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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?

Use it as a librarian

On the fly

Very quickly , usually search for horseshoe crab limulus

Biological Bulletin, sometimes searching on that or another one connected with us

Mostly searching title.

Many times wished there was full text search. Patron has a fragment of something.

**Search**

**Conduct a few searches on your own**

1. **Basic = conchology is not limited in meaning to the study of shells only, but extends to the study of mollusks in general, both recent and fossil**

Not specifically what was looking for.

Bulletin of conchology club

**Put it into quotes “…but extends to the study of mollusks in general, both recent and fossil”**

No matches found

Reduced it to “conchology is not limited in meaning to the study of shells only”

That did it.

**I suppose if I was told shorter phrases were better for searching.**

1. **Other 2 searches from our local journals. “after a lifetime devoted to giving away … his wealth, out to remind remind us of our Institution”**

This is accurate

**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?

On the left of the Author, don’t see john Curtis

Prompted to click on more

Yes

Except last one

But it appears to be a Monograph or segment also in Transactions

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

Clicked 1600 and earlier

Does appear that it is in transactions

Search Inside Transactions of the linnean society

So go to this page, so it is a reference

Next box next box, 1791 is first

* 1. Was that easy or hard?

**If some written direction, would be easier.**

For me, it would be a 3 (medium difficulty)

For a patron, might be more difficult.

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?

I noticed that they were there. Thought that was very interesting. Gee, I wonder when I’m going to use those.

There’s more I might use to narrow my search

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\*")?

Var, other strix species, aluca,

Details – variation, vary,

* 1. Is this what you expected?

I think so

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

I believe still working the way I’d expect

* 1. Was this easy or hard?  Explain.

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?

11984 500 mono, 6000 monographs

More with or over 5000 articles, 19000 monographs

* 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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first one has this DOI

Second one has the first string of numbers, the second string is associated with the text.

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

In quotes, just the one with that as a DOI

* 1. How many pages were found?

Doesn’t look like I came up w Galapagos and tortoise

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Yes

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

Very 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

**Difficult to say how it’s arranged**

**So it’s a small number of names not an issue, if a lot of names, could be an issue**

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?

**Basice search = “another phase of their existence which many of us overlook”**

**looks like it pulled up one that I expected**

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.

Satisfied / Very Satisfied. I’m pleased. **A few helpful hints written in.**

**Written on screen, or mouse-over**

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

I think it’s good.

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

**It would be good to have some text that said**

**You could do full text search**

**On home page. Authors, subjects, and text strings**

**In advanced search, would be helpful to have a text string box or tab.**