#### Fossil Insect Collaborative Digitization Project: Our E&O Activities

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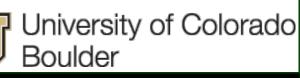






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## Research Goals

- Record fossil insect data for use in:
  - understanding insect response to environmental change
  - understanding patterns of biodiversity over time





## FIC-TCN Website

#### <u> http://fossilinsects.colorado.edu</u>



#### LATEST NEWS

Fossil Insect Collaborative at ECN Meeting - Nov 11, 2013

Fossil Insect Collaborative PI Dena Smith will be giving a presentation at the ECN meeting on November 9th in Austin, TX.

iDigBio Paleo Digitization Workshop - Oct 02, 2013

More than 60 paleontologists representing 41 institutions assembled in New Haven, CT the week of September 23rd, 2013 to share ideas, protocols, preferences, and strategies.

Press Release from NSF - Jul 24, 2013

Funding will shed light on "dark data," and integrate organismal, vocal, fossil, and ecological information



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 16 iDigBio Outreach and Education Workshop Gainesville, FL

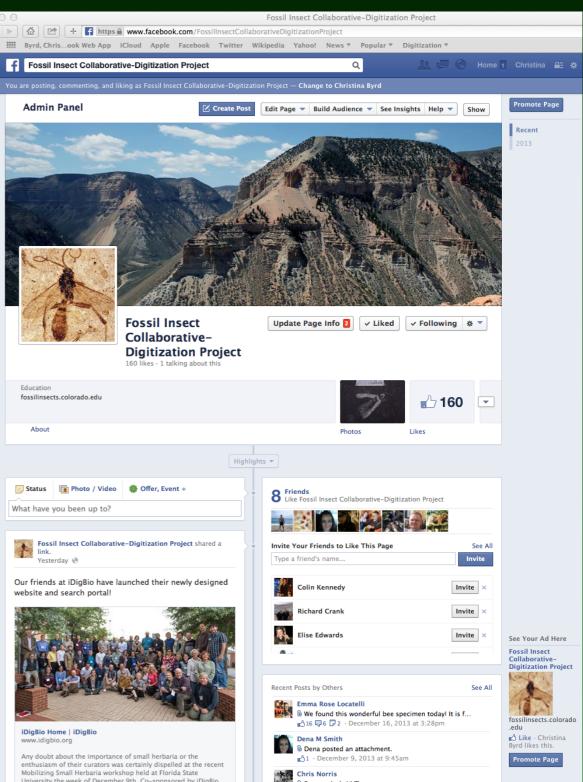
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- Utilize social networking tools
- FIC-TCN Facebook page:

<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> FossilInsectCollaborativeDi gitizationProject



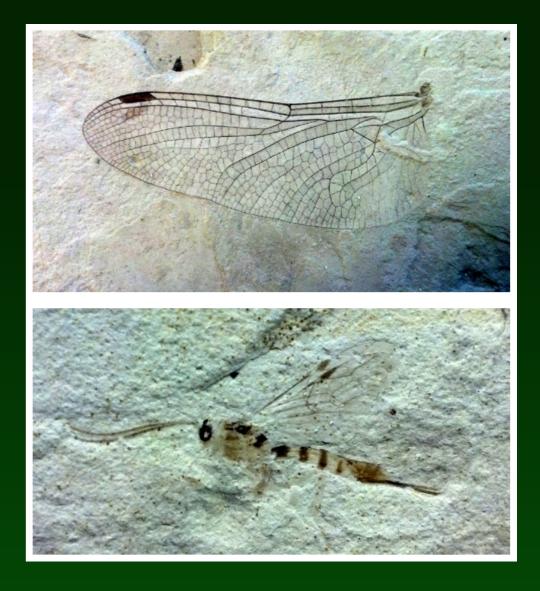
# iDigPaleo

- Aggregate, store and retrieve specimen data and images from TCNs
- Serve these data to National Hub and other portals
  - iDigBio
  - PaleoPortal
- Serve as a resource to paleontological collections community
  - Facilitate visibility and use of important specimens
- Available to the general public, educators and students at all levels
- CUMNH = long-term home of iDigPaleo



# Mobile App

- "Dig It"
- Year 3 and 4
- Features:
  - Build virtual drawer of fossils
  - Utilize phone camera for upload of personal fossil collection
  - Make info available to citizen scientists  $\rightarrow$  communicate with experts
- Easily adapted for other paleo TCNs: Ex. "Dig It: Insects" or "Dig It: Brachiopods"

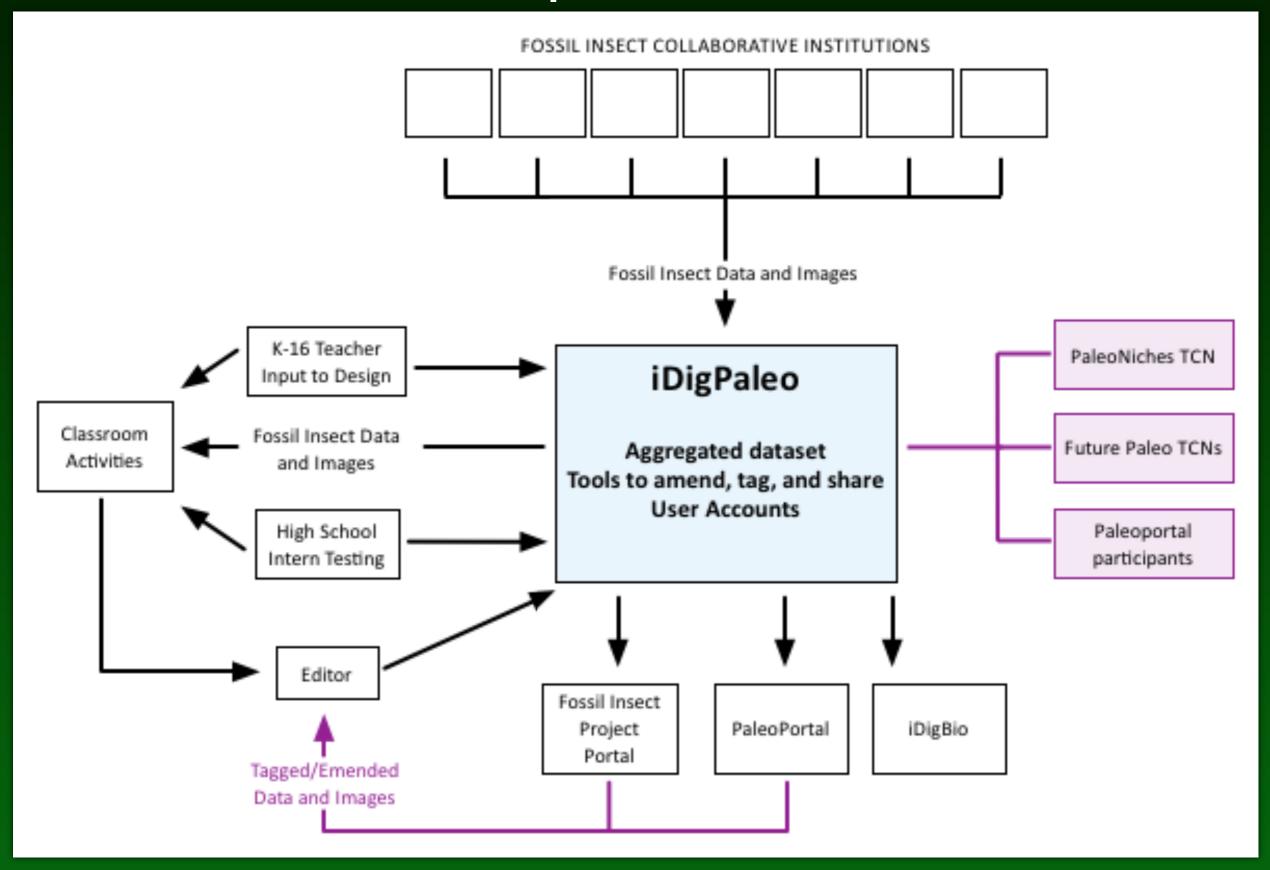


## Internship Partnership for Museum Professionals

- CUMNH and MCZ collaboration
- Internship program:
  - Training and hands-on experience in museum collections
  - Digitization of MCZ fossil insects and other professional development



### Broader Impacts Overview



#### VMNH: Solite Quarry Triassic Insects Digitizing from Step 1



### Solite Insects: A sampler

creeping water bug

backswimmer water bug

thrips

Archescytinid

backswimmer water bug

Plecoptera

## VMNH E&O

- Make database available online
- Make phone app to supplement current Solite Exhibit; also serve as stand alone app







## Thank you! Questions?







