
TAXONWORKS TOGETHER 2021

User Perspectives on TaxonWorks



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A little bit about me...

- Lily Hart**
 - University of Illinois graduate**
 - Worked for Illinois Natural History Survey since 2017**
 - Insect Collection Assistant, Aquatic Entomology Research Assistant**
 - #2 on the Time Spent on TW list, created/edited over 20,000 records so far!**
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1) Comprehensive Specimen Digitization Task

- **My MOST USED TASK on TaxonWorks**
 - **Began using in March 2020 due to lack of access to collection/working from home**
 - **Currently use on a daily basis to fully digitize specimens or edit existing records**
 - **Pros: “Lock” features and “Collecting Event” allows for quicker digitization and consistency; “Add to Container” is helpful for multiple biocurations; “Depictions” are convenient for reference; Search is very simple; Clipboard & Pinboard are very helpful**
 - **Cons: Generate Labels is not useful to me at this time**
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2) Filter Collection Objects Task

- **Allows the user to search for specimens/collecting objects that have been databased**
 - **Downloadable CSV or DwC file**
 - **Easily search for loan items**
 - **Updates I would like to see:**
 - **“Layout Settings” or “Reorder Fields” function like in CSD, ability to hide certain fields I don’t need**
 - **Freeze top row of data fields while scrolling**
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3) Honorable Mentions

- **Edit Loans Task**-editing and creating loans for the INHS Insect Collection
 - **Browse Nomenclature Task**-checking taxonomy and adding new species names, subfamilies, reorganizing names, etc.
 - **New Collecting Event Task**- Adding collecting events from an accession book or journal prior to digitizing specimens
 - **Collection Object Match Task**- This task has saved me lots of time! Transfer collection objects to new collecting events, loans, determinations
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