



Imaging Birds and Mammals Tall Timbers Research Station

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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







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Tallahassee Red Hills Region







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Biological Collections



Fire ecology







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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

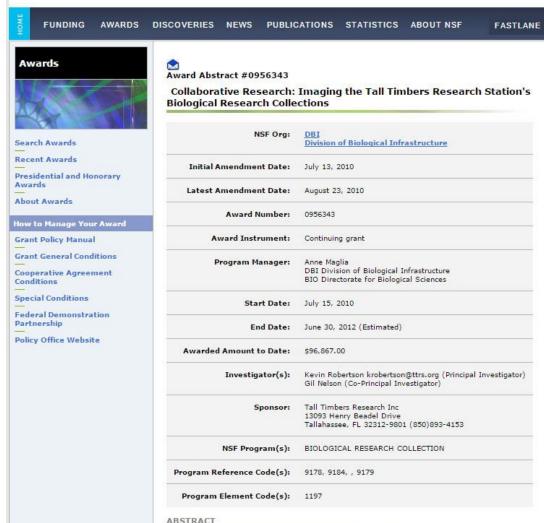
Collections

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













The goal of this project is to create high-resolution digital images of the ca. 16,000 plant, bird, mammal, and Lepidoptera specimens in the Tall Timbers Research Station (TTRS) Museum in Tallahassee, Florida, USA. The specimens represent a nearly complete



Specimen Counts

Plants (~10,500 specimens)
Birds (~4,000 specimens)
Mammals (~1,000 specimens)
Butterflies (~1,500 specimens)

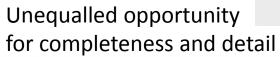
















Equipment/Software list:

Nikon D3X 24.5 megapixel camera

AFS Micro-Nikkor 60 mm macro autofocus lens

Nikon 105 mm f/2.8 VR Micro lens

Nikon 12-24 mm zoom lens (for larger specimens)

Kaiser Copy Stand RSX with RTX Arm for holding camera

Kaiser attached fluorescent lighting system

Helicon Focus software

CombineZ stacking software

Camera Control Pro 2 software

Nikon Capture NX2 software

Nikon View NX2 software

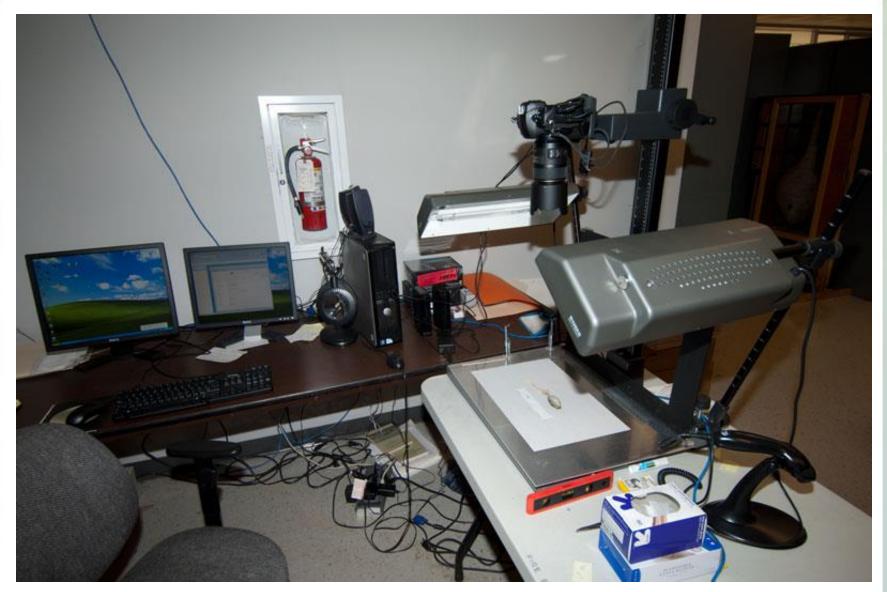
Several custom-designed, project-specific software applications written by Gil Nelson

Computer

4 External hard drives for temporary storage

Written protocols/workflows



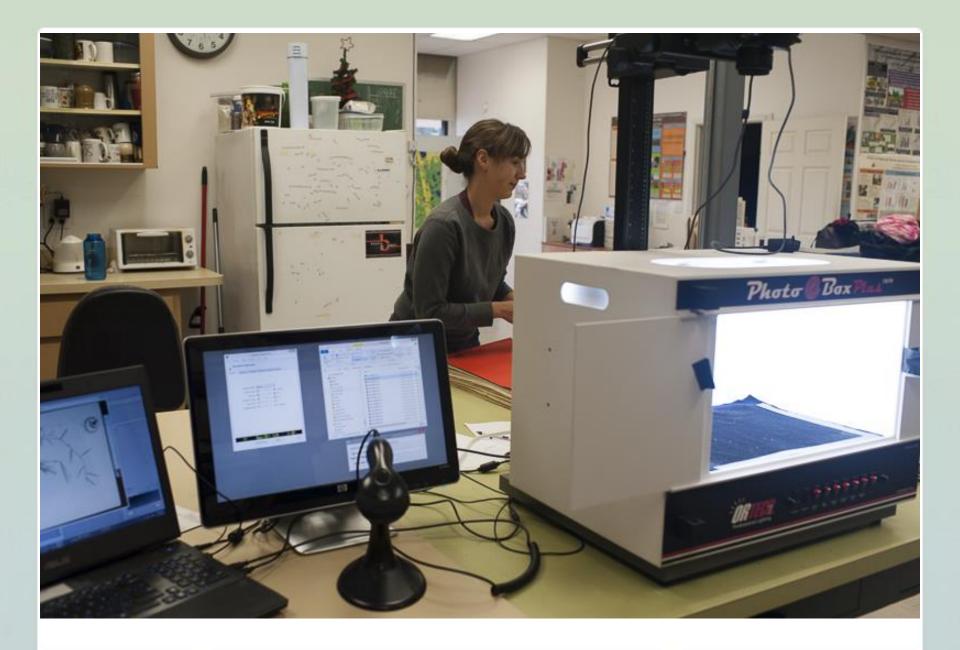


Imaging station











Nikon D3x Full frame 24.5 megapixel Live view





Nikon 810 36.3 megapixel Full frame Live view









Selection Criteria

- Two of each species (male/female)
- All specimens of special interest (T&E, endemic, e.g. RCW, Sherman Fox Squirrel)
- Any specimens cited in publication
- Specimens with bill deformity or other morphological abnormalities

Views

Birds: dorsal, ventral, lateral

Mammals: dorsal



Passerina ciris















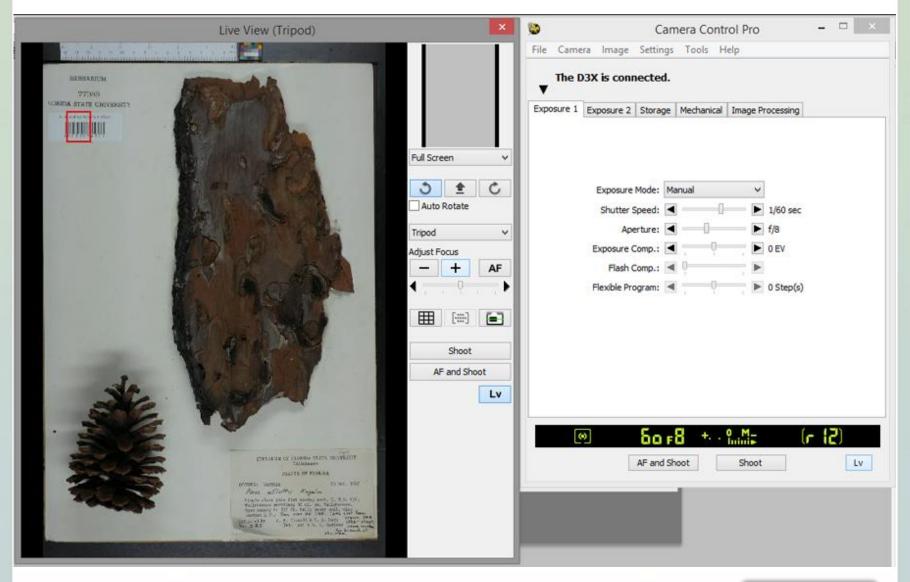




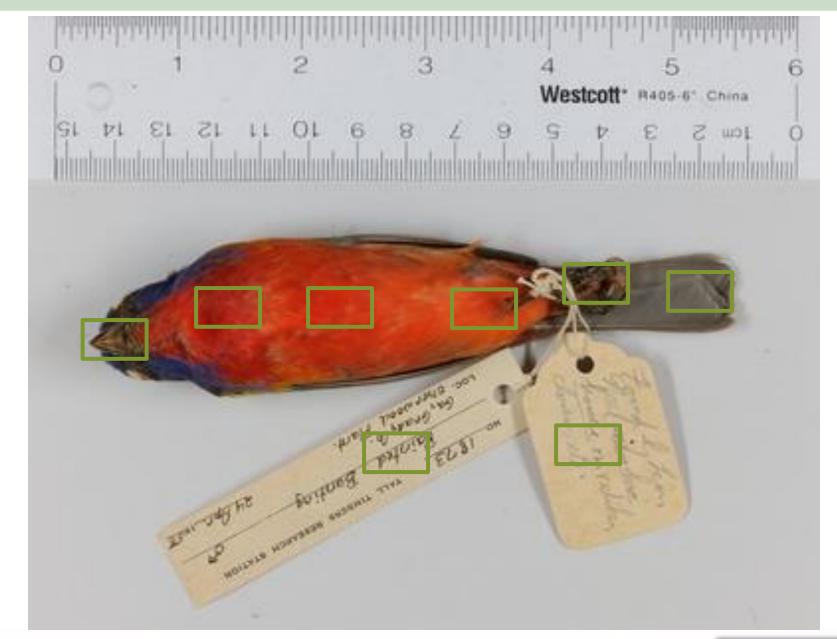




Camera Control Pro

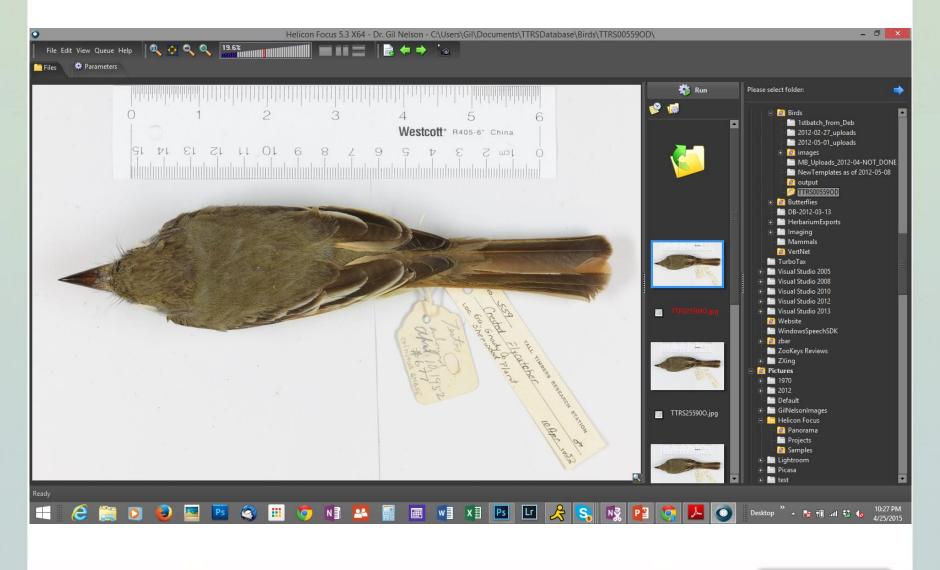






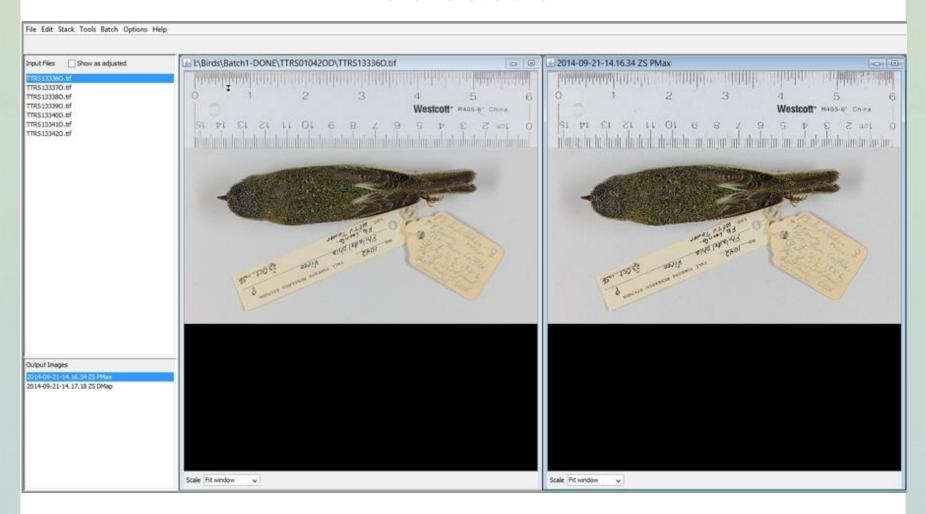


Helicon Focus



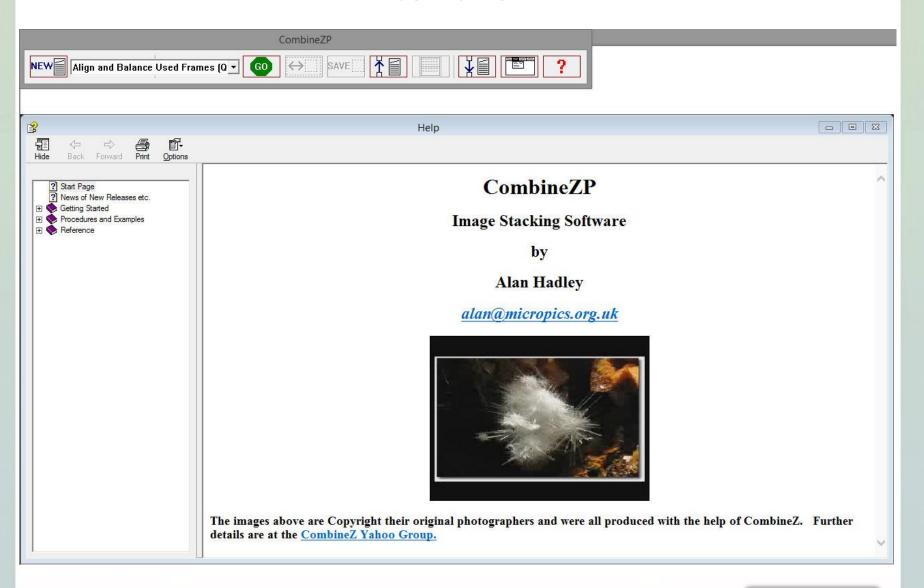


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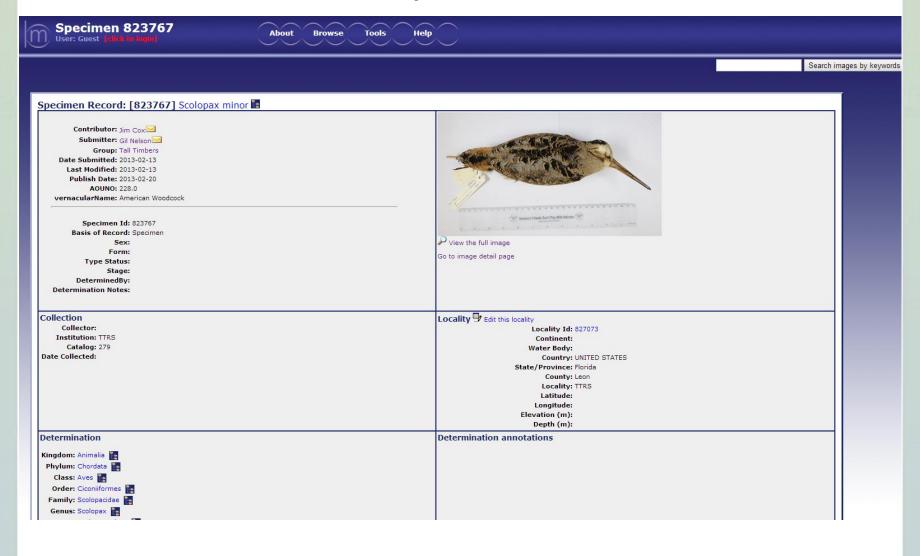


CombineZ





Morphbank.net





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