

Resource Summary Report

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MVZ Collections

RRID:SCR_010608

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Resource Information

URL: <http://mvz.berkeley.edu/Collections.html>

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Description: A collection of over 640,000 specimens of amphibians, reptiles, birds, bird eggs or nests, and mammals, as well as over 50,000 tissue samples from these vertebrate groups. These research collections are ranked as one of the largest in the United States, and the largest of any university museum. In addition, the Museum has numerous special collections that include archived field notes and photographs, historical annotated maps and correspondence, avian sound recordings, chromosome and histology preparations, Milton Hildebrand anatomical and film collections, artwork related to terrestrial vertebrate natural history, and a library of books, reprints, and journals for curation and research activities. Specimen data are accessible online, and the Museum is working to improve data access to the other collections. Museum Collections * Mammal Collection * Herpetological Collection * Bird Collection * Egg & Nest Collection * Tissue Collection * Fieldnotes, Photos, & Map Collection * Other Collections The Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (MVZ) welcomes donations of amphibians, reptiles, birds, bird eggs and nests, mammals and related materials. Acceptance of a donation is at the discretion of MVZ Curators. * Specimens -- May include preserved specimens and/or parts (e.g., tissue samples) as well as unpreserved material (e.g., frozen carcasses, live animals) that will be prepared by Museum Curators, curatorial staff, or students. * Related Materials -- Donations of images (digital or printed photographs or slides), sound recordings, field notes, and other natural history archival material. Materials must be connected to specimens or research projects. Donated material and associated data will be made available for research, education, or public exhibit according to the mission and policies of the Museum and Regents, except by prior signed agreement between the donor and the Museum.

Abbreviations: MVZ Collections

Synonyms: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology Collections

Resource Type: biomaterial supply resource, material resource

Keywords: tissue, dna, egg, nest, tissue, blood, protein extract, skin, skeleton

Availability: Will provide limited grants of tissue from its collections to qualified researchers

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Alternate IDs: nlx_51505

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for MVZ Collections.

No alerts have been found for MVZ Collections.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 1 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

Zhuang MV, et al. (2019) Evolution of pedal digit orientation and morphology in relation to acquisition and secondary loss of the adhesive system in geckos. Journal of morphology, 280(10), 1582.