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The Pteridophyte Collections Consortium: 420 million years in 1.7 million specimens

Year 4 update

NSF Awards: 1802504, 1802352, 1802134, 1802033, 1802270, 1802255, 1802239, 1802446, 1802305.





Project overview

GOAL: digitize ~**1,700,000** pteridophyte specimens: ~1,600,000 herbarium specimens ~100,000 fossil specimens

36 PCC members: 9 core institutions, 20 sub-awards and 7 data contributors

- UC Berkeley (lead)
- New York Botanical Garden
- University of Michigan

- Field Museum
- Missouri Botanical Garden
- University of Florida
- University of North Carolina
- Yale University
- University of Vermont





What are pteridophytes?







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Digitization progress



Total extant specimens digitized:

1,111,639 imaged (67% of goal) 1,095,122 databased (66% of goal) 285,731 specimens geo-referenced (17% of goal)

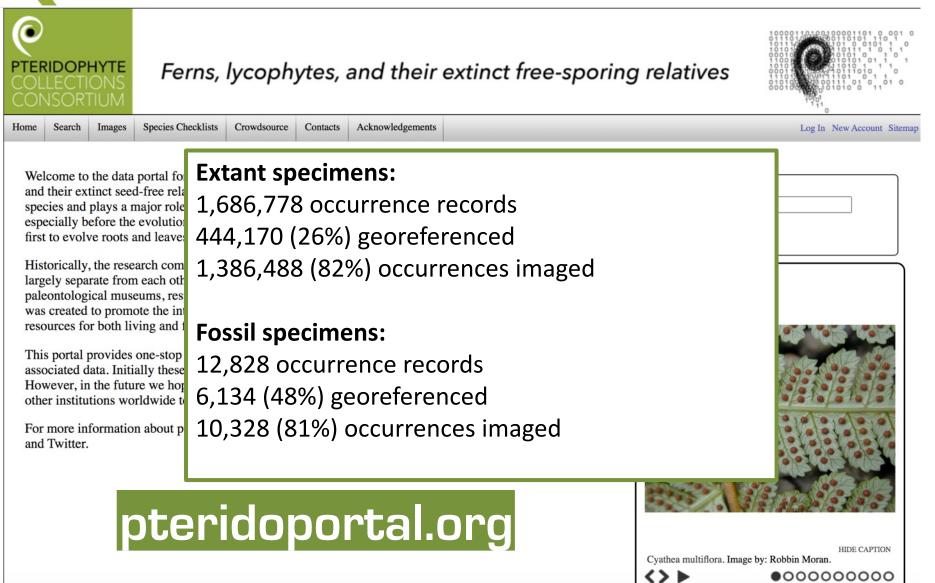


Total fossil specimens digitized:

35,099 imaged (49% of goal) 32,287 databased (33% of goal) 10,796 records geo-referenced (12% of goal)



Our data portal: the Pteridoportal





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#FossilFriday #FernFriday





Pteridophyte Collections Consortium TCN @pterido_TCN

We are the Pteridophyte Collections Consortium TCN digitizing extant and fossil pteridophytes from 37 herbaria and museums. NSF funded, tweets our own.

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Happy **#FossilFriday #FernFriday** from **@ucmpberkeley** ! Today we highlight one of Earth's former Carboniferous swamp giants Sigillaria. The stem's "rabbit-track" leaf scars and ribbed surface are dead

giveaways for identifying this extinct lycopod genus.





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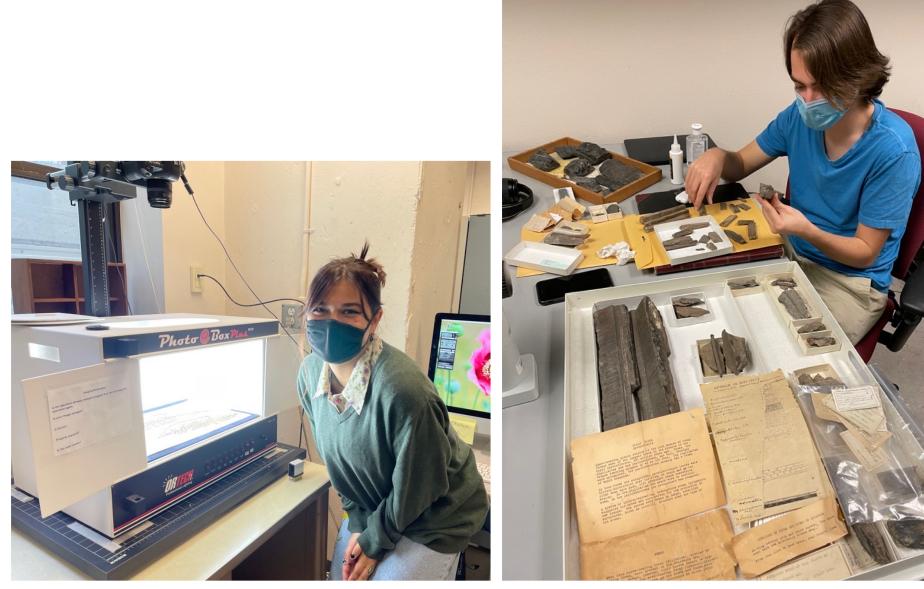
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Fall 2021: imaging restarts!





Pandemic celebrations



MSU Herbarium @MSU_Herbarium

This is it, folks. #FernFriday. The LAST #HERBARIUM **#SPECIMEN** imaged for the @pterido_TCN at the @MSU Herbarium. It's a Venezuelan #Phlegmariurus collected by Fendler in 1854-1855. These sets also had **Charles Wright's Cuban** ferns, and Mann & Brigham's Hawaiian ferns.

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Increased community engagement



LEARN A LITTLE, CONTRIBUTE BIG TO SCIENCE The BRIT Armchair Botanist program needs your help digitizing our collections from your home. Your brains and your time make a difference. Visit brit.org/armchairbotani... @nfromn @texasstandard

#herbarium #iambotanist #covid_19



Thank you for transcribing over 7,000 records for the Pteridophyte Collections Consortium! We really appreciate all of the time and effort you have contributed to our project – you've had a huge impact on our success! BRIT Armchair Botanist program: https://brit.org/research/herbarium/arm chair-botanist/

Chrysler Herbarium at Rutgers University had 72 students participate in their fully remote Herbarium Army internship during the pandemic

Volunteers had more time to contribute to specimen digitization – one volunteer at UC/Jeps transcribed over 7000 records during the pandemic



Future research

2021 NSF funded project: **PurSUiT**: Collaborative Research: Accelerating Lineage Discovery to Document Neotropical Fern Diversity

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Taxonomic thesaurus courtesy of Checklist of Ferns and Lycophytes of the World (worldplants.webarchiv.kit.edu/ferns/)

Thank you!