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Alfred Russel Wallace spent 8 years in Indonesia, 1854-62, in what was then called the Malay Archipelago, collecting specimens, and thinking about the origin of species. He is best remembered for a letter he sent to Charles Darwin in 1858, which stimulated Darwin to write his own book on the origin of species, but Wallace made many valuable observations on the fauna of places like Borneo and Papua New Guinea. He was one of the first westerners to see close-up the fabled birds of paradise, which had been known for hundreds of years only through specimens obtained by natives. The image of the "King" and the "12-wired" birds of paradise is from his Malay Archipelago (London, 1869; *photo and caption courtesy of the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering & Technology*).

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