



Connecting Scientists and their Specimens through *Bionomia*

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“ If anybody wants
to keep creating,
they have to be
about change”
– Miles Davis

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CANADA

Carex saxatilis L.
Cyperaceae
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WHO

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Annie Tookalook



Google Search

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*"In order for forgiveness to be given
there must be truth and an
acknowledgement of what happened"*

— John Amagoalik

Annie Tookalook

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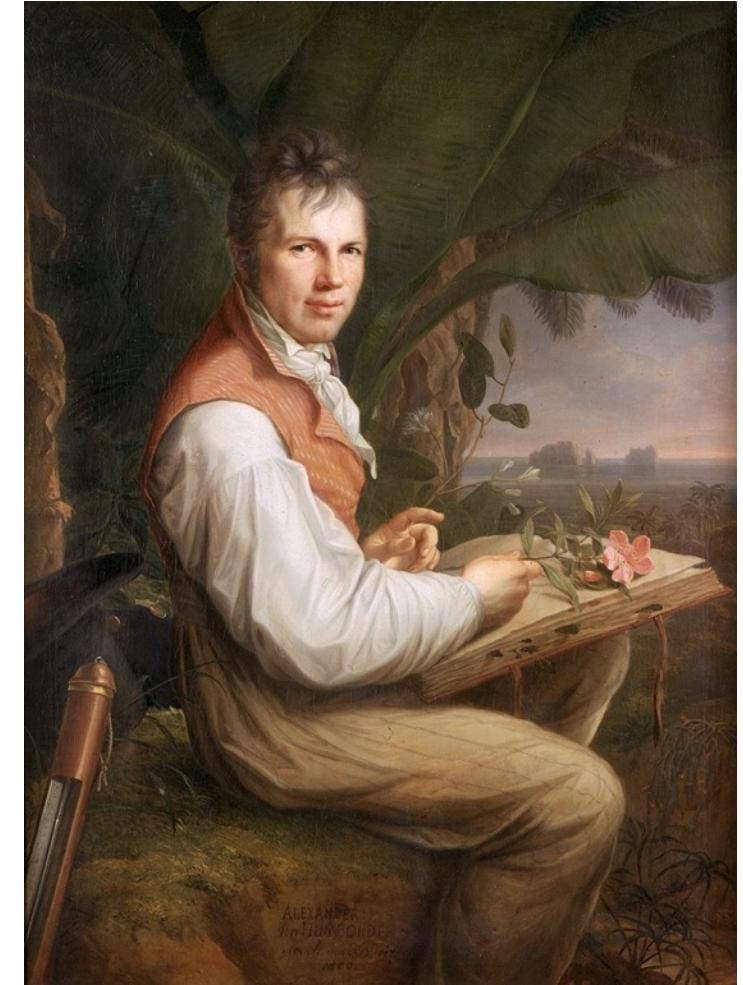
Sanikiluaq

Annie Tookalook was born in 1942 in an outpost camp near Sanikiluaq. Her testimony includes memories of nomadic life and settlement in North Camp (Sanikiluaq). She remembers all the dogs being killed during the settlement period. Annie recalls being happy about it because she was scared of dogs attacking each other. Her family never bred dogs after that. She lived in Moose Factory for three years, after she was diagnosed with tuberculosis.



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Why the Who?



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Why the Who?



The Australian Taxonomy Community Directory provides information about, and access to, the expertise of members of the Australian taxonomy community. There are currently 186 people in the Directory.

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European Red List of Insect Taxonomists

The **European Red List of Insect Taxonomists** provides assessment of the status and capacity of taxonomic expertise for insects in Europe.



Why the Who?

People require credit, attribution, or recognition to accurately reflect work performed

The screenshot shows the Data Science Journal website. At the top, there's a blue header with the journal's logo (a stylized 'CO' made of dots) and the text 'DATA SCIENCE JOURNAL'. Below the header, a sub-header reads 'Reading: Proper Attribution for Curation and Maintenance of Research Collections: Metadata Recommenda...' and 'Share: f t g+ in'. A 'Special Collection: Research Data Alliance Results' section is visible, followed by a 'Research Papers' section. The main article title is 'Proper Attribution for Curation and Maintenance of Research Collections: Metadata Recommendations of the RDA/TDWG Working Group'. The authors listed are Anne E. Thessen, Matt Woodburn, Dimitrios Koureas, Deborah Paul, Michael Conlon, David P. Shorthouse, and Sarah Ramdeen.

The screenshot shows the BioScience journal website. The main header features the journal name 'BioScience' in large white letters next to the 'AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES' logo (a stylized 'C'). Below the header, a 'Article Navigation' section is visible. The main article title is 'Biology Needs a Modern Assessment System for Professional Productivity' with a 'FREE' badge. The authors listed are Lucinda A. McDade, David R. Maddison, Robert Guralnick, Heather A. Piwowar, Mary Liz Jameson, Kristofer M. Helgen, Patrick S. Herendeen, Andrew Hill, and Morgan L. Vis. The author notes link is also present. The article is from BioScience, Volume 61, Issue 8, August 2011, Pages 619–625, with a DOI link: <https://doi.org/10.1525/bio.2011.61.8.8>. The publication date is 01 August 2011.

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Credit data generators for data reuse

To promote effective sharing, we must create an enduring link between the people who generate data and its future uses, urge Heather H. Pierce and colleagues.

[Heather H. Pierce](#) , [Anurupa Dev](#), [Emily Statham](#) & [Barbara E. Bierer](#)



<https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-019-01715-4>

Declaration of Research Assessment (DORA)



Improve how scholarly research is evaluated

Advance practical and robust research assessment globally & across all scientific disciplines

Developed in San Francisco in 2012; 23k individuals and institutions have signed

Covering funders, publishers, professional societies, institutions, researchers

How Do We Know Who is Who?



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Methods



The disambiguation of people names in biological collections

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Can we put all this together in a way that:

Handles the very long tail of legacy specimen data

Makes use of available, machine-readable resources

Does not invent any new identifiers for people

Gives control to participants

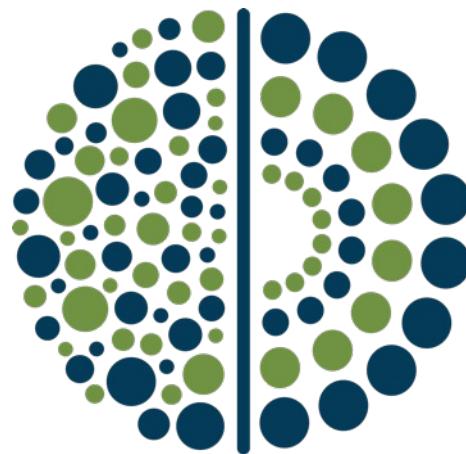
Gives agency to contributors

Offers downloads and access points to spark creativity

Gets us thinking more precisely about specimens in credit systems



Global Biodiversity
Information Facility



Biodiversity
Information
Standards
TDWG

Darwin Core Terms
recordedBy
(collector & collector teams)
identifiedBy
(determiner)

<https://www.wikidata.org>



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Bionomia

<https://bionomia.net>

English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, German

Crowdin: <https://translate.bionomia.net/>

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Four Steps...to claim the specimens you collected or identified and to help acknowledge your peers, mentors, and organizations

Step 1: Authenticate via ORCID



Step 2: Visit the Specimens tab

A screenshot of the ORCID user interface. At the top, there are four tabs: "Overview" (selected), "Specimens" (highlighted with a box), "People Helped", and "Science Enabled". Below the tabs is a secondary navigation bar with links: "Claimed", "Discovered", "Bulk Claim", "Ignored", "Co-collectors", and "Help Received".

Step 3: Claim your specimens

A screenshot of the "Bulk Assignment" interface. It shows two rows of checkboxes. The first row has three columns: a white checkbox, a green checkbox, and a button labeled "Both". To its right is a column labeled "Scientific Name". The second row has three columns: a white checkbox, a green checkbox, and a button labeled "Both". To its right is a column showing the scientific name "Scyllarides sculptus bermudensis".

Step 4: Attribute specimens to others



Jennifer Mandel

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Jennifer Mandel

Search

Discovered 5 Fix Attributions [Decline Ignored](#) Bulk Attributions

Help attribute 5 specimens. Choose from the dropdown below.

Bulk Assignment

Both

	Collected	Date Identified	Family	Institution	Catalog Number	Type Status	Basis Of Record
Hydrachnidae	2010-05-01	2010	Hydrachnidae	Ohio State University Acarology Laboratory, Columbus, OH (OSAL)	OSAL 0080989	PRESERVED_SPECIMEN	Not them

Both

Scientific Name: Hydrachnidae

Both

exact Advanced Search & Filter

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Both

Chalcophorella
(Stigmatophorella)
bagdadensis subsp.
quadrimaculata
(Redtenbacher 1850) Frank
2020

Mandel

Buprestidae

MATERIAL_CITATION

Not them



Erica Krimmel

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Settings & Integrations



Make Your Data Citable

Connect your account to Zenodo where versioned snapshots of your claims will be stored and a DataCite DOI assigned. A citation will be provided for inclusion in your resume.

[Integrate with Zenodo](#)



The screenshot shows the Zenodo interface. At the top, there's a search bar, an upload button, and a communities section. Below the header, the date "June 28, 2022" is displayed. A green banner at the top right says "Dataset Open Access". The main content area features a title "Natural history specimens collected and/or identified and deposited." followed by a bio for "Erica Krimmel". Below the bio is a table titled "Preview" with columns for action, gbifID, datasetKey, license, and occurrenceID. The table contains one row: "identified" | "1702731771" | "16965647-4120-4e0b-aa57-" | "CC0_1_0" | "http://arctos.database.museum/guid/CHAS:Bird:201seid=3240389".

June 28, 2022

Dataset Open Access

Natural history specimens collected and/or identified and deposited.

Erica Krimmel

Natural history specimen data collected and/or identified by Erica Krimmel, <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-3192-0080>. Claims were made on Bionomia, <https://bionomia.net> using specimen data from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, <https://gbif.org>.



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Scribes

234 people who have attributed 20.2 Million natural history specimens to 9,641 of their peers, mentors, and role models



von Mering, Sabine

Germany

1,654,693 specimens attributed

975 people helped



Rindal, Eirik

Norway

5,898 specimens attributed

7 people helped



Leachman, Siobhan

New Zealand

5,125,115 specimens attributed

3,064 people helped

Løfall, Bjørn Petter

Norway

7,068 specimens attributed

22 people helped



Endresen, Dag

Norway

2,626,614 specimens attributed

702 people helped

Bräuchler, Christian

Germany; Austria

273,939 specimens attributed

15 people helped

Groom, Quentin

Belgium

324,251 specimens attributed

360 people helped

Meeus, Sofie

6 specimens attributed

2 people helped



Santos, Joaquim

Portugal

2,515 specimens attributed

6 people helped

Haston, Elspeth

4,705 specimens attributed

9 people helped



Cubey, Robert

United Kingdom

277,803 specimens attributed

55 people helped



BRAUN, Paul Jean-Charles

Luxembourg

41,386 specimens attributed

70 people helped

Downloads



List of Public Profiles

[bionomia-public-profiles.csv](#)

Includes a header, "Family, Given, wikidata, ORCID, URL"

Attributions Made to Public Profiles

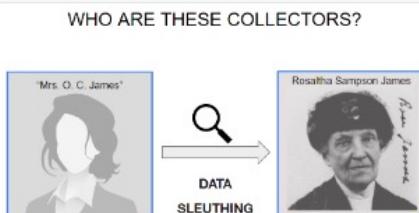
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Revealing The Hidden Figures Of Natural History Collections - *A recent finding by Siobhan*

Revealing Hidden Figures in Natural History Collections Working Group BIOME 2022 Recap

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Guidelines for Using Wikidata to Mobilize Information about People in Collections: A Paleontology Perspective

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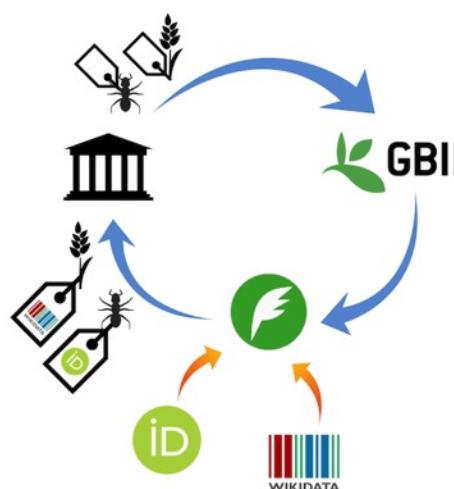
Herbarium Berolinense, Berlin (B)

<https://gbif.org/dataset/85714c48-f762-11e1-a439-00145eb45e9a>

The herbarium of the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem (herbarium acronym: B) is the largest in Germany and holds a collection of more than 3.5 million preserved specimens. All plant groups – flowering plants, ferns, mosses, liverworts, and algae, as well as fungi and lichens – are represented in the collections which are worldwide in scope. Associated with the general herbarium are special collections of dried fruits and seeds, wood samples, and specimens preserved in alcohol. The collections of the herbarium are growing constantly through field research conducted by staff, and through gifts, acquisitions, and exchanges of specimens from other herbaria



DOI 10.15468/dlwwhz



People Visualizations Scribes Agent Strings

1,242 people claimed or were attributed specimens represented in this dataset

Progress

55%

Frictionless Data



Aaronsohn, Aaron

* May 21, 1876 – May 15, 1915
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

Collected Apiaceae and identified
Apiaceae

41 specimens claimed



Abbe, Ernest Cleveland

† December 28, 1906 – March 19, 1992 †

United States

Collected Fagaceae and identified
Betulaceae

Abbe, Lucy Elizabeth Boothroyd

* December 28, 1906 – March 19, 1992 †

Collected Fagaceae and identified
Betulaceae

2,118 specimens claimed

Frictionless Data

Descriptor (JSON)

Users (csv, zip)

Problem Collector Dates (csv, zip)

Occurrences (csv, zip)

Attributions (csv, zip)

Articles (csv, zip)

Article Occurrences (csv, zip)

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Abbott, William Louis

* February 23, 1860 – April 02, 1936 †
United States

Collected Vespertilionidae and
identified Saccostomatidae

5,617 specimens claimed

Adamović, Lujo

* July 31, 1864 – July 19, 1935 †
Serbia; Austrian Empire; Yugoslavia;
Cisleithania

Collected Asteraceae and identified

Adams, Laurence George

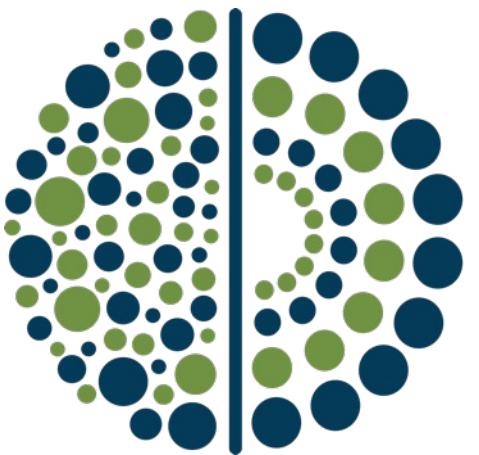
* 1929 – 2014 †
Australia

Collected Myrtaceae and identified
Caryophyllaceae

Aellen, Paul

* May 13, 1896 – August 19, 1973 †
Switzerland

Collected Asteraceae and identified
Amaranthaceae



Biodiversity Information Standards

TDWG

Darwin Core Terms
recordedByID

<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q6694>

identifiedByID

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new

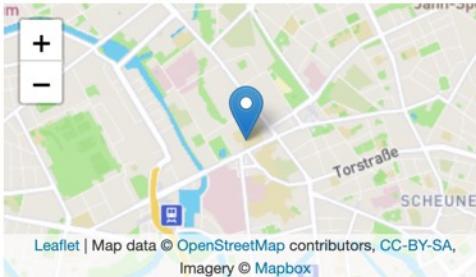
Transitive Credit?

A single visit to a distant museum by a graduate student to examine and identify specimens can have a significant impact on her career. It also carries with it, her affiliation with her graduate school.

Museum of Natural History Berlin

Berlin, Berlin, DE

<https://www.museumfuernaturkunde.berlin>



<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q233098>

Current Previous Metrics Science Enabled

Impact on Activities in Other Organizations

Current and previous personnel have claimed or were attributed specimens now curated at the following organizations while affiliated with Museum of Natural History Berlin.

All Years ▾

Specimens Collected

26 organizations

1,061 specimens

Specimens Identified

7 organizations

800 specimens

MPEG	369	MCZ	525
NRM	305	SAM	99
SAM	178	RBINS-Scientific Heritage	92
WAM	55	NRM	36



“You not only have to know your own instrument, you must know the others and how to back them up at all times.”

– Oscar Peterson

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