

# Presentations by Thematic Collections Networks (TCNs) at ADBC Summit VII

## November 2, 2017

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## openVertebrate Thematic Collections Network

\$2.5M from NSF's *Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections* program

2017–2021



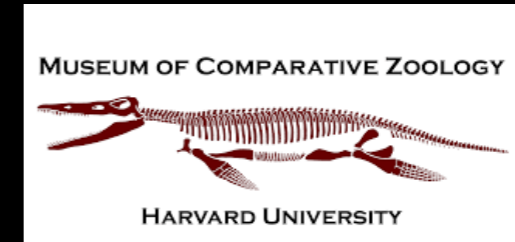
CT-scan >20,000 fluid-preserved vertebrate specimens

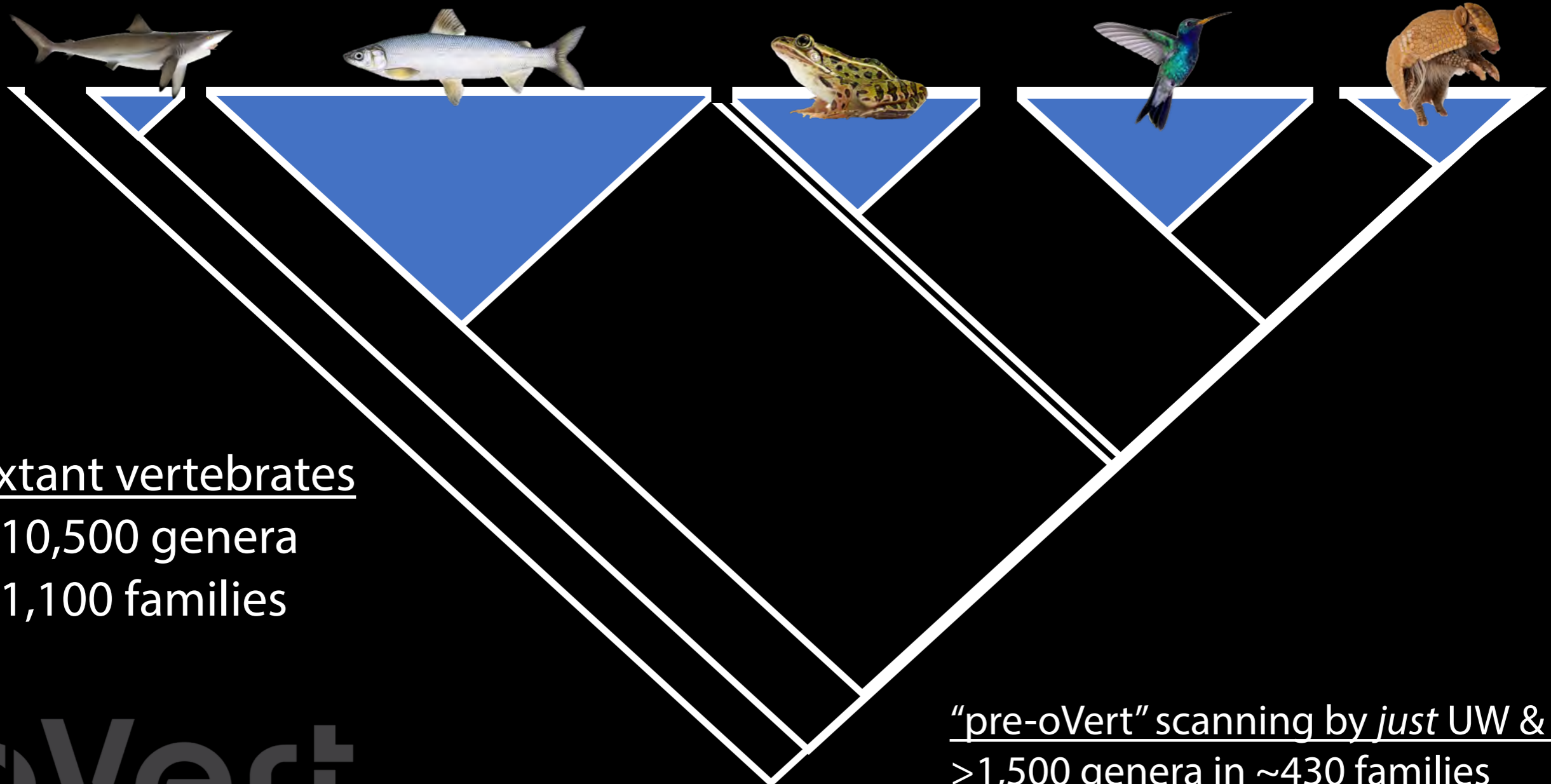
Scan >80% extant genera; "soft tissue" scan >60% extant families

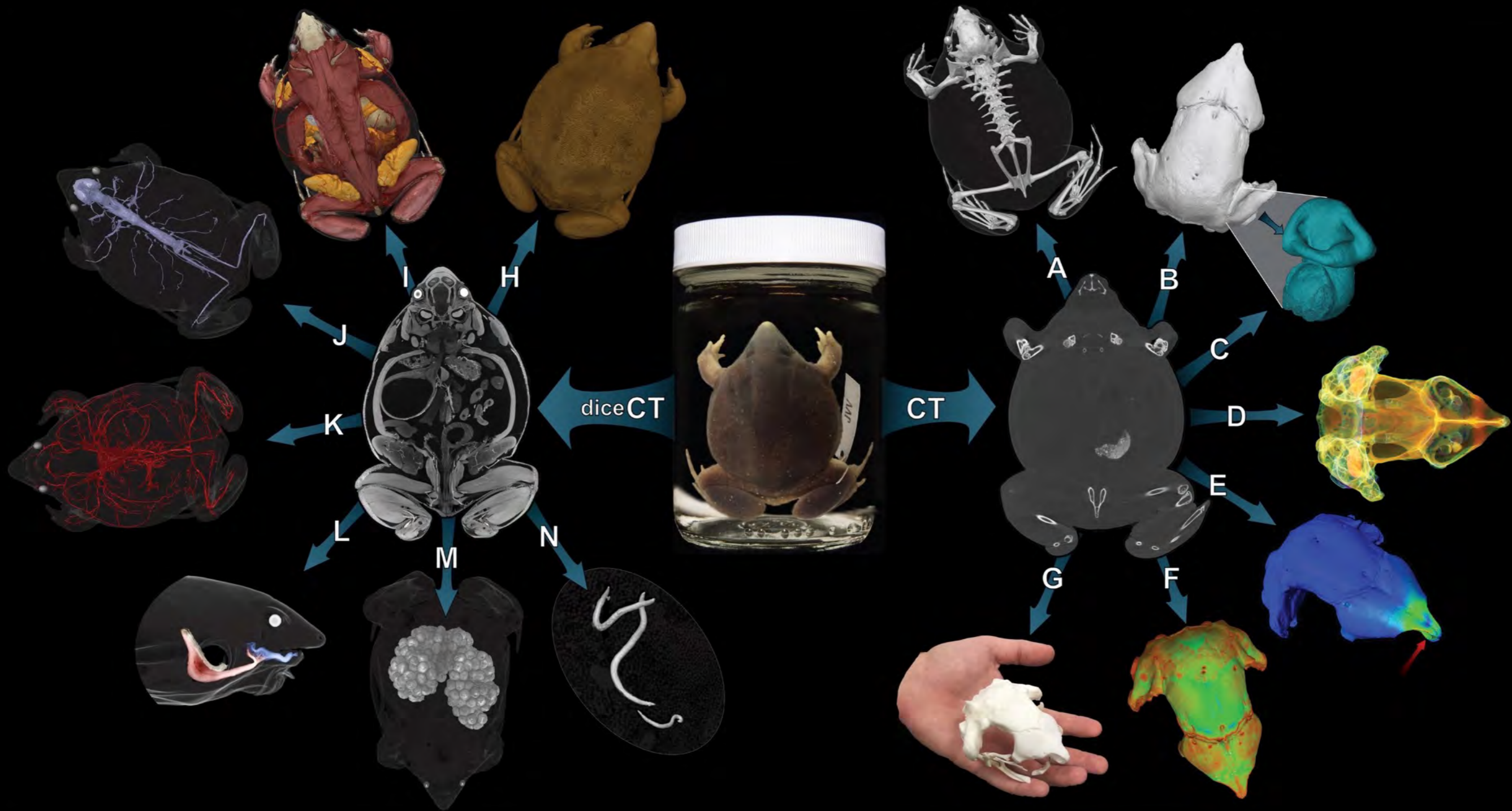
Make both raw and processed data freely available on-line

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18 funded institutions, including 16 museums and 6 imaging centers





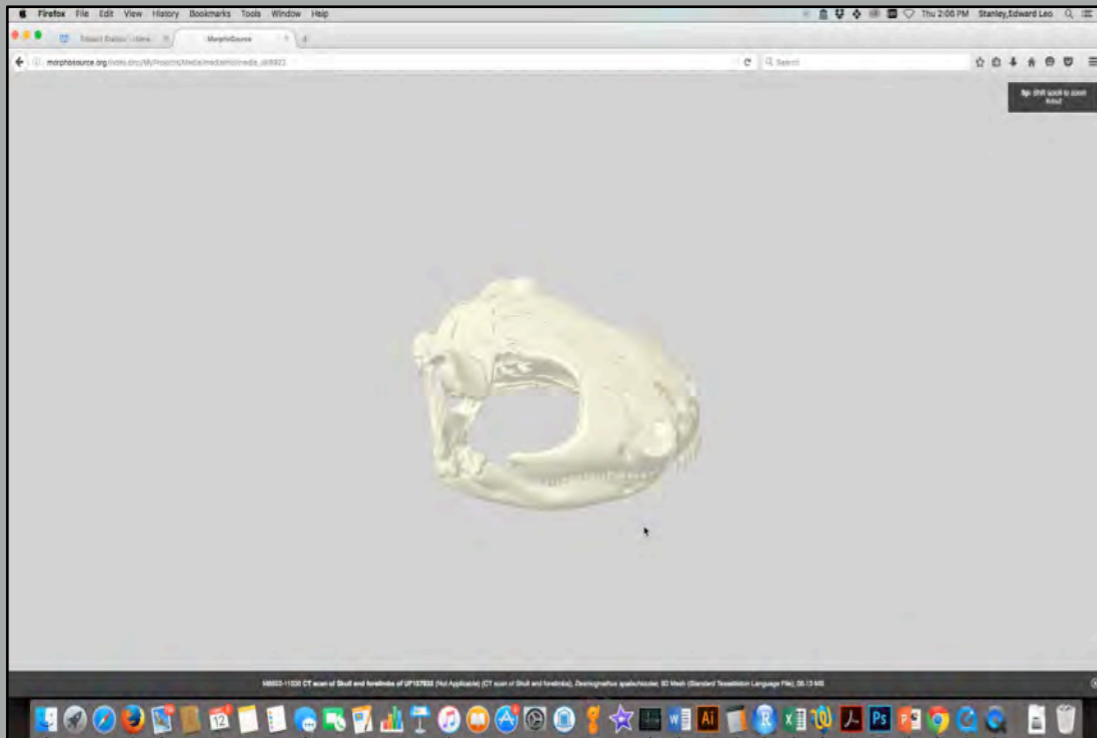


resolution of scans: ~20–80  $\mu\text{m}$

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Data deposited in MorphoSource

- 3D mesh files (.stl)
- image stacks (.zip of .TIFF)



Download or view in browser

bit.ly/3DFrogs

## Project: Frog Diversity

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### Members

David Blackburn, Trevor McCabe, Daniel Paluh, Maria Passarotti, Amber Singh, Edward Stanley, Olivia Trumble

### Data

109 published media  
173 specimen with published media

### More Information

[www.blackburnlab.org](http://www.blackburnlab.org)

### About the project

The Blackburn Lab at the University of Florida's Florida Museum of Natural History is assembling a collection of CT scan data representing all extant families of frogs. This comparative dataset provides a library of anuran skeletons diversity that can be used in studies of diversity, evolution, comparative morphology, and paleontology.

## 173 Project Specimens

Group by: [Specimen Number](#) | [Family](#) | [Genus](#) | [Species](#)



*Allophryinae*  
[2 Specimens](#)



*Alsodidae*  
[2 Specimens](#)



*Alytidae*  
[2 Specimens](#)



*Aromobatidae*  
[1 Specimen](#)



*Arthroleptidae*  
[8 Specimens](#)



*Ascaphidae*  
[1 Specimen](#)



*Batrachylidae*  
[2 Specimens](#)



*Bombinatoridae*  
[2 Specimens](#)



*Brachycephalidae*  
[10 Specimens](#)



*Brevicipitidae*  
[8 Specimens](#)



*Bufo*  
[16 Specimens](#)



*Calyptocephalellidae*  
[1 Specimen](#)

132 UF Herpetology specimens on MorphoSource since ~March 2016  
>15,000 media views, and >2,600 downloads

example: *Shinisaurus crocodilurus*

>880 views on MorphoSource, 20+ downloads in Australia, UK, and US

The screenshot shows the MorphoSource website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: ABOUT, BROWSE, DASHBOARD, and a search bar. Below the navigation, there are links for FROG DIVERSITY, MEDIA CART, and STATS. The main content area is titled "Media: M12414". On the left, there are sections for "Project" (Digitizing the Florida Museum of Natural History's Herpetology collections), "Specimen Information" (Specimen: UF-H-60925, *Shinisaurus crocodilurus*; Specimen taxonomy: *Shinisaurus crocodilurus*; Element: CT scan of body; Institution: University of Florida, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, Florida, United States), and "Scan Information" (Description: CT scan of *Shinisaurus crocodilurus*; Facility: Florida Museum of Natural History Herpetology; X res: 0.10264768 mm; Y res: 0.10264768 mm; Z res: 0.10264768 mm; Voltage: 100 kv; Amperage: 200 µa; Watts: 20 W; Projections: 1200; Wedge: air; Scanner calibrations: geometric calibration; Technicians: Edward Stanley; Media created on: December 7 2016 at 13:00:09; Media last modified on: December 7 2016 at 13:00:09). On the right, there are three media files listed: M12414-20363 (3D Mesh, 142.67 MB), M12414-20364 (3D Mesh, 39.27 MB), and M12414-20365 (TIFF image series ZIP file, 1.37 GB). Each file has a download icon and an "ADD" button. There are also "Citation Elements" links and a "BACK" button. At the bottom, there are links for CONTACT, LOGOUT, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, and USER GUIDE, and a disclaimer: "Commercial use of MorphoSource media is strictly prohibited."



## Stats on *Shinisaurus* Specimens

202 records in iDigBio

176 specimens in US

47 skeletons in 4 US institutions



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>50% download requests are for 'non-research'  
most state an intention to 3D print

K12 classrooms



Academy of Holy Names  
Tampa, Florida

Undergrad Teaching



Chris Sheil  
John Carroll University

Art: "Creature Design" class

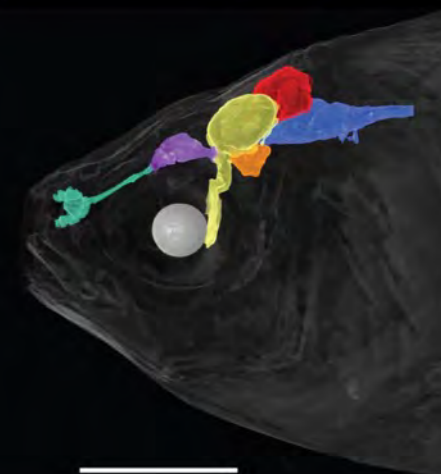
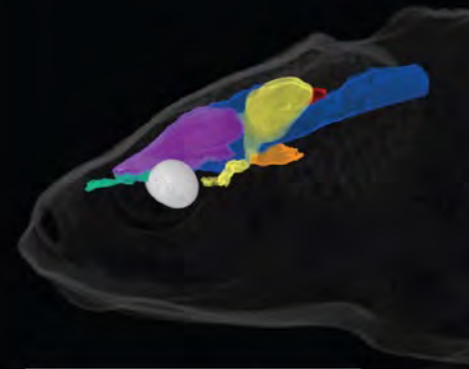
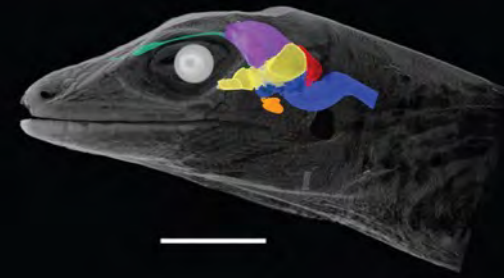
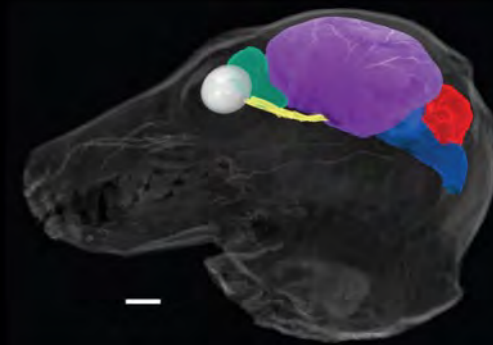
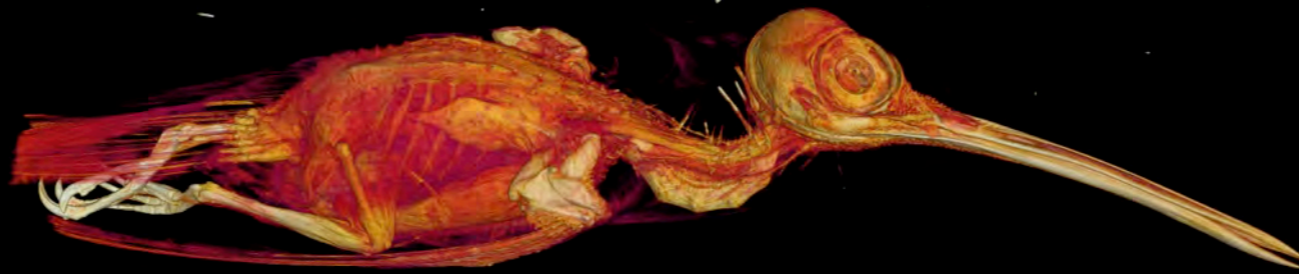
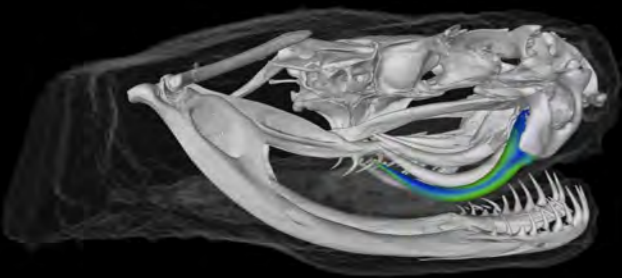
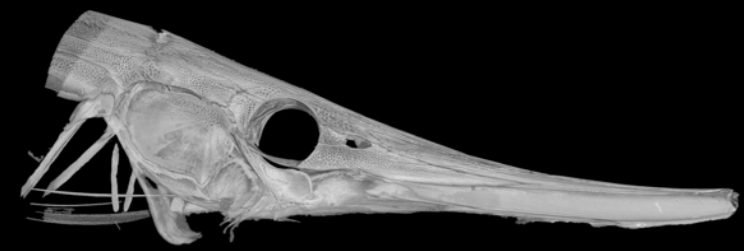


Lars Grant-West  
Rhode Island School of Design

Goals for broader impacts:

engage high school teachers in lesson plan development

develop on-line tutorials for using 3D data in research and education



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# Southern Rocky Mountain TCN

ADBC Summit 2017

November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

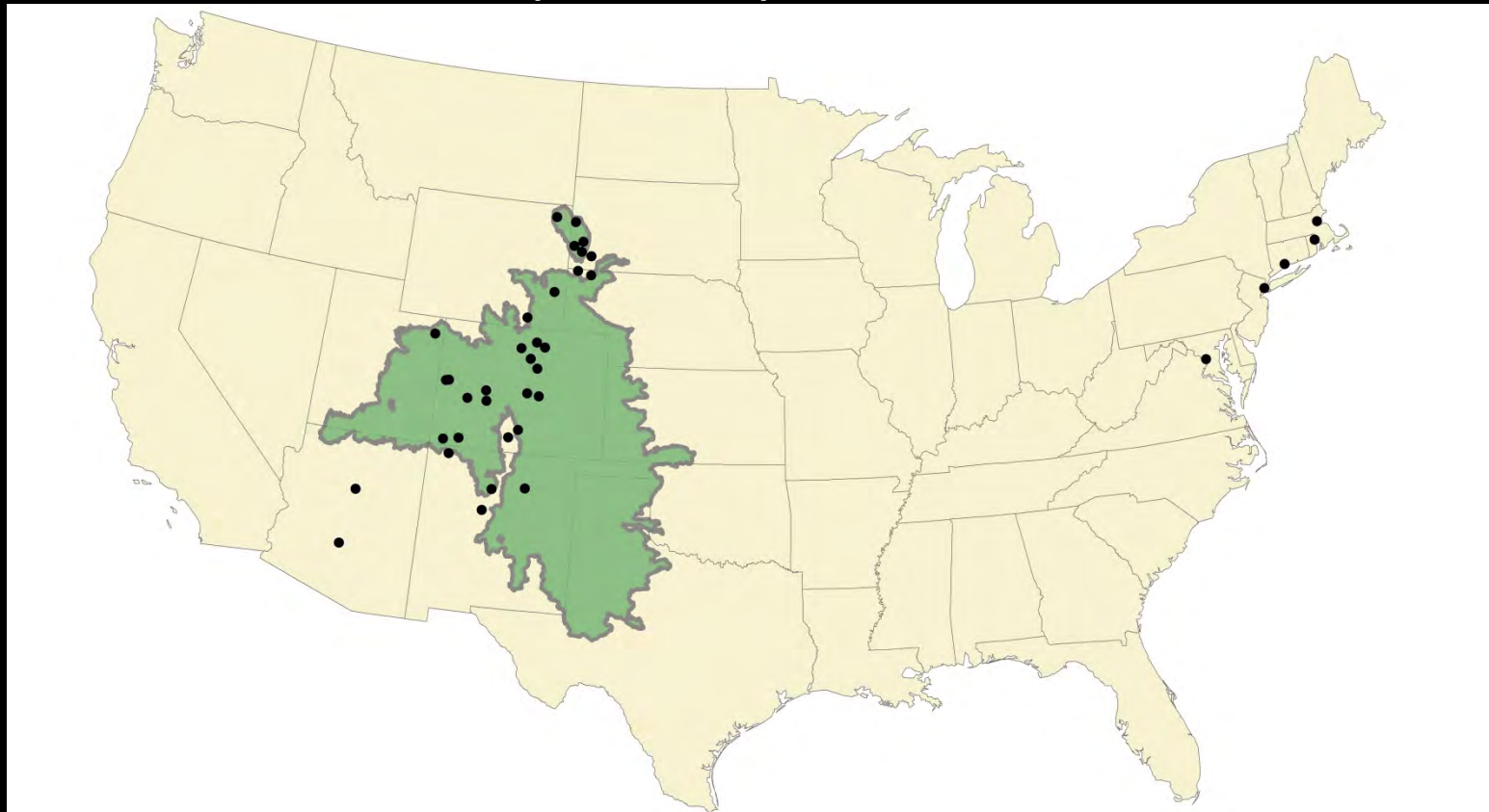
Ryan Allen

Erin Tripp





# Using Herbarium Data to Document Plant Niches in the High Peaks and High Plains of the Southern Rockies - Past, Present, and Future





## Project Scope

- 38 Partners (including non-digitizing federal partners)
- 19 Partners Digitizing new records
- 1.7 million specimens from the Southern Rocky Mountain Region
- 503,000 new database entries
- 814,000 new specimen images
- 560,000 new georeferences





## Outreach

- Workshops through NAVA, SJNM and BHSC will train and give museum experience to Native American students
- Education module to be developed at FLD to create undergraduate course material using museum specimens





## Project Progress

- GREE, CSCN, COCO and ALAM added to SEINet in preparation for data migration
- Subaward budgets being finalized
- 25 staff/student positions have been filled
- 3,333 Database entries completed
- 15,587 Specimens barcoded
- 12,566 Specimens imaged
- 933 specimens georeferenced





## Lessons Learned

- Skeletal and controlled data (dropdown menus) help to filter data, reduce keystroke errors and create a searchable database
- Students thrive when working on various tasks
- Change tasks every 2-3 hours





# The Cretaceous World TCN: Digitizing Fossils to Reconstruct Evolving Ecosystems in the Western Interior Seaway

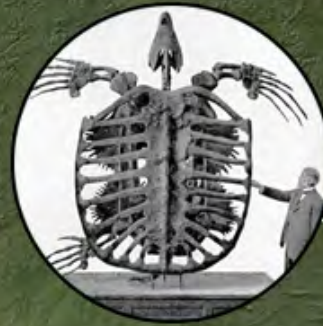


*Bruce S. Lieberman*

*Dept. of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Biodiversity Institute, U. of Kansas*

# The Cretaceous World - TCN





# Western Interior Seaway



*Late Santonian (Desmoscaphites  
bassleri) -- 84.0 Ma*

© Colorado Plateau Geosystems

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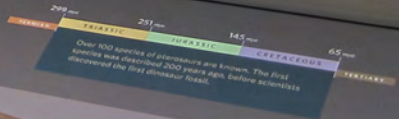


*Xiphactinus audax*  
Sternberg Museum of Natural History



An extinct flying reptile:  
**Pteranodon**

Pteranodon (juh-RAN-uh-don) belongs to an extinct group of reptiles called pterosaurs. They were the first vertebrates to evolve powered flight.



**Skull and beak**  
Pteranodon skull and beak, showing areas for muscle attachment.  
American Museum of Natural History, New York

**Skull**  
Pteranodon and its close relative, the Pterodactyl, were among the many species of pterosaurs that lived during the Cretaceous period.  
American Museum of Natural History, New York

**COLLECTION HISTORY**  
Pteranodon was first discovered near Fort Wallace in Logan County, Kansas, by a local party organized by Professor O.C. Marsh in 1838.





# Cretaceous World – TCN : Participants and Institutions

*University of Kansas* – Bruce S. Lieberman,  
Chris Beard & Jim Beach

*Paleontological Research Institution* – Jonathan  
Hendricks

*American Museum of Natural History* – Neil  
Landman & Ruth O’Leary

*University of Texas*– Ann Molineux, Rowan  
Martindale & Matt Brown



# Cretaceous World – TCN : Participants and Institutions, cont.

*Yale University Peabody Museum of Natural History* – Susan Butts & Chris Norris

*University of Colorado* – Talia Karim

*South Dakota School of Mines & Technology* –  
Laurie Anderson & Maribeth Price

*University of New Mexico* – Corinne Myers

*Sternberg Museum / Fort Hays State University* –  
Laura Wilson

# Cretaceous World – TCN: Outreach



[www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org](http://www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org)

 @PaleoDigAtlas

Digital Atlas App

Free for iPhone/iPad



# Cretaceous World – TCN : Data and Research Goals

- ~ 165,000 specimens databased
- ~ 7,000 fossil localities georeferenced
- ~ 1,600 fossil species imaged (> 3,200 images)

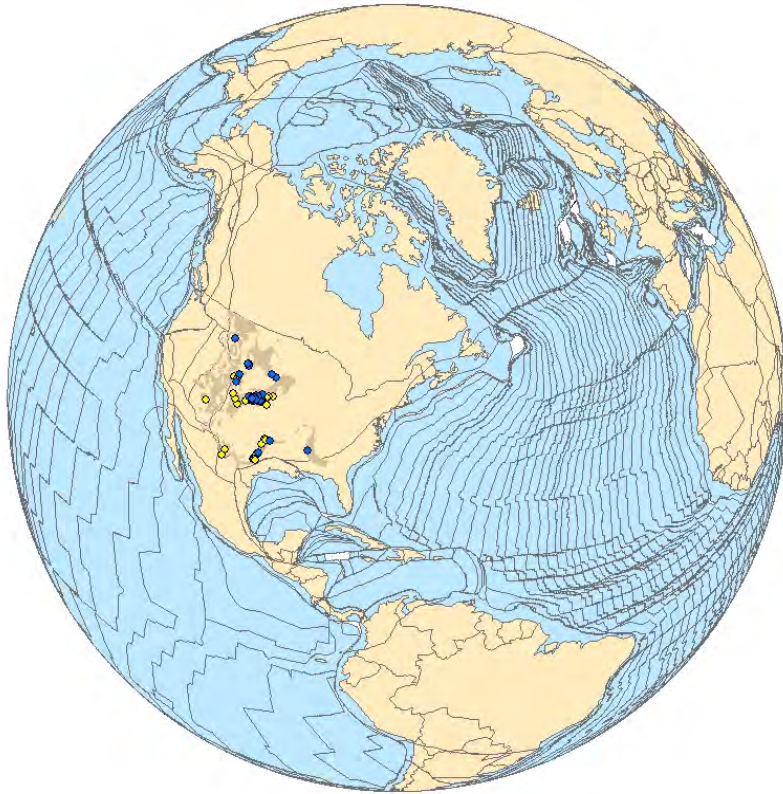
Data shared/published via iDigBio and institutional websites

# Cretaceous World – TCN : Data and Research Goals, cont.

Focus on GIS and ecological niche modeling

Present Day

~87Ma



***Cretoxyrhina mantelli***



***Tylosaurus***



Myers & Lieberman. 2011. Proceedings of the Royal Society

# Lesson Learned

Recruit high quality collections staff and students



# Thanks to:

iDigBio

Julien Kimmig (U. of Kansas)

Jon Hendricks (PRI)

Alycia Stigall (Ohio U.)

Cori Myers (U. of New Mexico)

Harry Dowsett (USGS)

Roger Portell (U. of Florida)

## Funding

NSF Advancing the Digitization of Biological Collections



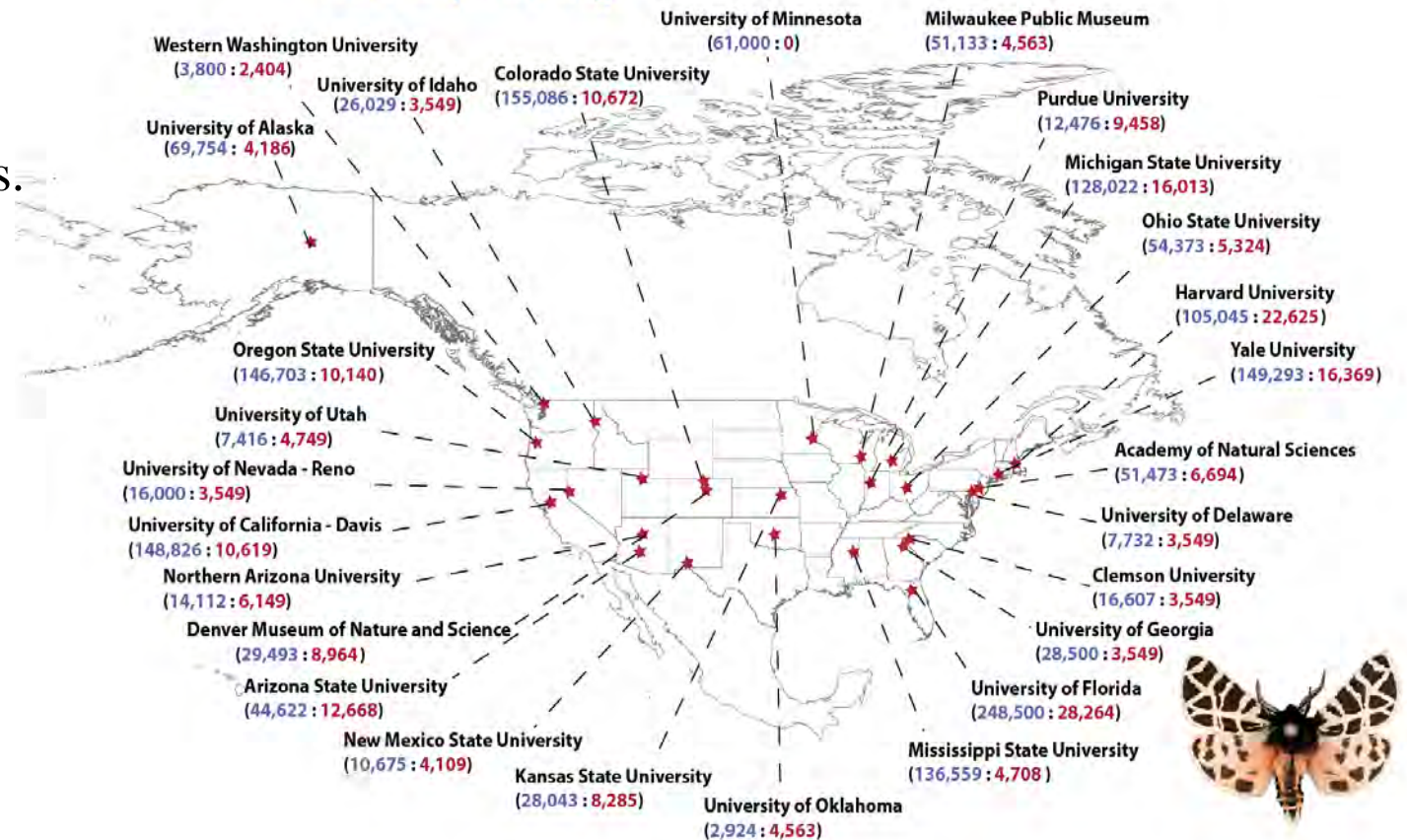
## Project Goals – On Target!!

- (1) Transcribe **1.7 million** specimens labels, integrate >1 million existing lepidopteran records, totaling **2.7 million** occurrence records.
- (2) Produce **81,000** high-resolution images and >**160,000** smartphone images (**LepSnap**) for **240,000 total**, representing at least **60%** of the 14,300+ North American Lepidoptera species.
- (3) Computer vision taxonomic identification available via smartphone apps & Laptop biodiversity portal (**Fieldguide**)
- (4) **LepXlor** – Education-Outreach program

### LepNet Research Collections

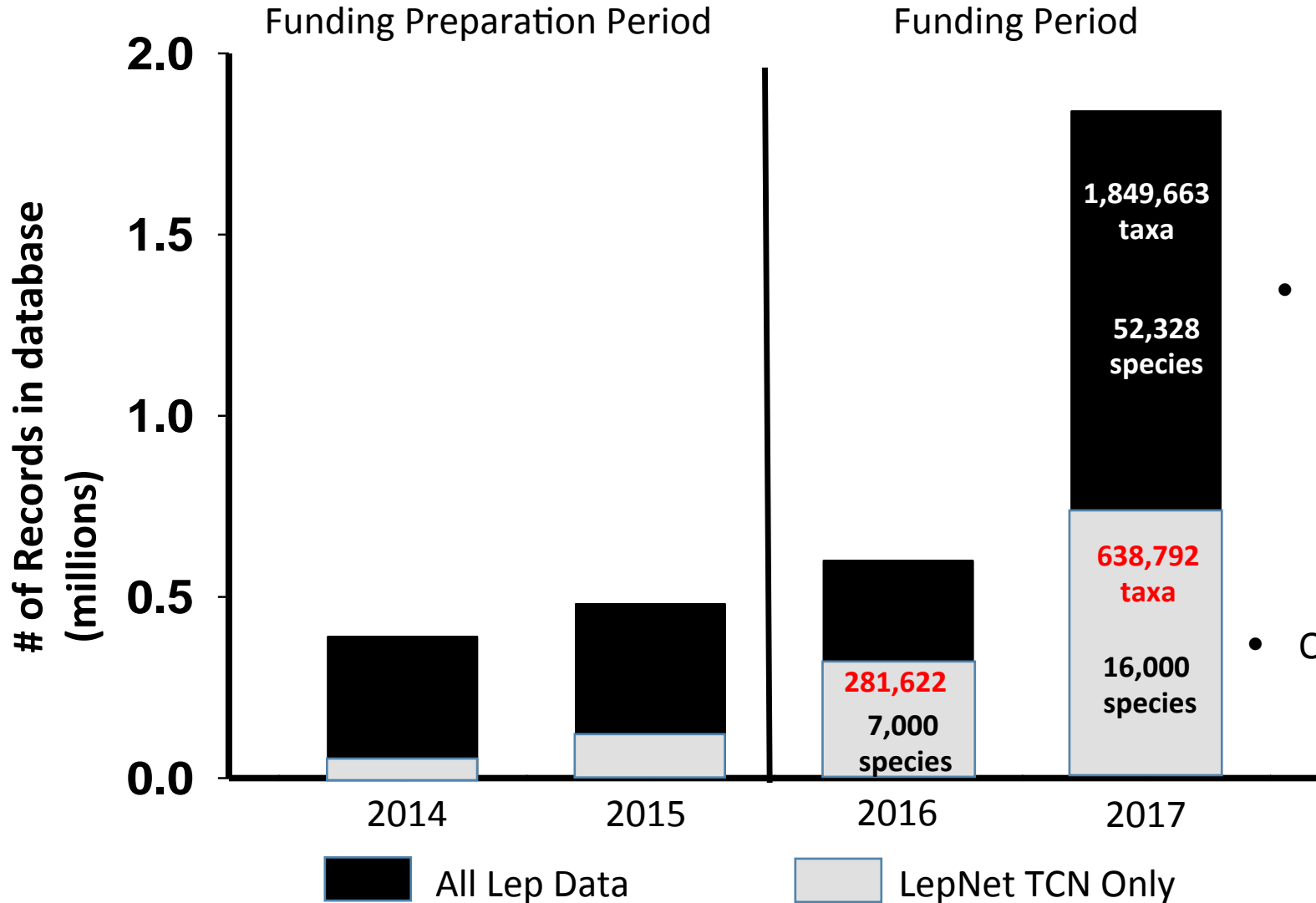
[www.lep-net.org](http://www.lep-net.org)

1,704,161 Total specimen records  
214,705 Total specimens imaged





## TCN vs Broader Impact Goals

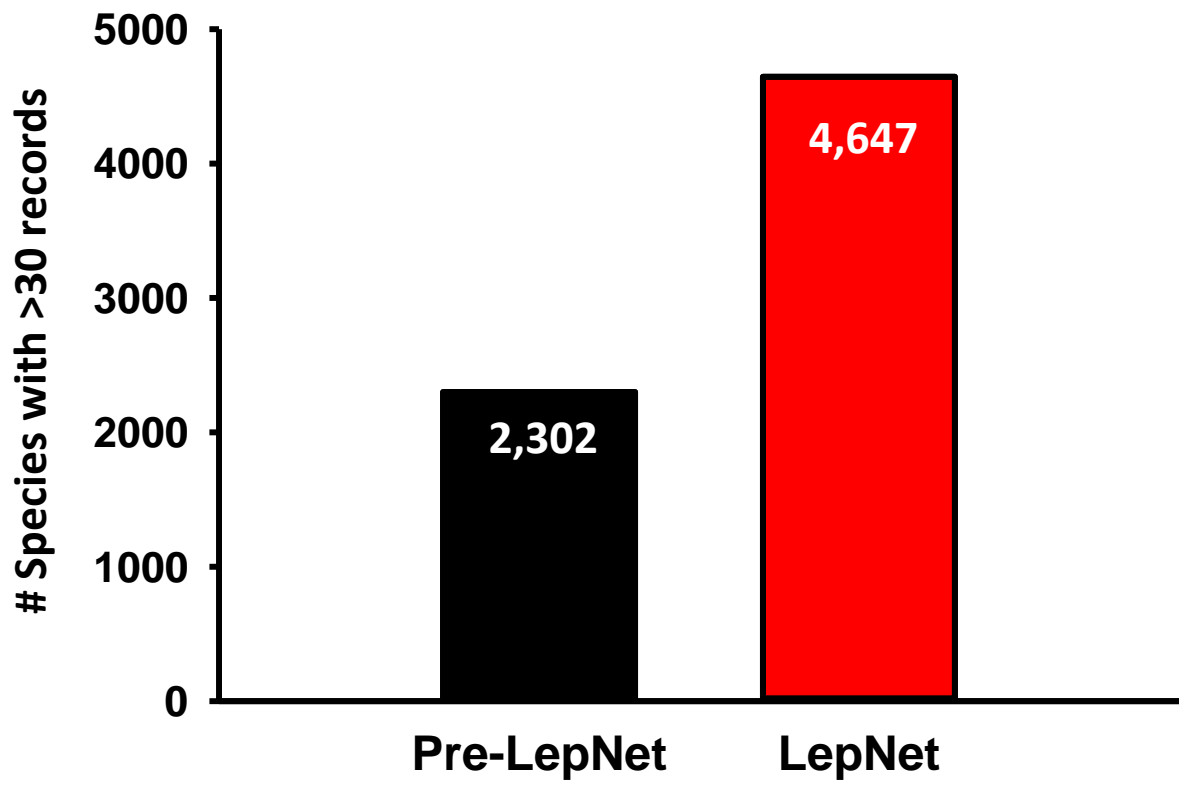


- ADBC Digitization increases **unfunded efforts** and mobilizes **dark data** (51 Broader Impact collections)
- On track to reach goal (26 TCN collections)

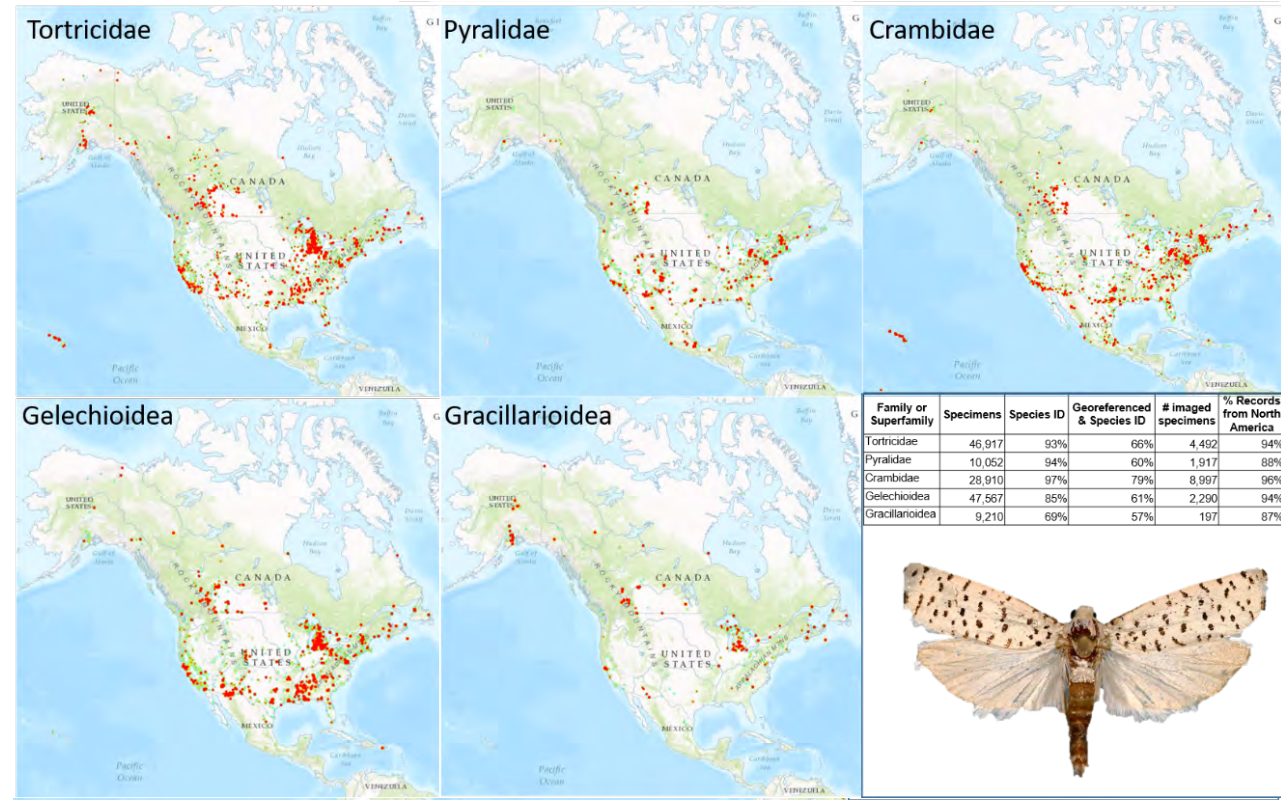


## Ecological Niche Modeling ( $\geq 30$ records per species)

Goal: 5,000 more species for modeling



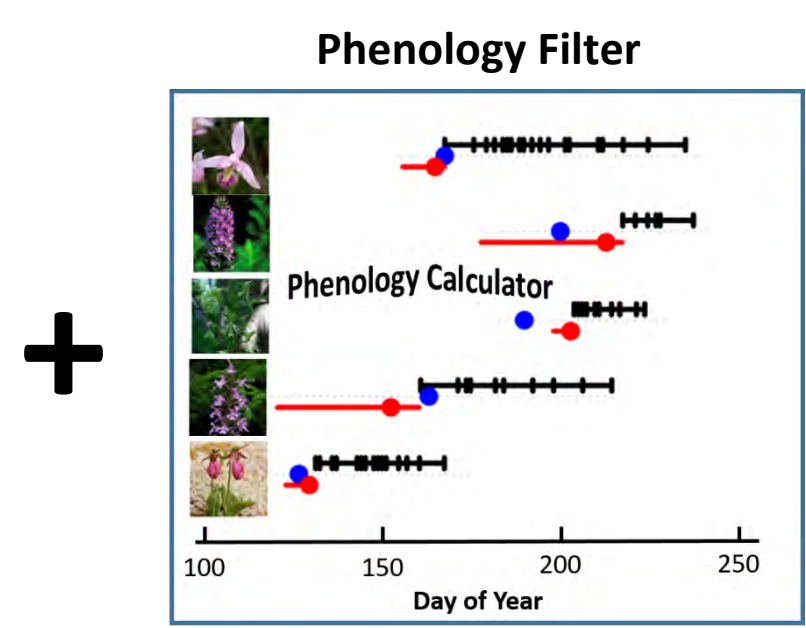
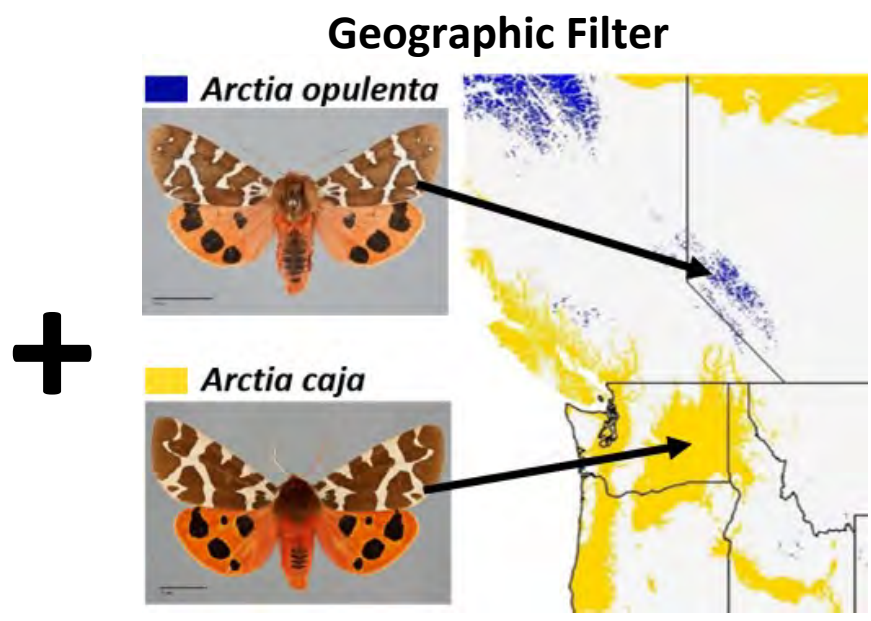
### Microlepidoptera



## Huge Potential for Identification from Images

6,870 North American species (40%) can be identified to species through images

Smartphone + Computer Vision



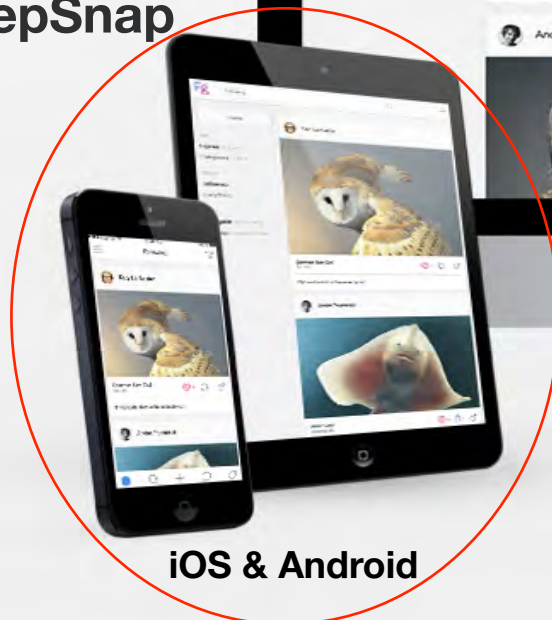


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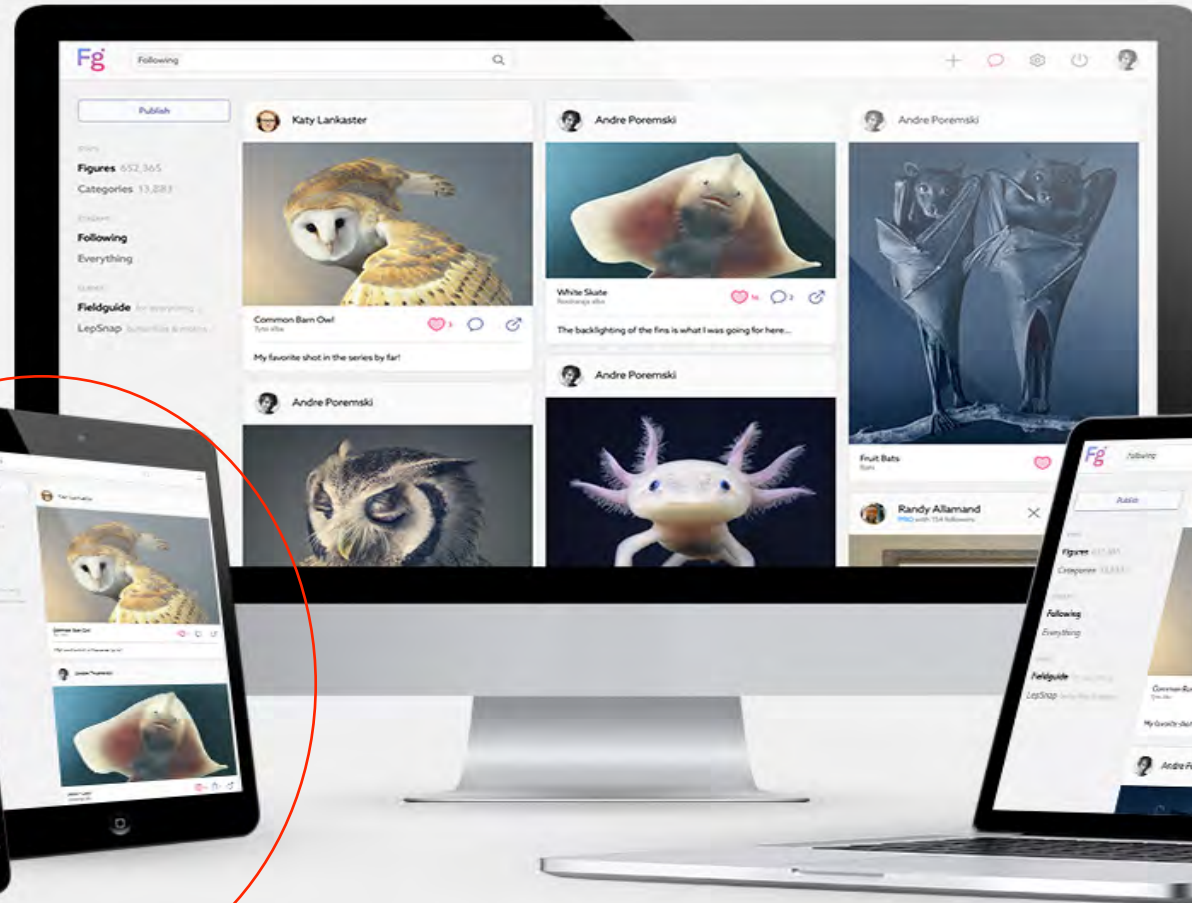
Computer vision for biodiversity

Andre Poremski overview in Symbiota Meeting Nov 2, 3:30PM, Harn Chandler Auditorium

LepSnap

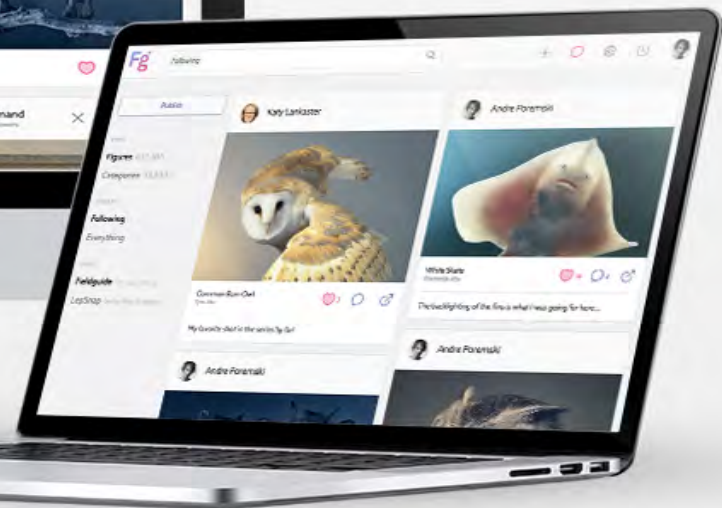


iOS & Android



CV-Batch API processes all Images on Symbiota portal

Image Search (CV-Widget)



# Paper Models of Lepidoptera

\*Anne Basham, Project Director LepXplor



## Papered Benefits

- 2D nature of leps allows for creation of life-like models.
- Handled and manipulated in K-12 classrooms.
- Linked with databases and applications.
- Can represent holotypes or rare species not normally used in education & outreach.
- Parks & education centers can order reference collection from checklist and place on public display.



\*Presentation at Symbiota Meeting, Nov 2 3:45 Harn Auditorium

# Thanks to LepNet Collaborators!



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# Casting a LEP-NET



*Archio cory* subsp. *utahensis*, taken from Roan Platero, Garfield County, Colo., ca. 1996. Donated by C.P. Stiles.

## HI-RES IMAGES OF BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS COMING TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU

Butterflies and moths can't take selfies – at least not yet. But pictures of them can be incredibly compelling and insightful, which is why the National Science Foundation has awarded nearly \$4 million to 24 institutions, including Colorado State University, to capture hi-resolution images of Lepidoptera, the order of insects that includes butterflies and moths. The project, Lep-Net, will take place over four years, with the ultimate goal of digitizing more than 1.7 million specimen records and integrating those images with the more than 1 million records already in place.

Paul Opler, a professor in CSU's Department of Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management and associate director of CSU's C.P. Gillette Museum of Arthropod Diversity, will spearhead the University's contribution to the image database, which will account for 10 percent of the total number of images. The primary focus of the project is databasing almost 160,000 butterfly and moth specimens in the museum's holdings, which are estimated to be about a half million.

The NSF funding allowed the team to purchase a high-resolution sophisticated camera system, dubbed "The Little Kahuna," which captures images at six times the resolution of those previously cataloged.

"Images of North American butterflies and moths have never before been cataloged in this way," said Opler. "Importantly, this image database will not simply be a resource for scientists, but we fully expect the database to be used for community outreach, since the images will be available for teachers, educators, and the general public."

An additional component of the project is Lep-Snap where users of an app designed for mobile phones can take pictures of butterflies and moths, upload them, and have them identified. The identification is not done by experts but rather by the program itself, which uses the vast array of images collected to compare and analyze new pictures uploaded by individuals.

The project is relying heavily on the work of research associates drawn from the local community. Chuck Harp, an acknowledged expert on butterflies and moths, serves as a full-time research associate for the project, and he leads the day-to-day work of 11 or more students and citizen scientists who do most of the databasing work.

"The Lep-Net project, funded through the NSF grant and iDigBio, allows us to document and to preserve vital biological data from specimens housed in the C.P. Gillette Museum from several scientific pioneers from the past 100 years," said Harp. "I accepted this job to honor their efforts for the public and for further scientific studies. It has been my pleasure to be a part of this project to ensure the specimens and data contained on the labels are shared for all to use."



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Pam Plombino is volunteer associate who is focused primarily on butterfly identification. "Many people describe Lepidoptera as the glamour insects because they are so beautiful, especially when viewed up close and at high resolution," said Plombino. "But Lepidoptera also perform many essential functions in nature including pollinating plants and serving as a protein source for predators."

The team is hopeful that the project may someday expand to other arthropods, but the immediate plans are to continue documenting Lepidoptera. The database currently has approximately 32,000 images with 1,500 uploaded onto the website, which can be accessed at:

<http://symbiota4.acls.ufl.edu/scan/portal/index.php>



*Papilio canadensis*, taken from Yukon Territories, ca. 1969. Donated by R.E. Stantford.



*Megalymus yuccae* subsp. *reubeni*, taken from Mt. Carrizozo, N.M., ca. 2007. Donated by C.E. Harp.

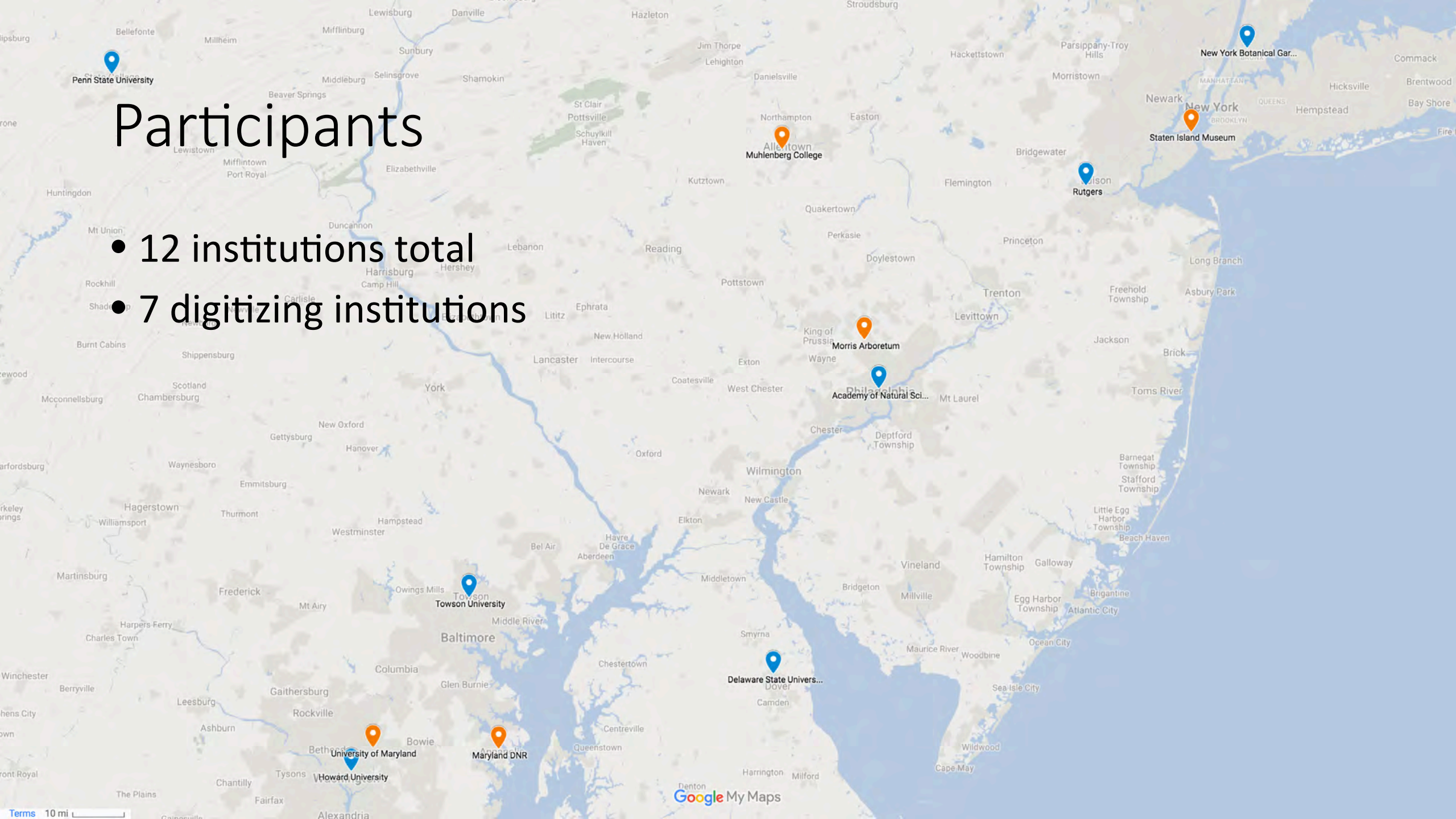


# Mid-Atlantic Megalopolis

Digitizing botanical specimens from the Mid-Atlantic urban corridor

# Participants

- 12 institutions total
- 7 digitizing institutions





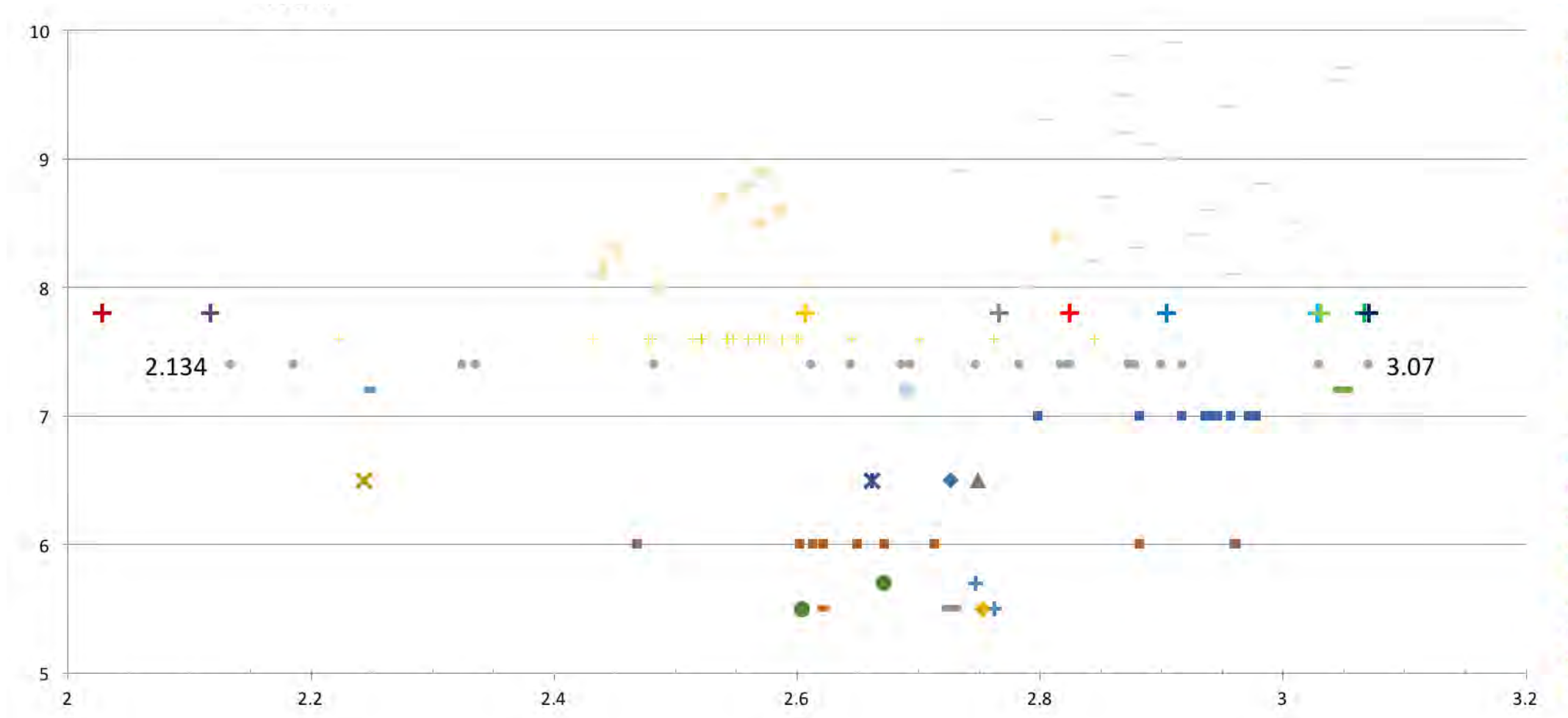
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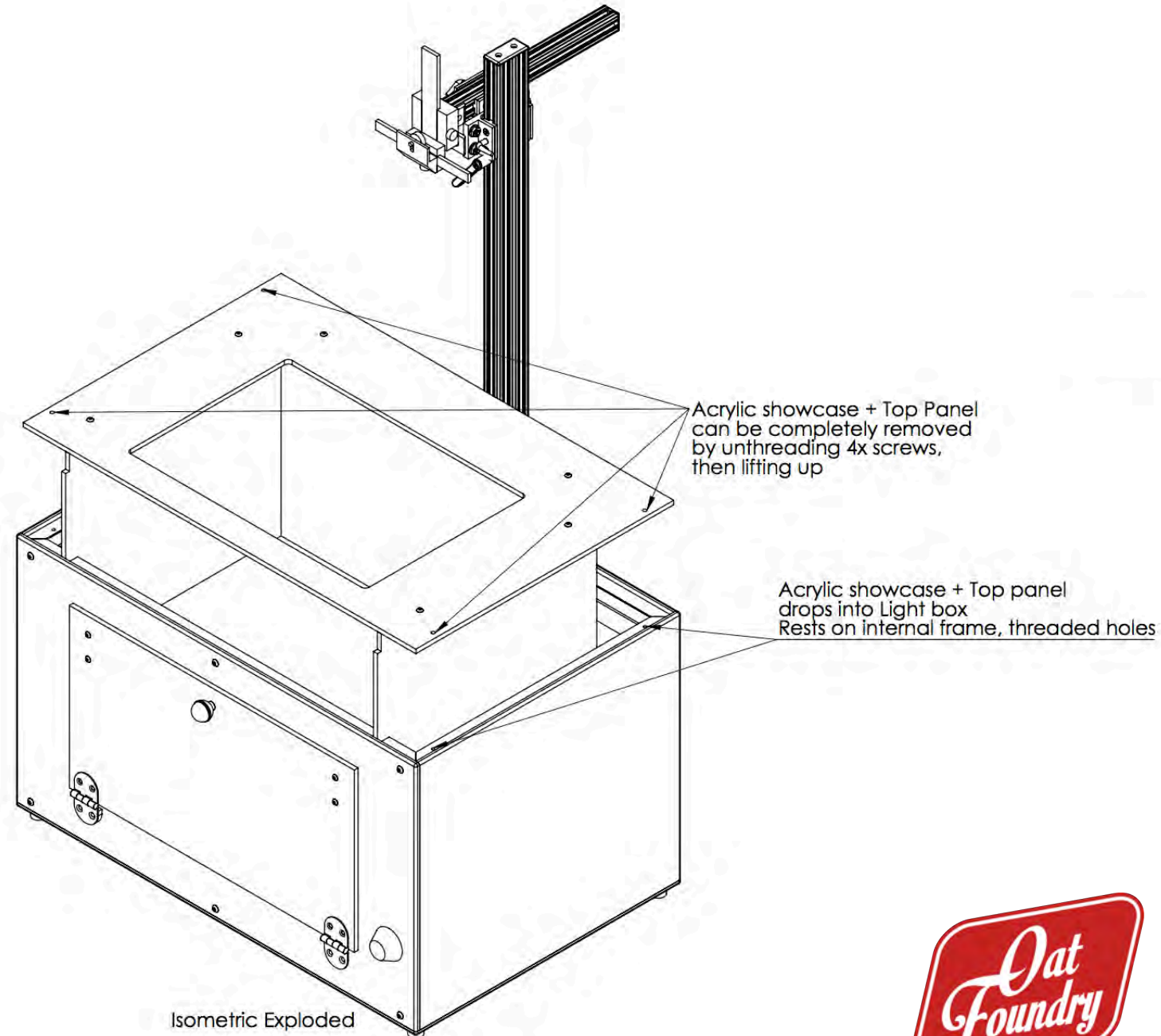


# Accomplishments



# Lessons Learned

- OR Tech Photo-eBox Bio discontinued
- Contracted with design and build firm to manufacture a new lightbox
- Available in December



# Thank You



MAM Collaborators: Academy of Natural Sciences, Delaware State University, Howard University, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Morris Arboretum, Muhlenberg College, New York Botanical Garden, Pennsylvania State University, Rutgers University, Staten Island Museum, Towson University, University of Maryland

National Science Foundation Awards: 1601697, 1600981, 1601393, 1600976, 1601429, 1601101, 1601503, 1702441

# The Microfungi Collections Consortium: A Networked Approach to Digitizing Small Fungi with Large Impacts on the Function and Health of Ecosystems

Andrew N. Miller

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

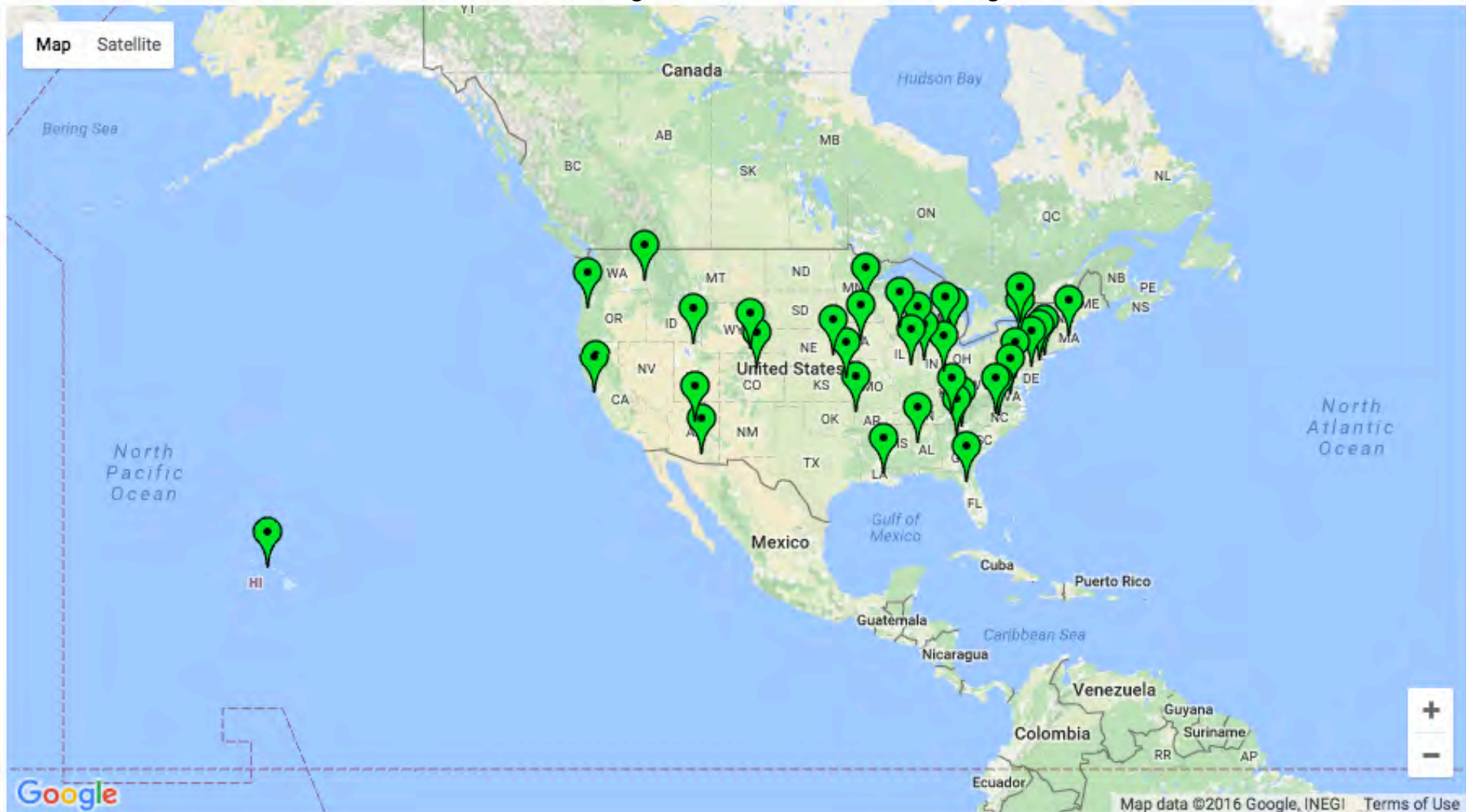
Illinois Natural History Survey



# Participants (38 institutions)

171 people, including 27 PIs, 22 Project Managers, 28 paid staff, 3 graduate students, 80 undergraduate students, and 10 volunteers

## MiCC Participants Map



## INHS Team



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PI



Rhianna Baldree  
Data Curator



Teresa Iturriaga  
Data Curator



Phil Anders  
Biological  
Informatician



Alexander Kuhn  
Data Curator



Scott Bates  
Project  
Consultant



Lee Crane  
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Nomenclature  
Expert



Tiffany Bone  
Digitization  
Expert



Lauren Hoover  
Transcriber



Sylvia Genont  
Transcriber



Olamide  
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Transcriber


## MYCOLOGY COLLECTIONS PORTAL

- 1,019,364 MiCC records digitized (83%)
  - 640,109 records georeferenced (53%)
- 505,189 existing records
- 278,614 observations


### Selected Collection Statistics


#### Display List of Collections Analyzed

- 3,336,260 specimen records
- 1,114,533 (33%) georeferenced
- 1,475,014 (44%) imaged
- 2,640,166 (79%) identified to species
- 1,534 families
- 7,614 genera
- 101,952 species
- 107,397 total taxa (including subsp. and var.)

Show Statistics per Collection 

#### Extra Statistics

Show Family Distribution 

Show Geographic Distribution 

Load Order Distribution

#### Year Stats

Years:

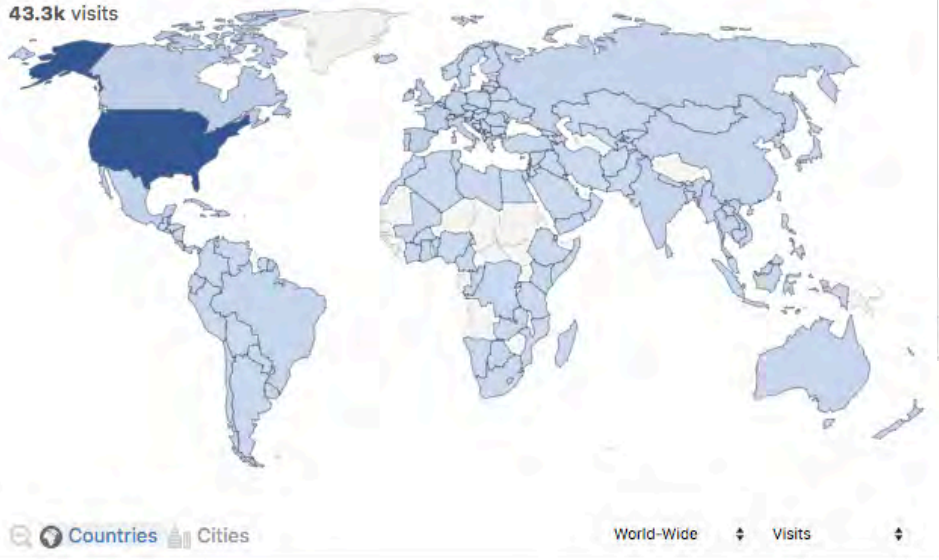
Load Stats

**\*including 118,359 type specimens**

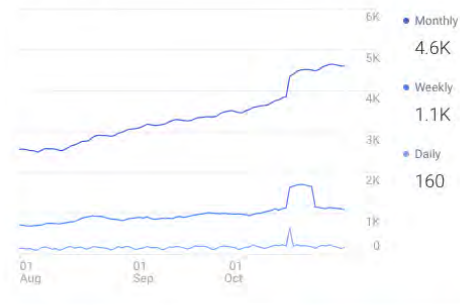


## Visitor Map

43.3k visits



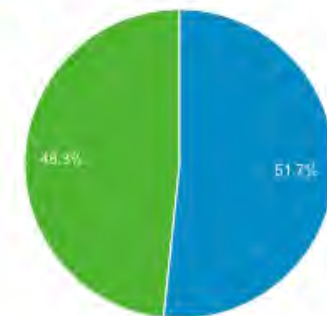
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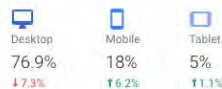
Last 90 days

[ACTIVE USERS REPORT](#)

■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



## Sessions by device



Last 90 days

[MOBILE OVERVIEW](#)

## Page

## Pageviews

/portal/collections/list.php	17,843
/portal/index.php	8,884
/portal/collections/index.php	4,603
/portalx/collections/list.php	975
/portalx/collections/index.php	801
/portal/imagelib/index.php	466
/portal/collections/	295
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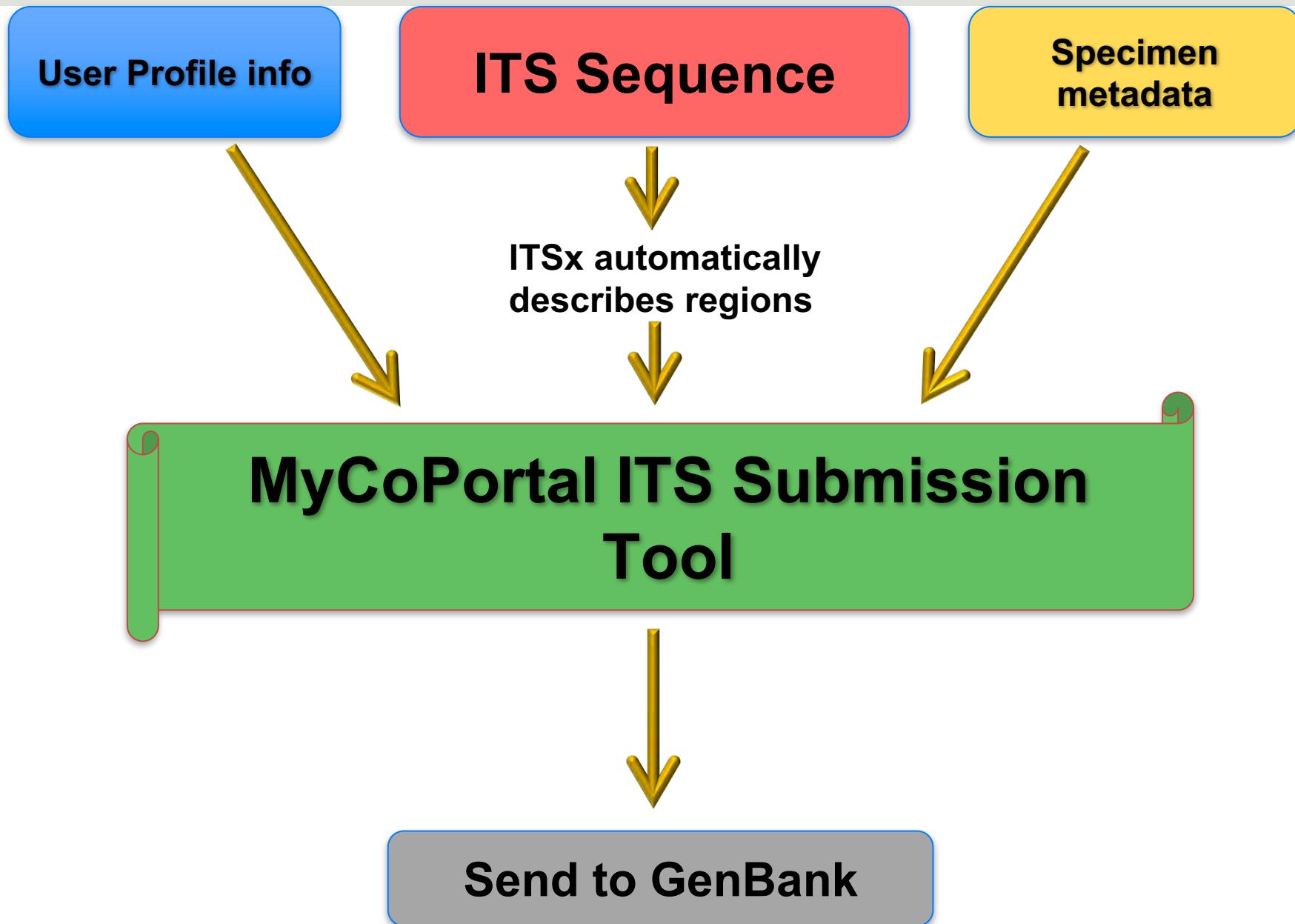
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MyCoPortal.org cited 39 times  
– 16 peer-reviewed publications

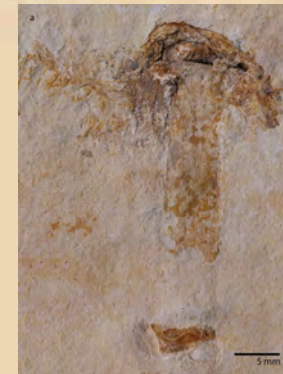
# Highlight



# PLOS Paleo Top 10 Taxa of 2017

Vote for Your Favorite Open Access Taxa of 2017

Invitation to **PLOS Paleo Community** members



**Macrofungi Collection Consortium**

*Gondwanagaricites magnificus*, from the article [The oldest fossil mushroom](#)

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3018953/Top-Ten-Taxa-2017>



# EPICC TCN

Erica Clites, TCN Project Manager  
University of California Museum of Paleontology

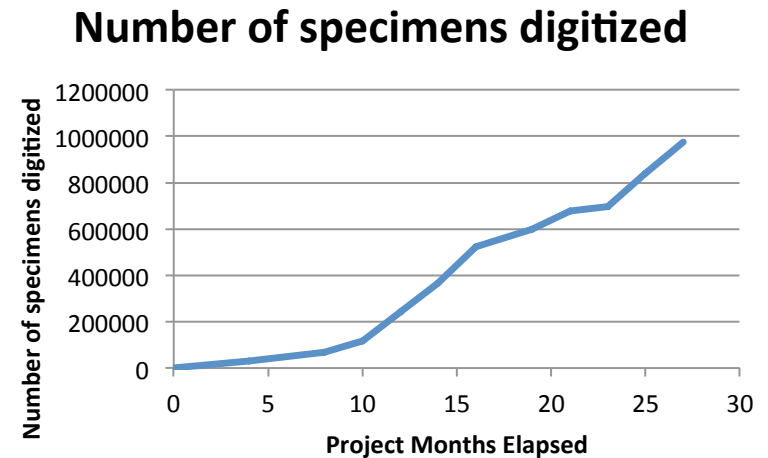


# Collaborators



# Progress

- Specimens digitized:  
975k/1.5M; 62%



- Specimens photographed: 26k/83k; 30%
- Localities georeferenced: 22k/35k; 60%



# Building a Taxonomic Dictionary

- Existing sources of paleontological taxonomy incomplete, not intended for use as backbone
- Building dictionary based on primary literature
- Can be incorporated in GBIF backbone as checklist upon completion
- A.J.W. Hendy and C. Souto et al.; 6400 rows currently

KINGDOM	PHYLUM	CLASS	ORDER	FAMILY	GENUS	SUBGENUS	SPECIES	AUTHOR	ORIGINAL	SYNONYMS
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda		Acmaeidae	<i>Acmaea</i>		<i>mitra</i>	Rathke, 1833	<i>Acmaea mitra</i>	<i>Acmaea mitra</i>
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Tornastra</i>		<i>cerealis</i>	(Gould, 1853)		<i>Tornastra cerealis</i>
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Tornastra</i>		<i>culcitella</i>	(Gould, 1853)		<i>Acteocina culcitella</i> , T
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Acteocina</i>		<i>eximia</i>	(Baird, 1863)		<i>Acteocina eximia</i>
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Acteocina</i>		<i>harpa</i>	(Dall, 1871)		<i>Coleophysis harpa</i>
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Acteocina</i>		<i>inculta</i>	(Gould, 1855)		<i>Acteocina inculta</i>
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Tornastra</i>		<i>infrequens</i>	(Adams, 1852)		<i>Acteocina anomala</i>
Animalia	Mollusca	Gastropoda	Cephalaspide	Acteocinidae	<i>Acteocina</i>		<i>oldroydi</i>	Dall, 1925	<i>Acteocina old</i>	<i>Acteocina oldroydi</i>



# Lesson learned

- Serving data is a leaky pipeline. Possible leaks:
  - Maintenance of institutional hardware/software
  - Specify attachment server
  - Paleontological data is difficult for aggregators to display accurately
  - How to search for TCN data once served (dwc:datasetID?)

# Acknowledgements



- PIs, students, staff and volunteers of EPICC
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- NSF DBI awards  
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and 1503678



# Great Lakes Aquatic Invasives TCN:

DOCUMENTING THE OCCURRENCE THROUGH SPACE & TIME OF AQUATIC NON-INDIGENOUS FISH, MOLLUSKS, ALGAE, & PLANTS THREATENING NORTH AMERICA'S GREAT LAKES

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**Ken Cameron (WIS)**

**Aaron Goldberg (WIS)**

**Diego Barroso (MICH)**

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IdigBio Summit - 2017

# BASIS OF THE PROJECT:



*GLANSIS maintains a Database of invasive and potentially invasive genera and species of plants, fish, and mollusks*

*- plants: 49 genera (2147 sp. in North America)*

*- fish: 38 genera (290 sp.)*

*- mollusks: 14 genera (113 sp.)*

**= 2,550 Species in 101 Genera**

## Digitization TCN: Great Lakes Invasives- Collaborator Map



- 1. Univ of WI-Madison (WIS)**
- 2. Univ of WI-Steven's Point**
- 3. Univ of WI-Milwaukee**
- 4. Univ of WI-LaCrosse**
- 5. University of Minnesota**
- 6. Michigan State University**
  
- 7. Field Museum (F / FMNH)**
- 8. University of Illinois / ILNHS**
- 9. Morton Arboretum \*\*\***
- 10. University of Notre Dame**
- 11. Butler University**
  
- 12. Univ of Michigan (MICH)**
- 13. Central Michigan University**
- 14. MI Small Herbaria Network ++**
- 15. Miami University**
- 16. Ohio State University**
- 17. Ohio University**
  
- 18. NY Botanical Garden (NY)**
- 19. New York State Museum**
  
- 20. Université de Montréal /Canadensys**
  
- (21. Arizona State Univ / Symbiota)**

**NETWORK OVERSIGHT & PROCESS**

<http://GreatLakesInvasives.org>



# GREAT LAKES INVASIVES NETWORK

## Aquatic Invasives Homepage

[Fish Collections](#)

[Mollusk Collections](#)

[Plant Collections](#)

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One of the greatest threats to the health of North America's Great Lakes is invasion by exotic species, several of which already have had catastrophic impacts on property values, the fisheries, shipping, and tourism industries, and continue to threaten the survival of native species and wetland ecosystems. This bi-national thematic collections network of >20 institutions from eight states and Canada will digitize 1.73 million historical specimens representing 2,550 species of exotic fish, clams, snails, mussels, algae, plants, and their look-alikes documented to occur in the Great Lakes Basin. Others have been placed on watchlists because of their potential to become aquatic invasives.

Several initiatives are already in place to alert citizens to the dangers of spreading aquatic invasives among our nation's waterways, but this project will develop complementary scientific and educational tools for scientists, wildlife officers, teachers, and the public who have had little access to images or data derived directly from preserved specimens collected over the past three centuries. This award is made as part of the National Resource for Digitization of Biological Collections through the Advancing Digitization of Biological Collections program and all data resulting from this award will be available through the national resource (iDigBio.org).

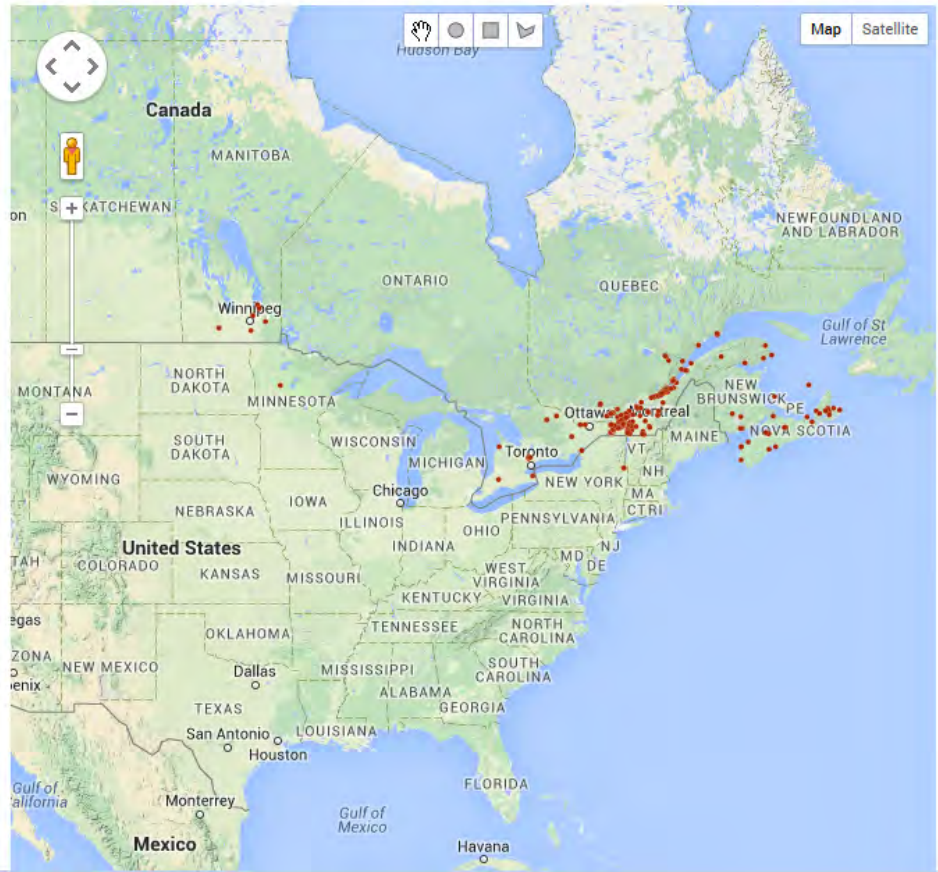
Join the network as a regular visitor and please send your feedback to Ken Cameron














## 726 Results

(showing only georeferenced records: 354)

Map view Table view Stats view



## GREAT LAKES INVASIVES NETWORK

- Home >> Collections
-  **Albion College (ALBC)** [more info](#)
  -  **Central Michigan University (CMC)** [more info](#)
  -  **Field Museum of Natural History (F)** [more info](#)
  -  **Green Plant Herbarium (TRT)** [more info](#)
  -  **Herbarium, Biodiversity Centre of Ontario (OAS)** [more info](#)
  -  **Herbier du Québec (QUE) – Collection de plantes vasculaires (QUE)** [more info](#)
  -  **Herbier Louis-Marie (QFA) - Collection de plantes vasculaires (QFA)** [more info](#)
  -  **Illinois Natural History Survey (ILLS)** [more info](#)
  -  **J. F. Bell Museum of Natural History Herbarium (MIN)** [more info](#)
  -  **Jardin Botanique de Montréal (JBM)** [more info](#)
  -  **Marie-Victorin Herbarium (MT)** [more info](#)

# PROGRESS TO DATE: SPECIMENS IN INVASIVES PORTAL

	Specimens	Georeferenced	Imaged	Original goals
27 US Herbaria	737546	246123	685540	
10 Canadensys Herbaria	122195	57296	13946	
total plants:	859741	303419	699486	637000
	<b>Lots</b>			
6 Fish Collections	107728	61787	45565	102000
6 Mollusk Collections	45002	22240	15099	44000
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>1012471</b>	<b>387446</b>	<b>760150</b>	<b>783000</b>

% Georeferenced	% Imaged	% over goals
38.26	75.08	29.31%



# INNOVATION: REDUNDANCY OF RECORDS

Our project structure has some built-in redundancy.

Plant records from US institutions are available:

- via the source institution
- via the Consortium of Midwest Herbaria portal
- iDigBio
- Our project portal: [http:// GreatLakesInvasives.org](http://GreatLakesInvasives.org).

An advantage for sustainability – not all is lost if a site eventually goes away.

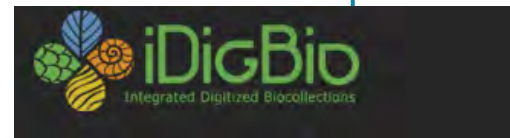
# LESSONS LEARNED

1. Media interest: may be greater than one might think. We discovered that if one approaches them with a story they are likely to be excited and will help promote the project. One of our PI's was especially helpful in getting our TCN some radio, newspaper, and even online video coverage.
2. Maintaining interest among collaborators over the course of the project takes more work than we originally assumed.

# GREAT LAKES INVASIVES NETWORK

[http:// GreatLakesInvasives.org](http://GreatLakesInvasives.org)

[http:// MidwestHerbaria.org](http://MidwestHerbaria.org)



# InvertEBase

**Reaching Back to See the Future:**

**Species-rich Invertebrate Faunas Document  
Causes and Consequences of Biodiversity Shifts in  
North America**



Petra Sierwald, PI

Rudiger Bieler, Co-PI

Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago



***nvert • E • Base***

## Four –Year Project: Six institutions, 10 collections



EF 14-02667, Petra Sierwald,  
Rudiger Bieler



**FilteredPush**  
EF 14-01450, James Hanken

The Frost  
Entomological  
Museum

EF 14-00993, Andy Deans



EF 14-02697, Elizabeth Shea

### **PEN 2016: Chicago Academy of Sciences**



EF 14-01176, Jason Bond



EF 16-01700, Dawn Roberts



EF 14-04964, Diarmaid  
O’Foighil, Taehwan Lee



EF 14-02785, Gavin Svenson

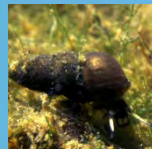
**InvertEBase Portal:**  
Additional collections posting their data

### **More Collections on InvertEBase Portal**

California Academy of Sciences	Florida Museum of Natural History
Colorado Plateau Biodiversity Center	North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences
Denver Museum of Nature & Science	Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum
University of Alaska Museum	Yale University Peabody Museum

## North American Invertebrates

- Terrestrial and aquatic mollusks: 2014 first inclusion of mollusks in ADBC
- Terrestrial and aquatic insects, arachnids, myriapods
- Digitize, mobilize, georeference up to 3Mill specimen data
- Three museums will serve data first time online (DMNH, AUMNH, CMNH)
- **Arthropod data served on**



## Digitization Progress :

- Total digitized in 5 of the 6 collaborating Institutions: 600,000 specimen records
- Frost Entomological Museum: completed 40,000 specimen/label images
- 4 year-period expected: 2,3mill
- Mobilization: DMNH completed transfer of all digitized DMNH specimens records to *Specify*,
- Auburn University: Will get their data onto InvertEBase in the near future

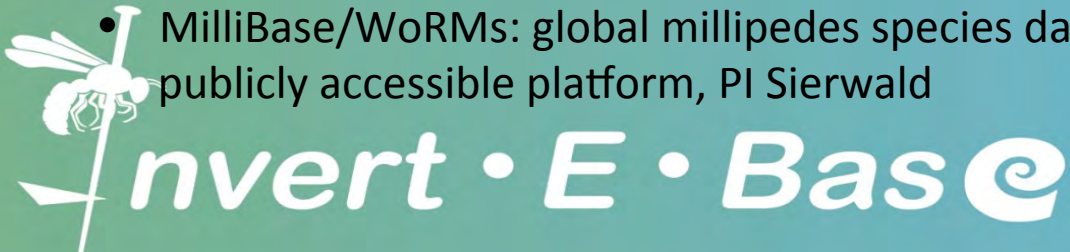
## • Year 4 challenge: georeferencing

## • Cleaning the on-line iDigBio files



### Development of taxonomic authority files:

- MolluscaBase/WoRMs file uploads (5,000+ name combinations) PI Biele,
- Collaboration with SCAN: North American Arthropod names in progress
- MilliBase/WoRMs: global millipedes species database currently transferred to publicly accessible platform, PI Sierwald



# Lessons learned

Workflows, sustainability, collaboration, broader impacts, and/or research use of data

Large collections are heterodox:

Constitutes many collections

different labels, various identifications, accuracy, various specimen sizes,

**Pre-curation is a must.**

Data entry so far has NOT benefitted from crowd sourcing, various collections in different status, when digitization work begins. Nobody wants to try Voice recognition

Double sided barcode labels







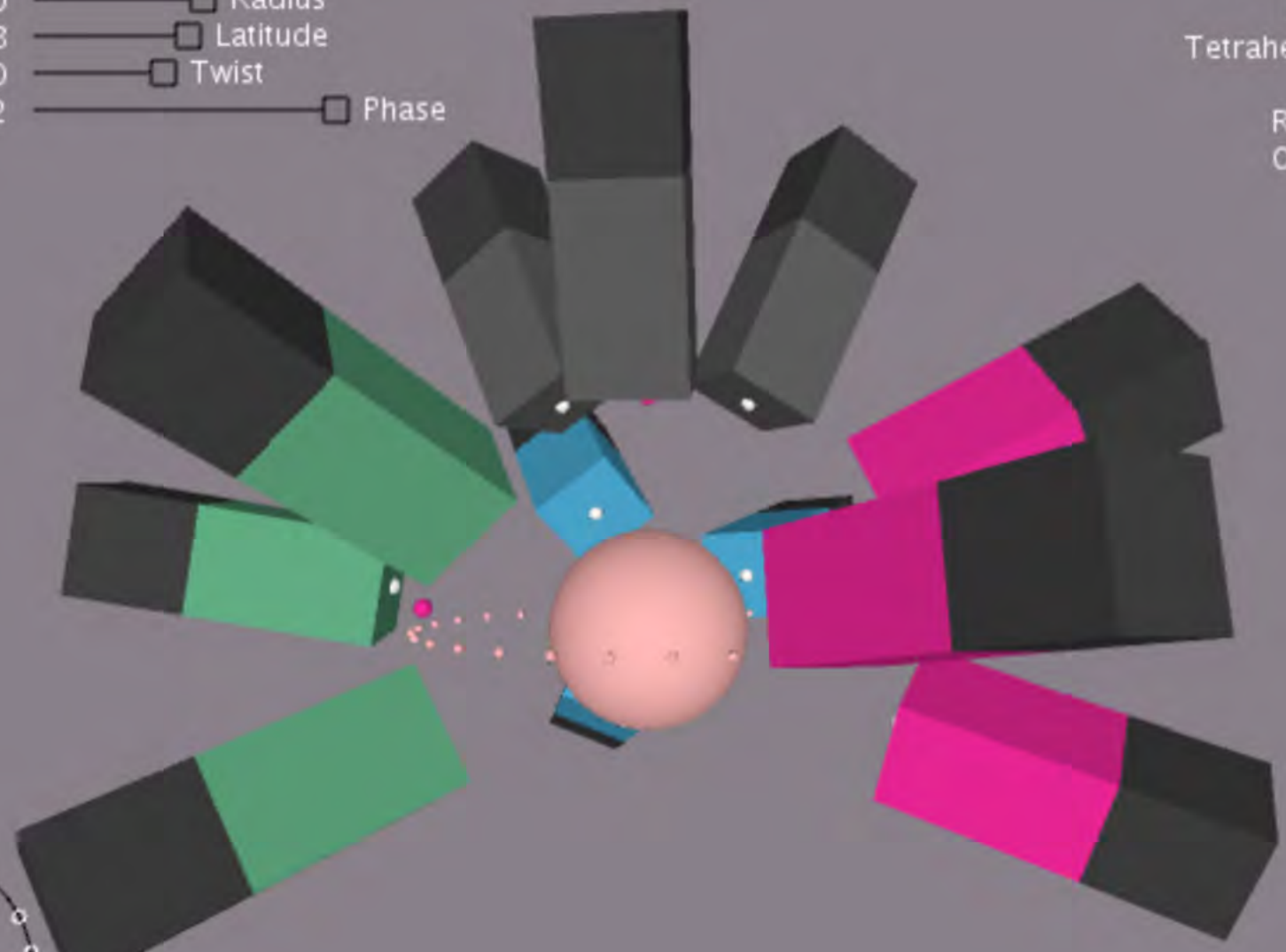
## Developing a high-throughput inexpensive imaging system for pinned insects and vials

1. image pinned specimen with all labels on the pin
2. Software stitches labels together and produces one clear image of the label data.
3. If the original label was printed, OCR may be used.
4. Crowd sourcing for data transcription



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3.500  Radius  
7.188  Latitude  
22.500  Twist  
55.312  Phase

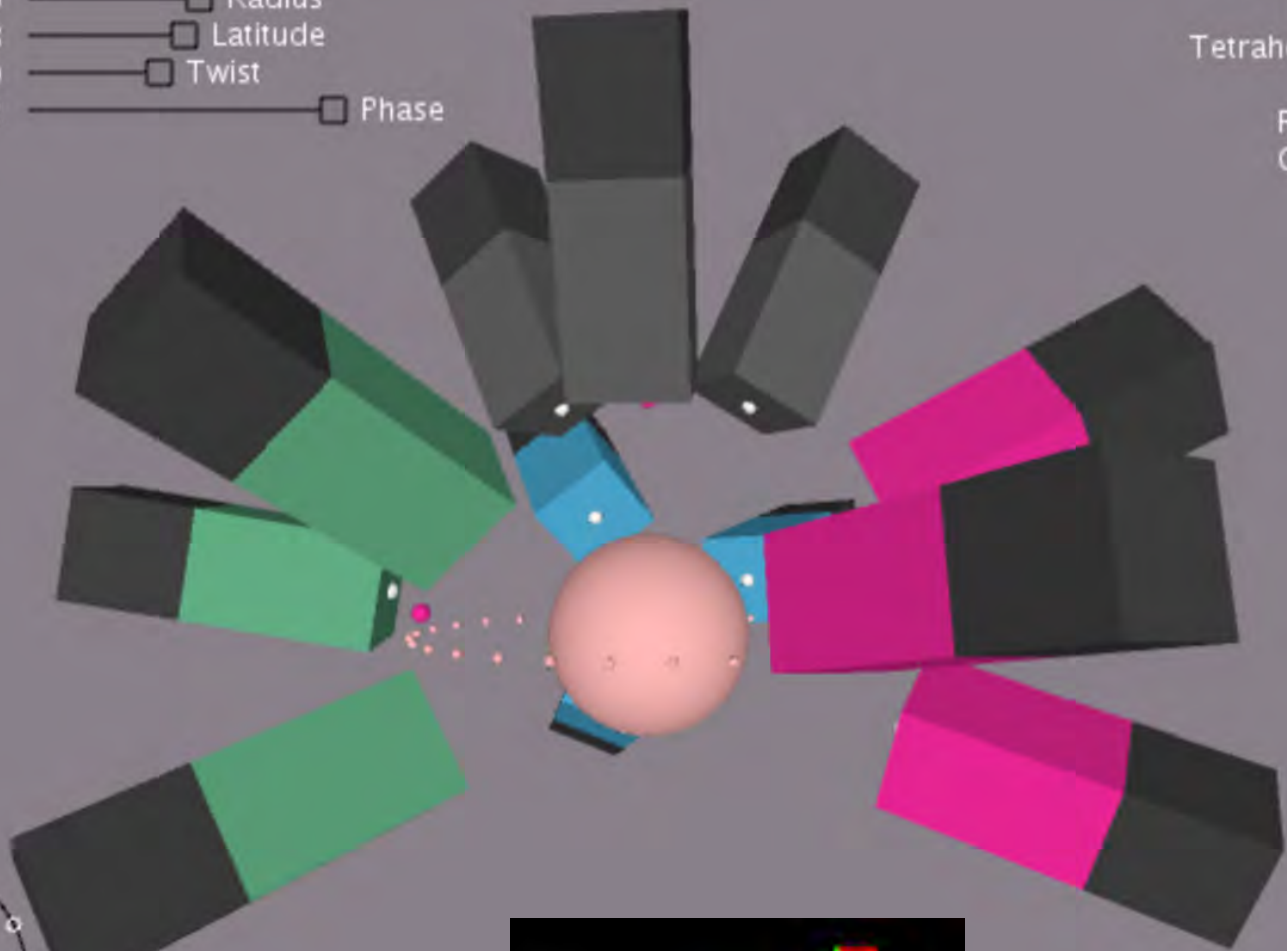
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- Cameras
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- Only 9



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## Looking at Year 5:

Two PEN proposals submitted from collections in

- Virginia
- Arizona

### More Collections on InvertEBase Portal

- California Academy of Sciences
- Colorado Plateau Biodiversity Center
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science
- Florida Museum of Natural History
- North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences
- Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum
- University of Alaska Museum
- Yale University Peabody Museum

### Data enhancement:

- Georeferencing

### Sustainability

### Additional Digitization projects

- FMNH: inhouse funded
- UMZ Michigan: Insects



### Outreach:

- Exhibit development

YEAR 3

# SERNEC – TCN: Keys to the cabinets: Building and Sustaining a Research Database for a Global Biodiversity Hotspot

M.W. Denslow, Herrick Brown & Zack  
Murrell

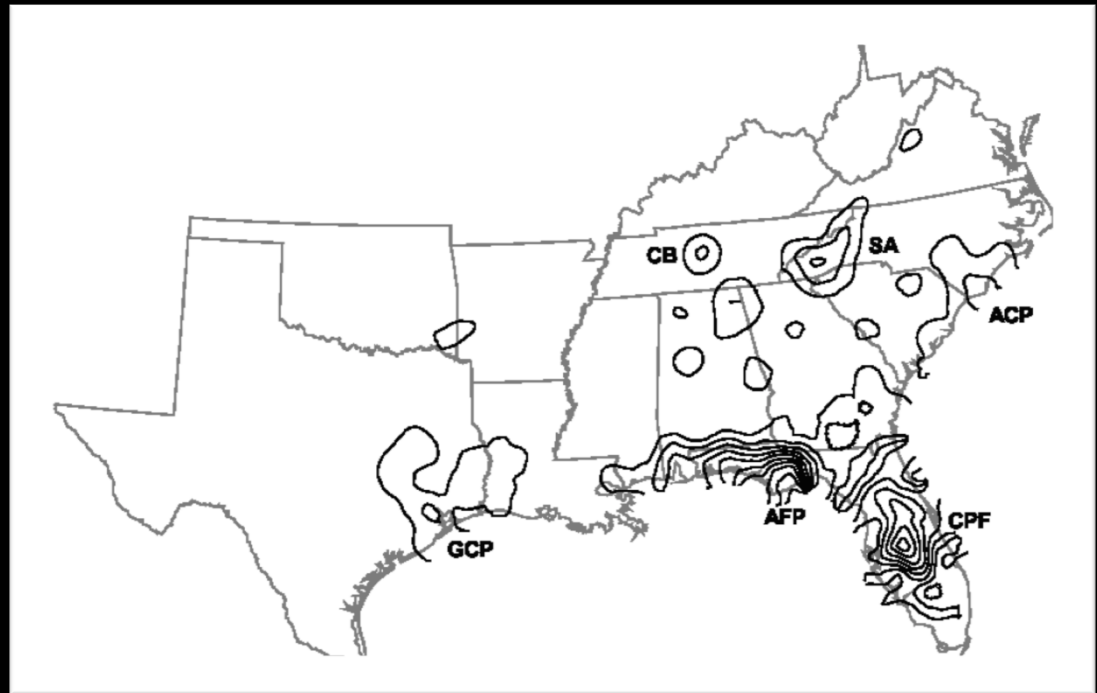
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NSF Award 1410069



# The Project

- Southeastern U.S. vascular plants
- 93 collections
- 12 states
  - 28 hubs
- 6 partners
- 4.5M specimens

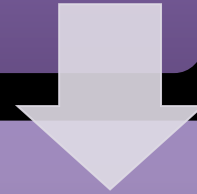


# Workflow

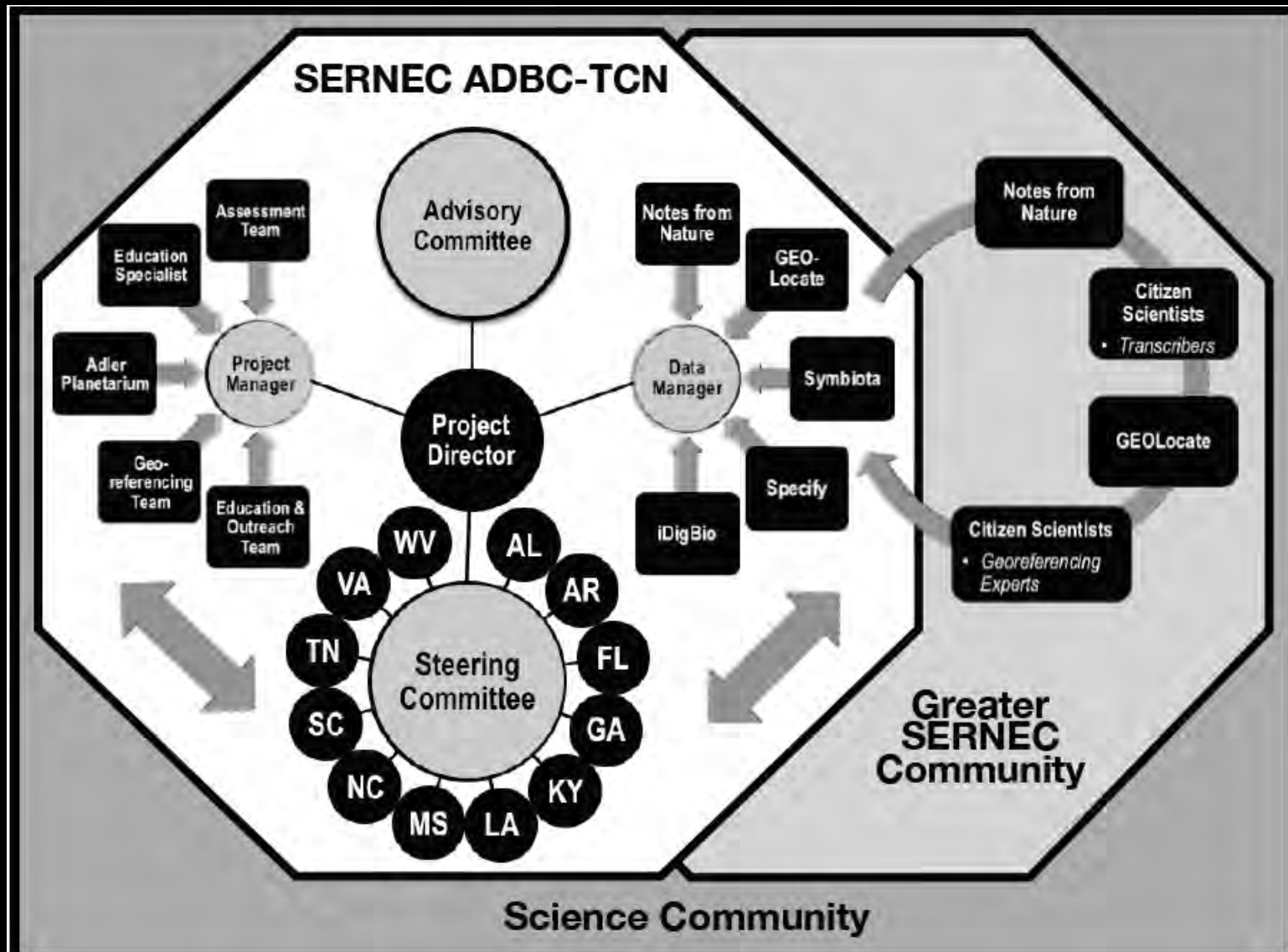
Image / Skeletal Data Capture

Transcription / Georeferencing

Mobilization / Repatriation



# Management & Oversight





# A Story

- Citizen Science Activities
- Label transcription
  - Enhanced workflow
  - Collaboration with BioSpex
  - Participation in WeDigBio



# A Story

- Participation in WeDigBio
  - 19,000 transcriptions
  - 15 SERNEC expeditions
  - Two onsite events with over 2,000 transcriptions in a single day

# Lesson Learned

- Workflow development
  - Valdosta, 2015
  - <http://dx.doi.org/10.3732/apps.1500065>
- Support for multiple workflows and variations
  - Troubleshooting
  - Variations

Thank you!



Notes from **Nature** .



**Symbiota**

Promoting  
Bio-Collaboration



- TCN PRESENTATIONS (via powerpoint) Each TCN will give a 5-minute lightning presentation that covers: 1. A short overview of your TCN
- 2. One story that highlights your efforts/ accomplishments in workflows, sustainability, collaboration, broader impacts, and/or research use of data, and
- 3. One lesson learned (from something that didn't go as expected) that you think could help other TCNs/PENs, especially those that are just beginning their projects.



**fossil  
insect  
COLLABORATIVE**



Talia Karim, University of Colorado

# Fossil Insect Collaborative



University  
of Colorado  
Boulder



2 mm

UCMP 400938  
Loc. -7139

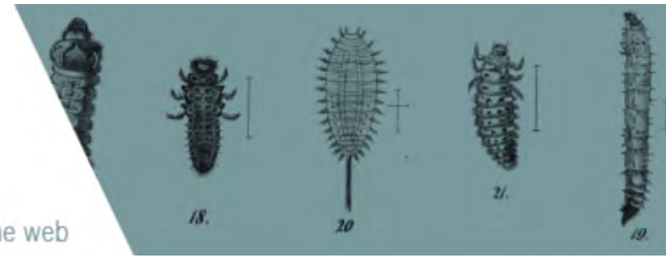




# DigPaleo

Education and outreach using  
digitized museum specimens


Break out Group on Friday 10:25am



108362 SPECIMEN RESULTS 

HAS MEDIA: [HAS MEDIA](#) 

FILTER BY


FOSSIL/MODERN 


COMMON NAME 

PERIOD 

CONTINENT 

GENUS 

FOSSIL DEPOSIT 

SOURCE 

PROJECT 



UCM IP 73772  
**Diptera**  
Common Name: True flies, Mos...  
Fossil Deposit: Green River For...



UCM IP 78924  
**Coleoptera**  
Common Name: Beetles  
Fossil Deposit: Green River For...



UCM IP 84078  
**Hymenoptera**  
Common Name: Ants, bees, and...  
Fossil Deposit: Green River For...



UCM IP 83664  
**Ichneumonidae**  
Common Name: Ichneumon wasps...  
Fossil Deposit: Green River For...



UCM IP 78923  
**Coleoptera**  
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UCM IP 82740  
**Orthoptera**  
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Fossil Deposit: Green River For...



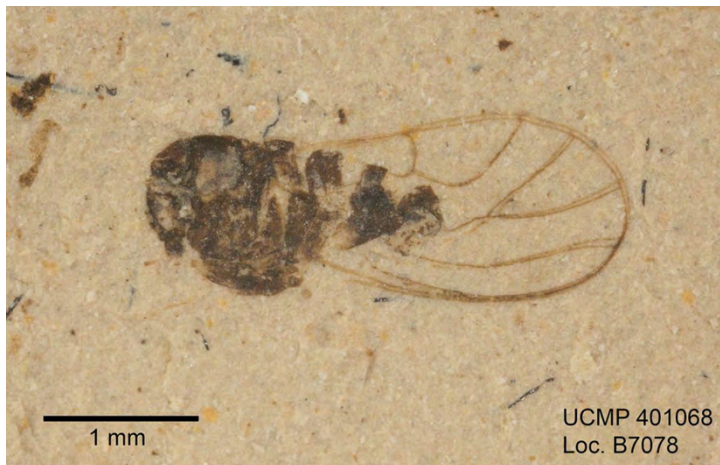
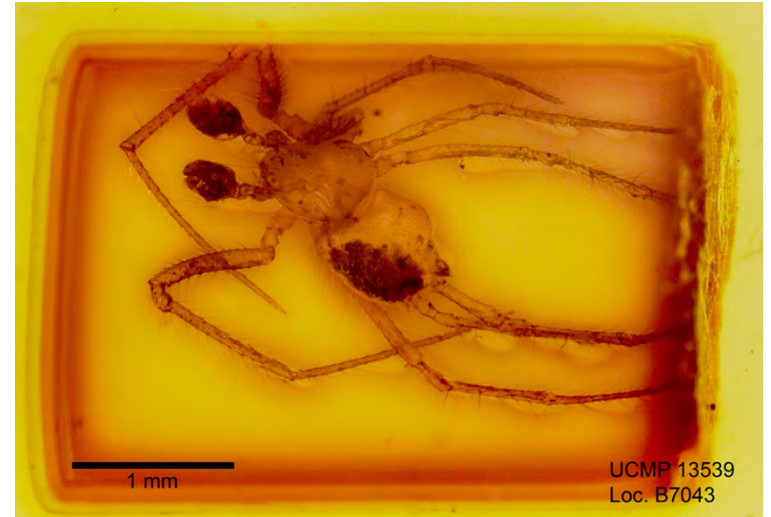
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**Curculionidae**  
Common Name: Weevils  
Fossil Deposit: Green River For...



UCM IP 78866  
**Curculionidae**  
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Fossil Deposit: Green River For...

# Lesson Learned:

- Budget Extra Time for Imaging:
  - Workflow testing and optimization
  - Equipment failures
  - Student turnover and training
  - Utilize new software (e.g., Inselect)



# Acknowledgements

Development of iDigPaleo is supported through NSF EF 1305027: Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Fossil Insect Collaborative: A deep-time approach to studying diversification and response to environmental change



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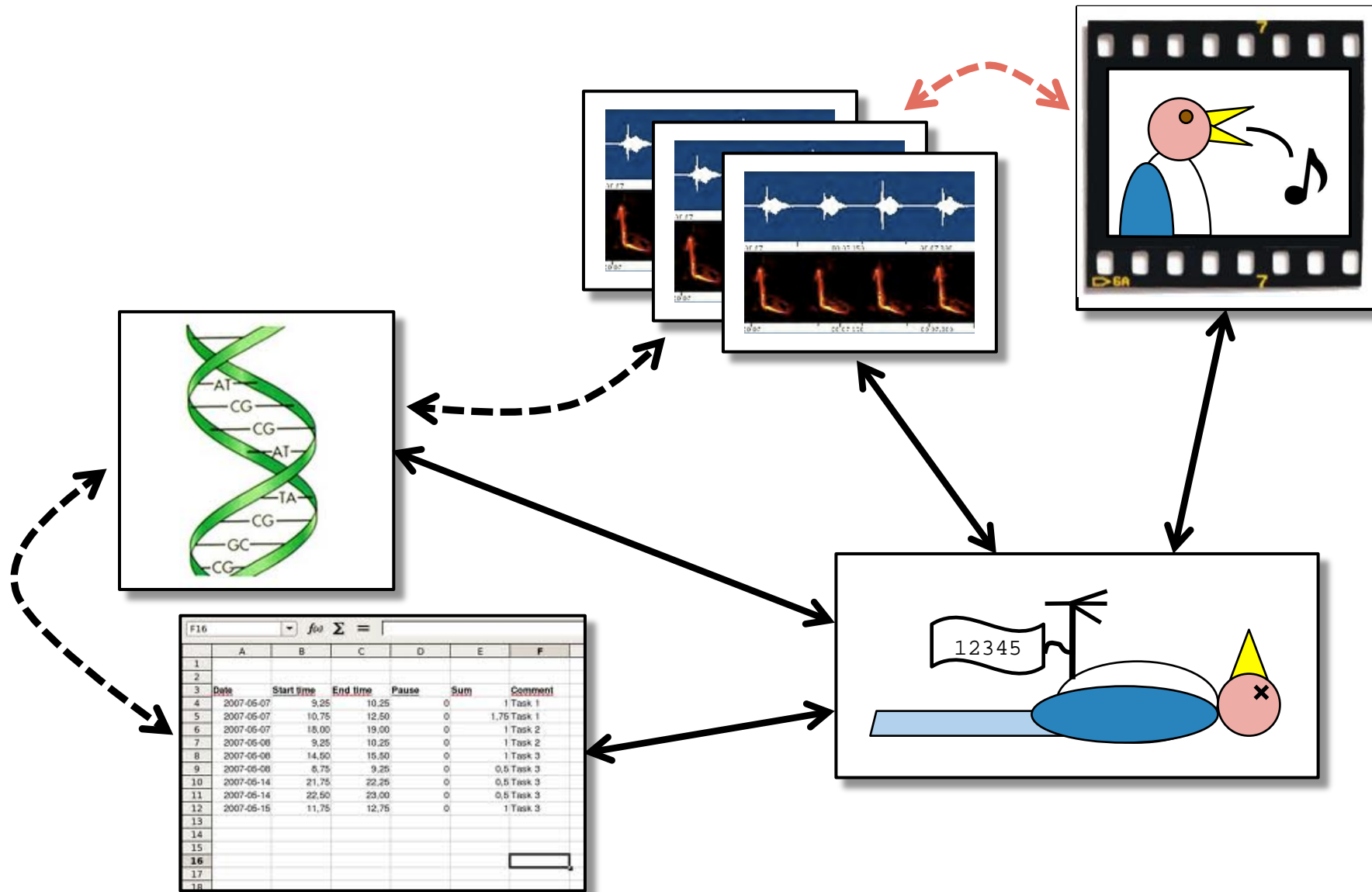
# Vouchered Animal Communication Signals

Michael Webster

Dept. of Neurobiology & Behavior, Cornell

The **Cornell** Lab  of Ornithology  
**Macaulay Library**

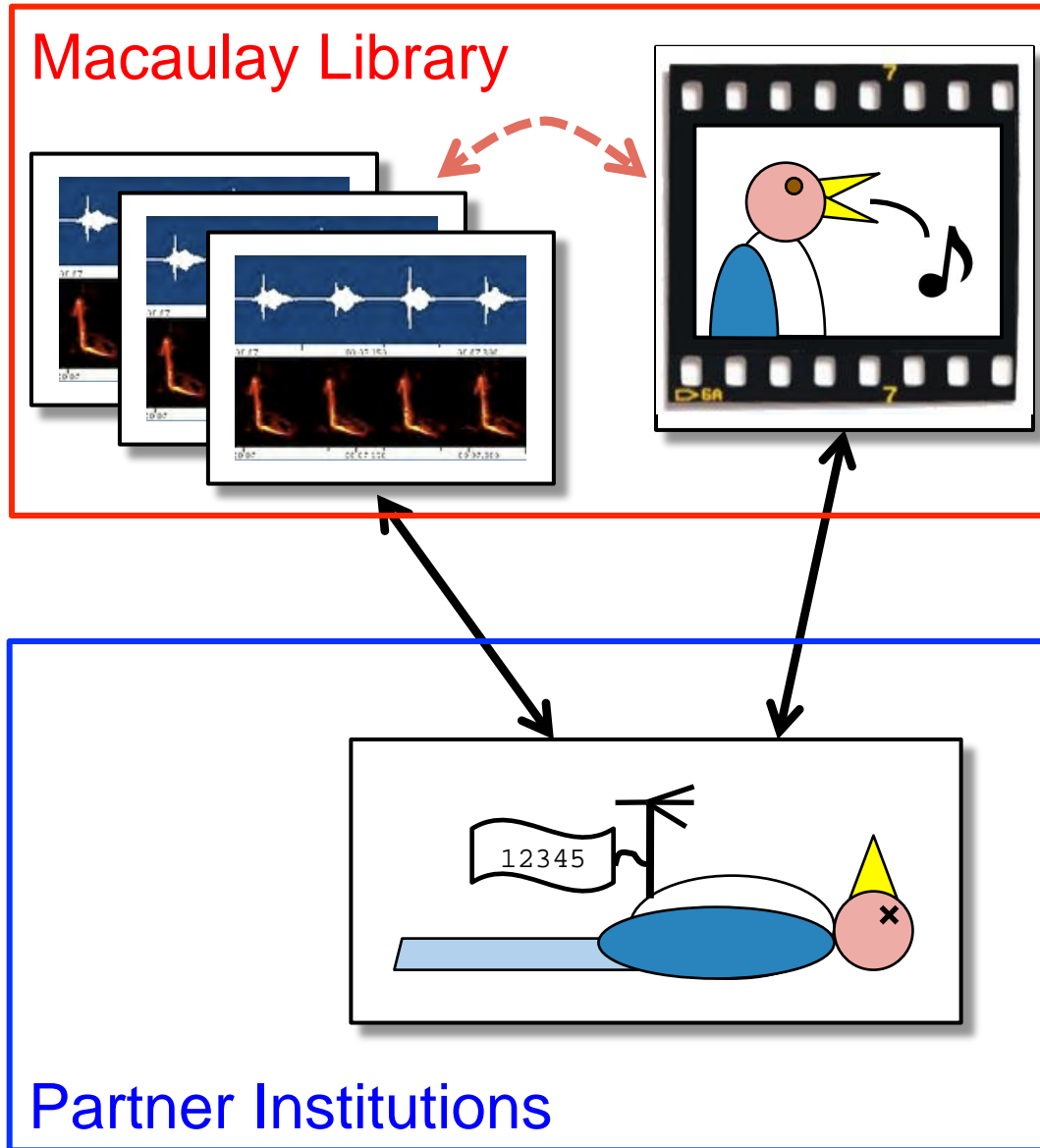
# Connections across specimens/data



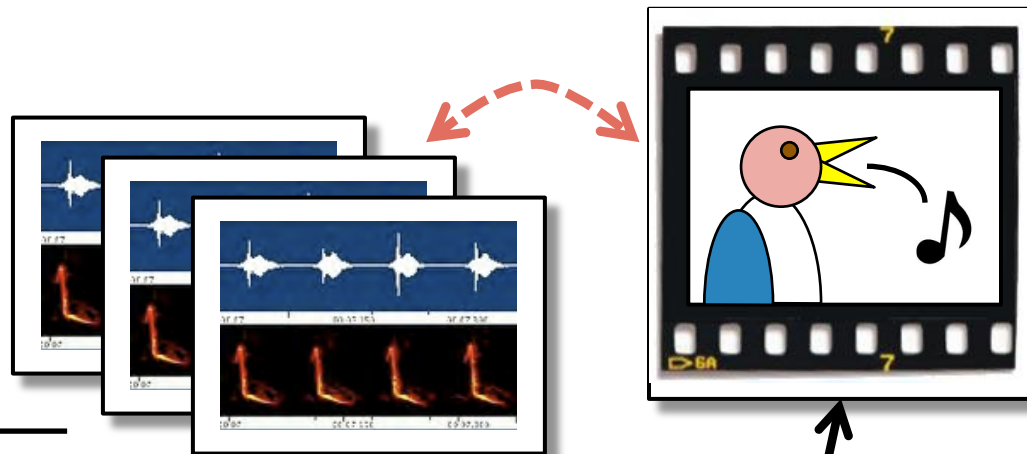
# Digitization Progress to Date

## Square peg, round hole

1. Digitizing for a while
2. Specialization (most digitizing at one site)
3. Connections across collections
4. Specimen/media connection is not 1-1



# Digitization Progress to Date



Institution	# Digitized
Univ. of Kansas	10,750
Cal Academy	4,600
Smithsonian	2,750
LSU	17,700
TNHC	2,300
Yale	1,000
Museu Goeldi	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,500</b>

← 3.5K with specimens



# New Advanced Search

Contributor

H C Gerhardt



Search

My Media

0 2,565 0

Species Location Date More Filters



Recently Uploaded

## Age

- Adult
- Immature
- Juvenile
- Unknown

## Sex

- Male
- Female
- Unknown

## Rating

- No Rating

## Status

- Show Unconfirmed
- Only Unconfirmed

## Request

- Requestable Media

## Behaviors

- Foraging or Eating
- Flying
- Preening

## Breeding

- Courtship, Display, or Copulation
- Feeding Young
- Carrying Food
- Carrying Fecal Sac
- Nest Building

## Sounds

- Song
- Call
- Non-vocal
- Dawn Song
- Flight Song
- Flight Call
- Duet

## Tags

- Environmental

eBird Checklist

ML Catalog Number

Specimen

- Specimen Collected

Specimen ID

Apply

Specimen ?

Specimen Collected

# New Advanced Search

**Contributor** H C Gerhardt Search [My Media](#) POWERED BY MACAULAY LIBRARY AND EBIRD

**0** **1,958** **0** **Species** **Location** **Date** **More Filters** **Best Quality**

H C Gerhardt **Specimen Collected** **Clear Filters** [Save Spreadsheet](#)

**Gray Treefrog**  
*Dryophytes versicolor*  
★★★★★ 4 ratings  
H C Gerhardt  
16 May 1986  
3.7 km S of LaCledde County Line; Missouri State Route D near the junction of a gravel road D-993, Laclede, Missouri, United States

**Gray Treefrog**  
*Dryophytes versicolor*  
★★★★★ 4 ratings  
H C Gerhardt  
21 Jun 1973  
University of Missouri Ashland Wildlife Research Area, Boone, Missouri, United States

**American Toad**  
*Anaxyrus americanus*  
★★★★★ 4 ratings  
H C Gerhardt  
19 Apr 1974  
University of Missouri Ashland Wildlife Research Area, Boone, Missouri, United States

**Cope's Gray Treefrog**  
*Dryophytes chrysoscelis*  
★★★★★ 4 ratings  
H C Gerhardt  
12 Apr 1974  
Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Stoddard, Missouri, United States

**Carpenter Frog**  
*Lithobates virgatipes*  
★★★★★ 4 ratings  
H C Gerhardt

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★★★★★ 4 ratings  
H C Gerhardt

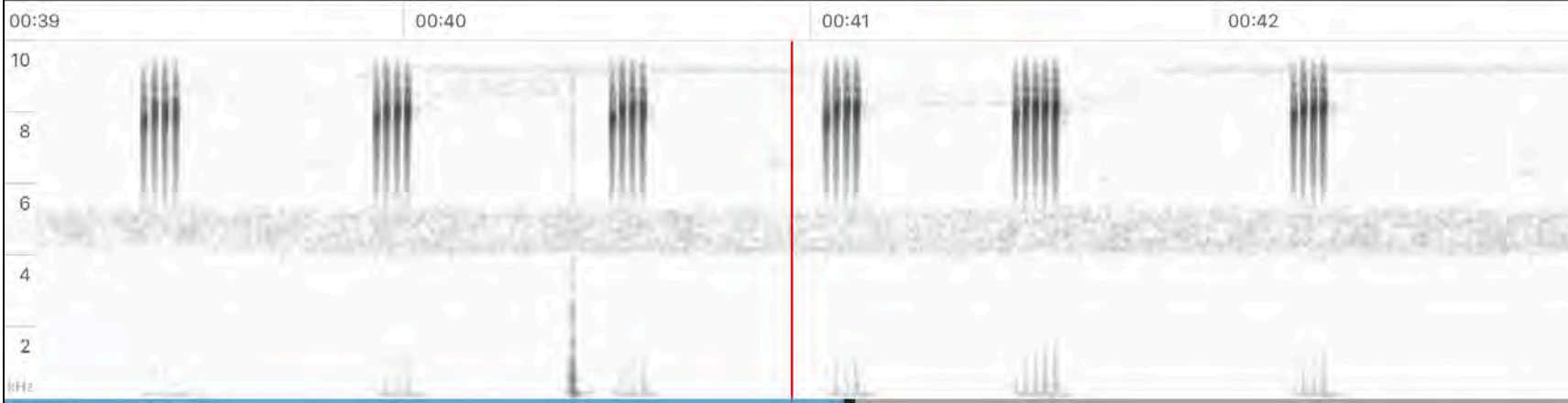
**Strecker's Chorus Frog**  
*Pseudacris streckeri*  
★★★★★ 4 ratings  
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# New Specimen Pages

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
Macaulay Library Menu ▾

Mike Webster (mike webster) ▾ Language ▾

Birds ▾ Enter species name 🔍



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▶ 🔊 0:40 / 1:16 Macaulay Library

## Hyperolius ocellatus

*Hyperolius ocellatus* | ML134098

★★★★★ 4 ratings  
+ Rate quality...

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📅 19 Oct 2009 10:38 PM

📍 Ivindo National Park, Ipassa Station  
Ogooué-Ivindo, Gabon  
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Age and Sex Adult Male – 1

Sounds

Behaviors

Breeding

Playback Not Used

# New Specimen Pages

## Hyperolius ocellatus

*Hyperolius ocellatus* | ML134098

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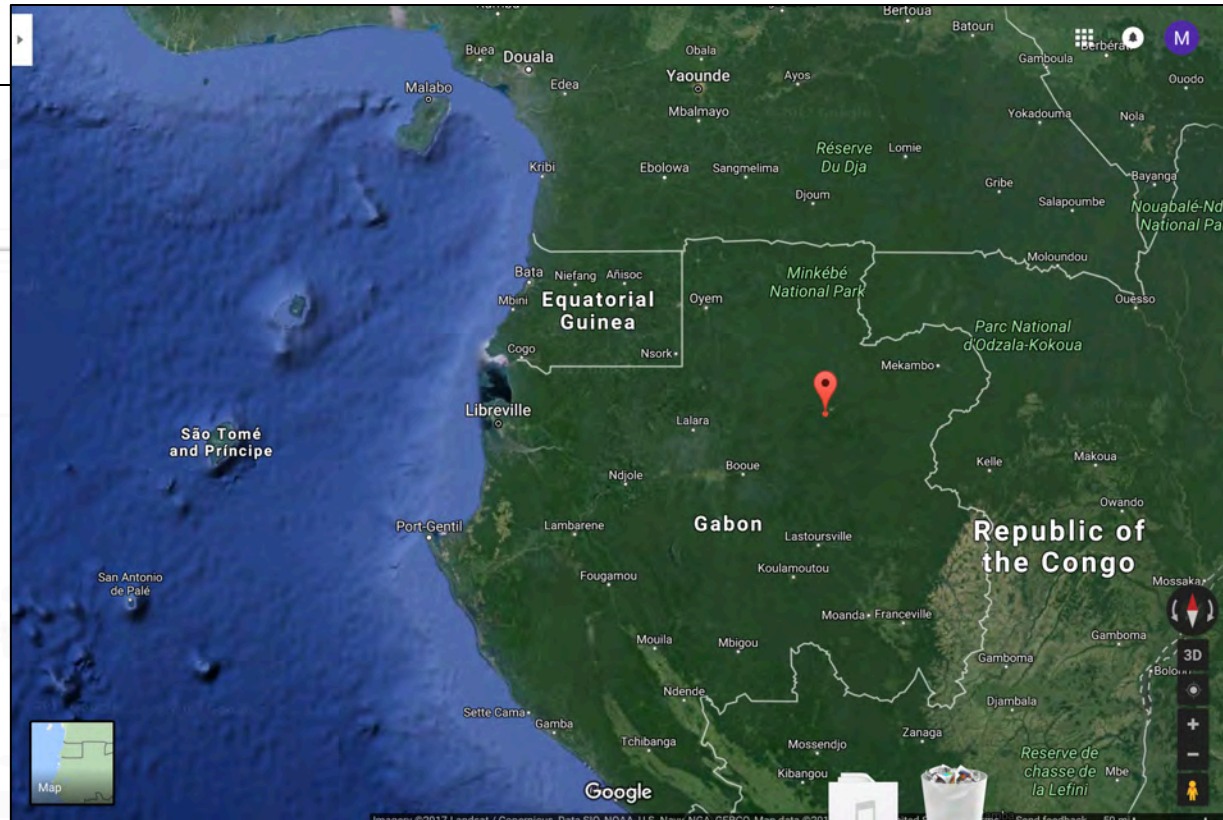
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### Technical Information

Recorder EDIROL R-09

Microphone

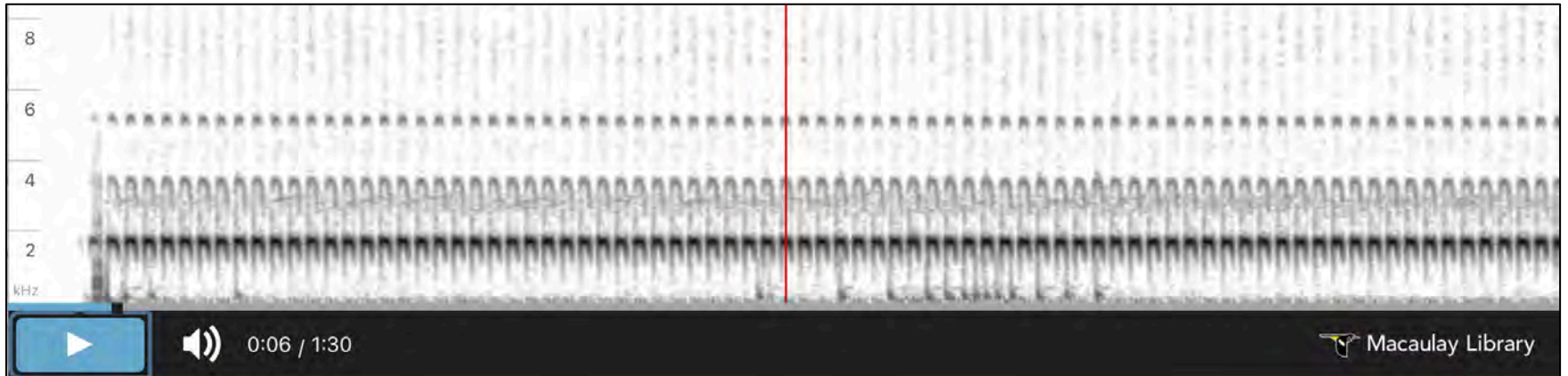
Accessories



Stuart, Rayna C. Bell, Nicolas Lima. Tab. Equipment Notes.

Microphone: Rode NTG-2 condenser, shotgun microphone.

# New Specimen Pages



## American Toad

*Anaxyrus americanus* | ML178997

★★★★★ 4 ratings

[+ Rate quality...](#)

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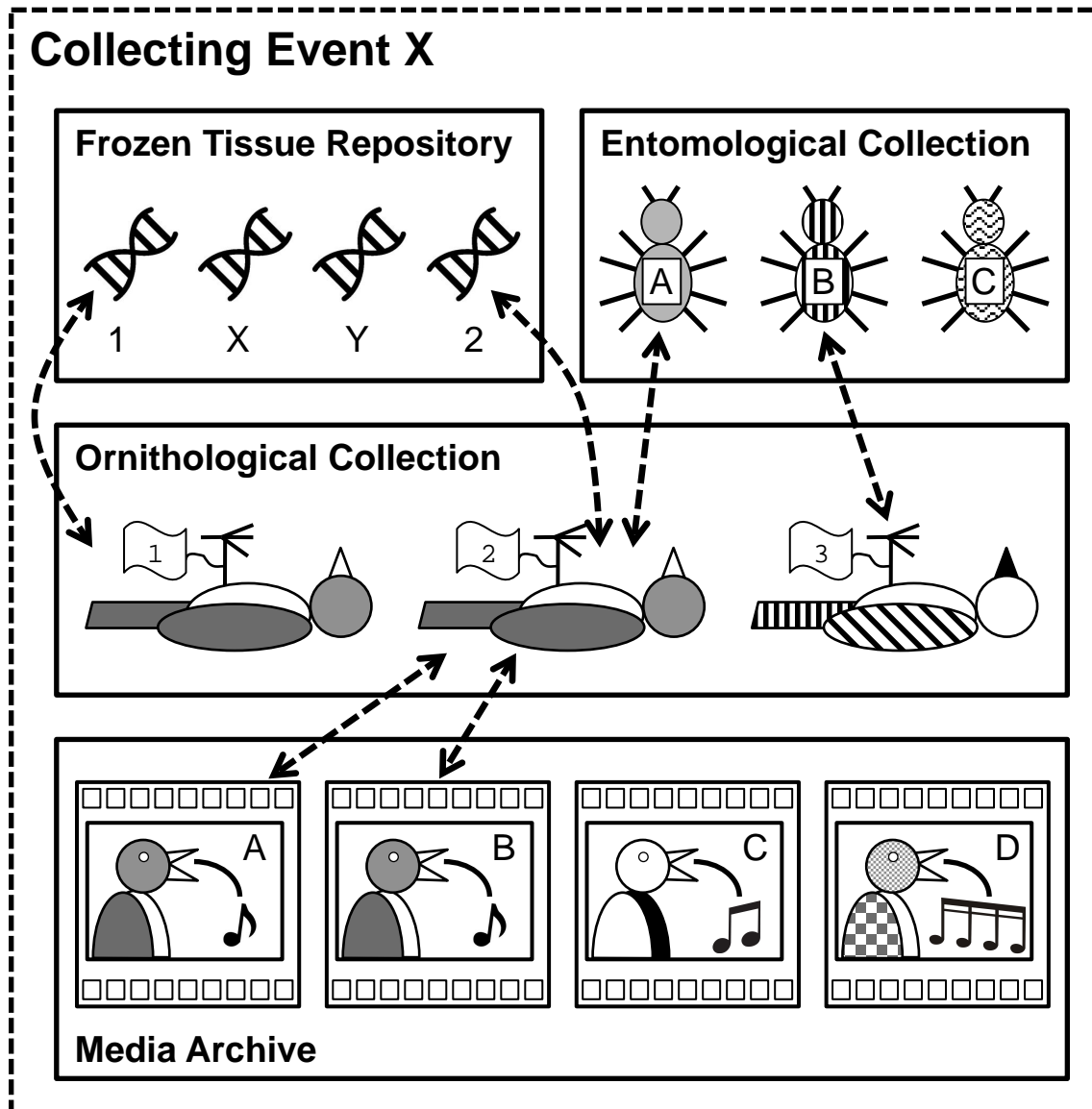
13,157 recordings with  
specimen not yet identified

**Specimen** Specimen Collected

### Comments

ML NOTE: GPS point is not exact; it is estimated based on written data and recordist's announcement on tape. Cloacal Temperature: "approximately 13.0° to 13.3°C.

# Connections across specimens/data



1. Specialization of collections
2. Specimens/data connected within & across collections
3. Strategic approaches to growing digital collections

# The Macroalgal Herbarium Consortium

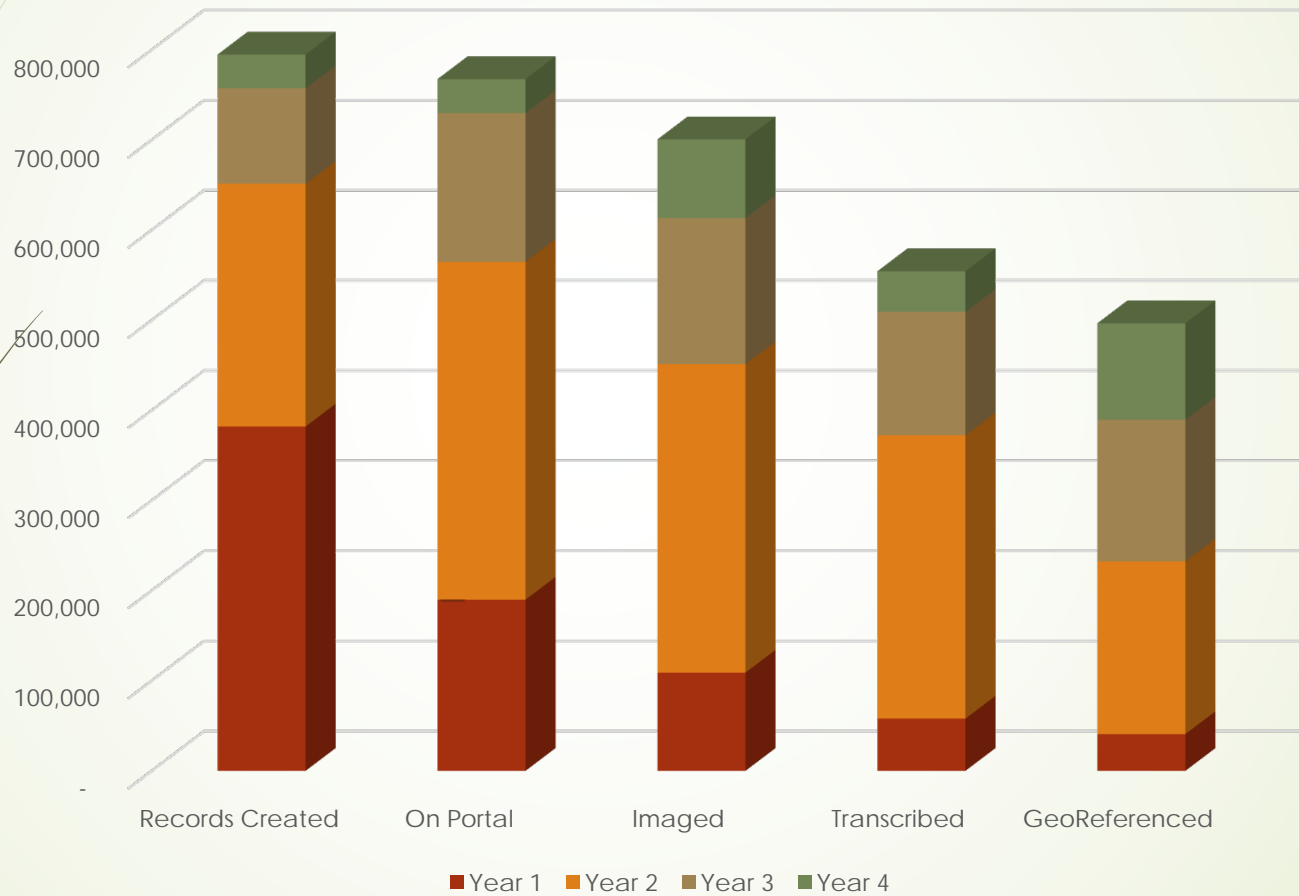
Accessing 150 Years of Specimen Data to Understand  
Changes in the Marine/Aquatic Environment



Chris Neefus, Lead P.I.



# Progress in Digitization Efforts



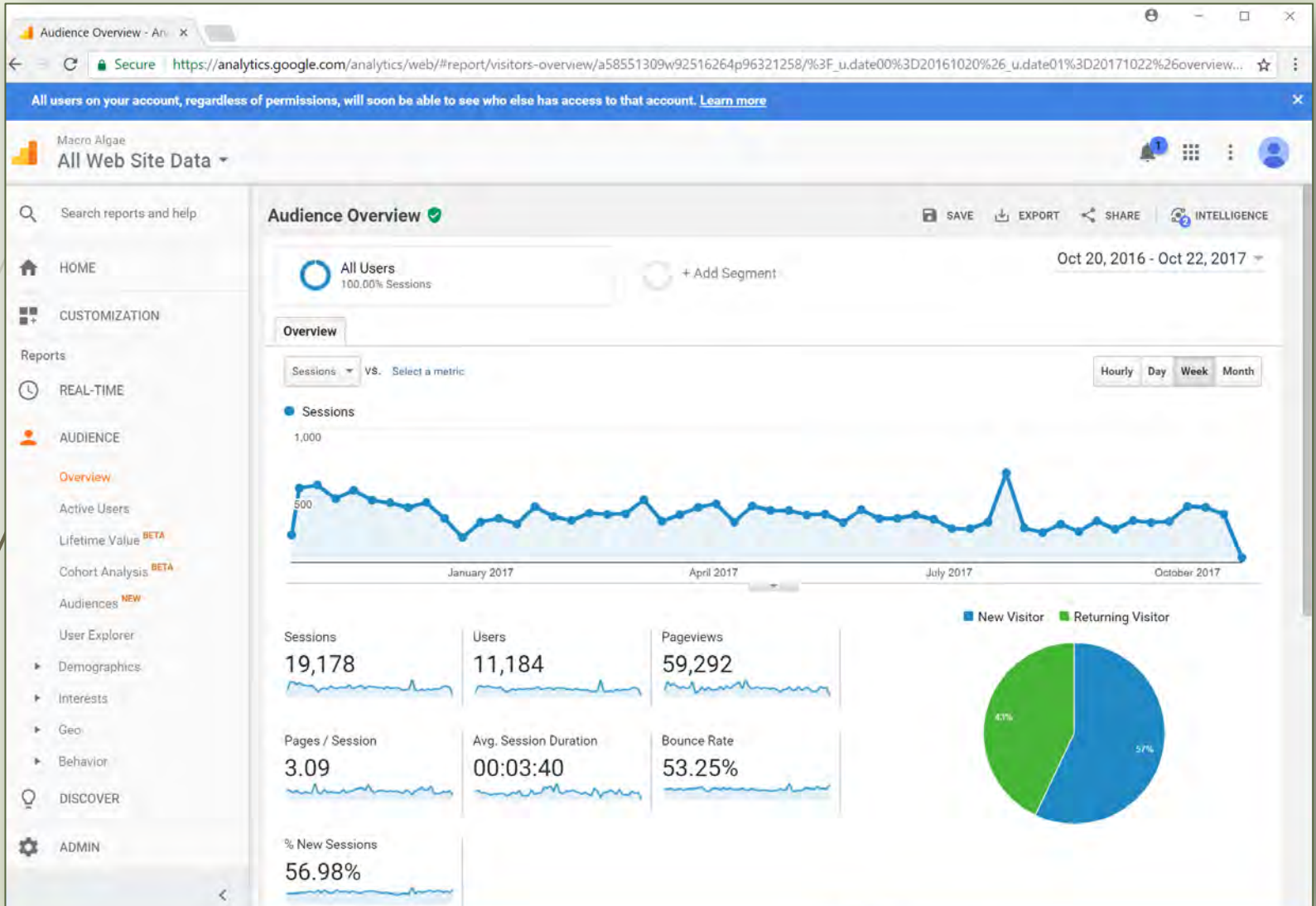


# Progress in Digitization Efforts

Digitizing Institution	Start	Collections	Specimens	Percent Complete				
				Records Created	On Portal	Imaged	Transcribed	Geo-referenced
University of New Hampshire	Year 1	10	140,106	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
New York Botanical Garden	Year 1	5	172,613	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of North Carolina	Year 1	7	58,075	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of Michigan	Year 1	5	95,589	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of Washington	Year 1	3	25,775	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
Duke University	Year 1	1	17,828	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of Alaska SE	Year 1	1	9,889	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
Bishop Museum	Year 1	1	65,000	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
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Oregon State University	Year 1	1	12,120	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of Guam	Year 1	1	13,600	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of California - Berkeley	Year 2	9	230,869	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of Hawaii	Year 2	1	4,730	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
Harvard University	Year 2	1	150,000	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
Academy of Natural Sciences	Year 3	1	37,816	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
University of Vermont	Year 3	1	3,062	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
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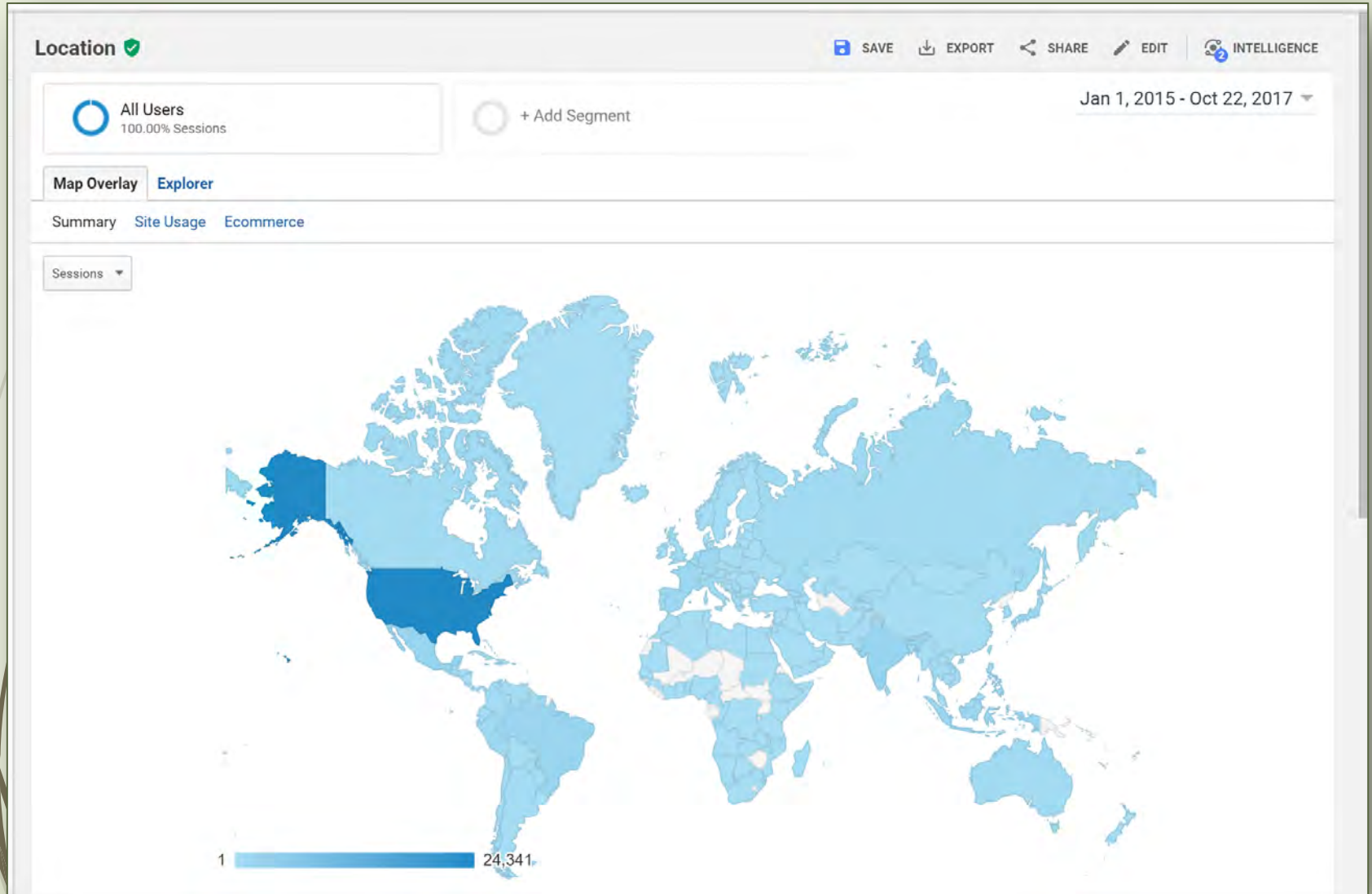
# Who is Using the Data?

➔ Google Analytics for Macroalgae.org



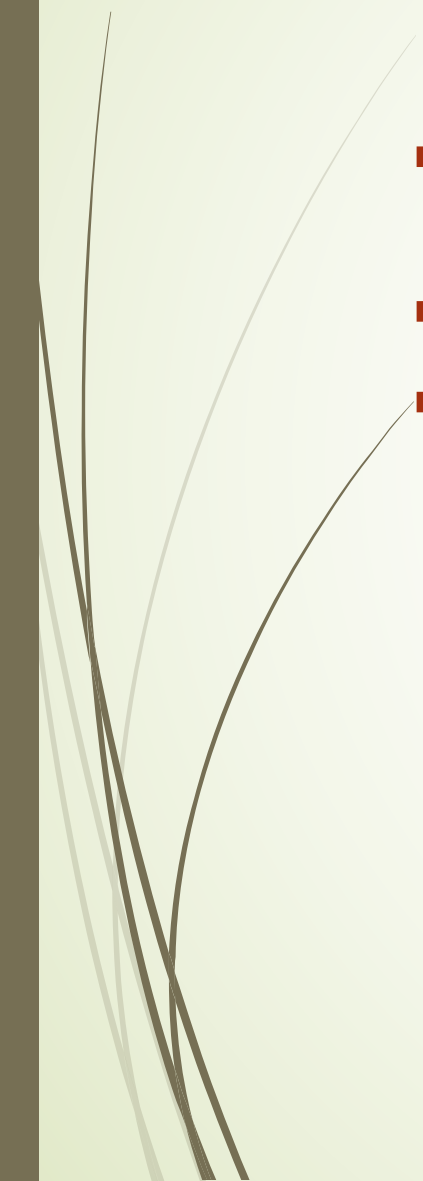
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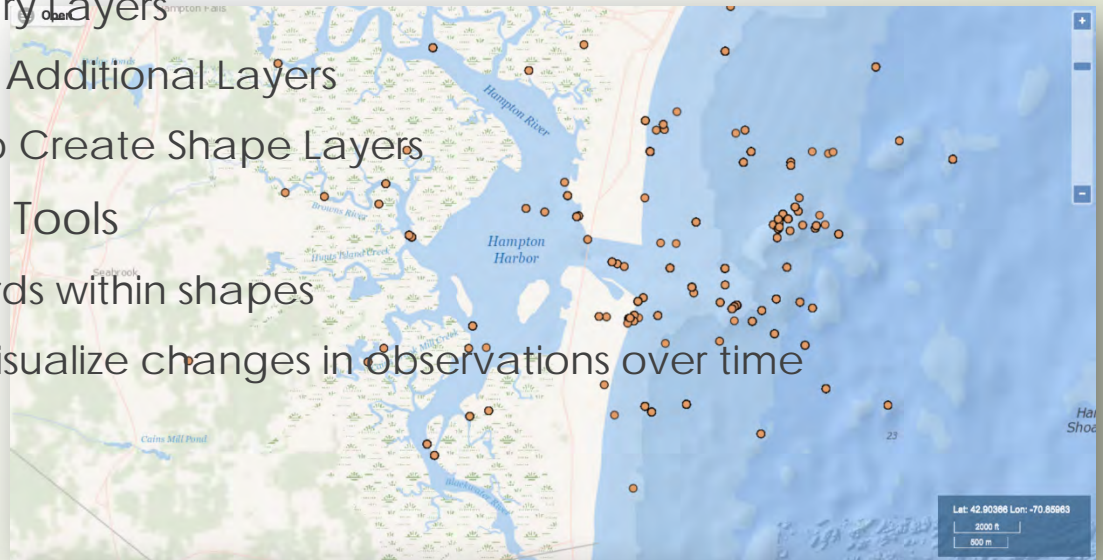


# How is the Data Being Used?

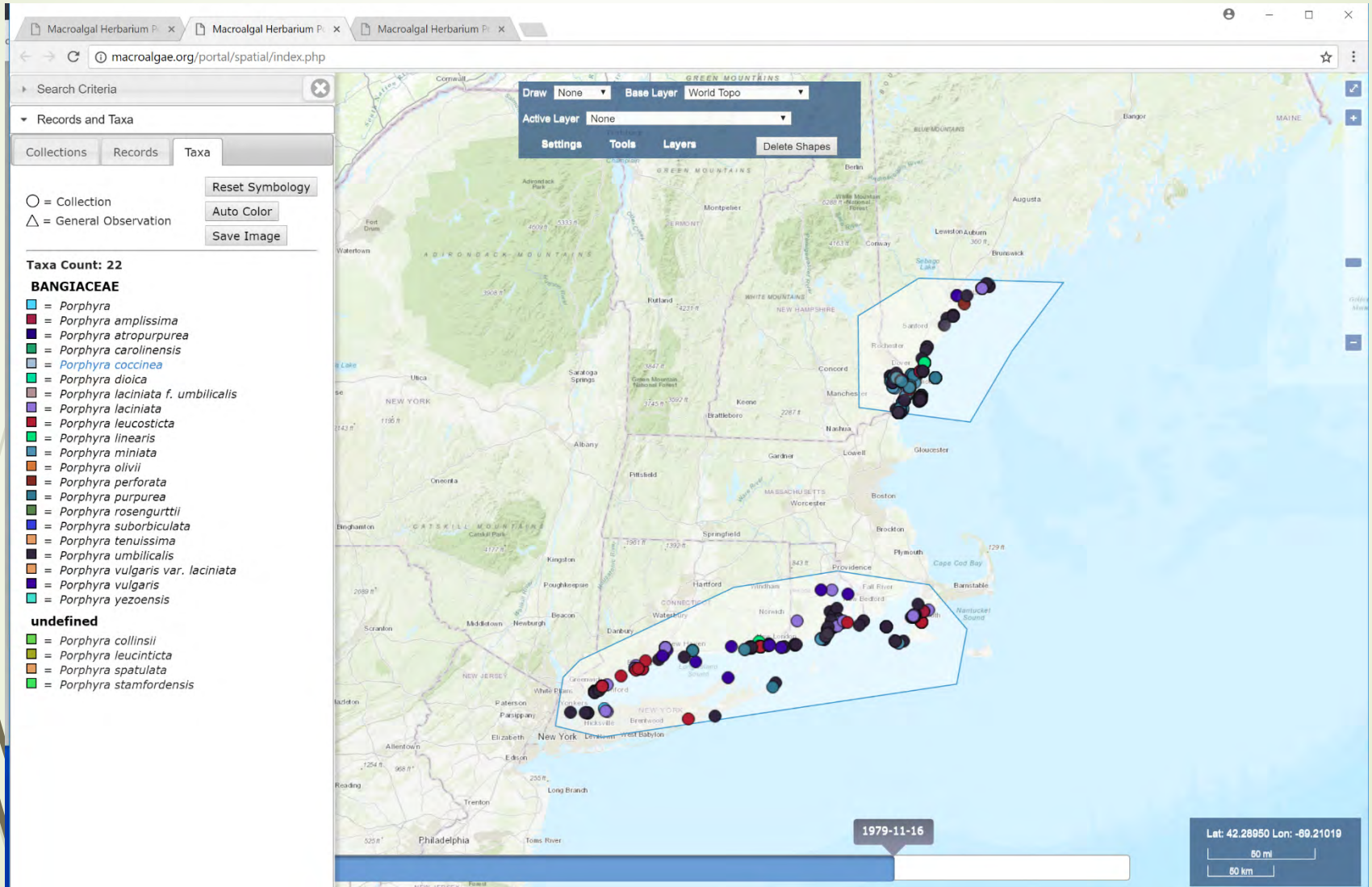
- ▶ Determine when and where a species can be collected
  - ▶ Taxonomic studies
  - ▶ Biogeographic studies
    - ▶ Effects of environmental changes or disturbances on species distribution and community structure
    - ▶ Track progression of invasive species and loss/displacement of native species
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# Spatial Analysis Module

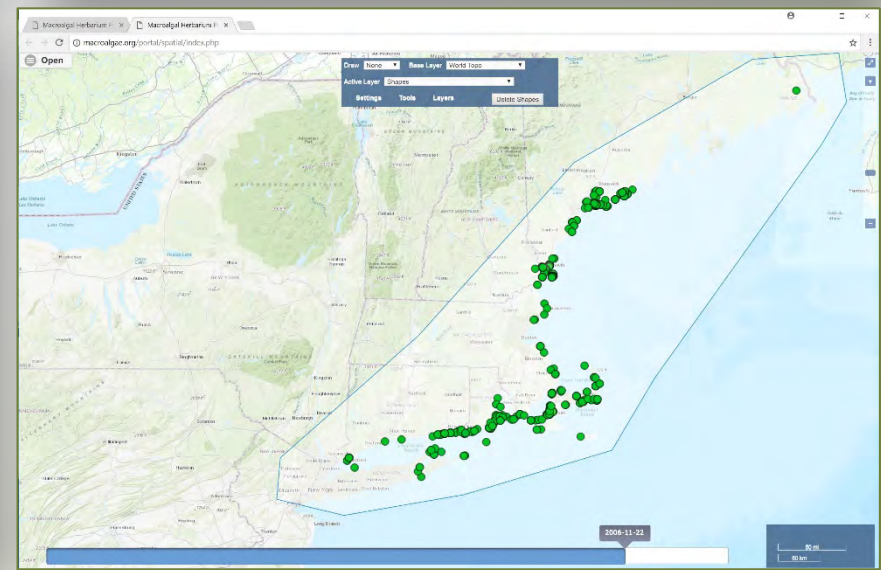
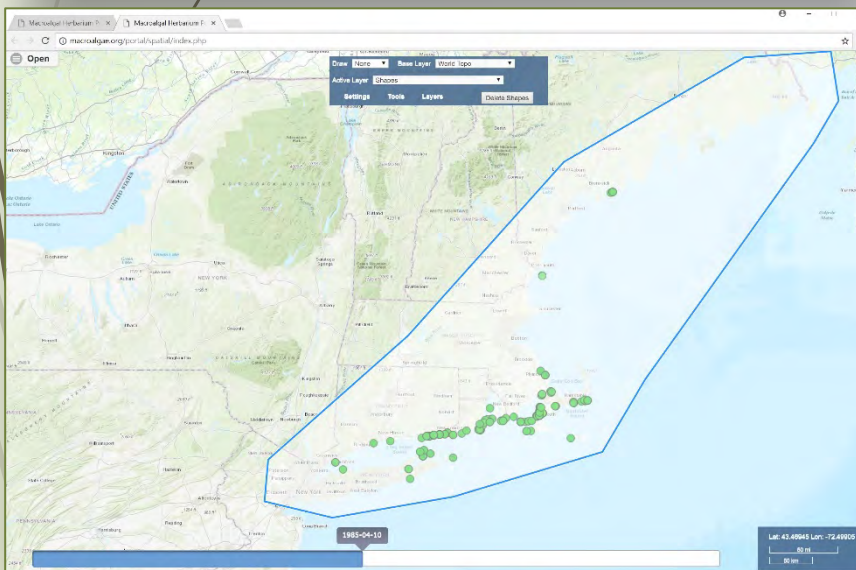
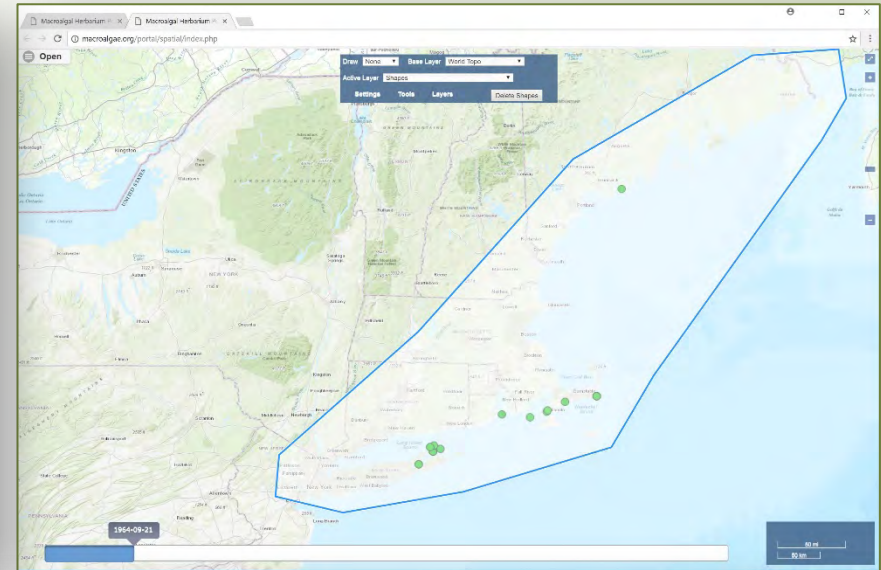
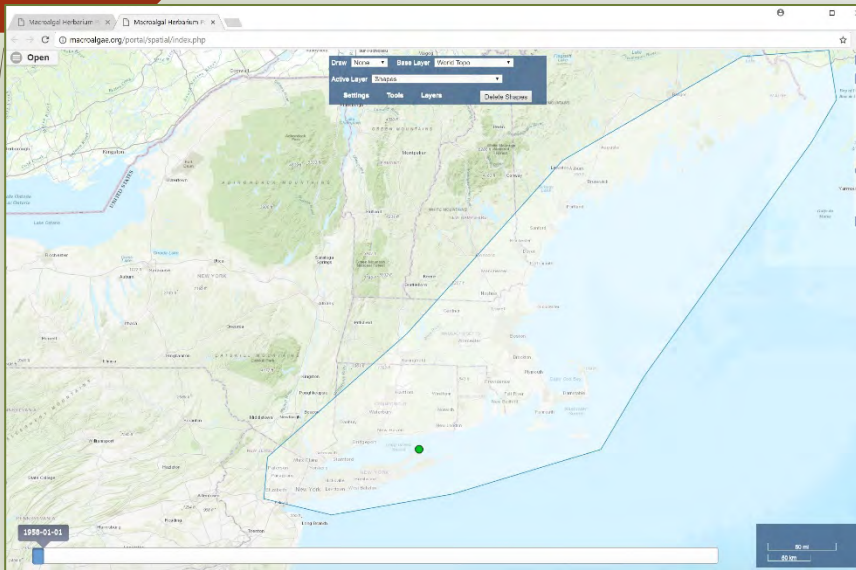
- ▶ Modeled after the Atlas of Living Australia Spatial Module
- ▶ Integrated with Symbiota
- ▶ Far more capabilities than the current Symbiota Map Search
- ▶ GIS Layers
  - ▶ Choice of Base Map Layers
  - ▶ World Climatological Layers
    - ▶ Average and Monthly Temperature, Precipitation, Solar Radiation, Wind
  - ▶ Political Boundary Layers
  - ▶ Ability to Import Additional Layers
  - ▶ Drawing Tools to Create Shape Layers
- ▶ Enhanced Search Tools
  - ▶ Search for records within shapes
  - ▶ Date sliders to visualize changes in observations over time



# Spatial Analysis Module



# Spatial Analysis Module



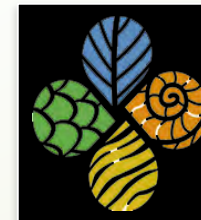


# One Lesson Learned?

- ▶ Small Herbaria Are Easier to Digitize than Large Ones
- 



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# Mobilizing New England vascular plant data to track environmental change

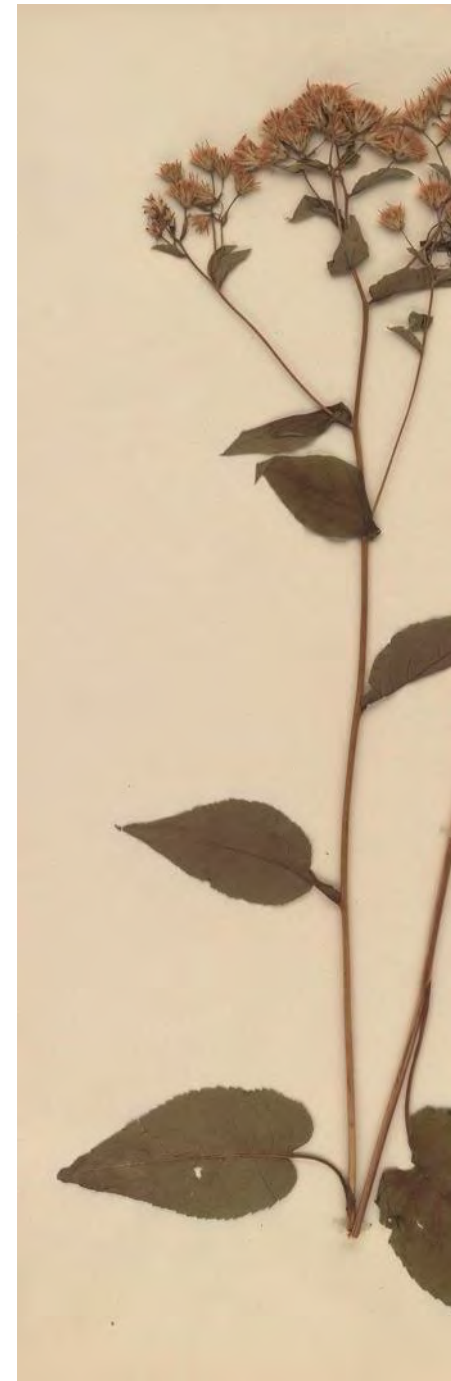
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Mobilizing New England Vascular Plant Specimen Data

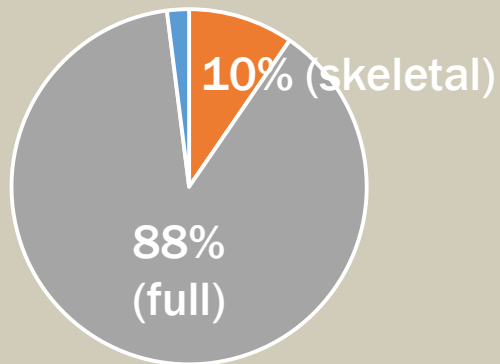


to Track Environmental Changes

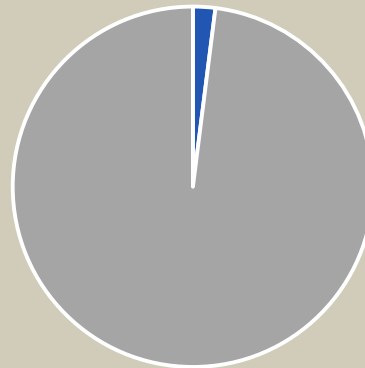


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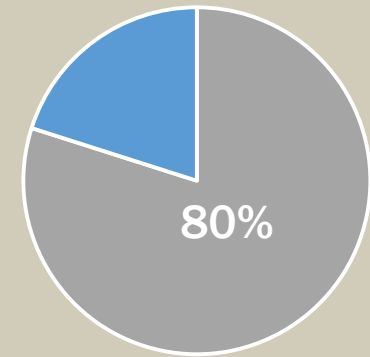
98% New England specimens complete  
Occurrences



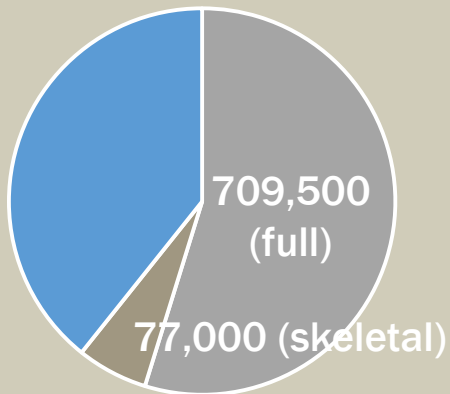
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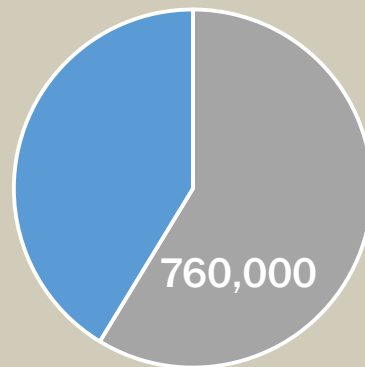
Georeferencing



Occurrence Records



Images



\$1.80 per specimen  
(\$1.07)

1.3 million records/images

# DATA MANAGEMENT & ACCESS

- All images on CyVerse (iPlant)
- Digitizing institutions data managed in authoritative database
  - some are collecting/managing data via an intermediary application
- Smaller partner institutions are managing data directly in Symbiota
- All project data mobilized through CNH portal (Symbiota)
  - data imported via rdf/XML, direct push from Specify, spreadsheets
  - additional data capture in Symbiota
  - 90% in portal
- Project data shared with iDigBio
  - DwC-A ingest from Symbiota, IPT
  - 90% in iDigBio portal

# RESEARCH USE

- **Data demographics**

- Assessing fine-scale sampling bias in herbarium specimens

- Assessing additional patterns

- **Papers**

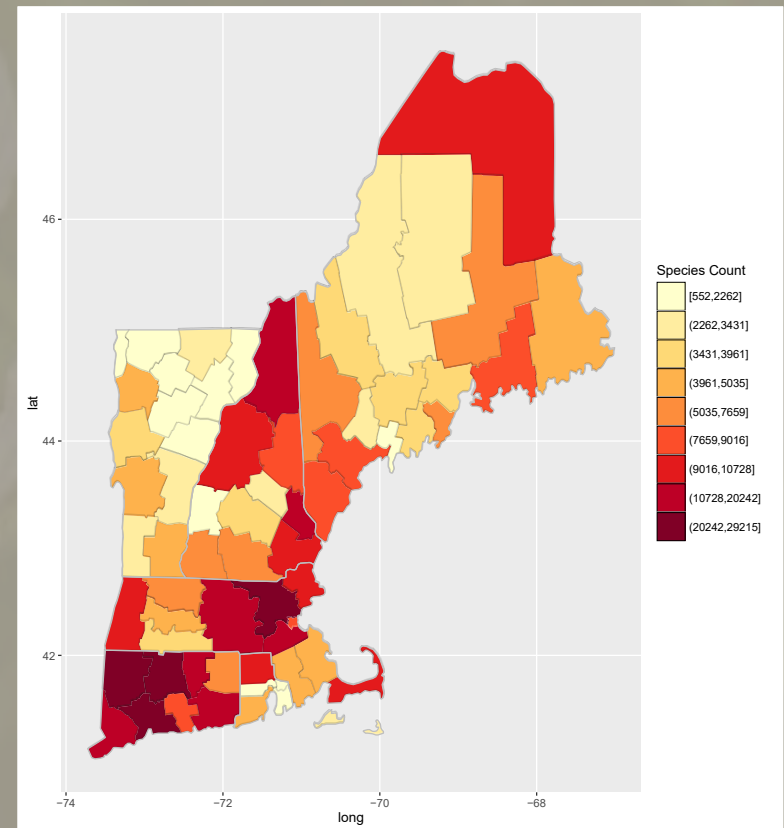
- Bellemare, J., & Deeg, C. (2015)

- Spalink, D. et al. (2016)

- Gallinant, A. et al. (in prep)

- ...

- **Phenology scoring**



# MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT

- Collaborators managing activities at their institutions
  - mostly in contact with lead via email
  - some face-to-face site visits
- Lead institution manages overall project
  - monitors upload of images to CyVerse
  - monitors import of data into the portal
  - monitors upload to iDigBio
- Yearly in person meetings
- Portal managed under umbrella of CNH
  - Steering committee with individuals from member institutions
  - Member institutions committed to maintain portal (contribute staff member time)

# LESSONS

- Fail early and fail often
  - Software/hardware/workflow development, execution, etc.
- Don't reinvent the wheel
  - lot's of great software, workflows, and expertise out there – use it

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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Symbiota Project



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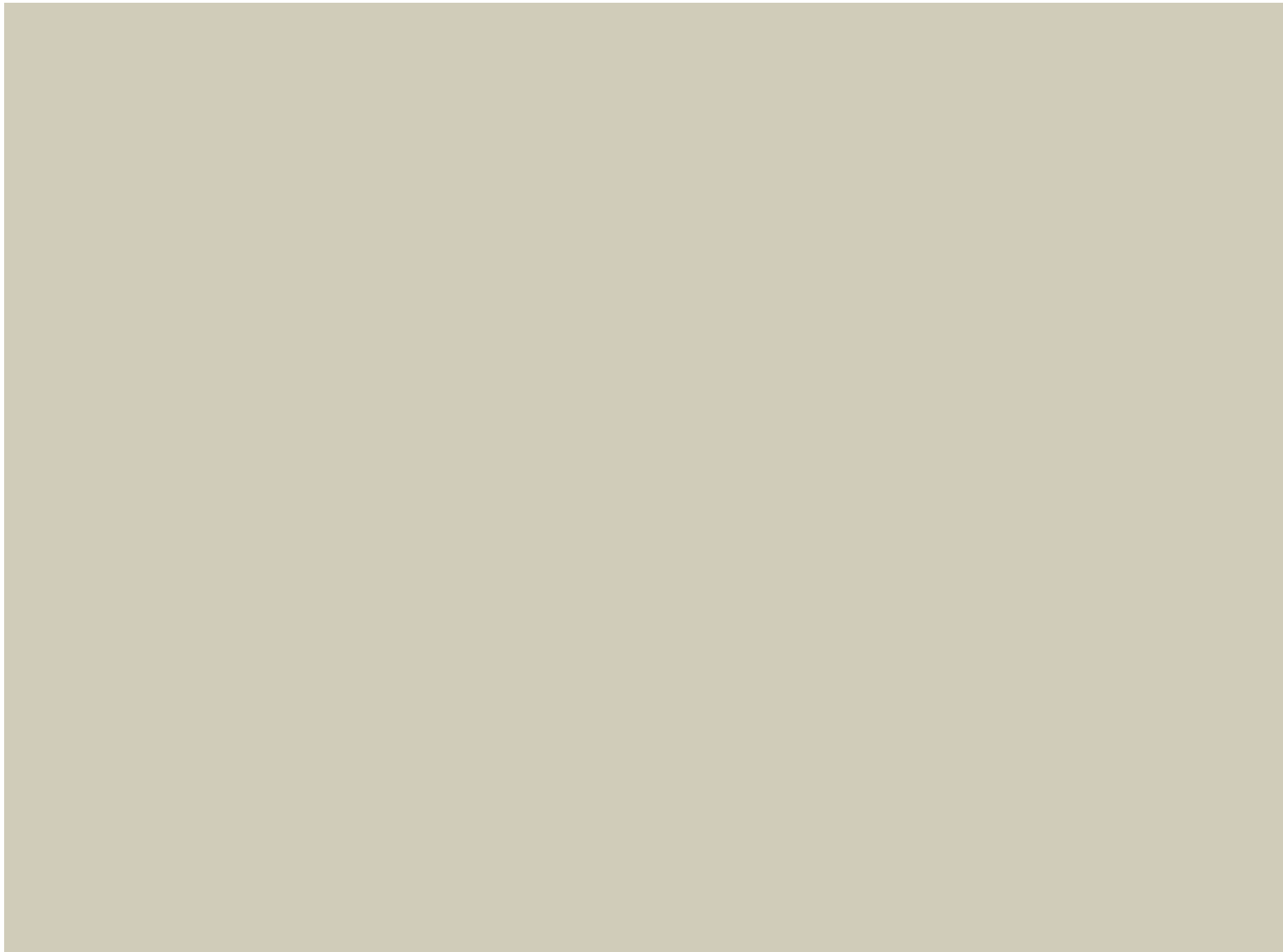
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Biota of North America

BONAP





# The PALEONICHES - TCN



Ordovician  
Cincinnati Region



Pennsylvanian  
Midcontinent U.S.



Neogene  
Southeastern U.S.

B.S. Lieberman, J.R. Hendricks, A.L. Stigall,  
U.C. Farrell, S. Butts, A. Molineux, J.H.  
Beach, R. Portell, B. Hunda, K. Hauer

*U. of Kansas, Paleontological Research Institution, Ohio U., U. of Texas, Yale  
U., Cincinnati Museum, Miami University, Florida Museum*

# PALEONICHES – TCN : Data

> 975,000 specimens databased, original goal 450,000

> 9,200 fossil localities georeferenced

> 1,200 images of fossil species

Data shared/published via iDigBio and institutional websites

# PALEONICHES – TCN: Outreach



[www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org](http://www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org)

 @PaleoDigAtlas

**Digital Atlas App**

Free for iPhone/iPad



# PALEONICHES – TCN: Outreach

Digital Atlas of Ancient Life Website:

[www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org](http://www.digitalatlasofancientlife.org)

Described in Hendricks, Stigall, and Lieberman. 2015. *Palaeontologia Electronica*

More than 1,200 species represented with information, images, and maps

> 700,000 visits; > 3,200,000 hits



# Digital Atlas of Ancient Life

## Electronic Field Guide

Explore taxonomic information, images and maps for three Paleontological time periods.

▶ **START**

🕒 **BROWSE**

🕒 **TIME PERIOD**



Ordovician



Pennsylvanian



Neogene



# PALEONICHES – TCN: Research

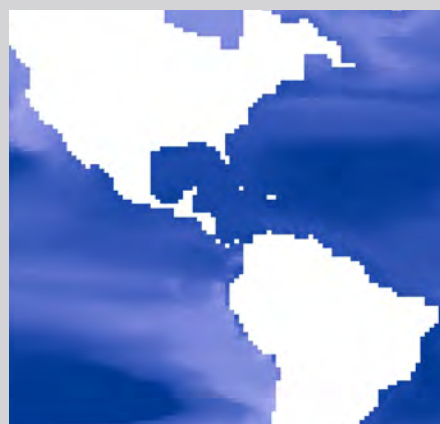
Scientific publications in various journals including:

*Global Ecology and Biogeography, Proceedings of the Royal Society, Series B, Journal of Biogeography, and Paleobiology*

Used GIS and Ecological Niche Modeling to study macroevolutionary effects of climate change



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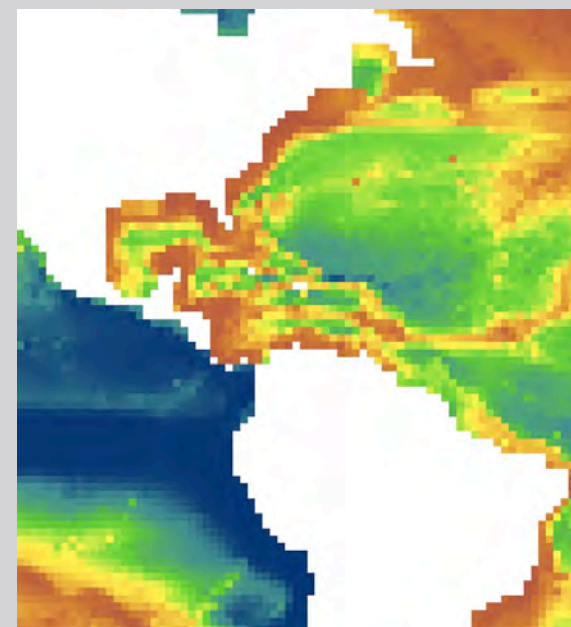
Nitrogen



Diatom Phytoplankton



$$p(x) = e^{(\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_n x_n)}$$





*Dinocardium robustum*



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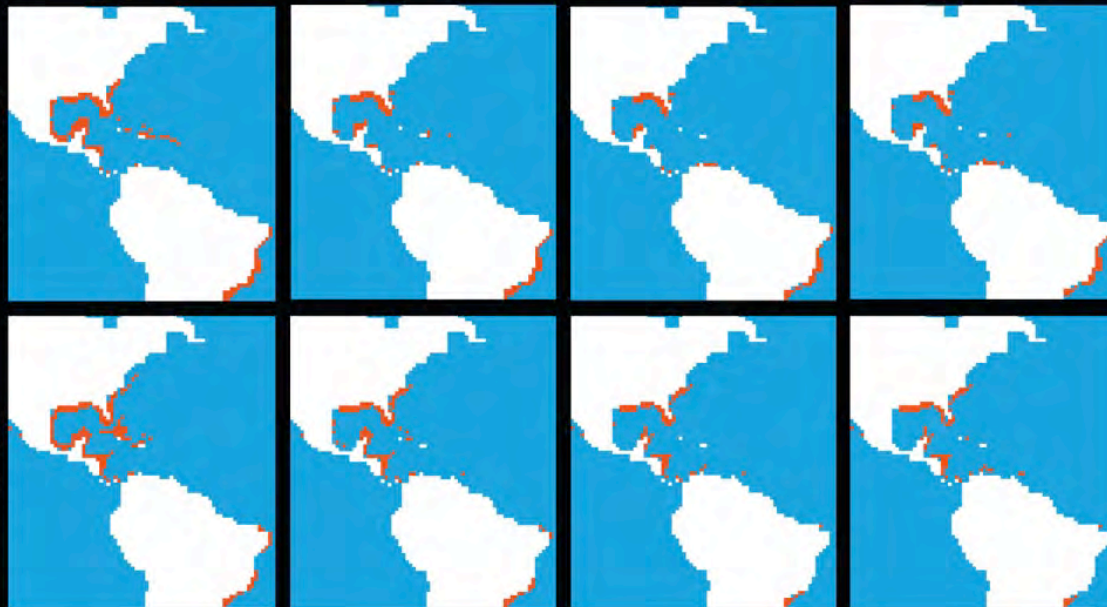
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Present

2021-2040

2041-2060

2081-2100



*Terebra dislocata*

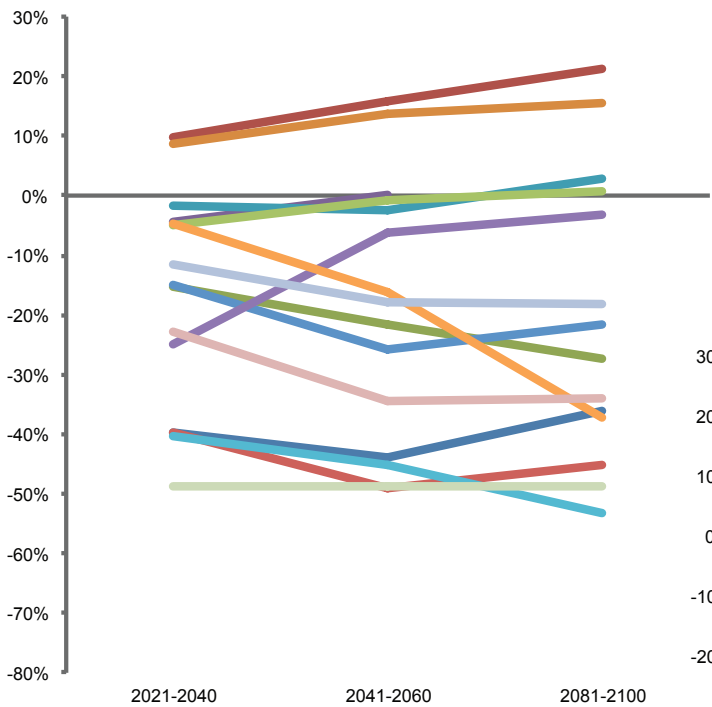


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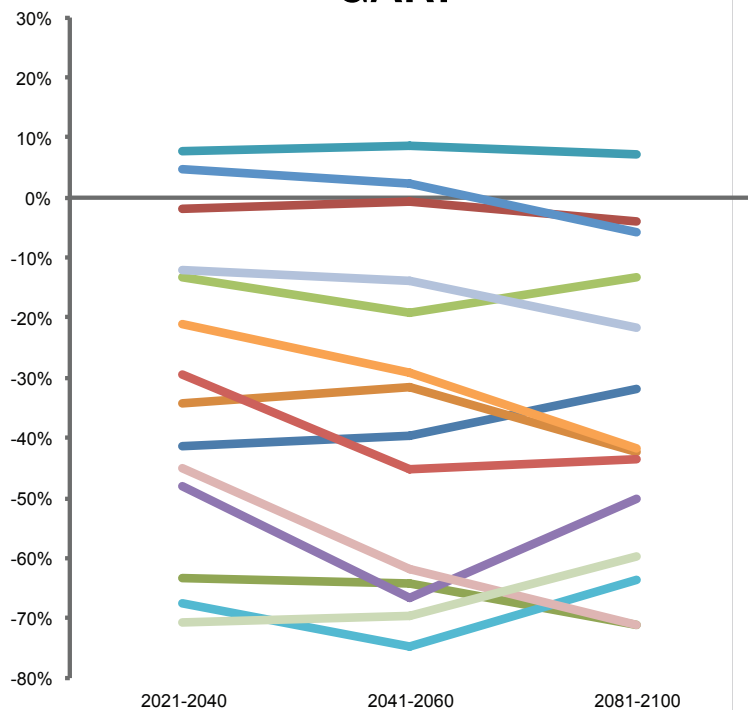
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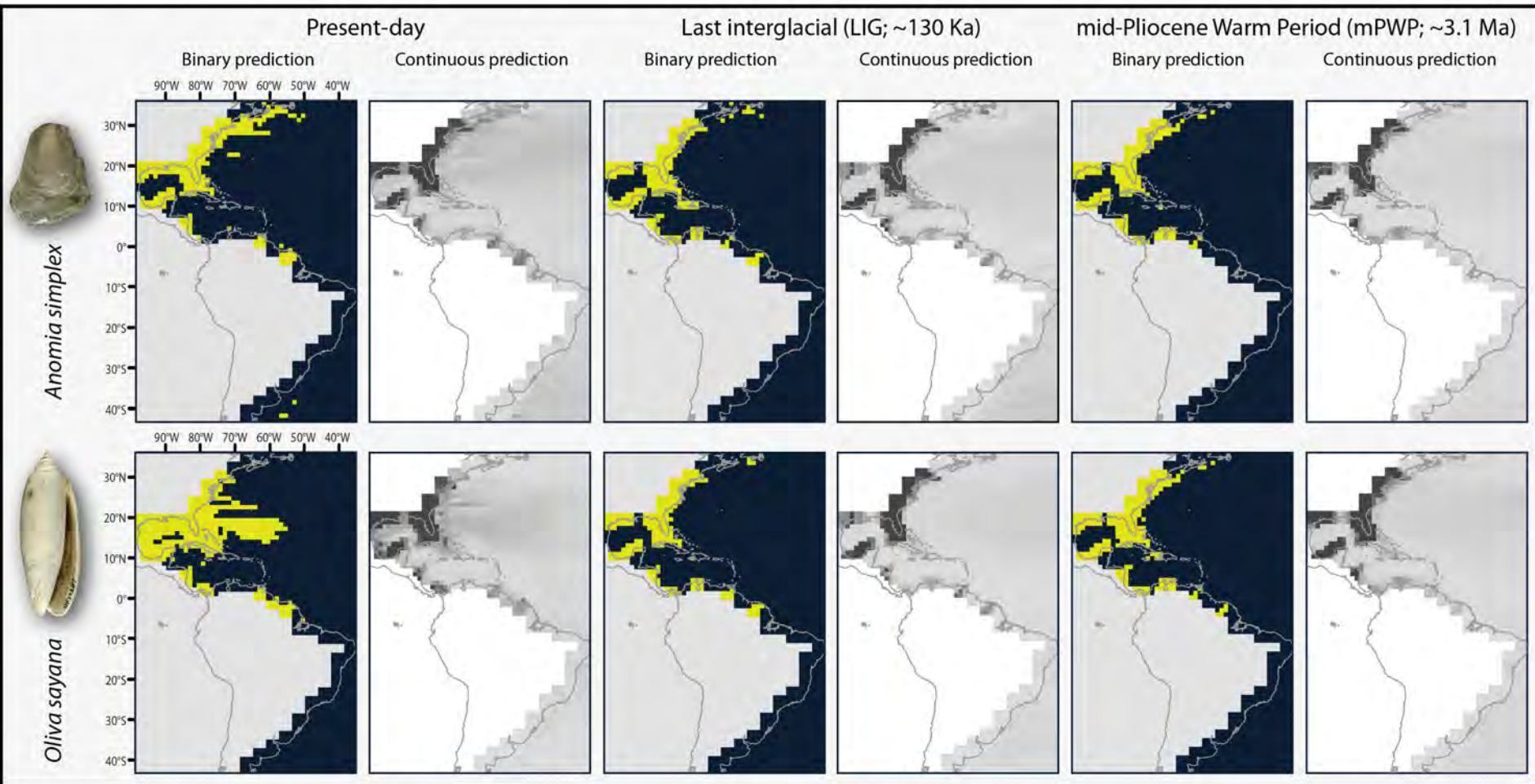
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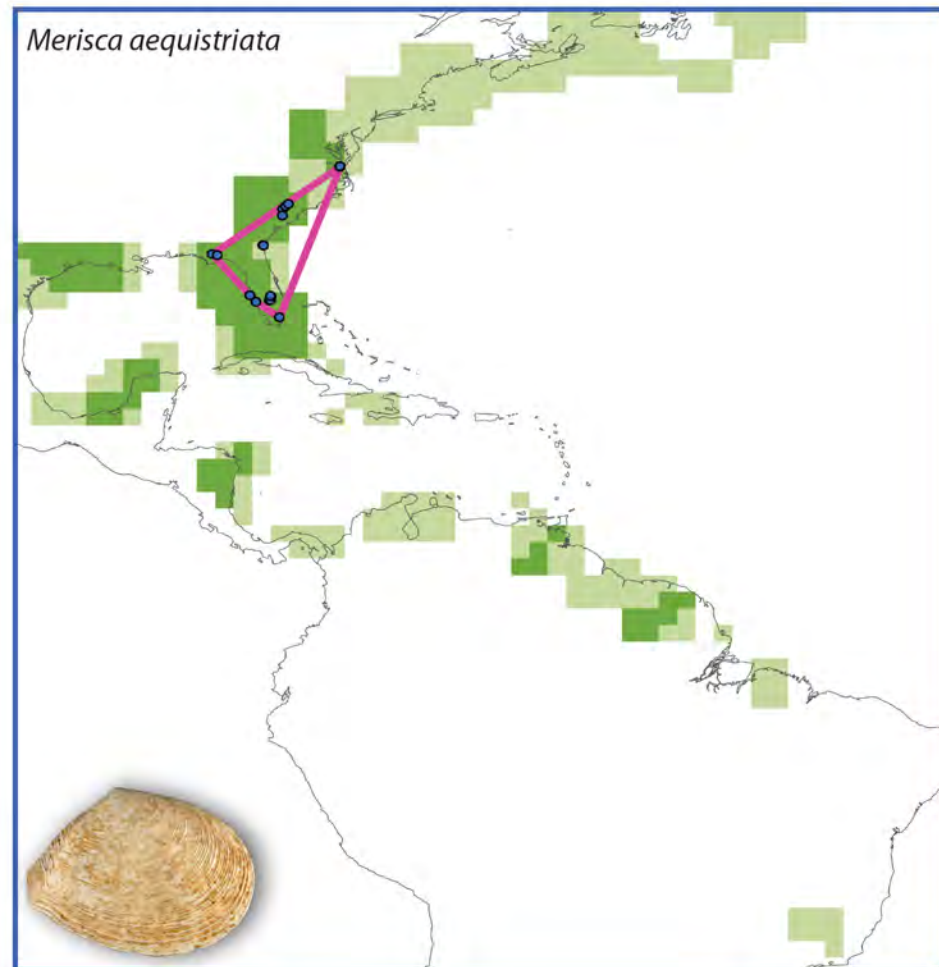
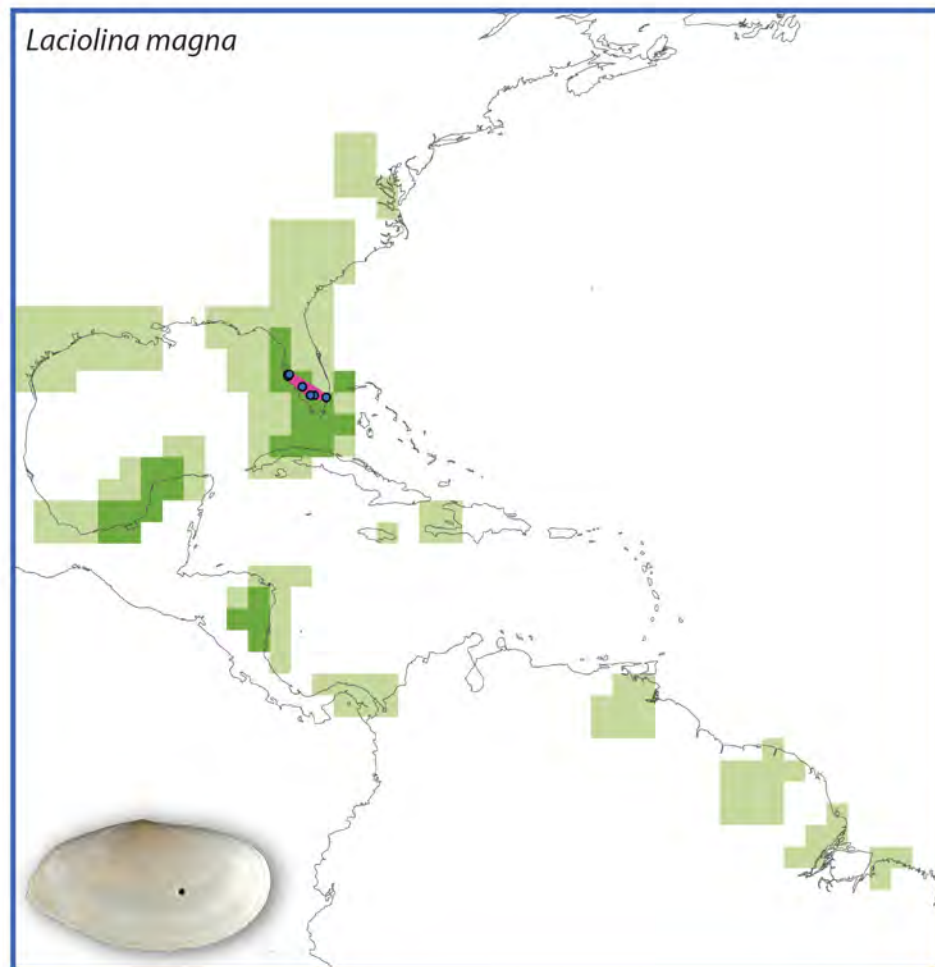
- A. simplex*
- B. occidentalis*
- C. floridanus*
- C. spurius*
- C. virginica*
- C. fornicata*
- D. robustum*
- L. pensylvanica*
- M. corona*
- M. campechensis*
- O. sayana*
- N. duplicatus*
- S. alatus*
- T. dislocata*

% CHANGE FROM PRESENT

# Species Niches Conserved Over Millions of Years and Major Climate Changes



# The Major Factor that Determines Where Species Occur is Climate, with Biotic Factors Playing a Much More Limited Role



# PALEONICHES – TCN: Research

Species niches conserved over millions of years and through major climate changes

Climate is the primary factor controlling geographic distributions over millions of years, with biotic factors playing a much more limited role

Many species of modern marine mollusks, some of them pivotal to marine ecosystems and the human economy, are at significant risk of extinction by 2100

# Lesson Learned

Approach digitization of fossils same way you would digitization of extant taxa



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iDigBio

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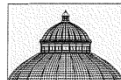
NSF Advancing the Digitization of Biological Collections



# The Macrofungi Collections Consortium 2012--2017



Barbara M. Thiers & Roy E. Halling,  
Lead P.I.s



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

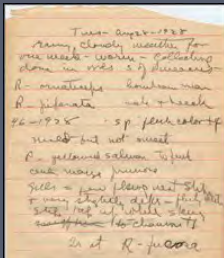


# Goals and scope of MaCC

- 37 institutions will digitize 700,000 herbarium specimens of macrofungi, as well as field notes and photographs
- Aggregate digitized data through the Mycoportal (Symbiota)
- Engage citizens
  - Amateur mycologists who provide biodiversity data
  - Crowdsourcers (data transcription)

# Accomplishments 2011-2015

- **Work Completed:**
  - Ca. 1,250,000 specimens digitized.
  - All digitized data shared through MycoPortal
  - 284 participants: 40 PIs/SPs, 35 salaried staff, 200 students, 9 volunteers



# Research Facilitated

- 30 article citations for the MaCC project, macrofungi in the MycoPortal (Google Scholar, October 2017)
  - Genus or species level taxonomic treatments
  - Large scale phylogenetic projects
  - Ecological studies in native vs. invasive range comparisons of ectomycorrhizal fungi
  - Field guides for the Rocky Mountain region and Northeastern N. America

# Broader Impacts: Mycoflora

MUSHROOM  
CITIZEN SCIENCE:  
From  
Species Lists  
to Mycoflora 2.0

The Citizen Scientist's Guide to  
**Mycoflora 2.0**  
Collecting and  
Documenting a Voucher  
Specimen



Hilary Arner



**Southwest Collections of Arthropods Network (SCAN)**  
**A Data Portal Built to Visualize, Manipulate, and Export**  
**Species Occurrences**

**July 2012 to 2016 and onward to 2024**



This project made possible by National Science Foundation Award EF 1207371





**Symbiota Collections of Arthropods Network (SCAN)**  
**A Data Portal Built to Visualize, Manipulate, and Export**  
**Species Occurrences**

**July 2012 to 2016 and onward to 2024**



This project made possible by National Science Foundation Award EF 1207371





## SCAN Digitization Goals

1. 10 museums digitize **750,000 records** for Southwest ground-dwelling arthropods, **>1,100,00** with 4 existing PEN projects.
2. Produce **16,000 high-resolution images** of species

## SCAN Progress

1. Exceeded target (**2,650,764** digitized records) **80%** georeferenced, 53% identified to species
2. **65** non-ADBC funded collections, **1,040,293** digitized records
3. **267,858** images **55,858** high-res images, **212,000** specimen/label low-res images
4. **1** PEN grant funded 2017, **2** PEN proposals in review, 9/10 of original TCNs sustaining effort .
5. SCAN primary aggregator of North American arthropod data, InvertEBase primary aggregator of non-Arthropod data. Allows SCAN to provide framework for all Entomology data providers in North America.





## Opportunities to Use Digitized Data for Arthropod Research:

- ❖ Focus on North America – United States > Mexico > Canada
- ❖ 14 million total arthropod records, > 50,000 records per week
  - Only 242 million more to go!!!
  - At least 10 million “Climate Change” reference records sitting in drawers
- ❖ Five Target Groups: 4,920 species can be modeled today!

(30 records per species)

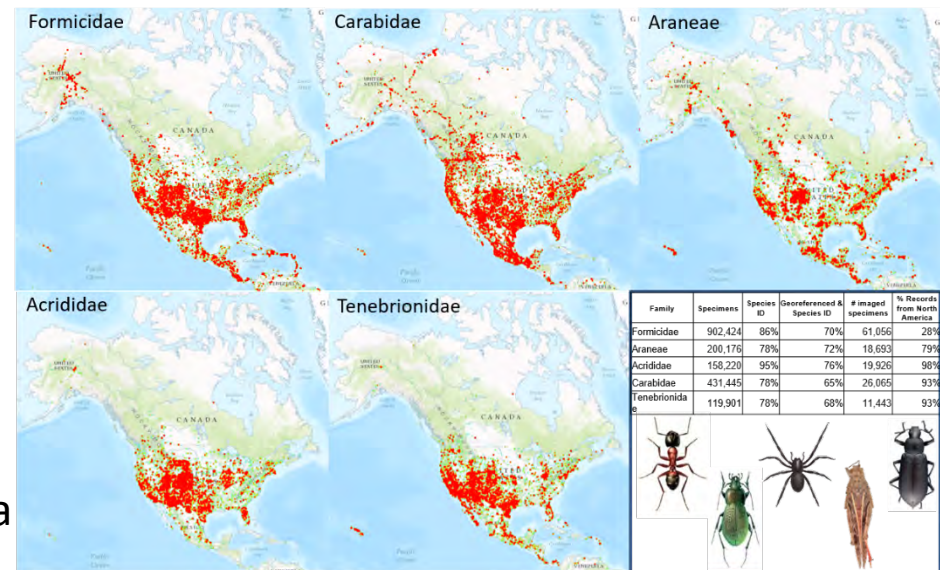
Formicidae (Ants)- 1,476 taxa

Araneae (Spiders) – 937 taxa

Acrididae (Grasshoppers) – 355 taxa

Carabidae (Ground beetles)- 1,476 taxa

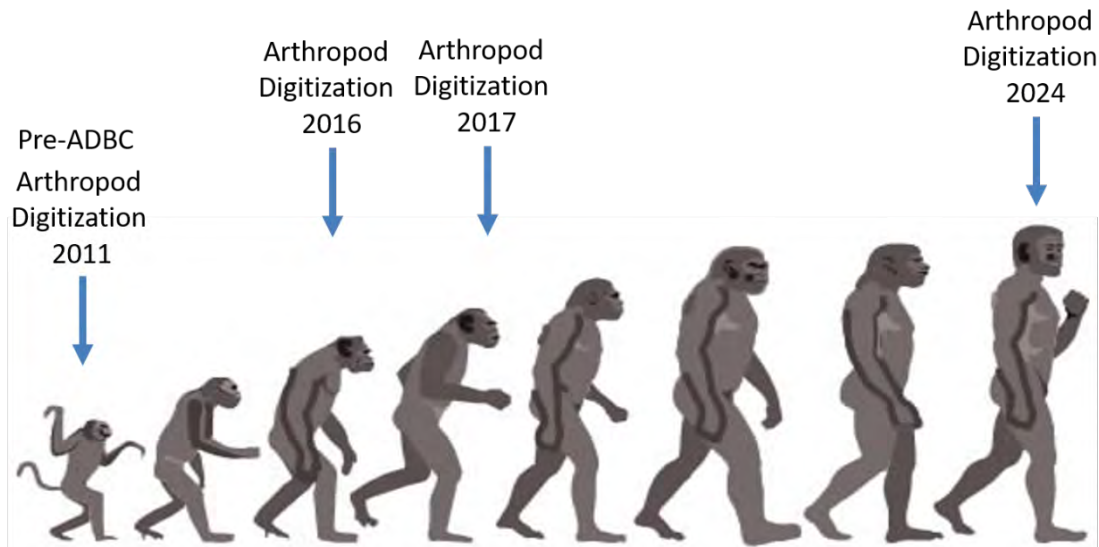
Tenebrionidae (Darkling beetles) 486 taxa





# SCAN 2017-2018 Priorities

1. Increase efficiency
  - A. Universal “Rapid digitization of incoming material”
  - B. solutions for robotic digitization, beyond the “Beyond the Box”
2. Data Quality: Integrate GBIF & IDigBio data flags, taxonomy tables, genetic linking, > images
3. Promote more digitization
  - A. 103 US Entomology museums not serving data (66%)
  - B. Support new TCNs: Arthropod Vertebrate Parasites TCN (Zaspel)
4. Connect Paleontology-Neontology taxa & the general Entomological Community beyond the United States



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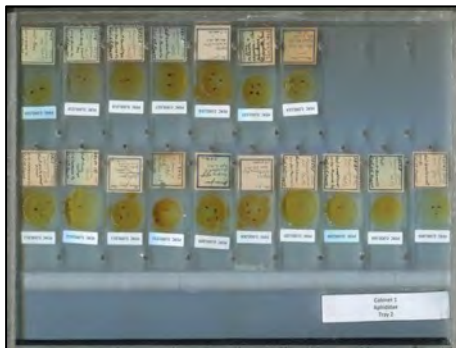
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# Objective

- Develop and implement an efficient workflow for cost-effective, high-throughput digitization of insect collections



## Specific Goals

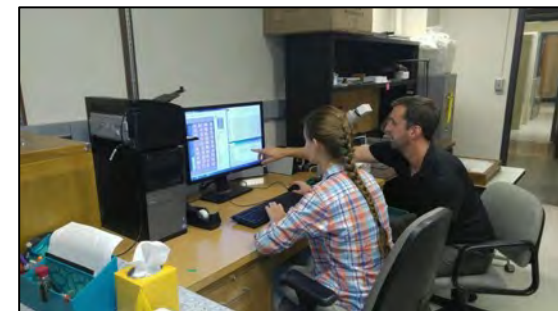
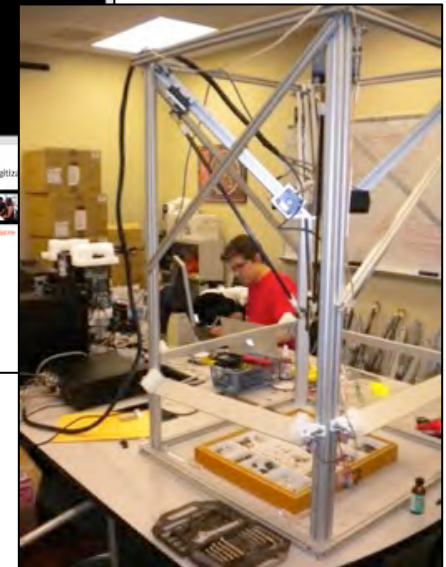
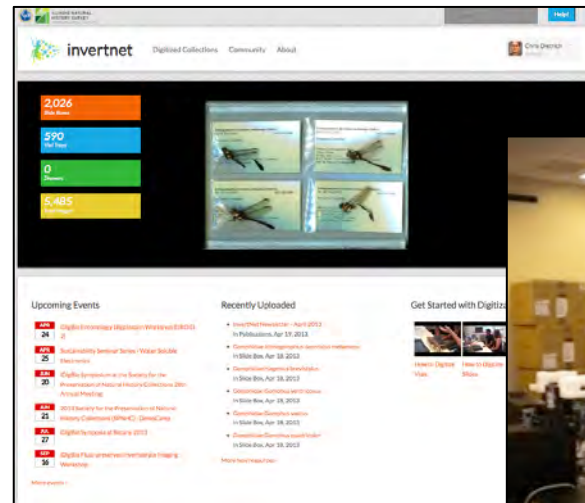
- Digitize all holdings of 22 midwestern arthropod collections (~50 million specimens)
  - Specimen images and metadata (label info)
  - Drawers, vials, slides
  - Advanced imaging (including 3D)
  - Best quality at reasonable cost (~\$0.10/specimen)
- Provide access to images and other data via online virtual museum
  - browsable/searchable/zoomable web interface
  - link to other data providers (GBIF, iDigBio etc.)
- Provide platform for research and development of additional tools and resources
  - Data mining and analysis
  - Community building, collaboration, and support
  - Education, outreach, and reference





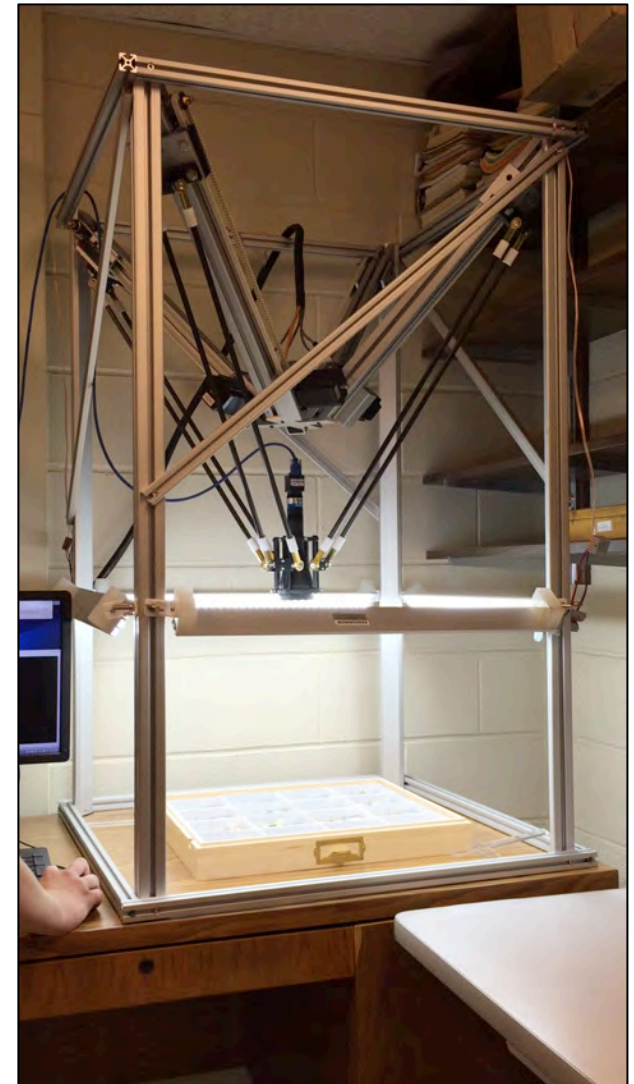
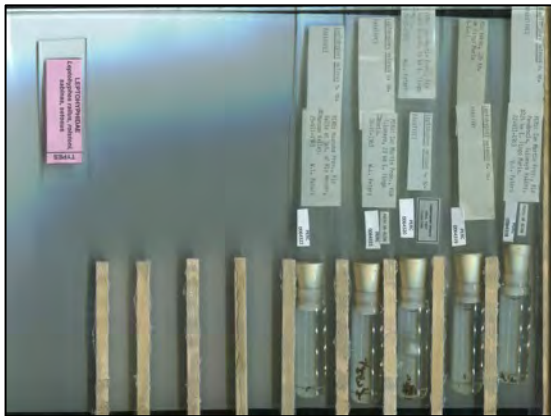
## Accomplishments

- Created InvertNet cyberinfrastructure platform ([invertnet.org](http://invertnet.org))
- Implemented efficient workflows for slides and vials using 2D scanning technology
- Built 14 robotic drawer digitization systems & delivered to collaborators
- Built 180 TB storage system to house InvertNet image library
- Ingested >68,000 images and metadata from collaborating institutions representing >7.2 million specimens
- Developed image annotation tool to facilitate specimen-level data capture
- Linked InvertNet data repository to iDigBio portal and BugGuide.net
- Participated in numerous workshops, symposia, and planning meetings
- Trained numerous grad and undergrad students

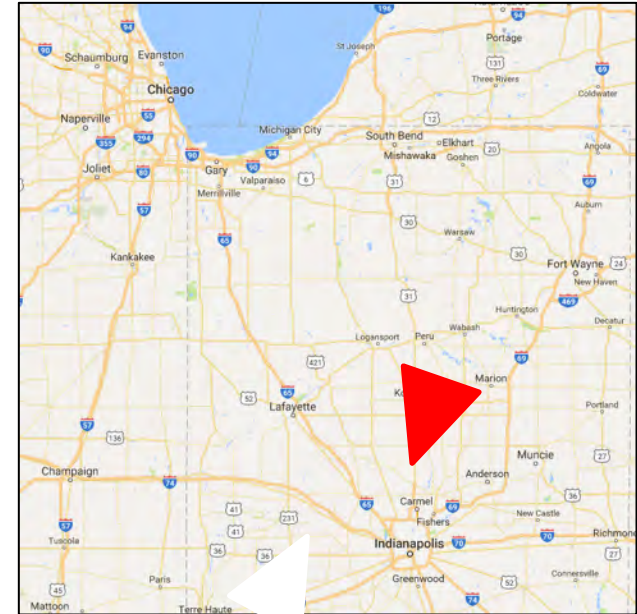


## Ongoing Activities

- Capturing whole-drawer images at collaborating institutions
- Imaging workflows being tested for other TCNs



InvertNet Drawer Imaging System "BugEye"

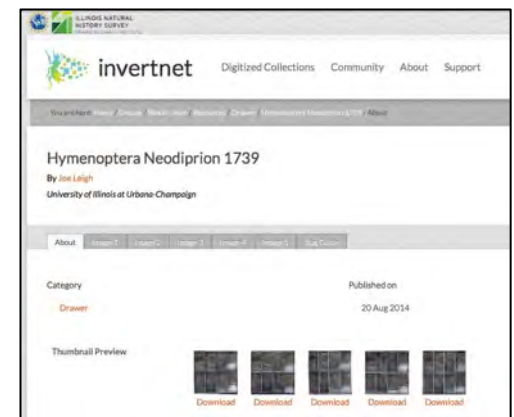


- 3 vacant state hospital buildings
- Security level: low-high
- Average daily population: 125
- Students committed by Indiana courts
- All males, 12-19 years old
- Data transcription (aquatic insects)
- 2,500 + slides databased
- 14 students participated FS2017



# Cyberinfrastructure Upgrade

- previous platform used HUBzero/Joomla and was becoming obsolete
  - web application was producing excessive errors which caused the supporting web server to stop responding
  - storage for image data was depleted
  - hard drive failures were occurring on existing storage devices
  - lack of file management tools produced problems in managing large amounts of image data
- upgrades
  - migrate all content to more sustainable and simplified open-source content management system
  - maintain look/feel of current portal but provide additional dashboard with a simplified file manager and metadata editor to facilitate label transcription
  - new responsive layout
  - user tools for file management
  - workflows for editing image resources, and metadata
  - dashboard elements to support system accounts
  - integration of javascript libraries to support image viewers
  - programs for indexing files on storage server





# InvertNet Summary

- Progress in digitization efforts
  - 68,388 images captured (20,794 slide boxes, 15,713 vial trays, 6,518 drawers [5 images per drawer]) from 13 collaborating institutions
  - ~ 7.2 million specimens (each high-res image includes up to 1,000 specimens)
- What we have learned
  - high-throughput digitization of insect collections is possible but there are no easy solutions
  - Adapt, adjust, adopt



# LBCC Progress in Digitization

	Bryophyte Portal (95%)	Lichen Portal (68%)
Specimen Records	2,599,248	2,126,172
Georeferenced	35.5%	52.3%
Imaged	50.5%	36.0%
Specimens Identified to Species	2,572,707	2,111,379
Families	469	378
Genera	1,552	1,185
Species Number	24,983	20,984

# Data Management & Open Access

- ▣ Management of databases responsibility of the 108 collection managers.
  - Original LBCC - 54 institutions
  - PENs with LBCC - 10 institutions
  - non-LBCC on portals - 44 institutions (1130 K+ records)
- ▣ Primary open access through the bryophyte and lichen portals (use statistics slide 3).
- ▣ Over 90% of the LBCC data are in iDigBio.

# Management and Oversight

CURRENT: LBCC - PI, COPI, ROBERT ANGLIN, ED GILBERT

LONG-TERM: AMERICAN BRYOLOGICAL & LICHENOLOGICAL SOCIETY

GOOGLE ANALYTICS (Oct. 2015 to Oct. 2016)	Bryophyte Portal	Lichen Portal
No. Sessions	25,020	74,296
No. Users (not unique)	10,098	32,005
No. Page Views	74,646	237,347
Pages/Session	2.9	3.2
Avg. Duration (min.)	3:43	5:26
% New Sessions	39%	42%

# What have we learned?

- ▣ Check your assumptions about how your project is progressing continuously throughout your funding period. – verbally and on-line!