The Macrofungi Collections Consortium









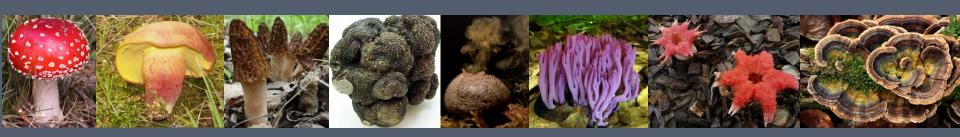


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What are macrofungi?

- Fungi with a macroscopic sporocarps (i.e. conspicuous spore-bearing structures)
- Polyphyletic assemblage
- Examples include mushrooms, boletes, morels, truffles, puffballs, club fungi, stinkhorns, and bracket fungi



Digitize specimen data, field notes and photographs

- Data to be digitized (estimated):
 - 700,000 specimen records
 - 70,000 specimen images (10% of specimen total)
 - 144,260 photographs of living fungi (represented in specimen collections)
 - 26,092 field book pages
 - 355,220 field notes, spore prints and other ancillary materials





















Education and Outreach

- High school teacher training
- Undergraduate Training
- Training in scientific documentation for citizens
- Amateur mycology community
 - Virtual Citizen Science Community
 - Workforce training

Teacher Training





Raise Awareness of Macrofungi in High School and College Students

- College students will:
 - Gain employment (60,000 hours of student labor required for this project),
 - Gain knowledge of fungi through field trips, lectures and demonstrations by P.I.s
 - Develop interpretive content related to fungi using social media
 - Will have opportunity to attend macrofungi-oriented meetings (professional and citizen mycology)
- Project will fund two workshops for high school biology teachers
 - First workshop to be held at North Carolina State University
 - Second workshop to be held in conjunction with Mycological Society of America annual meeting in 2014







Undergraduate Training

Undergraduate training activities:

- Field trips
- Documentation techniques
- Blogging, other social media



Workforce Trainees

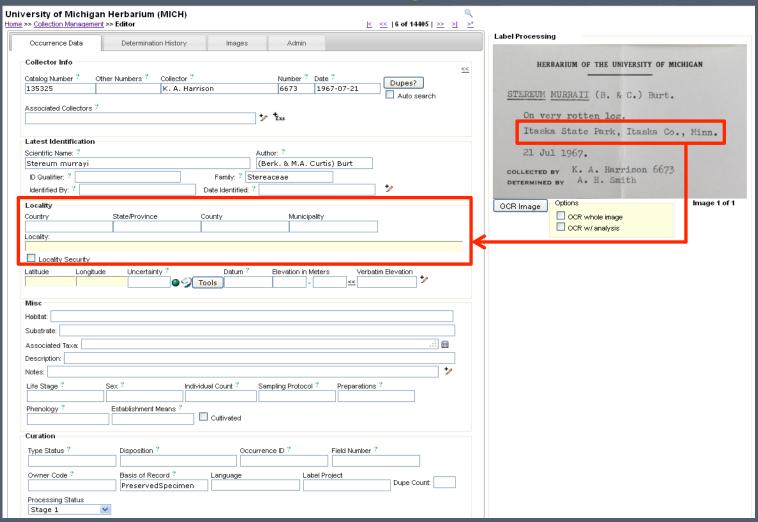


Transcription course training session for Osborne Association trainees.

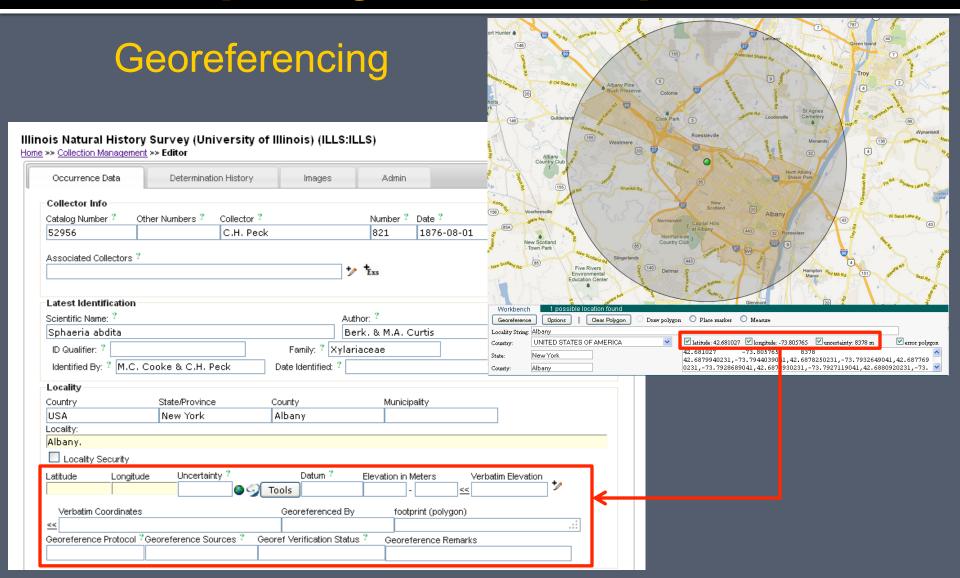
Osborne provides training to help formerly incarcerated citizens re-join the workforce

Enlist volunteers to improve data quality and completeness

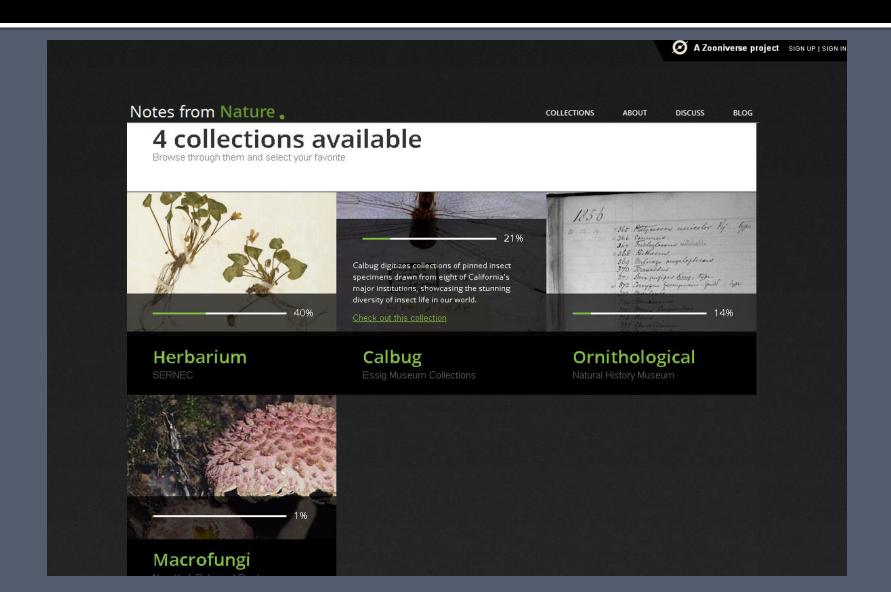
Data input



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Notes from Nature



Partnership with the Citizen Mycology community

Citizen mycologists conduct public outreach about fungi

- forays, fungus fairs, lectures, poison control
- document local mycota through publications, websites and herbaria



Role for citizen mycologists in the MaCC Project:

- Serve on project advisory board
- Edit and augment specimen records
- Use Portal functions to document findings
- Create content for crowdsourcing application designed to attract new members to their organizations.



