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1817-1895

French zoologist who helped pioneer the use of photography in scientific publication. Vogt's photographic image of the Berlin *Archaeopteryx macrura* originally appeared in the *Revue Scientifique* in 1879. *Archaeopteryx* at the time was believed to be an intermediate form between birds and reptiles. His illustration of the actual slab containing the fossil of this animal was a photograph, not a drawing as was the usual convention, and he received a great deal of criticism because the photograph did not provide as much detail as a drawing. Today, however, photographs are included in scientific work all the time.