

# CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

## Fine Printed Books and Manuscripts and

## John James Audubon's *Birds of America*, The Providence Athenaeum Copy Sold to Benefit The Endowment Fund

Sold: \$10,602,280  
£5,989,989  
€8,835,233

Lots offered: 609  
Sold by lot: 85%

Lots sold: 519  
Sold by \$: 95%

£: \$1.77/€:\$1.2  
Sale No: 1587 & 1561

**COMMENT:** Francis Wahlgren, Head of the Books and Manuscripts department: "Today's sale showed an extremely strong performance with records prices and high results in all areas of book and manuscript collecting. Particular the John James Audubon works attracted intense bidding, culminating in the solid price achieved for The Providence Athenaeum Copy of *The Birds of America* Sold to Benefit the Endowment Fund."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
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1	\$5,616,000 £3,172,881/€4,680,000	\$5,000,000 – 7,000,000	American Private
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Audubon, John James. *Birds of America, from Original Drawings*. London: Published by the Author, 1827-1838. The Providence Athenaeum subscriber copy of the original edition of Audubon's masterpiece, the finest color-plate book ever produced.

598	\$284,800 £160,904/€237,333	\$250,000 – 350,000	US Trade
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Audubon, John James. *The Birds of America, from Original Drawings by John James Audubon...* Reissued by John Woodhouse Audubon. New York: Roe Lockwood & Son, 1860.

589	\$156,000 £88,136/€130,000	\$80,000 – 120,000	Mr. W. Graham Arader III
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Gould, John and Richard Bowdler Sharpe. *A Monograph of the Trochilidae, or Family of Humming-Birds*. London: [1849]-1861.

289	\$156,000 £88,136/€130,000	\$60,000 – 80,000	19 <sup>th</sup> Century Shop
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Russell, Andrew J. *The Great West Illustrated in a Series of Photographic Views Across the Continent...* New York: 1869. First edition.

597	\$132,000 £74,576/€110,000	\$70,000 – 100,000	US Trade
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Audubon, John James. *The Birds of America...* New York: [1839-] 1840 – 1844. The first Octavo edition.

### WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR AN OCTAVO EDITION OF JJ AUDUBON'S *BIRDS*

479	\$96,000 £54,237/€80,000	\$80,000 – 120,000	US Trade
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McKenney, Thomas Loraine and James Hall. *History of the Indian Tribes of North America...* Philadelphia, 1842-1844. First edition.

294	\$84,000 £47,458/€70,000	\$60,000 – 80,000	US Private
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Starring, William Sylvanus and J.K. Hyer. *Labcotah. Dictionary of the Sioux Language*. Fort Laramie, Dakota [present day Wyoming], 1866.

248	\$84,000 £47,458/€70,000	\$60,000 – 80,000	Seth Kaller Inc.
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Jefferson, Thomas. Autograph letter signed to James Maury, Esq. in Liverpool, England. Monticello, 16 June 1815.

252	\$84,000 £47,458/€70,000	\$80,000 – 120,000	US Private
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Marshall, Charles. Manuscript document, Lt. Col. Charles Marshall's draft of General Order No. 9. Appomattox, VA., 10 Paril 1865.

464	\$78,000 £44,068/€65,000	\$20,000 – 30,000	US Private
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Thomas Aquinas. *Summa theologiae. Pars secunda: Pars secunda*. [Strassburg: Johann Mentelin, before Advent 1463].

