



# DRAW LIKE JOHN JAMES AUDUBON!

Do you love birds and other wild animals?  
Channel your inner naturalist and record your  
observations like the artist John James Audubon!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Art supplies, like colored pencils or watercolors
- Field guide

## HOW TO DO IT:

1. John James Audubon (1785-1851) is known for his detailed drawings of birds and wildlife! He extensively studied the birds of North America, and his most famous work is *Birds of America*, which includes over 400 life-size drawings of birds! It took Audubon more than 14 years to complete.
2. Check out some examples of John James Audubon's drawings. You can visit your local library or search online with the help of an adult. Audubon's style of drawing was unique. His drawings of animals are detailed and lifelike, and they frequently include native plants and the habitats the animals live in. The animals are typically front and center in his drawings. As you observe, think about what else makes these images unique.
3. Try out Audubon's style! First, find an animal. You can go outside to observe the animals that live in your neighborhood, observe your pet at home, visit your local zoo, get ideas from looking at a field guide, or even check out creatures while playing Animal Jam!
4. Once you decide what to draw, keep in mind Audubon's classic style: keep the animal front and center, try to make it look as realistic as possible and include a few elements from the animal's natural habitat.
5. Repeat as often as you'd like! Naturalists and scientists spend a lot of time observing the natural world, and drawing will help you hone your observation skills. Have fun and keep exploring!



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