

BIOLOGY REFERENCE WEBSITES

This section contains a listing of web links to on-line references relating to biology topics on stamps and general philatelic information. We are providing this information to assist members in research and not to endorse the sites listed in any way. If readers know of, or use other useful sites, please send the links to your editor and we will include them in future editions. New entries since the last publication are indicated with an asterisk (*).

STAMP ISSUES

***ATA TopicalsOnLine.** On-line stamp sales by topic and country. Anyone can be a buyer, but you must be an ATA member in good standing to be a seller. Robust search capability and reasonable prices.

<https://www.topicalsonline.com/>

Catawiki. Listings and illustrations of stamps for sale by topic for every theme from A to Z.

<http://www.catawiki.com/catalog/stamps/100283-themes-topics>

Collectors Club of Chicago: Philatelic Encyclopedia. A comprehensive compendium of definitions for philatelic terms and topics including those in more than 40 foreign languages. The parent site has many additional reports and references. Portions are still under construction.

<http://www.collectorsclubchicago.org/philatelic-encyclopedia.php>

Cyber Stamps. On-line postage stamp catalogue of worldwide topical issues.

<http://www.cyberstamps.com>

Delcampe. Worldwide listings and illustrations of stamps for sale.

<http://stamps.delcampe.net/page/category/cat,-1,language,E.html>

***eBay.** Worldwide listings and illustrations of stamps, covers, postcards, and other collectibles for sale.

<http://www.ebay.com/>

Neofila. Modern issues from Russia, Eastern Europe, and Baltic States. Also includes some African countries.

<http://www.neofila.com/>

Stamp Collection. On-line postage stamp catalogue of worldwide issues. Includes production information.

<http://colnect.com/en/stamps/countries>

Stamperija. Listings and illustrations of thematic issues from countries located in Africa, Asia, and Oceania produced by Stamperija, Ltd., under contract to several postal administrations. Requires login.

<http://www.stamperija.eu/index.php>

Stamp World. Listings and illustrations of issues from all countries by year. Includes production information. Requires login.

<http://www.stampworld.com/en/maps/Europe/>

Stanley Gibbons. Searchable on-line stamp catalogue from Stanley Gibbons.

<http://www.allworldstamps.com/>

***Virtual Stamp Club.** Latest news from the world of stamp collecting. Links to other stamp collecting sites and the websites of almost every other collector society or major club.

<http://www.virtualstampclub.com/>

Zillions of Stamps. Worldwide listings and illustrations of stamps for sale.

<http://www.zillionsofstamps.com/>

GENERAL

***American Philatelic Society.** Listings of dealers, local clubs, stamp shows, and other philatelic events.

<http://stamps.org/>

Collect 4 All. Listings of stamps for sale by country and theme. Includes spectrum of animal stamps.

<http://www.collect4all.com/>

Fauna-Stamps. Listings of stamps for sale (mainly new issues) on all sorts of biological themes including Cats, Dogs, Horses, Birds, Butterflies, Paleontology, Flora, and WWF animal stamps.

<http://www.fauna-stamps.com/>

Tree of Life Web Project. Worldwide collaborative effort to map the genome of every organism on earth and to establish their relationships to one another.

<http://www.tolweb.org/tree>

Zip Code Zoo. Links to taxonomic identification for all areas of biology including both zoology and botany.

<http://zipcodezoo.com/>

BOTANY

Fungal Biodiversity Center. Dutch site under the Royal Netherlands Academy of Science and Arts dealing with the taxonomy and evolution of fungi. Includes searchable taxonomic databases.

<http://www.cbs.knaw.nl/>

Garden Guides. Replacement site for *www.botany.com*. All kinds of information about plants including cultivation. Listings by common name or scientific name. Grouped by plant types.

<http://www.gardenguides.com/>

International Association for Plant Taxonomy. Links for the standard international codes on taxonomy and nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants.

<http://www.iapt-taxon.org/nomen/main.php>

Lichens of North America. Many photos of lichens and links to related sites.

<http://www.lichen.com/>

ENTOMOLOGY:

Antbase. On-line databases maintained by the American Museum of Natural History and Ohio State University listing all the ant species of the world.

<http://www.antbase.org/index.htm>

Australian National Insect Collection. Listings of Common and Scientific Names, systematic listing, and author abbreviations.

<http://www.ces.csiro.au/aicn/intro.htm>

Cerambycidae. Species listing and illustrations of Cerambycidae of the West Palearctic Region organized by subfamily and tribe.

<http://www.cerambyx.uochb.cz/>

Cercopoidea Organised On Line. Taxonomic database operated under the auspices of *Université Pierre-et-Marie-Curie* in Paris and dedicated to the insects Cercopoidea, which belong to the Hemiptera order.

<http://rameau.snv.jussieu.fr/cool/index.php>

Entomological Data Information System. Internet links to many worldwide websites dealing with biology and ecology, especially Lepidoptera.

<http://www.insects-online.de/linkfram.htm>

FUNET. Finnish university share network site containing updated taxonomic listings for insects, especially Lepidoptera. It also has limited listings for mammals, birds, and plants.

<http://www.nic.funet.fi/pub/sci/bio/life/intro.html>

International Odonata Research Institute. Information about dragonflies and damselflies, including listings by geographical area, taxonomy, and links to related sites.

<http://www.iodonata.net/>

Natural History Museum. British site containing Lepidoptera generic names and type species listings.

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/research/projects/butmoth/>

Odonata Society. German site containing listings of Odonata species found in Europe (in German).

<http://www.libellula.org/>

World Bee Genera. UC Riverside site containing listing of all bee generic names and synonyms by family and subfamily current as of September 2007.

<http://cache.ucr.edu/~heraty/beepage.html>

HERPETOLOGY:

AmphibiaWeb. Provides access to information on amphibian declines, conservation, natural history, and taxonomy. Includes an on-line database of species and links to many related sites.

<http://amphibiaweb.org/index.html>

The Reptile Database. Uetz, P. (Ed.). Taxonomic database that provides basic information about all living reptile species, such as turtles, snakes, lizards, and crocodiles, as well as tuataras and amphisbaenians, but does not include dinosaurs.

<http://reptile-database.reptarium.cz/>

***Turtle Meter Stamps.** Updated website containing a worldwide catalog of meter stamps and meter marks that depict turtles and tortoises based on the owners collection of more than 220 items. There is an image of each meter with some short comments on its use and scarcity in English, Italian, and French.

<http://turtlemeterstamp.altervista.org/>

World-Wide List of Turtles and Tortoises on Stamps. This on-line listing was produced by Donald N. Riemer, a former member of the Biology Unit and contributor to this journal, who passed away in June 2012. The site contains a checklist of stamps by country along with appendixes listing labels, cinderellas, turtle look-alike stamps, and post offices with “turtle” or “tortoise” in their name.

<http://www.personal.psu.edu/crr2/turtstmp/>

ICHTHYOLOGY

FishBase. A searchable database developed at the WorldFish Center in Taiwan in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Contains all you ever wanted to know about fishes.

http://fishbase.sinica.edu.tw/home_tw.htm

MAMMALS

Feline Philately Homepage. All sorts of cat stamps, postmarks, and related articles.

<http://www.catstamps.org/>

Mammal Species of the World. On-line database of worldwide mammal species hosted by the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.

<http://www.vertebrates.si.edu/msw/mswcfapp/msw/index.cfm>

ORNITHOLOGY

Birds of the World. All sorts of bird stamps by country and species, including new issues.

<http://www.bird-stamps.org/>

Bird Stamp Society. Website of an organization catering to collectors of bird stamps. They publish a quarterly journal that lists new birds on stamps. The site also has a biographical reference of authors of species of birds.

<http://www.bird-stamps.org/>

Theme Birds on Stamps. All sorts of bird stamps by country and species, including new issues.

<http://www.birdtheme.org/>

PALEONTOLOGY:

Dinosaur Illustrations. Galleries of dinosaur illustrations by species. Includes links to paleontology stamp sites and other related sites.

<http://www.search4dinosaurs.com/>

Paleophilatelic. Catalogue of Paleontology related philatelic items, such as paleontologists, fossils, prehistoric animals, dinosaurs, early man, and museums on official post stamps, envelopes, and post cards. Contains links to related news items and sites.

<http://www.paleophilatelic.eu/index.html>

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Armadillo
2. Falcon (from the sport of falconry)
3. 10,000 to 1 (odds of finding a five-leaf clover are 1,000,000 to 1)
4. Ossicones (on both males and females these are permanent ossified cartilage covered with skin)
5. Vanilla (the bean is the fruit of *Vanilla planifolia*)
6. Only 0.7 hp (in short bursts, a horse can reach between 2 and 3 hp, but continuously, it drops below one)
7. Almonds and pistachios (chestnut trees are mentioned, but not the nut)
8. Every ten years (thanks to a cell renewal process called “remodeling”)
9. A stand (or more entertainingly, a flamboyance)
10. About 30 years (queen ants live longest, one *Lasius niger* lived for 28¾ years in captivity)