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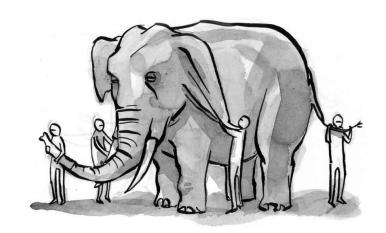






#### **Overview**

- Some ideas from US digitisation project
- What to digitize
- How are digital records of specimens identified
- How are uses of specimens tracked





























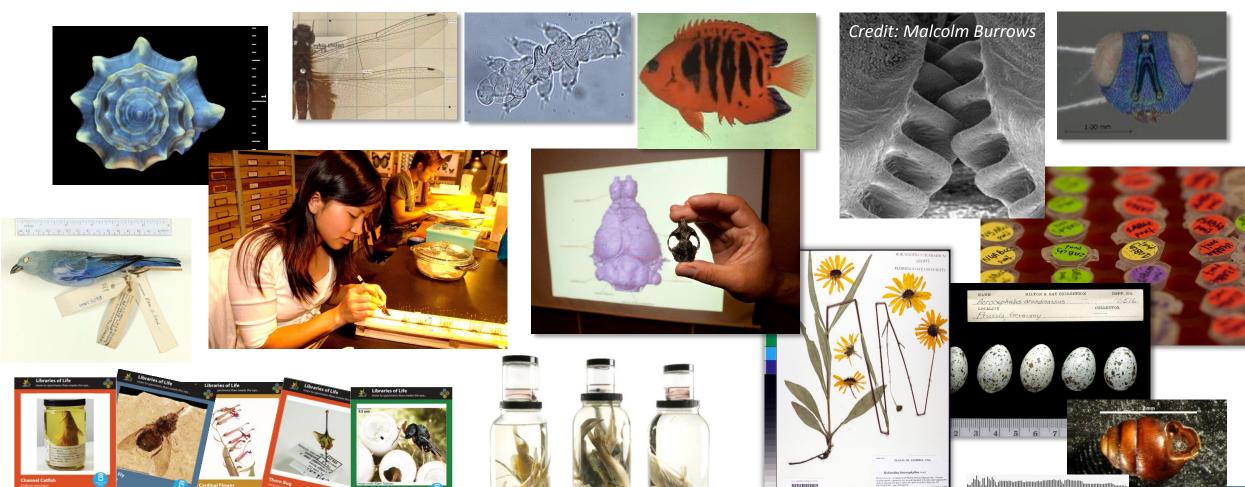


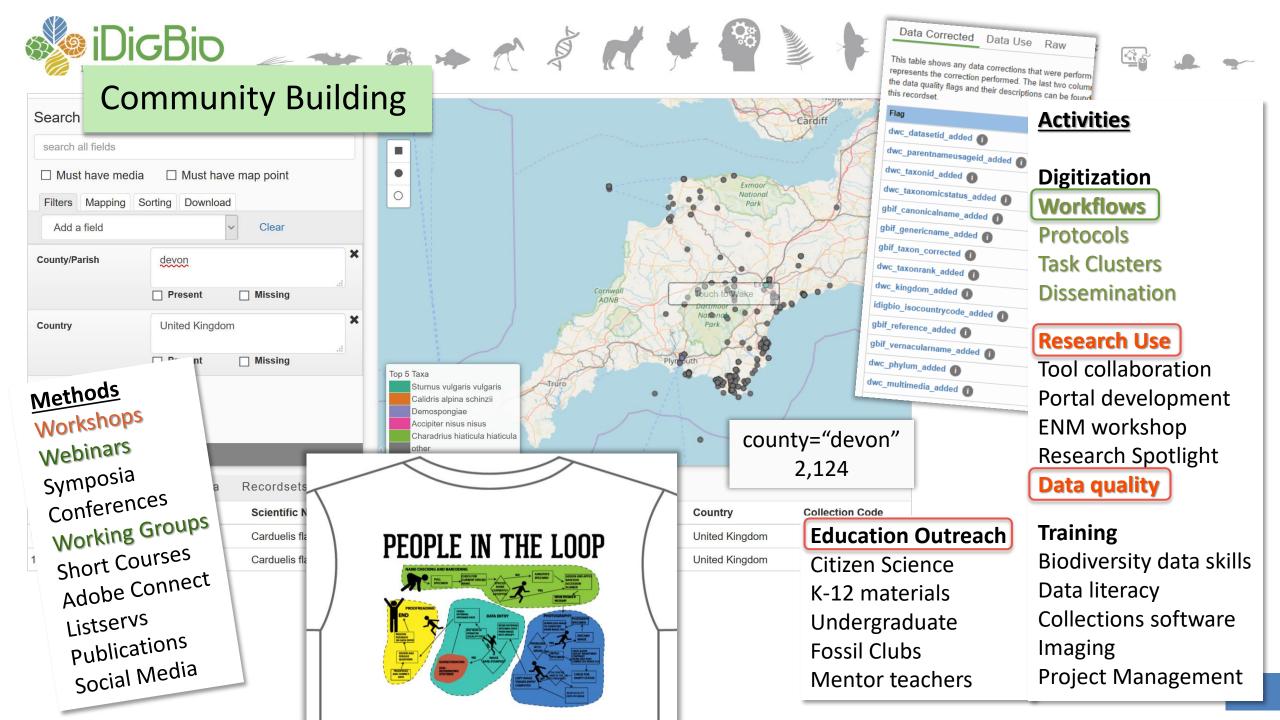




### Images related to digitisation





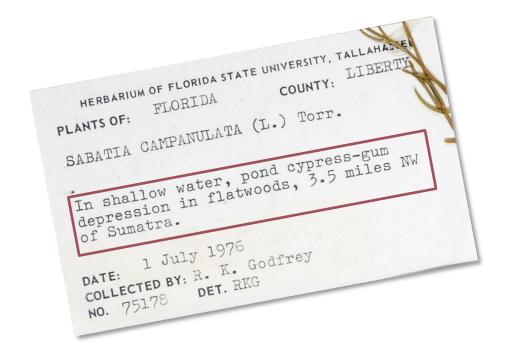






### What, where, when

- Primary goal is to capture data about specimens
- What
  - Scientific name
- Where
  - Location of collection
  - Geolocation
- When
  - Date of collection
  - Accuracy of date?







#### **Media records**

- Photographs
  - Easy for herbarium sheets
  - Pinned insects
  - Stuff in jars
- Audio
  - Animal communications signals (TCN)
- 3-d images
  - Optical
  - MRI (note new TCN)





## **Discovery and attribution**

- Globally unique identifiers
- Identifiers travel with data and link back to specimen in collection
- Aggregators (e.g. GBIF)
  - Keep identifiers with data records
  - Provide link back to provider
  - Allow search for data associated with identifier
- Identifiers are used for associations
  - This bug was found eating this plant





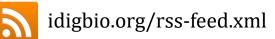
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