

Lepidoptera of North America Network (LepNet)

\$3.2 million over 4-Years

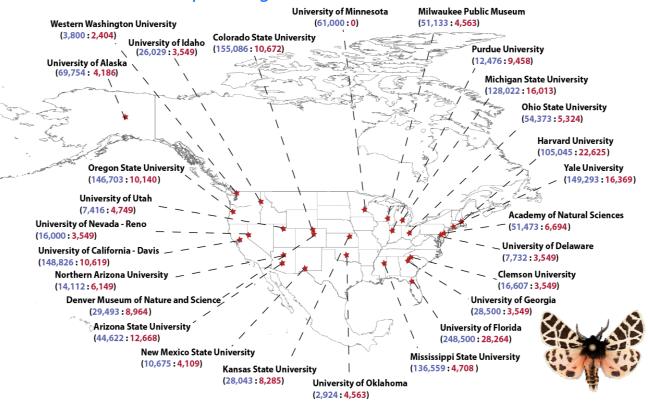
Project Goals

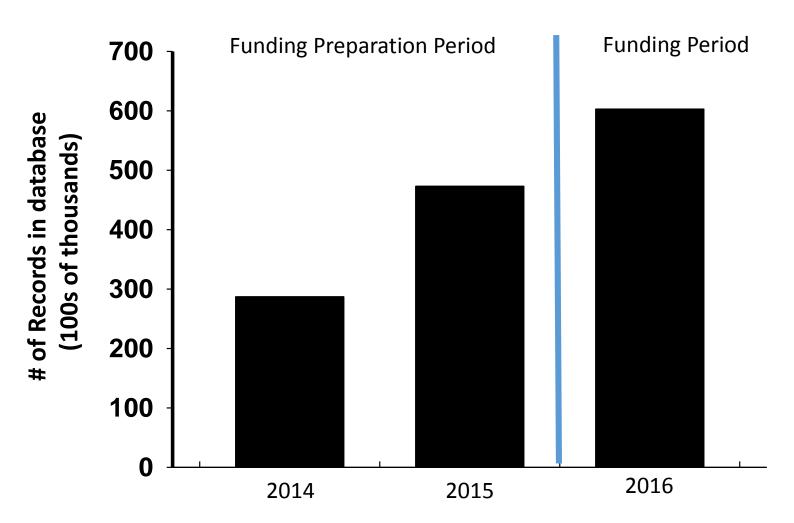
- (1) Digitize **1.7 million** adult specimens and **33,524 larval vial records,** integrate >1 million existing lepidopteran records, totaling **2.7 million** occurrence records.
- (2) Produce high-resolution species exemplar images for **81,000** specimens representing at least **60%** of the 14,300+ North American Lepidoptera species.
- (3) (**LepSnap**) computer identification and **smartphone** application for researcher volunteers to image cataloged specimens and add >160,000 images beyond the high-resolution species exemplars.

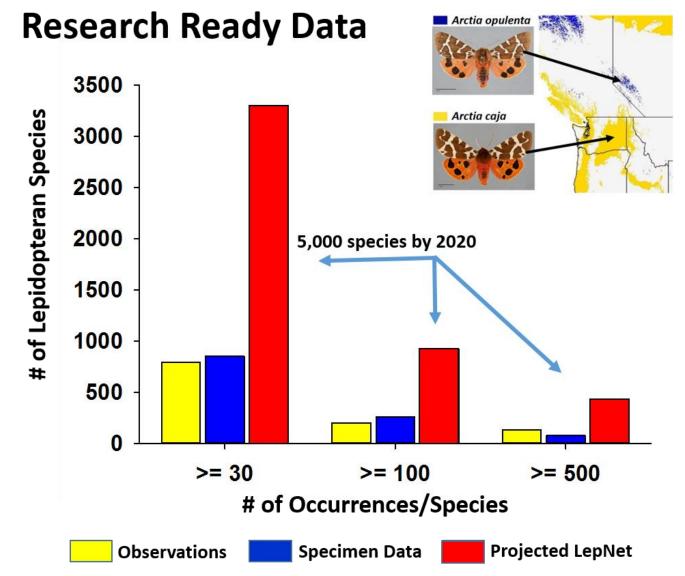


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1,704,161 Total specimen records 214,705 Total specimens imaged







"LepNet-based data will facilitate comparative studies of the evolution and ecology of Lepidoptera"



LepSnap: Automated Identification of Taxa

Huge Potential for Identification from Images

How many Lepidoptera can be identified?

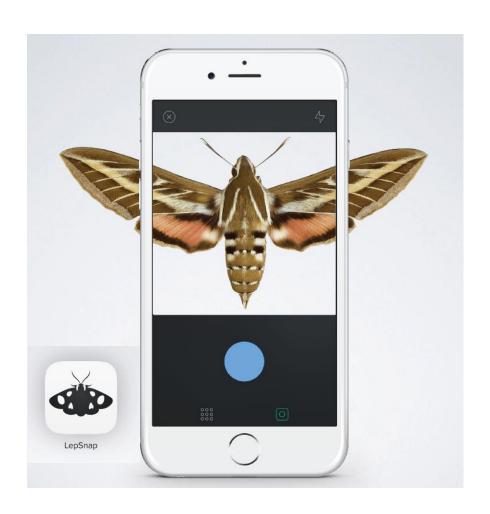
80% of butterflies

70% of large moths (macros)

55% of small moths (micros)

6,870 North American species

- Engage & Augment Human experts
- Connect with citizen scientists in the museum and the field (observations)



LepXplor Education-Outreach Program





