

# Cost-free Data Management with Symbiota-based Portals

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# Choices.....

Excel (or other spreadsheet)



Microsoft Access



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Symbiota





## Advantages

- Built on MySQL (relational)
- Easy to use
- Long history
- Open source
- No installation
- Web based: managing and serving data
- Supports images
- Free
- Powerful data management tools
- Georeferencing tools
- Direct data mobilization to iDigBio
- Easy to use
- Intuitive
- Built-in OCR
- Allows multiple users from remote locations
- Easy to use



# Symbiota

Promoting  
Bio-Collaboration



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## SYMBIOTA INTRODUCTION

In this quickly changing world, there has developed a great necessity to learn about our world-wide biota at an increased rate. Scientists are predicting that future species declines will approach historical mass extinction levels within this century. We need to develop better tools to aid taxonomists, field biologists, and environmental educators. It is imperative that we increase our rate of conducting biological inventories, especially within the tropics, as well as steering youth toward becoming our future scientists. Symbiota web tools strive to integrate biological community knowledge and data in order to synthesize a network of databases and tools that will aid in increasing our overall environmental comprehension.

The Symbiota Software Project is working toward building a library of webtools to aid biologists in establishing specimen-based virtual floras and faunas. The effort typically needed in building a quality virtual flora/fauna is usually underestimated. Writing the software, compiling the data, and curating the data relationships are each capable of overwhelming a project. The complexity of each of these tasks has shown that collaborative efforts are needed to build quality virtual flora or fauna of any significant taxonomic and geographic scope. The central premise of this open source software project is that through a partnership between software engines and the scientific community, higher quality and more publicly useful biodiversity portals can be built. An open source software framework allows the technicians to create the tools, thus freeing the biologist to concentrate their efforts on the curation of quality datasets. In this manner, we can create something far greater than a single entity is capable of doing on their own.

An overview of Symbiota's functions and impact was published by [Gries, Gilbert & Franz, 2014. Biodiversity Data Journal 2: e1114.](#)

To learn more about the features found within the Symbiota Network, view our [online webinars.](#)

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*Cesalpinia pulcherrima* (L.) Sw.  
Photo courtesy of Arizona State University Herbarium

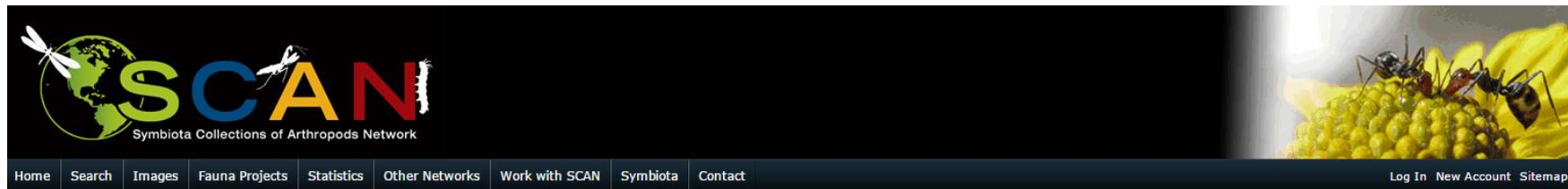
<http://symbiota.org/docs/>

Symbiota is software that supports portals, not a portal itself

Three options especially suited to field stations and other smaller collections



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All accessible from the online agenda

# Data from all of these portals are published and harvested by iDigBio

The screenshot shows the iDigBio search interface. On the left, the search filters are set to 'Institution Code: TTRS'. The world map displays numerous data points, with a red arrow pointing to a specific point in Africa. A 'Top 10 Taxa' legend is visible on the map. The search results table below shows a list of records with columns for Family, Scientific Name, Date Collected, Country, Institution Code, and Basis of Record. The total number of records is highlighted as 16,794.

| Family        | Scientific Name      | Date Collected | Country       | Institution Code | Basis of Record   | Actions              |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cyperaceae    | Abildgaardia ovata   | 1974-10-25     | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Fabaceae      | Abrus precatorius    | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Fabaceae      | Acacia farnesiana    | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Fabaceae      | Acacia farnesiana    | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Fabaceae      | Acacia farnesiana    | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Euphorbiaceae | Acalypha gracilens   | 2015-06-06     | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Euphorbiaceae | Acalypha gracilens   | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
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| Euphorbiaceae | Acalypha ostryifolia | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |
| Euphorbiaceae | Acalypha ostryifolia | no data        | United States | TTRS             | PreservedSpecimen | <a href="#">view</a> |



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  -   **Brigham Young University Mammal Collection (MLB-Mammal)** [more info](#)
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**TTRS :**  
**Ornithology**

## Tall Timbers Research Station - Ornithology

**Catalog #:** TTRS030470

**Occurrence ID (GUID):** 0f9f8028-459d-4f69-8817-830754cc2ba8

**Secondary Catalog #:** 3047

**Taxon:** *Icterus pectoralis* (Wagler, 1829)

**Family:** Icteridae

**Taxon Remarks:** Spot-breasted Oriole

**ID Remarks:** AOU #: 503.2

**Collector:** Stevenson, H.M. FSU 6842a

**Date:** 00 March 1962

**Verbatim Date:** 1962-3

**Locality:** UNITED STATES, Florida, Dade, N. Miami

### Specimen Images



Large Version



Large Version

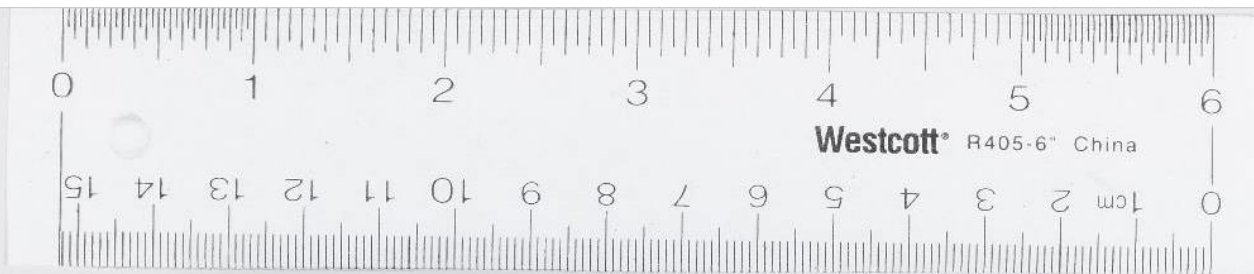


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**Record Id:** 0f9f8028-459d-4f69-8817-830754cc2ba8

For additional information on this specimen, please contact: ()



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prep. - 8.5 in.  
TL -  
Tastes minute



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