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**Persona:**

Taxonomist regularly uses BHL in her day-to-day work.

**Search**

**Conduct a few searches on your own**

**It can be for a species, or a common name, or an ornithologist**

**Basic search = amphisbaena cubana**

Looking for specific epithets, first time used

Scrolled through results; described as probable

**Basic search = Berliner monatsberichte**

Results appear to all be from Ornithologie Monatsberichte

Limited to 1878, still appears to be all ornithologie

Commented that looks like the Libraries’ OneSearch in that it’s all the same periodical but with each volume shown in result set it produces a lot of noise if that’s not the title you’re interested in. It’s too much to scroll through. Would prefer chronologically or some way to collapse those together.

Looking at authors facet, looking to see if there’s anything by Peters

Clicked on the More… in Authors facet without prompting

Commented that Alphabetical would be more helpful

Explained that it is sorted by number of matches and that there may be many more matches than what is even shown with the expanded list.

She replied alphabetical would probably still be preferable for her. The ideal might be to be able to toggle between relevance and alphabetical name sorting

**Basic search = Kosteletzkya pentacarpos**

Limited to Author = Blanchard

As it expected!

**Scripted**

1. Do a basic search for “Transactions of the Linnean Society of London”
   1. Limit your results to ‘Serials’ and author ‘William Curtis’. Are the results as expected?

This is kind of confusing. None of the titles are for Transactions of the Linnean Society

Maybe sometimes I might want to search only inside a given journal run? I’m not sure.

* 1. Uncheck those selections and then limit the results to those authored by Charles Darwin. Are the results as expected?

Some make a little more sense

* 1. For the Transactions of the Linnean Society of London, what’s the earliest volume you can find?

Clicked on Title

Looked at volumes on right side 🡪 Volume 1, 1791

Note: this is the person who tried this way

* 1. Was that easy or hard?

Easy. That’s how I’d normally do it.

I pointed out the date facets. She probably wouldn’t use for that particular search but thought they were great for limiting other searches.

* 1. Are there times when you think you would want to find the earliest relevant match within a particular journal run?

It depends. Sometimes looking for something that was cited in another publication

1. Do a basic search for "linnean", and then view the results for the first alternate ("Search instead for") term.
   1. What is the first item found? Would you consider this to be an expected result for this search term?

Some of these are ok. I’d say linden is too fuzzy. This could be helpful for some of those long German titles

Tried Motansberichte – returned Search Instead for correct spelling, Monatsberichte

This is great!

1. ~~Search for " "temple of flora" "(use quotes) . Examine the details of the first result.~~
   1. ~~Why do think this first result was included?~~
   2. ~~Examine one of the results further down. Why do you think this one was included?~~
   3. ~~Was this easy or hard?  Explain.~~
2. Do a basic search for "strix var\*".  Examine the details of the first result.
   1. What are some of the words that matched the wildcard term ("var\*")?

Varia and variegated

* 1. Is this what you expected?

Yes

Note: had to remind about the Details. Asked if any comments on its visibility. Said, no, it’s fine, especially with white and plus mark. Wouldn’t want it any more visible.

1. Do an advanced search for the scientific name "strix varia".
   1. How many were found?
   2. Do the first few results look like what you would expect? Why or why not?
   3. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

Use this all the time and it’s working as expected.

1. Do a basic search for "barred AND owl".  Note the number of publications, authors, and subjects returned.  Then do a basic search for "barred OR owl".  Note the number of publications, authors, and subjects returned.
   1. Which search returned more results?

OR

* 1. Is this what you expected?

Surprised OR didn’t return even more results

1. Search for the book "10.5962/bhl.title.98662".  Navigate to the book viewer and search within it for "galapagos tortoise"
   1. How many pages were found?

Are each of these ‘Text’ entries different pages?

(explained relying on pagination or lack thereof)

2 pages returned

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain. Any other comments?

Very easy. I’ll use this all the time.

1. ~~Navigate to https://beta.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/122307 and search within that book for " "great britain" " (use quotes).  Navigate to the second page returned by the search.~~
   1. ~~On what line of text does "great britain" appear?~~
   2. ~~Was this easy or hard?  Explain.~~
2. ~~Do an advanced search for the author "darw\*".~~
   1. ~~Is "Darwin, Charles," in the results?~~
   2. ~~Was this easy or hard?  Explain.~~
3. Search for "origin of species"
   1. What is the first title on the second page of search results.

Searched in quotes

Returned [Hypotheses to explain the origin of species in Amazonia](https://beta.biodiversitylibrary.org/part/121338)

(an external article)

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

Easy

1. Now that you have a sense of what’s possible, let’s try a few more searches of your own. Perform your own basic searches for publications, authors, subjects, and names (at least 3 of each).
   1. Were you able to find what you searched for?

**Basic Search**

Malvaceae AND “Virginica L.”

Related terms – commented on malaceae – is that even a thing?

Results – these are great! Some of these would be relevant

**Basic search**

“Bull ess. inst.” (with quotes)

How does fuzzy searching work now?  
Looks for matches in both metadata and full text.

Limited search to Serials

About halfway down list, Bulletin of the Essex Institute. Great!

**Basic search**

Burrowing owl (no quotes)

Scrolled down and noted one title included Athene cunicularia

Advanced search Scientific Name cunicularia

Selected speotyto cunicularia

Clicked on maginifying glass – slow to load

Went back, selected just cunicularia

Noted Annals of Natural History a good resource for her work

Used magnifying glass to look at pages in a couple volumes

Found a reference to “Hist. de Chile”

Did advanced title search “Hist. de Chile” commented that love BHL can handle abbreviated title searches like that

Tried this search with and without quotes

Then advanced title = “Hist. de Chile” and author = Molina

Limited to 1701 – 1800

Found it, 3rd down

*Compendio de la historia geografica, natural y civil del reyno del Chile*

Great that it was retrieved even though historia wasn’t spelled out in the search

Retrieved *Strix cunicularia*!

1. Perform your own advanced searches for publications, authors, subjects, and names (at ~~least 3 of each).~~
   1. ~~Were you able to find what you searched for?~~
2. ~~Perform your own searches within a book (at least 3).~~
   1. ~~Were you able to find what you searched for?~~

**General Questions:**

1. Were you satisfied with the overall experience / performance of the site?  Explain.

It was a little slower than BHL typically is. Especially to preview pages from the Advanced Search scientific name bibliographies (Using the maginifying glass)

1. Were you satisfied with the overall search navigation?  Explain.

Yes, it’s fairly straightforward once you know the tips and tricks that are available.

1. Any other feedback or suggestions on the search experience?

Search Inside is great! I’ll use this all the time!

Love the previews (referring to Details in results list)