

Division of Birds, Museum of Southwestern Biology
Data Release and Use Policy
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Purpose of the Database

Scientific reference specimens of birds in our collections are associated with a variety of data and ancillary information. As a part of our routine curatorial activity we capture electronic data from our collections for the following purposes:

- ! Enhance rapid and accurate access to information on bird and mammal specimens in the collection; responsible stewardship to preserve collections and their associated information; updating taxonomic name changes; and tracking specimen and data use by researchers and the public;
- ! Provide a means for the dissemination of collection and specimen information to scientific researchers, educators, and the general public. Such information includes inquiries on specimens, associated information, and requests for specimen loans from the collection;

The types of data that are typically stored in the bird database include:

- ! Scientific or binomial Latin names of specimens;
- ! Geographic location where each specimen was collected, including: country, state or equivalent, county or equivalent, specific location, and elevation and geographic coordinates where available;
- ! Ancillary information including collection date, name(s) of collector(s), and collector field numbers;
- ! Museum of Southwestern Biology (MSB) catalogue numbers unique to each specimen; and
- ! Type of specimen preparation, e.g., dry skin, skull and/or skeleton only, preserved in ethanol, associated preparations (e.g. parasites, tissues), and the like.

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date (*day/month/year*) that the particular data were obtained. Release of these data is subject to terms of the overall MSB data release policy (<http://www.unm.edu/~museum/herb/MSBPolicy.pdf>).

Notice of Limitations:

Some data are restricted and are not for general release or dissemination. Reasons for data restriction include: incomplete quality assurance procedures, unresolved taxonomic discrepancies, collecting permit restrictions, intellectual property rights, ongoing research, and personal privacy and safety of staff, collectors, donors or their families. Persons wanting access to restricted data must contact a Curator of the Division and inquire about accessing those data. We will require appropriate justification **in writing** for such data.

Disclaimer:

Data from specimen labels, as originally provided by the individual collectors of those specimens and subsequently incorporated into an electronic database, are secondary data and their absolute accuracy is not guaranteed. Citation of information contained in an electronic database is no substitute for direct examination of specimens. The Division, MSB, and UNM are not responsible for any misuse, losses, or damages due to the use of these data.

We appreciate notification of discrepancies and errors in the database and welcome comments and development suggestions. If you have questions about or comments on the database or data release and use policies, please contact:

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