

Audubon Core 1.0 Submission for Adoption

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This is a TDWG Standards Type 2 Document and is meant only to inform decision making for the adoption of the proposed Audubon Core 1.0. The Type 1 documents supporting the adoption are provided as HTML documents accompanying this document. They are principally maintained on the GBIF Terms Wiki, generated from Wiki pages mentioned below along with several important non-normative documents.

Public Review

The Audubon Core Multimedia Metadata proposal went through an extensive period of public review, focused on an issue list at <https://code.google.com/p/auduboncore/issues/list>, containing 85 issues. Of these, 50 (excluding duplicates and those classified as MRTG administrative Tasks) were determined to require consideration for Release 1.0. The disposition of these was as follows

	Total	Fixed	WontFix
Defect	37	17	20
Enhancement	13	6	7

The WontFix dispositions have a wide variety of reasons including: (a) it was deemed worthy of further discussion in the post-adoption period under the sustainability model; (b) the issue was placed on the list by the convener to solicit further community interest, but none was forthcoming; or (c) the issue was deemed relevant to implementations, not to the representation-free data model that the submission represents.

10 Issues designated as Tasks remain open on the list. The most comprehensive of these is Issue 84, "Proposed Topics for Task Groups", which at this writing identifies six non-moot items for which IIG Tasks should be organized, and the convener expects to organize this shortly after adoption.

Audubon Core Sustainability Plans

Until and unless TDWG adopts a more effective policy, MRTG will adopt the namespace, term management and persistence policies of the Darwin Core project as documented in <http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc/terms/namespace/index.htm>. Roughly this means that minor editorial errata will be corrected without a comment period, but substantive changes and additions will require a decision of the TDWG Technical Architecture Group (TAG), subject to a 30-day comment period (unless the TAG decides that a more immediate change is required). The management will be carried out by the Core Members of the Image Interest Group, in the form of an Audubon Core Maintenance Task Group (ACMTG). Normally, this will be a recurring task, which will be rechartered annually for this and other Maintenance tasks. These tasks will be managed on the AC issues list at <http://code.google.com/p/auduboncore/issues/list>.

Documents Submitted

The submission comprises two Type 1 documents expressed as HTML (together with, for each, an associated folder containing images referenced in the documents), along with this Type 2 document expressed as PDF. The Type 1 documents are generated by MediaWiki from wiki sources in which the normative Type 1 documents are maintained. The documents and their origin are:

1. AudubonCoreStructure-ID10756.html (derived from http://terms.gbif.org/wiki/Audubon_Core_Structure) a normative Type 1 document outlining general principles of the representation-neutral Audubon Core data model.
2. AudubonCoreTermList-ID10759.html (derived from http://terms.gbif.org/wiki/Audubon_Core_Term_List) a normative Type 1 document specifying the terms in the 1.0 data model.
3. This document.
4. A Type 3 document not included in this submission, found at http://terms.gbif.org/wiki/Audubon_Core. Non-normative landing page for Audubon Core, aimed at readers with no familiarity with Audubon Core. It contains a list of relevant references both on and off the wiki.