<https://beta.biodiversitylibrary.org/>

**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 staffer who uses BHL primarily to deposit archival materials. Work is primarily with the backend of the system, making sure metadata is correct. Not a lot for research purpose. Interest in full text is around seeing transcriptions added to BHL and made searchable.

**Search**

**Conduct a few searches on your own**

1. **Advanced**

**Names:** Hamamelis virginiana

10 names retrieved on beta

11 names retrieved on production

**Why the difference?**

Selected the first one. Commented that the view is what she’s used to seeing searching scientific names. Used magnifying glass to view pages. Was able to find term in text.

1. **Advanced**

**Names:** Danaus plexippus

Seems to work as expected

1. **Basic:** Princeton

16,498 results

Used date facet to limit results to 1826-1850

385 results

Hit the back button

Reloads page, 1826-1850 still shows as checked but page is now showing unfiltered results

Kept that checked, further limited by Archival Material which showed having 14 matches

Opened to Author tab because 0 matches in publications

Described as very confusing. Tried it 3 more times with the same results.

**When user hits back button, would it be possible and would we want to have previously selected facets un-checked?**

**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?

**The authors aren’t listed alphabetically. If looking for someone specific, would prefer to have this alphabetical.**

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

Selected 1600 – that one’s not a match.

Then selected 1601-1700

Then selected 1701-1800, scrolled through**. I want to sort it by publication date. Otherwise, I feel like I have to go through this whole list.**

I explained can still go to title record to view volumes. That method was understood but considered it not intuitive.

* 1. Was that easy or hard?

Hard. Would rate it at a 5 (1 being easy and 5 being most difficult)

1. ~~Do a basic search for "linnean", and then view the results for the first alternate ("Search instead for") term.~~Looking towards the top of the page, do you find the ‘Did you mean’ terms helpful?
   1. ~~What is the first item found? Would you consider this to be an expected result for this search term?~~

Yes. All have similar spellings to my search terms. If I had misspelled, the proper spelling might be there.

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, variegated, various

* 1. Is this what you expected?

Yes

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

9

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

yes

* 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?

11,984 AND

40,698 OR

* 1. Is this what you expected?

yes

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"
  2. How many pages were found?

4 matches Galapagos

2 matches tortoise

Noted that the terms are not together

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

Easy

Search Inside: Galapagos

Now there are 30 matches!

When searches as Galapagos tortoise, appears to be retrieving only pages with both terms on them.

Even with that knowledge, still consider it 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

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

Easy, though thought Charles Darwin would be first. Why is Leonard first? **Alphabetical would be most expected. It’s also not the same order as on the production site. What is being used to sort these?**

1. Search for "origin of species" using quotes
   1. What is the first title on the second page of search results.

This makes sense. Has ‘origin of species’ together in title

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

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?

**Advanced**

**Author:** Darlington

Found Darlington, William which is the one was looking for.

**When I’m searching for a scientific name, I’d like to see an indication of which if any matches are for illustrations.** I can see the page number. Would it be possible to display the page type? Might not always have the correct page type metadata but would be more than we have now.

Tried “Hamamelis virginiana” AND ill\*

Clicked through a couple

Can you search inside at the Title level? Search for a term in all volumes associated with that title?

**When click on a title, would want to open to the specific volume, in this case volume 4 of Addisonia. Rather than at title level.**

Since I’m looking at a volume level result, that would be more intuitive.

Opened that volume, found an illustration of the species she was interested in by using Search Insde for species name: <https://biodiversitylibrary.org/page/4509498>

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.

Speed – overall, speed is good. Haven’t been any serious delays. It’s performing as fast as I would expect any website to perform.

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

It’s ok. Alphabetical sorting, or lack thereof, throws me of a little. Subject and language, sorted by frequency of matches seems fine. **But for the author facet, those names really should be in alphabetical order.**

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

Details

I didn’t know that this would give snippets until it was pointed out. **Would like a better descriptor than Details.** Also seems like it might show Details like on Title record so wasn’t interested for these kinds of results.

**Once expanded, would like to see matches hyperlinked to those pages.**

Why not already expanded?

Have been using ProQuest and EBSCO a lot recently in grad school. **Really like how in EBSCO, there is a partial summary displayed,**. ProQuest requires many more clicks. Becomes time consuming.

Going back to results page, looking at amount of information shown. Any opinion on if it’s too much, too little, just enough?

Not sure.

**Don’t think Holding Institution needs to be included there. Not the first thing I’m worried about.**

**Publication info – maybe?**

**Definitely need Title, Author, Volume, Year**

**Would like to see some of the text matches already expanded.**