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c. 1200-c. 1280

German naturalist and philosopher who wrote highly detailed accounts of plants and animals in *De vegetabilibus et plantis* and *De animalibus*. He also had an impact on scientific study overall by promoting new investigation rather than the near-complete reliance on the work and thoughts of past scholars. The latter was common practice at the time. This contribution by Albertus Magnus is often cited as a turning point in the history of science.