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The Place for Biological Field/Research Stations in Specimen Digitization: Results from Two Examples

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Biological Research/Field Stations

Biological field stations:

- outdoor/indoor laboratories for students, researchers, and the general public
- vary greatly in form and purpose
- standalone or associated with an academic institution
- marine and terrestrial
- usually limited in geographic scope
- often located in and have access to biodiversity hotspots or endemic habitats

*International Organization
of
Biological Field Stations*

~500 worldwide



**Organization of Biological
Field Stations**

*Supporting environmental research, education, and
public understanding*

~265 in the U.S.

Collections in Field/Research Stations

Results from a recent and on-going survey through the OBFS listserv (and elsewhere) suggest that as many as 83% of field stations in the U.S. support biological collections:

- Research
- Identification
- Documentation

Collection Types Represented

Arthropods

Birds

Butterflies and moths

Fish

Insects

Mammals

Marine invertebrates

Mollusks

Plants

Reptiles/amphibians

Usually small numbers

Biological Research/Field Stations

Small, potentially with multiple collections

Focused

Research centered

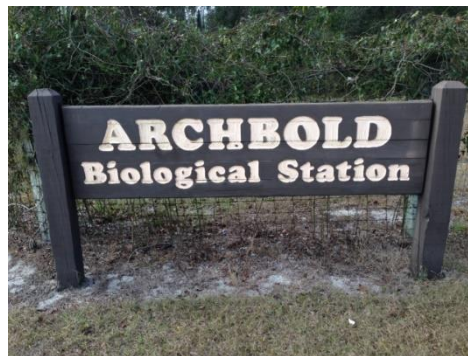
Rich data

Potentially the best representation of a limited geographic area

High value specimens

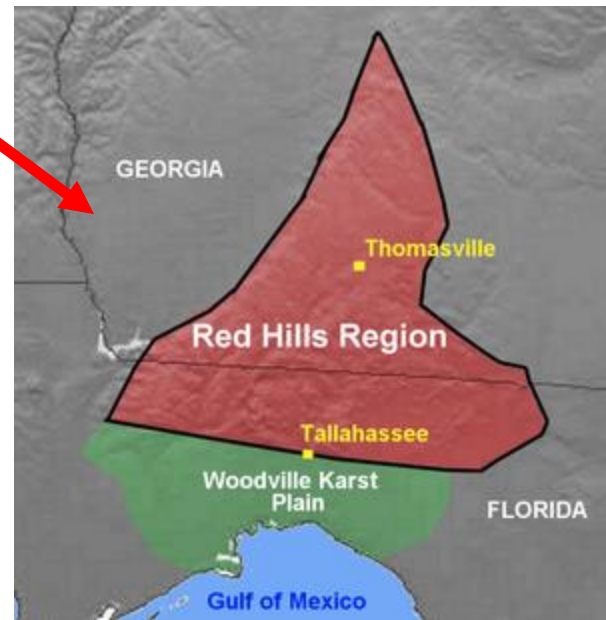
Not widely disseminated, duplicated, or available

Two examples





Tallahassee Red Hills Region





TALL TIMBERS

Research Station & Land Conservancy



Biological Collections



Fire ecology



TALL TIMBERS

Research Station & Land Conservancy

Longleaf Pine Ecosystem

Formerly more than 90 Million acres

Now about 3,000 old growth acres remain

Much of it under the management of Tall Timbers

Collections

- Archeology-Paleontology
- Birds
- Bird Photo Archive
- Insects
- Mammals
- Plants
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Worms



Imaging station





Unequalled opportunity
for completeness and detail

Full Specimen Record

Taxonomy

Scientific Name	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>
Kingdom	Animalia
Scientific Name Authors	H. Allen, 1862
Taxon Rank	Species
Nomenclatural Status	valid

Specimen

Catalog Number	514
Sex	Male
Institution Code	TTRS
Basis of Record	Specimen

Collection Event

Collected By	W. W. Baker
Verbatim Date Collected	1970-2-15

Locality

Georeference Data



The blue marker indicates the location of the current record, the red points are locations of similar specimens in the iDigBio system

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Record Image



Specimen Record: [\[823767\]](#) [Scolopax minor](#) **Contributor:** Jim Cox **Submitter:** Gil Nelson **Group:** Tall Timbers**Date Submitted:** 2013-02-13**Last Modified:** 2013-02-13**Publish Date:** 2013-02-20**AOUNO:** 228.0**vernacularName:** American Woodcock**Specimen Id:** 823767**Basis of Record:** Specimen**Sex:****Form:****Type Status:****Stage:****DeterminedBy:****Determination Notes:**[View the full image](#)[Go to image detail page](#)

Collection

Collector:**Institution:** TTRS**Catalog:** 279**Date Collected:**Locality [Edit this locality](#)**Locality Id:** 827073**Continent:****Water Body:****Country:** UNITED STATES**State/Province:** Florida**County:** Leon**Locality:** TTRS**Latitude:****Longitude:****Elevation (m):****Depth (m):**

Determination

Kingdom: [Animalia](#) **Phylum:** [Chordata](#) **Class:** [Aves](#) **Order:** [Ciconiiformes](#) **Family:** [Scolopacidae](#) **Genus:** [Scolopax](#)

Determination annotations



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Specimen Details

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Species: Acer rubrum
Collection Date (Partial): 1976-04-21
Bar Code ID: TTRS_000002974
Collectors: Robert K. Godfrey
Collector's Identifier: 74837
Country: United States
State or Province: Florida
County or Parish: Holmes
Fips Code: 12059



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Verbatim Directions to Locality: **forma tomentosum (Tausch) Siebert and Voss. Slough, E side of Choctawhatchee River, W of Millers Crossroads.

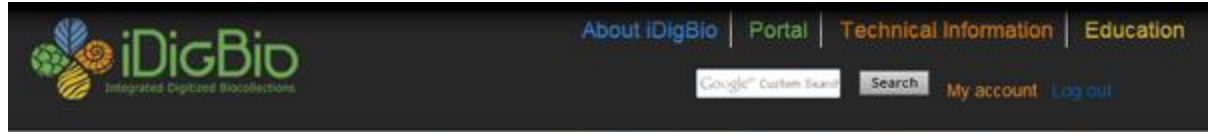
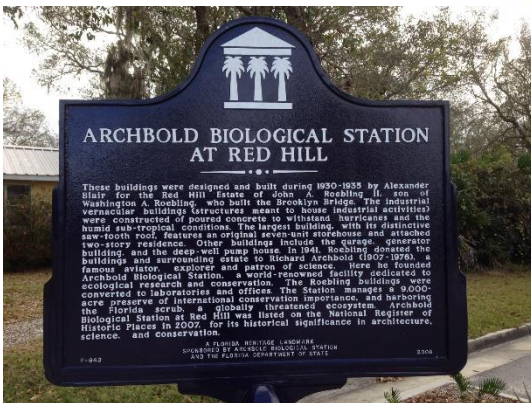
Identification Records

Identifier's Name: Robert K. Godfrey
Text Identification Date: 1976-04-21
Identification History: ACER RUBRUM L. TRILOBUM K. KOCH

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Welcome to
Archbold
Biological Station

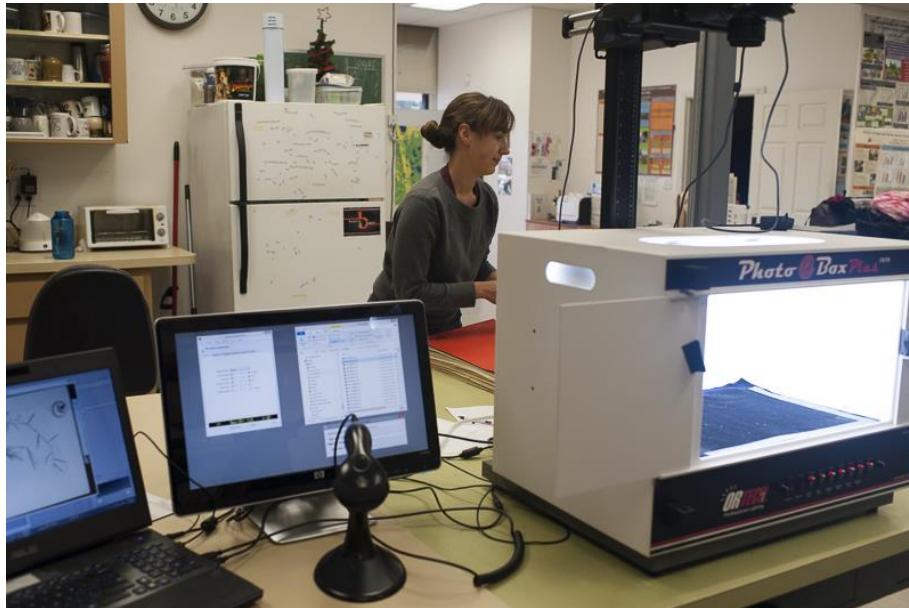


Weekend Digitization Blitz Yields 4,276 Specimen Images for Archbold Biological Station

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iDigBio, Archbold Biological Station, Tall Timbers Research Station (TTRS), and the Godfrey Herbarium at Florida State University (FSU) teamed up the weekend of January 18th and part of the following week to image Archbold's entire herbarium collection. Joanna McCaffrey and Gil Waters, funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation, provided the equipment





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Archbold Biological Station

ARCH : herbarium

Catalog #: ARCH03815

Occurrence ID (GUID): urn:uuid:74bc2338-e58e-4dfc-85dc-8747395808de

Secondary Catalog #: 3815

Taxon: *Prunus geniculata* Harper

Family: ROSACEAE

Collector: A. F. Johnson s.n.

Date: 06 March 1981

Locality: U.S.A., Florida, Highlands, Venus 1957 (7.5') Quadr, T38S R30E S10, E of US27, Hendrie Ranch

Habitat: Local population of 4 shrubs in semishade of sand pines in the middle of an extensive rosemary bald.

Specimen Images



Large Version

Record Id: a3923c61-0413-4930-8863-bece2707c1e4

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