# Asking and Answering Questions: ADW's Flexible Querying Tool

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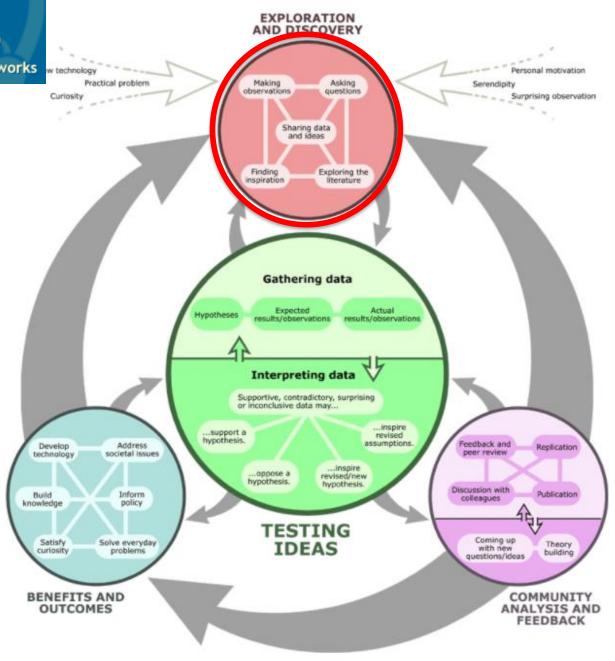
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Ask questions

Answer questions

Large and small



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# The Animal Diversity Web is:

- a global natural history database
- built by students
- using museum data
- that supports student inquiry

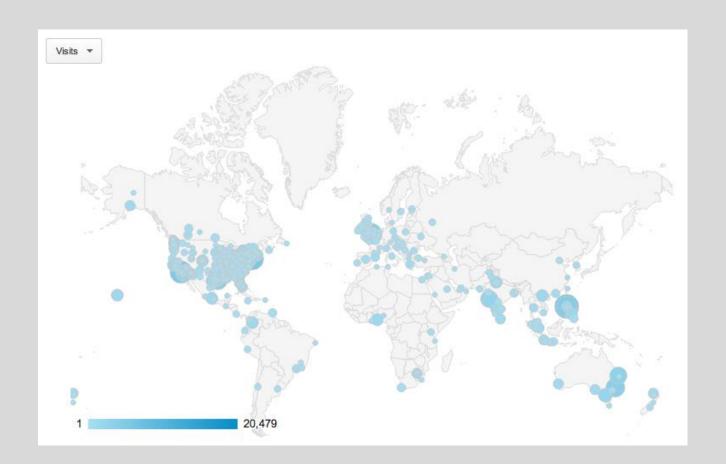








- a global natural history database
- 1.4 million pages monthly to over 400,000 unique visitors











built by students

77 institutions, hundreds of courses, over 3500 student authors

> 4000 species, 400 higher taxa, 19,000 live animal images

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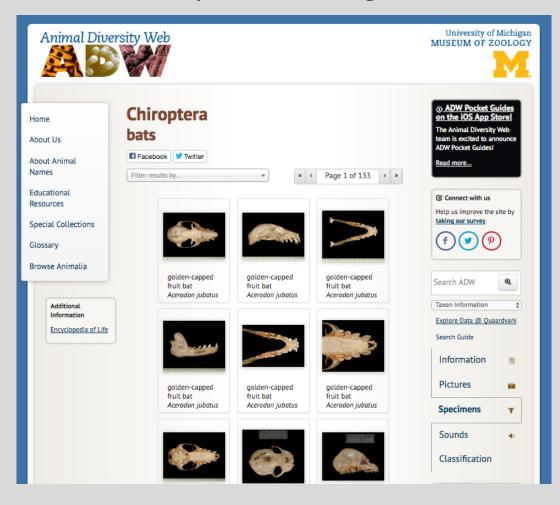


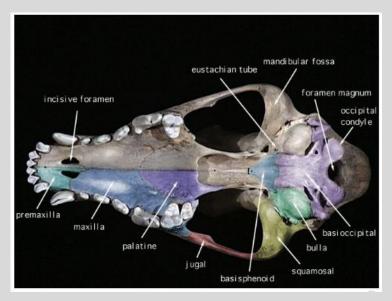




## using museum data

# 7,500 specimen images















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Animal Diversity Web

#### Welcome to QUAARDVARK



Welcome to **Quaardvark**, a tool for creating complex queries that allow you to dig through the underlying database of the Animal Diversity Web to discover ecological and evolutionary patterns in the natural world.

#### **Quick Overview**

- Query and Report takes you to the query tool, where you can search Animal Diversity Web
  data and create spreadsheet-like reports. You will need to be registered to download data or
  save work.
- For an explanation (including short screencasts) of how to set up queries and reports, see "Using Quaardvark".
- Here is the PDF version of a poster we recently shared at an NSF Primary Investigators meeting: PI Meeting Poster

#### **Educators and Researchers**

- To see how other educators have used Quaardvark, take a look at the set of Sample Activities.
- To explore the query tool without registering, select Query and Report. You will not be able
  to download data or save queries with this option, but you can access all search features and
  view reports within your browser.











# What goes into supporting flexible querying?

- taxonomic skeleton
- a fully structured database
- controlled vocabulary keywords
- data fields

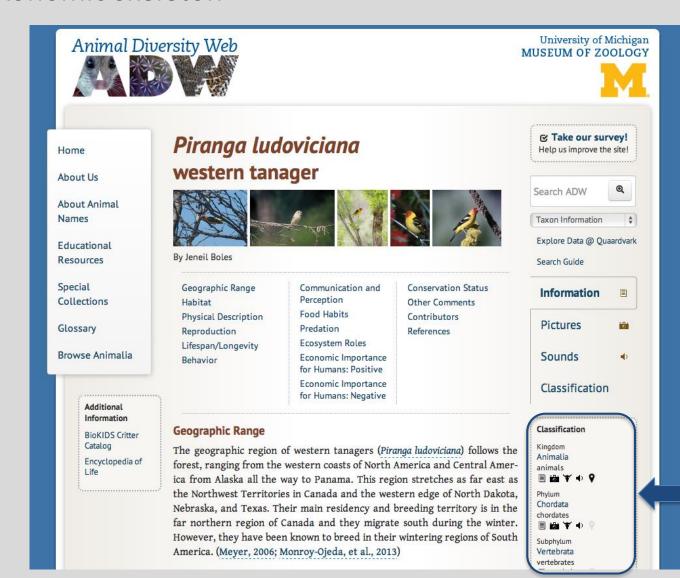








### taxonomic skeleton



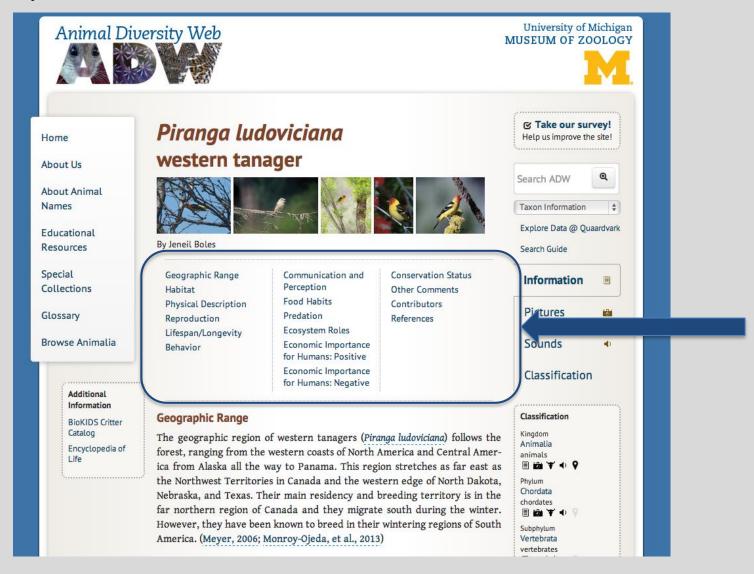








### a fully structured database



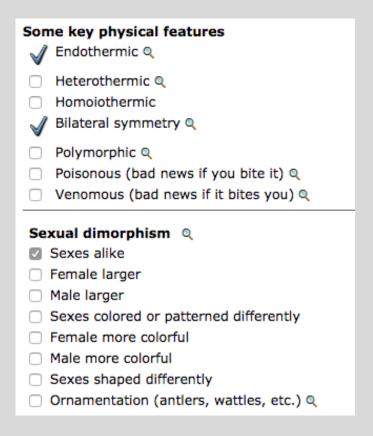








# controlled vocabulary keywords



Key	behaviors
$\checkmark$	arboreal (lives in trees) Q
	scansorial (specialized for climbing in trees)
	cursorial (specialized for running)
	terricolous (lives on the ground)
	fossorial (specialized for burrowing under ground) Q
	troglophilic (breeds and thrives in caves)
	flies
	glides
	saltatorial (specialized for jumping and hopping) @
	natatorial (specialized for swimming) Q
$\checkmark$	diurnal (active during the day) @
	nocturnal (active at night) Q
	crepuscular (active at dusk and dawn) @
	parasite Q
$\checkmark$	motile (able to move around) Q
	nomadic (moves throughout a large range year-round) @
	migratory (moves seasonally between different regions) Q
	sedentary (mainly stays in one general area) Q
	hibernation (inactive during the winter) Q
	aestivation (dormant during hot weather or times of little food)
	daily torpor (dormant for a part of each day)
	solitary Q
$\checkmark$	territorial (area defended by an animal or group) Q
	social (lives mainly in a group) Q
	colonial (lives in large groups) Q
	dominance hierarchies Q









# data fields

Longest known lifespan in wild					
Low:					
High:	5.1				
Average:					
Units:	years ‡				
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Average:					
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High:					
Average:					
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Expected lifespan in captivity					
Low:					
High:					
Average:					
Units:	hours ‡				

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### The result:

- flexible presentation of content
- flexible queries to explore hypotheses









### flexible presentation of content

# **BioKIDS Critter Catalog**



Critter Catalog

Kids' Inquiry of Diverse Species

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#### turtles, snakes, lizards, and relatives

perching birds
 tanagers and relatives

#### Information

**Pictures** 

#### Classification

### Additional information:

Find western tanager information at

Animal Diversity Web

Encyclopedia of Life

### Western tanager

Piranga ludoviciana

### What do they look like?

Western tanagers are about 18 cm long and weigh about 28 grams. They have a wingspan of about 28 to 30 cm, with rounded wings and a fan-shaped tail. They use their beak for catching food, building nests, preening, digging holes, and caring for their young. Their eyes are sepia brown in young birds, grayish brown or black in adult males, and reddish brown to burnt umber in adult females. Among males, their breast is mostly yellow, their back and wings are mostly black, and their entire head is red. Their wings have two bright yellow wing bars. Females are pale in comparison, with an olive green upper back and head. Their wings are grey with two wing bars and their tails are greyish brown or olive green. After hatching, young have white or pale gray down on their head, back, and wings, and their wing bars become visible after 10 days. (Hudon, 1999; "Western Tanager", 2013)

Other Physical Features: endothermic; bilateral symmetry

Sexual Dimorphism: sexes colored or patterned differently; male more colorful

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0.85 to 1.27 oz

Average mass 28 g 0.99 oz

#### Range length 16 to 19 cm 6.30 to 7.48 in

Average length Range wingspan

18 cm 28 to 30 cm 7.09 in 11.02 to 11.81 in





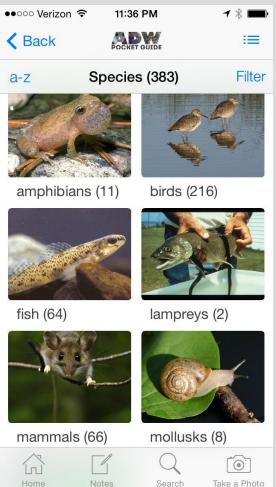


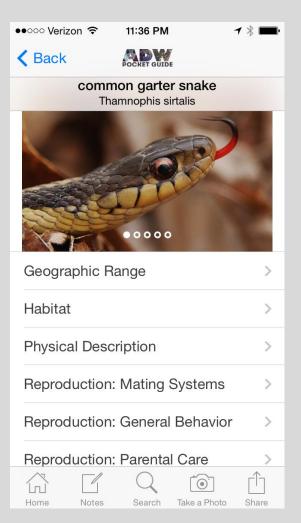


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## Customized pocket guides







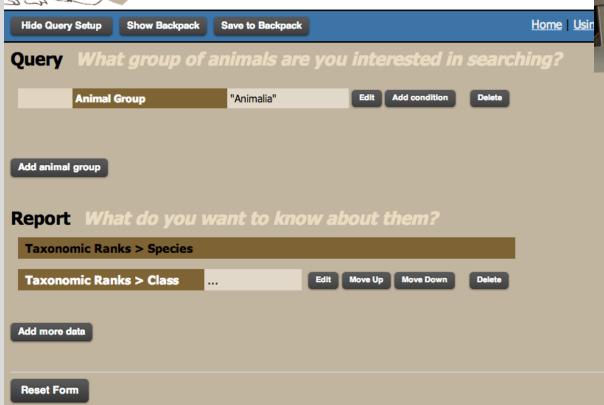
























#### **Sample Activities**

ADW project staff and collaborating faculty have created a suite of learning activities that use data from the Animal Diversity Web, extracted with Quaardvark. In each activity students construct their own searches and extract data sets that are large enough for them to find patterns. Below is a list of activities suitable for different types of undergraduate courses, followed by a full list of activities. Activity titles link to individual pages with downloadable activity documents.

#### Suitable for introductory biology students:

- · An Introduction to the Animal Diversity Web and Quaardvark
- · Taxonomic Diversity and the Environment
- Introduction to Data Analysis
- Life History Impacts on Number of Offspring
- Form and Function
- Generalized Sexual Dimorphism And Mating System Exercise
- · Mass and Lifespan in Aves
- Sociality And Habitat In Aves
- Patterns in Life Histories and Conservation Risk
- Ecotree Exercise
- Endangered Species Lab
- Terrestrial/Aquatic Comparisons
- · Relating Natural History Traits to Basal Metabolic Rate
- Body Mass and Basal Metabolic Rate in Birds and Mammals

#### Suitable for ecology, conservation, wildlife classes:

- · An Introduction to the Animal Diversity Web and Quaardvark
- Taxonomic Diversity and the Environment
- · Introduction to Data Analysis











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**Animal Diversity Web** 

#### Bird Beak Structure and Diet

Apr 24, 2013 - 15:55 - George Hammond

Students analyze photos of birds from different primary foraging categories to test the hypothesis that morphological adaptations for different food types are consistent within a trophic category and different across trophic categories (e.g., piscivores generally have long, thin beaks, whereas terrestrial mammal predators have squarish beaks). Diet information and beak photos are drawn from the Animal Diversity Web using Quaardvark. Students can use the free image analysis program "Image J" (from the National Institutes of Health) to determine beak size and shape from photos. This activity was developed by Professor Keith Pecor for his Ecology class at The College of New Jersey.

BirdBeakAdaptations.doc - 04/24/2013 - 15:21



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#### **Measuring Bite Force from Skulls**

Mar 05, 2013 - 21:49 - Tanya Dewey

An activity designed by Ben Wasleske and Sylia Bautista, students in a Mammalogy course taught by Dr. Chris Yahnke, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. The purpose of this lab activity is to use images of dog and cat skulls to calculate maximum estimated bite force. The activity uses Quaardvark and Image J, a free online photo tool. Attached as well is a spreadsheet with formulas to calculate maximum estimated bite force from measurements of skull dimensions taken with ImageJ from specimen images.

- MEBFCalculatorforImageJ.xlsx 03/06/2013 12:55
- BiteForcefromSkulls.docx 02/15/2013 12:59



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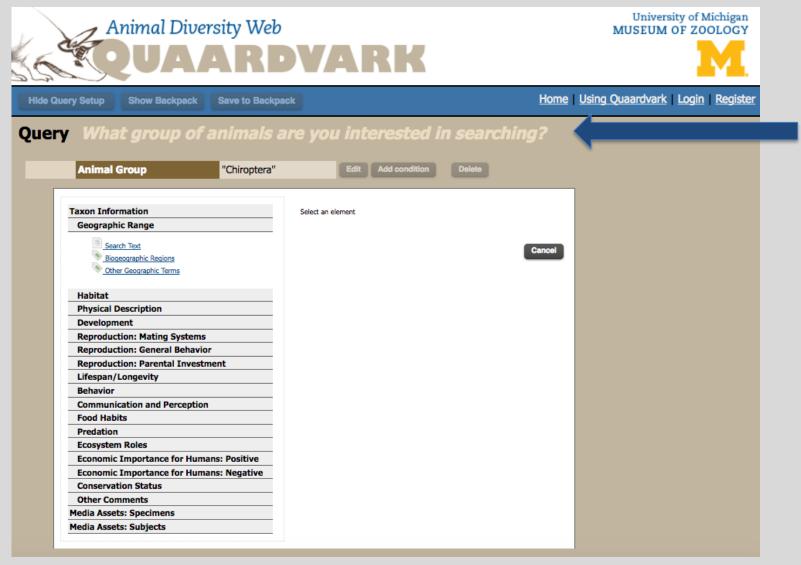
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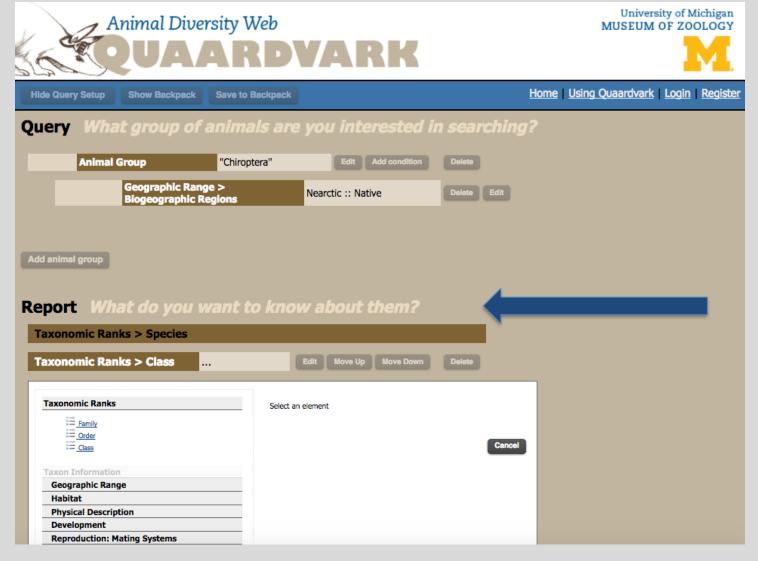
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### Query What group of animals are you interested in searching?

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Biogeographic Regions	☐ Introduced Q	☐ Introduced <
Other Geographic Terms	▼ Native Q	☐ Native Q
Habitat	Palearctic Q	Oceanic Islands Q
Physical Description	☐ Introduced Q	☐ Introduced Q
Development	☐ Native 🤏	☐ Native Q
Reproduction: Mating Systems		
Reproduction: General Behavior	Oriental Q	Arctic Ocean Q
Reproduction: Parental Investment	☐ Introduced Q	☐ Introduced Q
Lifespan/Longevity	☐ Native 🤍	■ Native
Behavior	Ethiopian Q	Indian Ocean
Communication and Perception	0	
Food Habits	☐ Introduced Q ☐ Native Q	☐ Introduced Q ☐ Native Q
Predation	Native 4	Native <
Ecosystem Roles	☐ Neotropical Q	Atlantic Ocean Q
Economic Importance for Humans: Positive	☐ Introduced Q	☐ Introduced Q
Economic Importance for Humans: Negative	Native Q	Native Q
Conservation Status	_ native	_ name -
Other Comments	☐ Australian <a>Q</a>	Pacific Ocean Q
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Query for bats native to the Nearctic.











Predation

**Ecosystem Roles** 

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Save to Backpack **Hide Query Setup** Show Backpack Query What group of animals are you interested in searching? **Animal Group** "Chiroptera" Geographic Range > Nearctic :: Native **Biogeographic Regions Report** What do you want to know about them? Taxonomic Ranks > Species Taxonomic Ranks > Family Physical Description > Mass Average (g) **Taxonomic Ranks Primary Diet** List keywords under a column Primary Diet **Geographic Range** Habitat Report keywords in their own column **Physical Description** If the keyword is present, YES is reported. Development Carnivore Q Reproduction: Mating Systems (eats animal tissue) Reproduction: General Behavior Eats terrestrial vertebrates Reproduction: Parental Investment Piscivore Q Lifespan/Longevity (eats fish) **Behavior** Eats eggs **Communication and Perception** Sangulvore Q **Food Habits** (drinks blood) Eats body fluids Primary Diet Insectivore Q Animal Foods (eats insects) Plant Foods Eats non-insect arthropods Other Foods (crustaceans, arachnids, etc.) Foraging Behavior Molluscivore Q (eats snalls, bivalves, squid, etc.) Vermivore

(eats worms)

Report primary diet.



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### Report What do you want to know about them?



Taxor	nomic Ranks
Taxor	1 Information
Geo	graphic Range
Hab	itat
Phy:	sical Description
Dev	elopment
Rep	roduction: Mating Systems
Rep	roduction: General Behavior
Rep	roduction: Parental Investment
Life	span/Longevity
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Con	munication and Perception
Foo	d Habits
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	system Roles
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Eco	nomic Importance for Humans: Negative
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	Forelimb
	Hindfoot
	Lower Jaw
	Skull
	Teeth
	Vertebrae
Media	Assets: Subjects

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<b>⊘</b> Skull			
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✓ Basicranial View			
✓ Basioccipital			
✓ Bullae			
✓ Dorsal View			
Frontal View			
✓ Horns			
✓ Infraorbital Foramen			
✓ Lateral View			
✓ Maxillary-Premaxillary Juncture			
✓ Nasal			
✓ Nasal-Premaxillary Relationship			
✓ Orbit			
✓ Palate			
✓ Palatine View Premaxillary			
✓ Ventral View			
☑ Only include species with media assets matching this terms Species without matching media assets will be removed from the report; unchecking this may produce a report with gaps.  Cancel  Save Changes  Cancel  Cancel			

Show images of skull morphology.





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### Query What group of animals are you interested in searching?

Animal Group "Chiroptera" Edit Add condition Delete

Add animal group

Select "submit."

### Report What do you want to know about them?



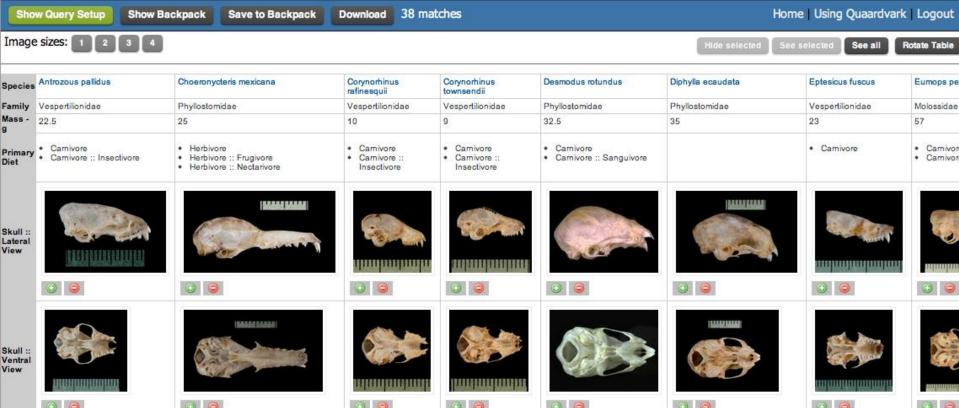
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Please keep in mind that Animal Diversity Web data are incomplete. We rely on contributions from students for our accounts and data, and there are sometimes inaccuracies or missing information. We're working to provide a rich source of data for the more than 3000 animal taxa represented here. If you find errors, we would be grateful if you would report them.

Report is presented in the browser window and is downloadable.

















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Ailuropoda melanoleuca	Ursidae	102500	12.5		
Ailurus fulgens	Ailuridae	4950	14		
Akodon azarae	Cricetidae	19	0.79		
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Alouatta pigra	Atelidae	8900	20		
Alouatta seniculus	Atelidae	5500	25		
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Antilope cervicapra	Bovidae	37500	15		
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Aplodontia rufa	Aplodontiidae	1125	10		
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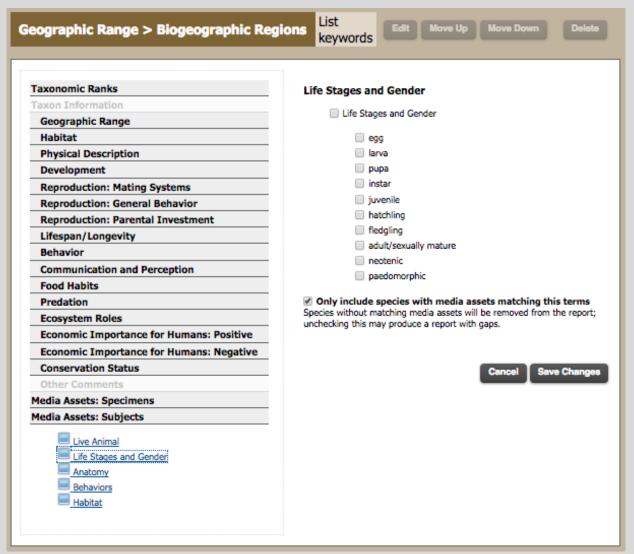








image queries of live animals using controlled vocabulary

















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Image sizes:







**Rotate Table** 

Dendroica caerulescens

Parulidae

Nearctic

Nearctic :: Native

Neotropical

Neotropical :: Native





Dendroica cerulea

Parulidae

Nearctic

Nearctic :: Native

Neotropical

Neotropical :: Native







Dendroica coronata

Parulidae

Nearctic

Nearctic :: Native

Neotropical

Neotropical :: Native





Dendroica kirtlandii

Parulidae

Nearctic

Nearctic :: Native

Neotropical

Neotropical :: Native











### Nearly limitless inquiries

- students pose hypotheses and explore data on their own
- supports data analysis skills
- supports observation and measurement of specimens

# Additional possibilities

Integrate with other databases (collection, image, range maps, etc.)

### External Information Resources (NCBI LinkOut)

LinkOut	Subject	LinkOut Provider
Myotis lucifugus	taxonomy/phylogenetic	Animal Diversity Web









## Evidence of efficacy

- exercises built and tested in over 30 classrooms at 20+ institutions
- Over 3000 students evaluated, pre/post-assessment via participant perception indicator tools
- significant increases in student confidence in their ability to formulate and answer scientific hypotheses and manipulate data

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