

Johann Baptist Ritter von Spix

Johann Baptist von Spix was born on 9 February 1781 in Höchstädt an der Aisch.

He was the seventh of eleven children.

He studied philosophy first in Bamberg, then in Würzburg medicine and natural sciences.

Afterwards he worked as a doctor in Bamberg. King Maximilian I of Bavaria heard about him and gave him a scholarship to learn zoology in Paris.

Zoology became his passion.

From 1811 Johann Baptist von Spix was responsible for the zoological collection in Munich. He wrote a book about his work this year.

In 1817 he began his great expedition to Brazil. Until 1820 he and Carl Friedrich Philipp von Martius explored parts of Brazil.

6 500 plants, 2 700 insects, 85 mammals, 350 birds, 150 amphibians and 116 fish brought them from their journey.

A parrot, the Spix's Macaw, was named after him.

Johann Baptist von Spix died on 13 May 1826 in Munich at the age of 45 years.

Das war englisch.