a French sea captain. Sent to America at 18, he developed a talent for drawing North American birds. Audubon and his works have many entries in *The History of Natural History*.



Alfred Russel Wallace (1823–1913) was a leading figure in the study of biogeography, and arrived at the theory of natural selection independent of Charles Darwin. Widely travelled, his book *The Malay Archipelago* (1869) describes a python being unceremoniously extracted from Wallace's hut; the skin from the same snake is shown here.