



Today in History

June 3, 1844

▲ **The Great Auk, a large, flightless seabird, became extinct when the last pair of breeding adults were killed by hunters on Eldey island, off the coast of Iceland**

1950: A French expedition made the first successful ascent of the Himalayan peak of Annapurna

1992: The largest ever environmental summit opened in Rio de Janeiro, with 178 nations taking part

2014: Syria's presidential election gave President Bashar al-Assad a third seven-year term in office

2014: Scientists announced the discovery of a new type of potentially habitable planet