

**130,000 specimens and objects:** 13,811 birds; 17,220 eggs/nests; 5,111 mammals; 41,382 insects; 43,250 aquatic invertebrates; 3,101 fluid vertebrates and invertebrates; 6,125 cultural objects

## CHALLENGES

- Historic university collections detached from dept. research
- “Not important enough” to secure external funding on our own
- Non-digitized = Not web-searchable = Not on radar = Little demonstrated research interest
- Declining state funding, limited resources (\$, personnel, technical support)



## SUCCESSSES

- University setting with Museum Studies program provides interns
- Insects: Class preservation-planning project → Student digitization volunteer → Undergraduate research grant → State HRDP funding for rehousing → NSF ADBC PEN grant for curating/digitizing arthropods through InvertNet TCN

## NEED

- Online A–Z instruction on digitization processes that assumes no local expertise
- Opportunities to join meaningful networks with synergistic benefit, equip. sharing
- Help finding those opportunities (Clearing house? Larger networks reaching out?)
- Roadmap of digitization portals: How/where to post data for broadest effect

