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**Persona:**

Before we get started, it would be helpful for me to understand how you might normally use the BHL website. Could you give an example or two of the kinds of things you would typically use BHL for?

BHL Staff. A lot of time use BHL to find a certain page for a library user. Or they’ll have references and I’ll retrieve it from there. Full text will be helpful for finding things using bird names, whether specific or genus, or local or common names. Interest in searching for collector names as well.

**Search**

**Conduct a few searches on your own**

Basic: HMS Champion

Details (prompted) – retrieving HMS but not necessarily in conjunction w Champion

“HMS Champion”

2 results

Pulled up first one

Search Inside “HMS Champion”

Next to each though but with punctuation between

Clicked on page number

Ya, I see what it’s done. Can find it.

The context is the right sort of thing. Hasn’t found the thing we’re looking for but it makes sense why it pulled it.

You don’t have to put full stops in between

**Scripted**

1. Do a basic search for “Transactions of the Linnean Society of London” in quotes
   1. Limit your results to author ‘Curtis, John’. Are the results as expected?

All are from that journal. Seems right.

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

Used date facets, starting with the earliest one (1600 and earlier). That doesn’t seem right. Publication date appears to be 1901. Is it looking in the Title? That’s not what I’d expect to see as a match.

Next tried 1701-1800 facet. Those look like what I’d expect.

Are volumes and segments all returned together?

Yes. Do you think that is helpful?

It depends on what you’re looking for. Could be helpful for narrower searches.

* 1. Was that easy or hard?

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 those terms are what I’d expect to see. The French don’t spell it the same way and that spelling isn’t shown. Helpful regardless and would probably use to see alternate spellings, even if I know it’s incomplete or might include results I don’t consider relevant like linden.

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\*")?

Tried with and without quotes.

With quotes, most were “var-“ or var.”

Without quotes, varia, variegated.

Noted that retrieving terms separate from one another without quotes

* 1. Is this what you expected?

Yes

1. Do an advanced search for the scientific name "strix varia".
   1. How many were found?

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* 1. Do the first few results look like what you would expect? Why or why not?

These all look as expected

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

Easy

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. Yes, as expected.

* 1. Is this what you expected?

1. Search for the book "10.5962/bhl.title.98662".
   1. How many matches were found?

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* 1. Do again with quotes or just select first one. Navigate to the book viewer and search within it for "galapagos tortoise"

Retrieved just the one with the matching DOI

* 1. How many pages were found?

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

As expected. Easy

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?

Yes.

One page of results would be useful, maybe increase to 15-20 results to page.

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

1. ~~Search for "origin of species"~~
   1. ~~What is the first title on the second page of search results.~~
   2. ~~Was this easy or hard?  Explain.~~
2. 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: “Howard Saunders”

He’s coming up

Quite useful

Can I combine searches?

Retrieved 2000 publications

Would like to add Korea

**Suggestion – make current search editable**

Subjects facet – No Korea. But quite useful to see sorted by number of matches.

Basic: “Howard Saunders” AND Korea

Clicked through details

Some could be possible matches

Now 244. If you knew approximate publication date, would hopefully give a manageable set of results

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’s an improvement.

**Feels a bit slow.** Has a lot to go through now.

Probably will spend more time drilling down with the new options.

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

It’s straightforward. Similar to before. Good to know about things like quote marks.

Facets seem to work well. There was the one oddity with the 1600 one that we looked at.

If you’re working with a publication you know, you probably have an idea of the date ranges you want to focus on.

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

No. Like all databases, you just have to get used to the way it works.