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Revealing an American Wilderness: Audubon's Birds of Louisiana
Louisiana State Museum exhibition highlights naturalist's talents in art and science

New Orleans, LA- Arriving in the United States from France in 1803, John J. Audubon was captivated by the beauty of the unspoiled American wilderness. He documented these natural wonders in *The Birds of America*, highlighted in *Revealing an American Wilderness: Audubon's Birds of Louisiana*, and *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*. In 1834 the State of Louisiana acquired a collection of Audubon's *Birds of America* prints, which later became part of the Louisiana State Museum's permanent collection.

In a cooperative with the Audubon State Historic Park, the State Museum has brought this collection to life with the exhibit *Revealing an American Wilderness: Audubon's Birds of Louisiana* at the Old U.S. Mint. The featured works are both visually stunning and scientifically valuable, sending visitors on an ecological tour of a now vanished wilderness.

The exhibit will be displayed at the Old U.S. Mint, 400 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans. For more information call 800-568-6968 or 504-568-6968. For more information on the Louisiana State Museum's programs and exhibitions visit <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>.

The Louisiana State Museum, an office of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism under the purview of Lieutenant Governor Mitchell J. Landrieu, consists of a statewide network of museums that include in New Orleans the Cabildo, Presbytere, Old U.S. Mint, 1850 House and Madame John's Legacy, in Natchitoches the Old Courthouse Museum, in Patterson the Louisiana State Museum-Patterson, in Thibodaux the E.D. White Historic Site, and the Louisiana State Museum-Baton Rouge opening soon.

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