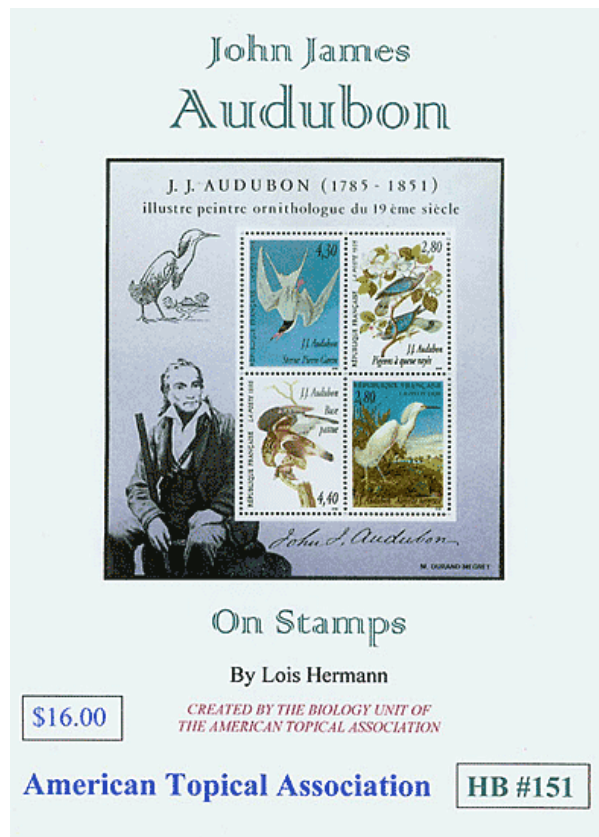


# News from the ATA Central Office

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The newest handbook released by the American Topical Association should appeal to those who enjoy paintings as well as to those who enjoy birding.



The author, Lois Hermann, did as so many other topicalists have done. She has taken a personal interest in one or two subjects, melding them into a philatelic study of her choosing. She has formed a collection of stamps portraying the famous American Artist of wildlife, John James Audubon, and shares her research through the issuance of this work. Alan J. Hanks, on behalf of the Biology Study Unit of the American Topical Association, produced this book.

A listing of stamps picturing Audubon's avian art includes sixty-five postal administrations. United States stamps portraying the artist and his works include Scott 874 and 1863, which both portray images of the famed naturalist. Audubon's son, John Woodhouse Audubon, painted the portrait on Scott 1863. The artist's painting of the Black-throated Magpie Jay appeared on both the 5c US issue #1241 and the 20c

US Airmail #C71. Additionally the US has issued #3236e reproducing his artwork of the Long-billed Curlew.

A systematic listing of all 251 of Audubon's bird plates with full descriptions is followed by a listing of Audubon's plates that appear on stamps of the world.

This 32-page, spiral bound handbook number 151, contains color images of 22 different postage stamps that reproduce Audubon's paintings. It is available for \$16.00, however members of the ATA receive a \$2.00 discount. Postage is an additional \$2 for US addresses, \$3 for Canada/Mexico, and \$4 to ship overseas.

The American Topical Association has previously published a set of three handbooks of *Birds of the World in Philately* all of which are still available. A list of other available handbooks can be found on the new ATA Website, [www.americantopicalassn.org](http://www.americantopicalassn.org) or can be obtained by mail from the American Topical Association – PO Box 57 – Arlington, TX 76004-0057.

The ATA also has a 19-page Birds of Prey checklist, last updated in 1995, for sale to members of this organization.