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naturalist was Charles-Lucien Bonaparte, Prince of Musignano

and Canino, nephew of the Emperor Napoleon. Called the

father of American descriptive ornithology, Charles-Lucien was

the author of the monumental American Ornithology: or, The

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by Wilson. Born in 1803 to Lucien, a younger brother of

Napoleon, Charles spent his early childhood in Rome, where his

father, an ardent republican and opponent of the Empire, had

sought papal protection. In 1810, at the height of the

Napoleonic Wars, the family left Italy with the intent of

emigrating to the United States; instead, they were

apprehended by the British off Sardinia and taken to England,

where for four years they lived publicly as celebrated captives.

Charles was privately tutored, learning English and

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