

Resource Summary Report

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Museum of Vertebrate Zoology

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Resource Information

URL: <http://mvz.berkeley.edu/>

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Description: The Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (MVZ) at the University of California, Berkeley, is a center for research and education in the biology of amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. Founded in 1908, the Museum's mission is to document and increase understanding of the diversity of terrestrial vertebrates, with particular emphasis on western North America. An MVZ Video Gallery is also available. The superb collections are at the heart of the MVZ program, where methods of field biology are combined with modern laboratory techniques and analytical methods in a comprehensive, synthetic approach. Our goals are to remain at the forefront of international research on evolutionary biology from the perspectives of systematics, ecology, behavior, functional and developmental morphology, population biology, and evolutionary genomics, and to lead the way in developing and using major natural history collections for research, education, and solving problems in biodiversity conservation. Because the MVZ was founded upon a philosophy that organisms should be studied in relationship to their natural environments, its collections are supplemented by extensive ancillary information (e.g., field notes, habitat photographs, tape-recorded vocalizations) that is connected to specimens and/or tissues and enhances their value to researchers. This concept was pioneered at the MVZ and continues to be the primary focus of current research efforts. To this end, there are strong research links between the Museum and the 2,000 acre MVZ/UC field station at Hastings Natural History Reservation. In addition, the MVZ is actively engaged in developing concepts and tools for Biodiversity Informatics through collaborations across the Berkeley Natural History Museums and international consortia.

Abbreviations: MVZ

Synonyms: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at Berkeley

Resource Type: institution

Resource Name: Museum of Vertebrate Zoology

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

No alerts have been found for Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 2 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [RRID](#) .

Melendez-Rosa J, et al. (2020) Mating system is correlated with immunogenetic diversity in sympatric species of Peromyscine mice. PloS one, 15(7), e0236084.

Federhen S, et al. (2015) Type material in the NCBI Taxonomy Database. Nucleic acids research, 43(Database issue), D1086.