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An advanced method of non-traditional bird skin preparation, to ease applications of scientific methods and enhance the value of avian collections

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PHYLETISCHES MUSEUM

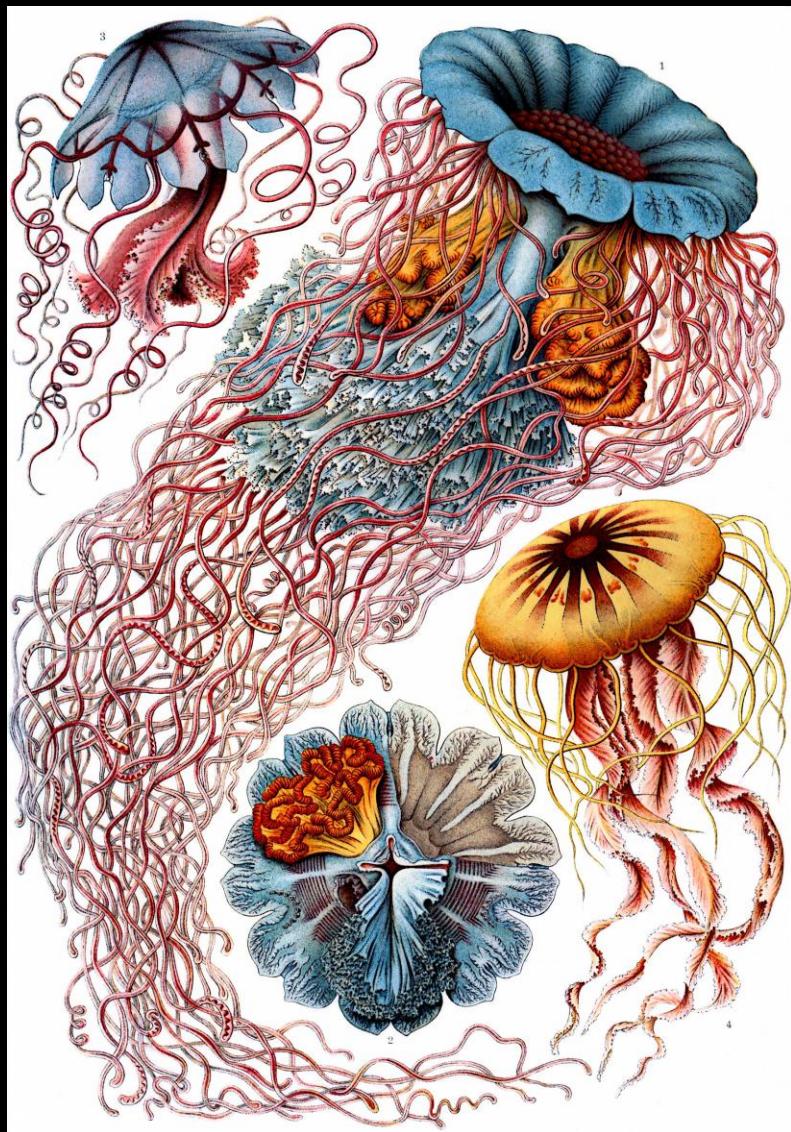
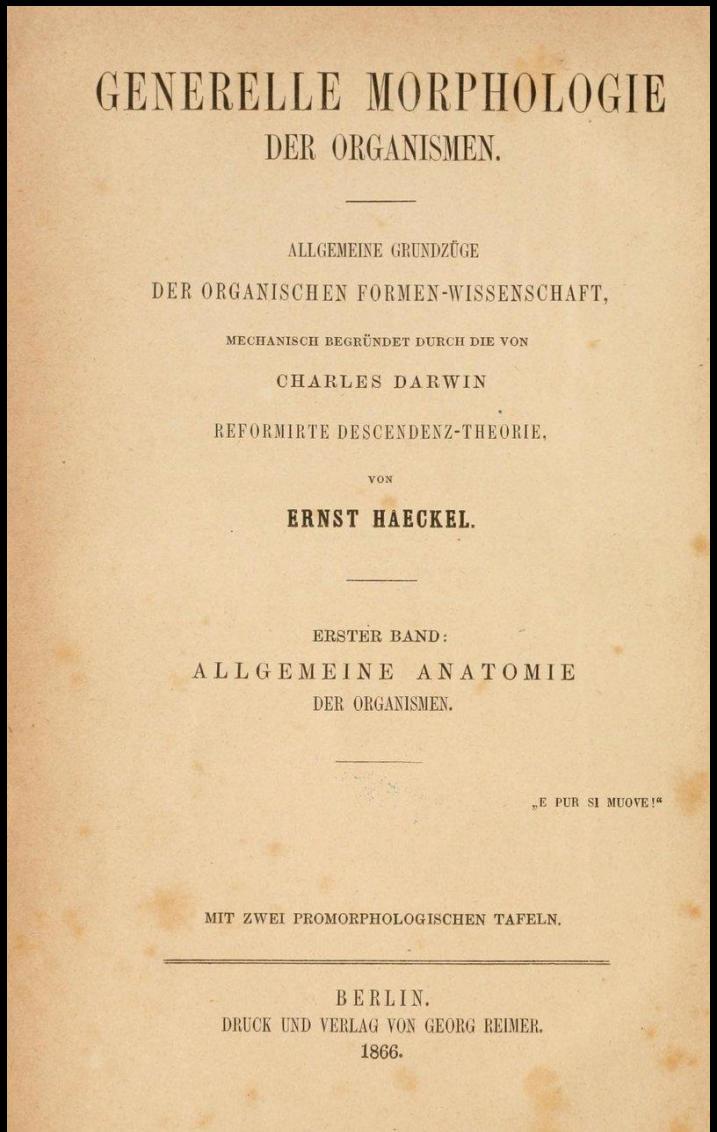
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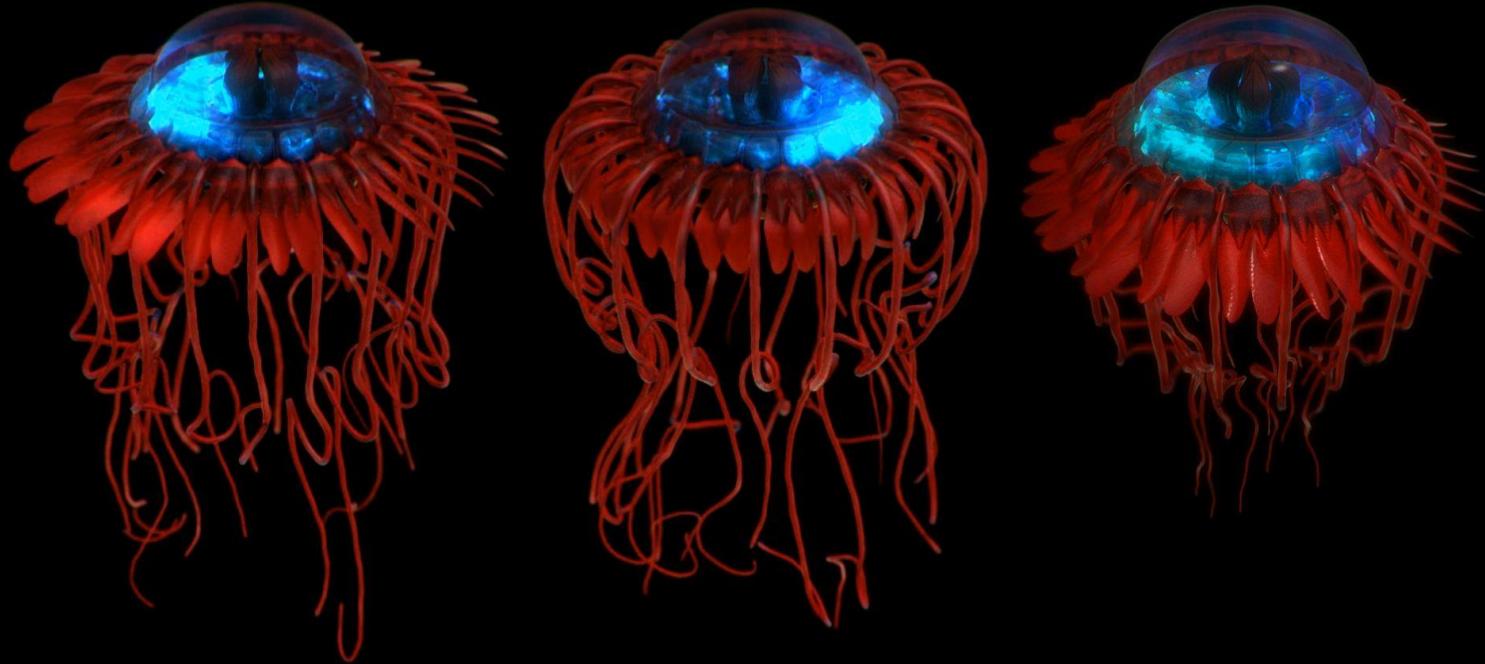
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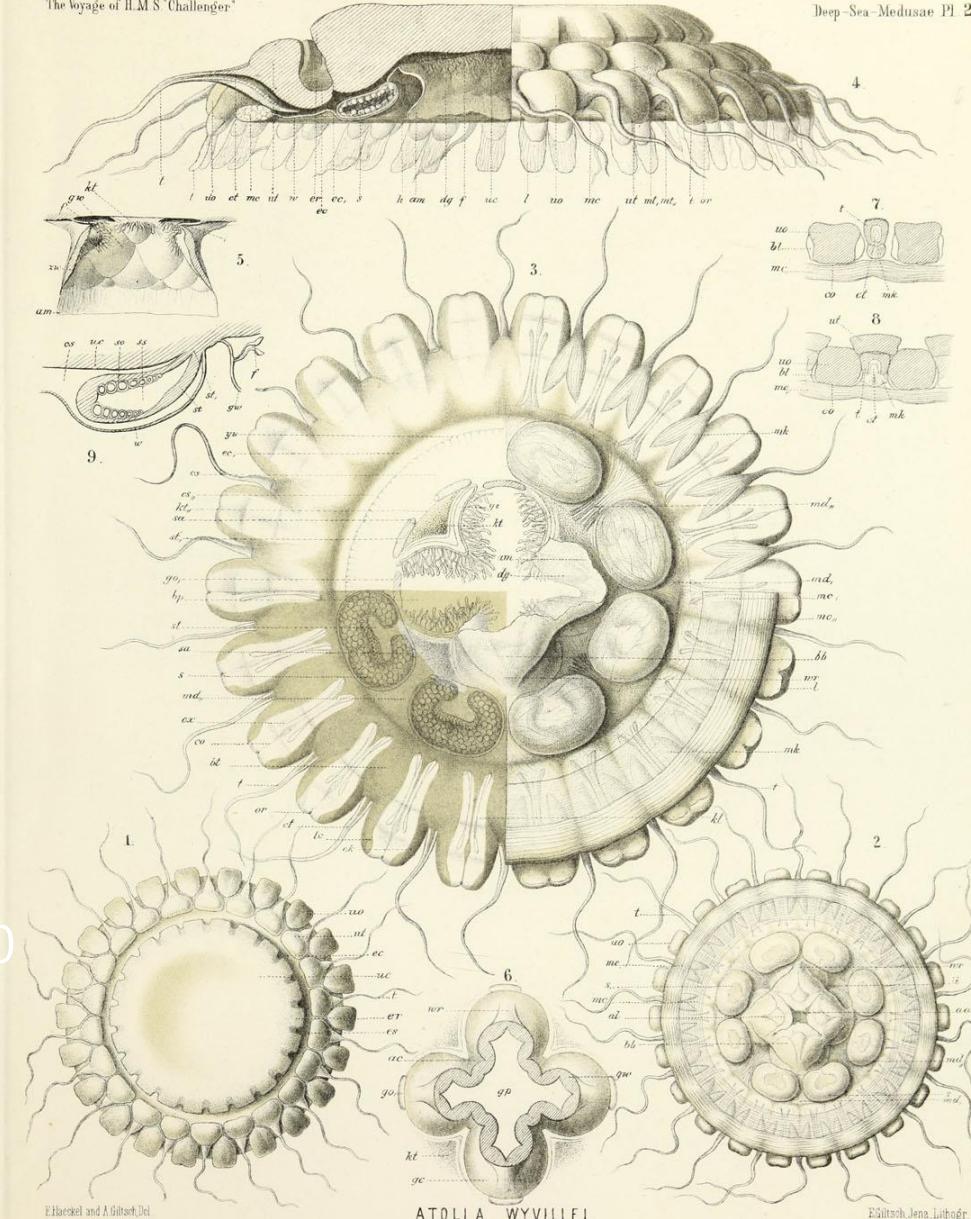




Atolla wyvillei Haeckel, 1880

The Voyage of H.M.S. "Challenger"

Deep-Sea-Medusae Pl. 29.

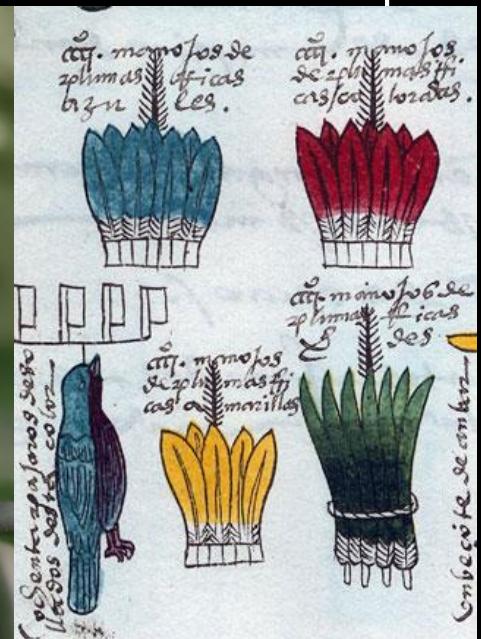




Egypt, 2000-1001 BCE

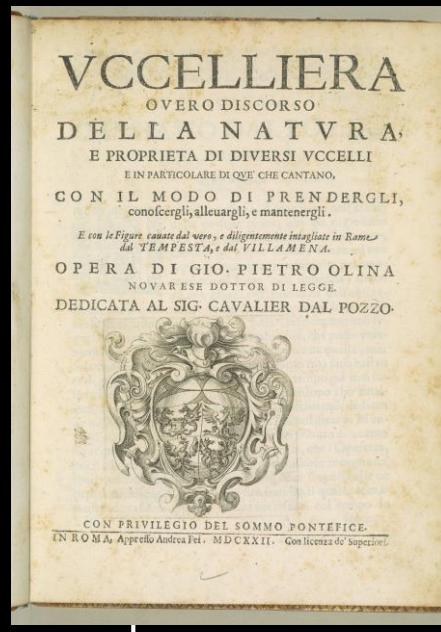


Aztecs, around 1300

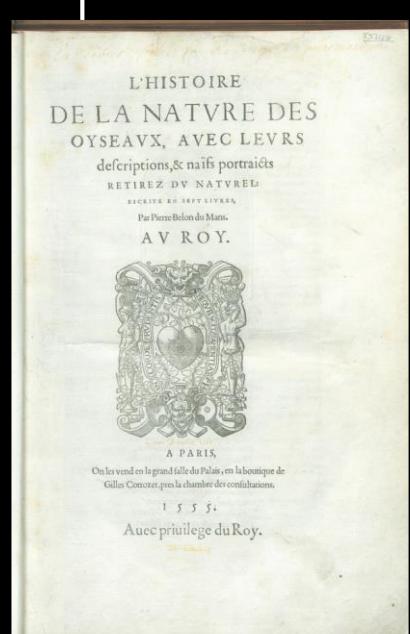


Friedrich II von
Hohenstaufen ~1248





Olina, 1622



Belon, 1555

Aitinger, 1626

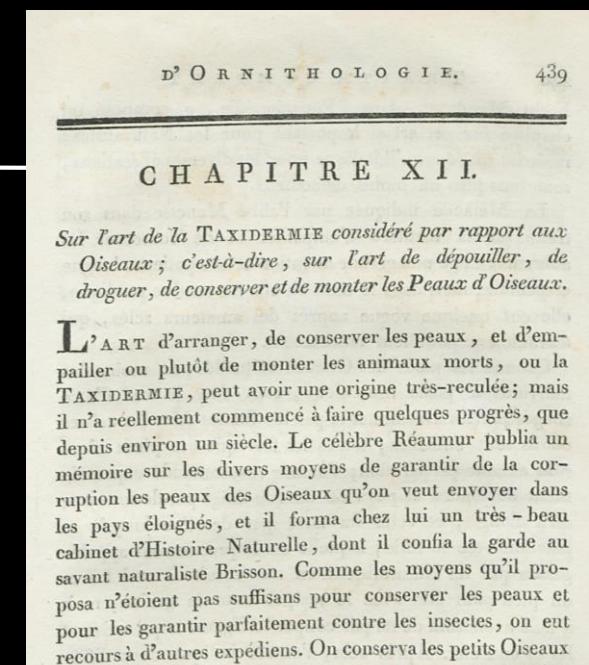
TAXIDERMIE (1) (des mots *táxis*, ordre, arrangement, et *dérma*, peau).

Les sciences naturelles n'ont pu nécessairement faire de progrès qu'à mesure que les musées se sont multipliés et perfectionnés dans l'art de préparer, monter et conserver les animaux. C'est seulement vers la fin du dernier siècle que les collections d'animaux morts ont paru rappelées à la vie par les talents de Lerot, Desmoulins, Levaillant, &c. La révolution a fait disparaître de la capitale une assez grande quantité de collections d'histoire naturelle ; mais ce bouleversement de l'ordre général des choses, toujours si funeste aux

Dufresne, 1803

in *Nouveau dictionnaire d'histoire naturelle* XXI

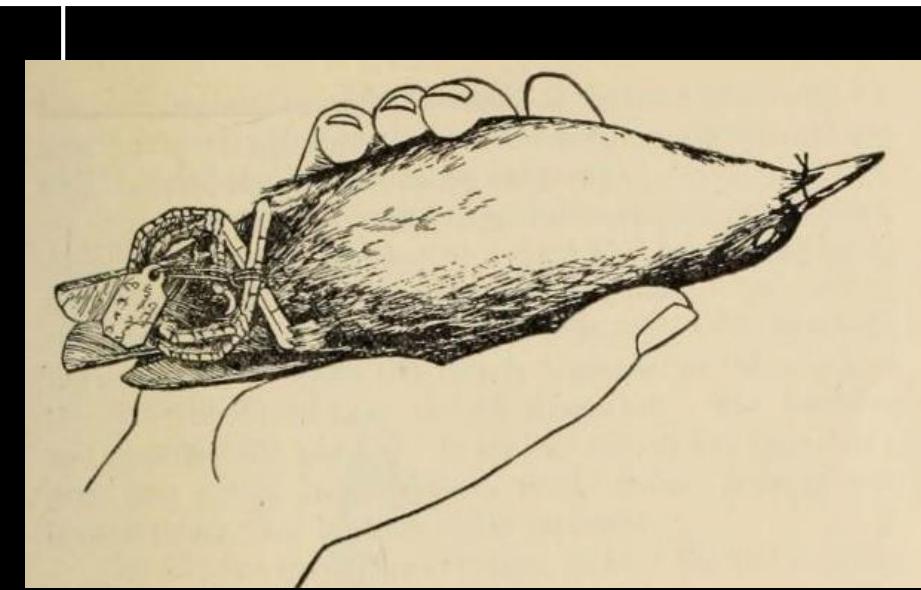
"taxidermy ... from the words *táxis*, order, arrangement, and *dérma*, skin"



Daudin, 1800

in *Traité élémentaire et complet d'ornithologie*

"On the art of taxidermy considered in relationship to birds, or on the art of removing, treating, preserving and mounting the skins of birds"

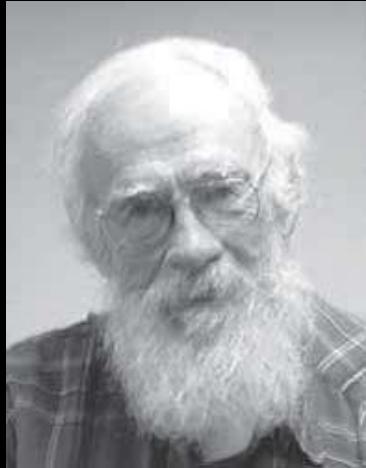


Chapin, 1923



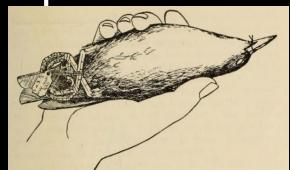
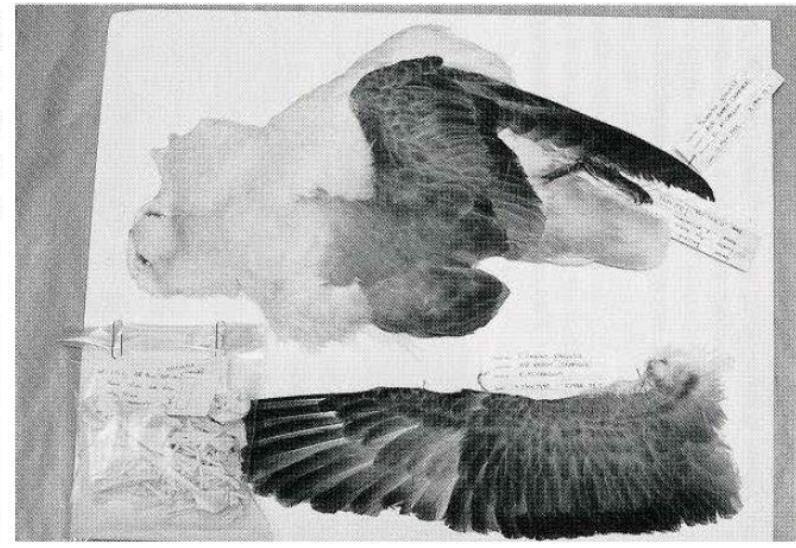
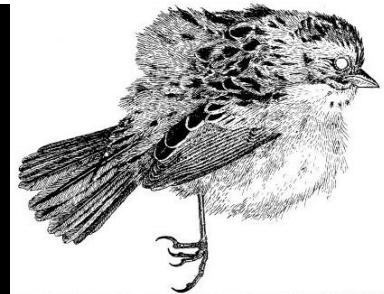
Aquila chrysaetos (golden eagle)

10 cm

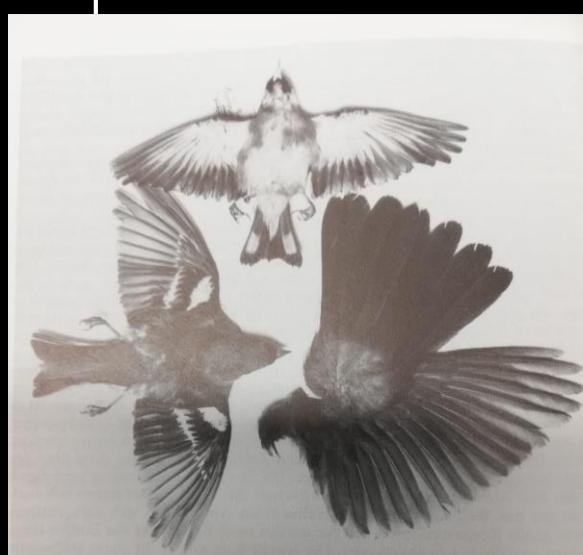


A New Method of Preserving Bird Specimens.—In the fall and winter of 1957–1958 I had occasion to preserve more than a hundred birds, mostly passerines, which had been killed at a television tower south of Aiken, Aiken County, South Carolina. In the course of this work I evolved a method whereby both the skin and the major part of the skeleton of a given specimen could be saved. This method is as follows.

Norris, 1961

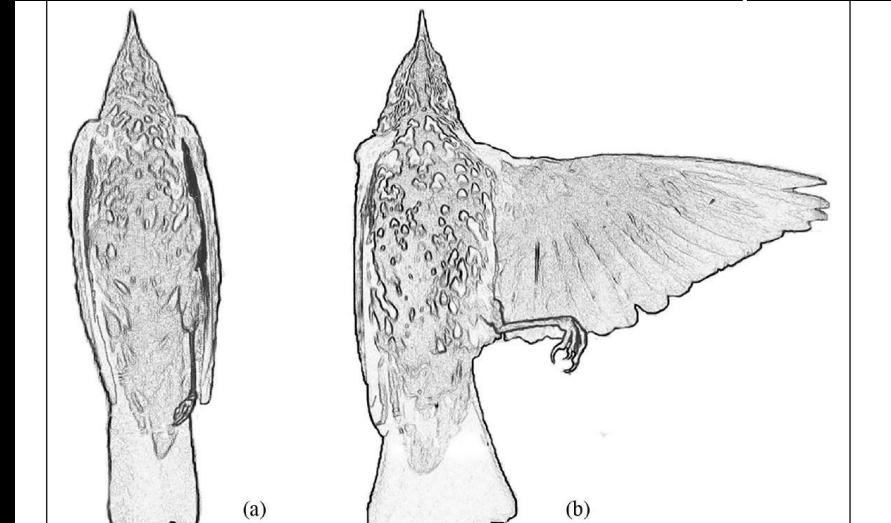
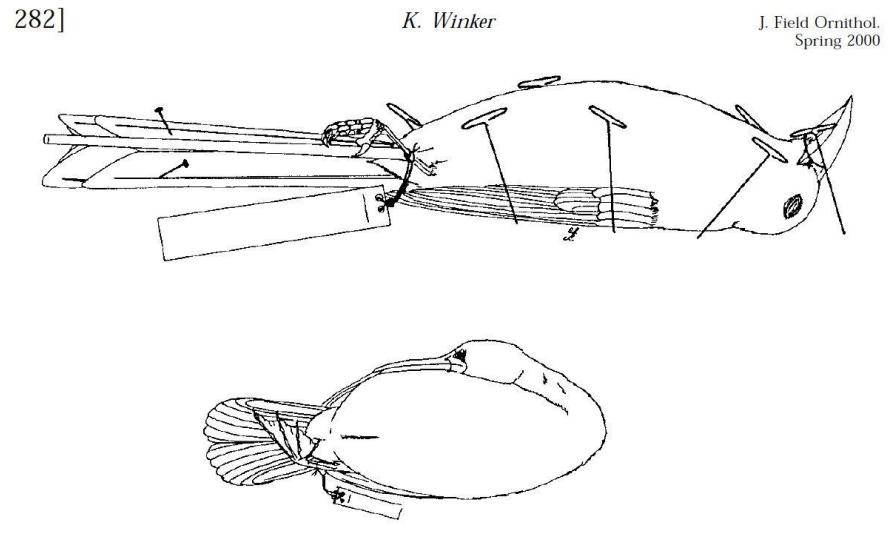


Chapin, 1923



Bub, 1969

digitization?



Carrillo-Ortiz et al., 2021

digitization
?

FUSION



Original as a
gif

seven simple steps

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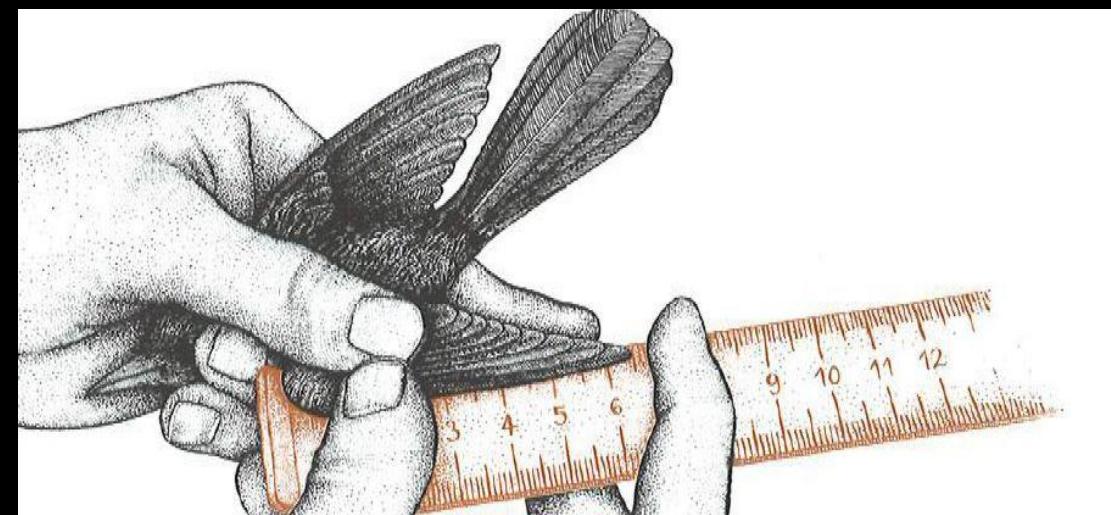
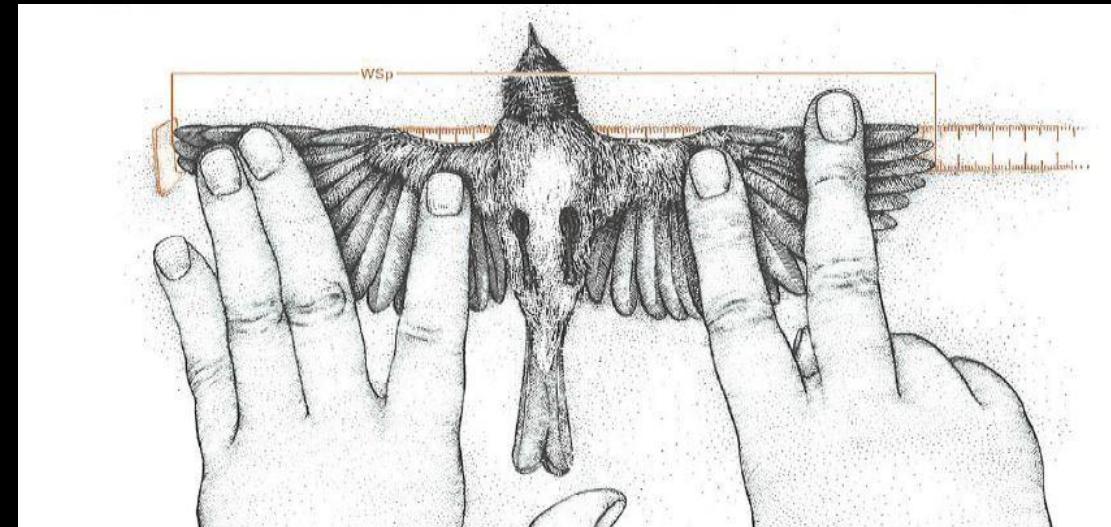
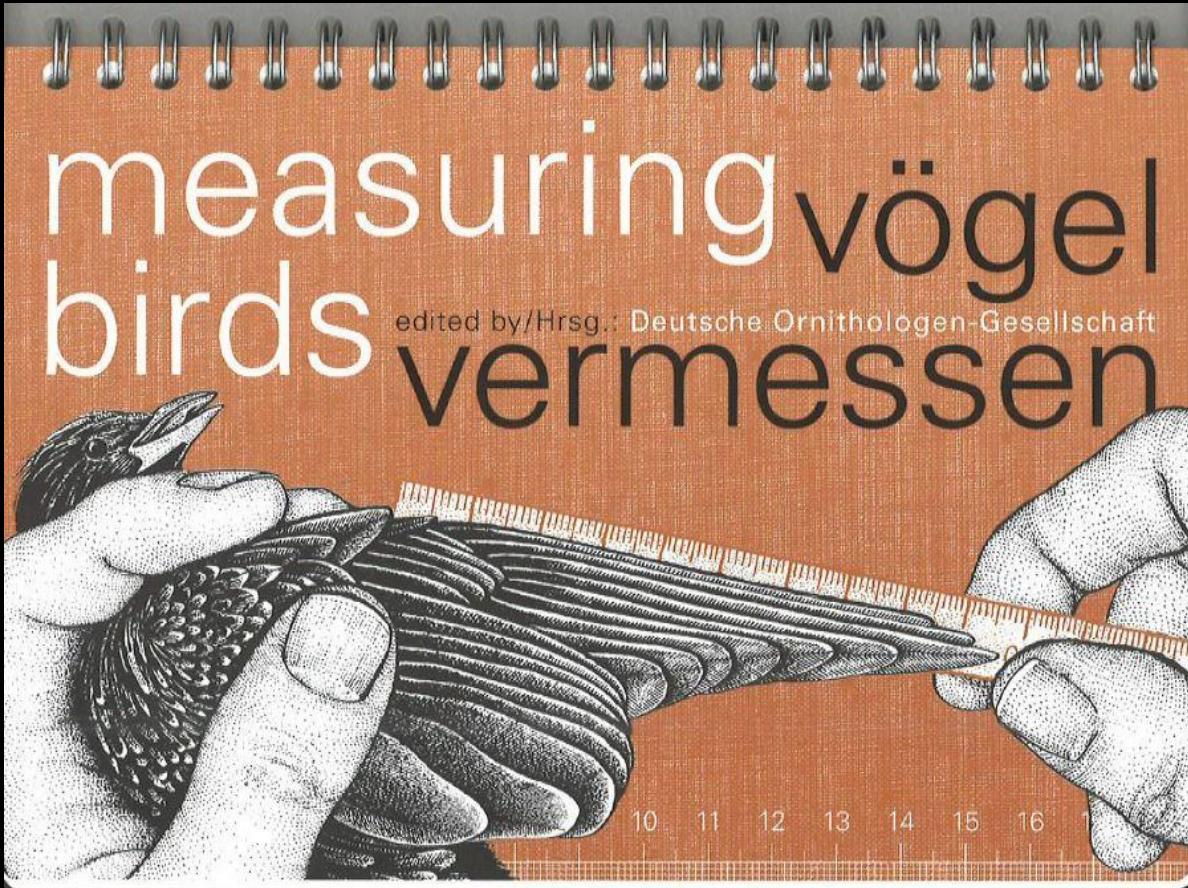
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Gloves
?



step
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step
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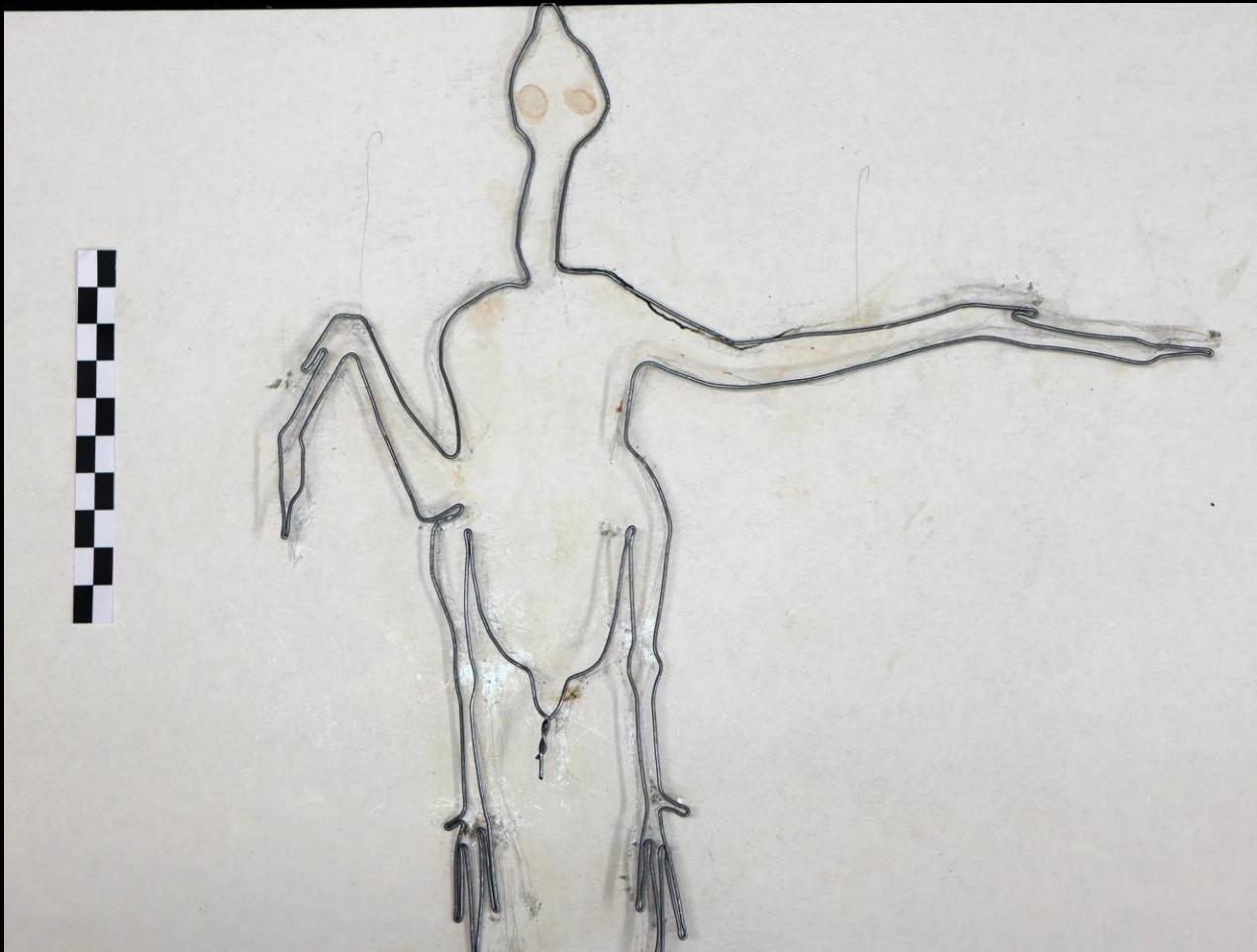
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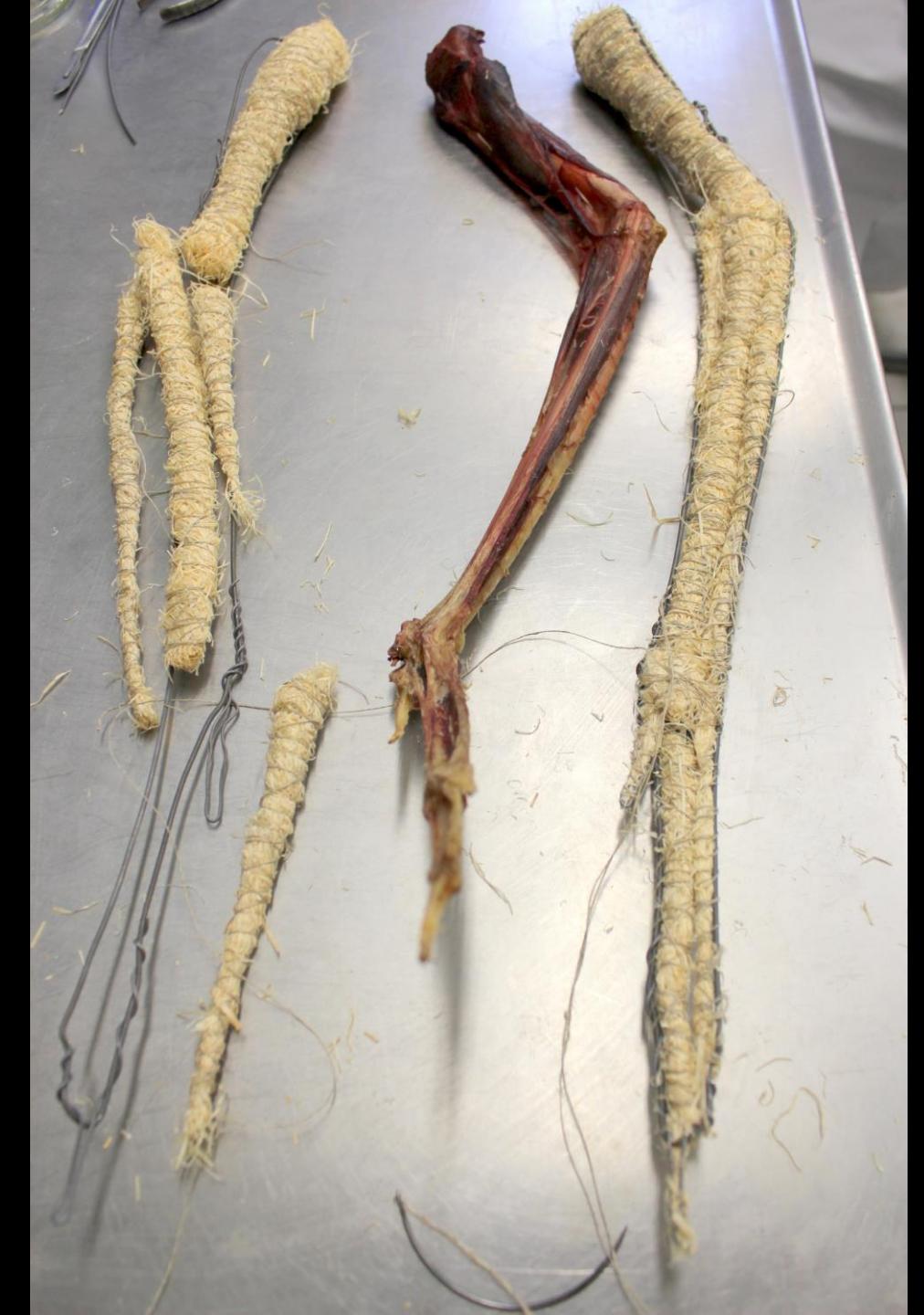
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wearing gloves



step
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step
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step
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results



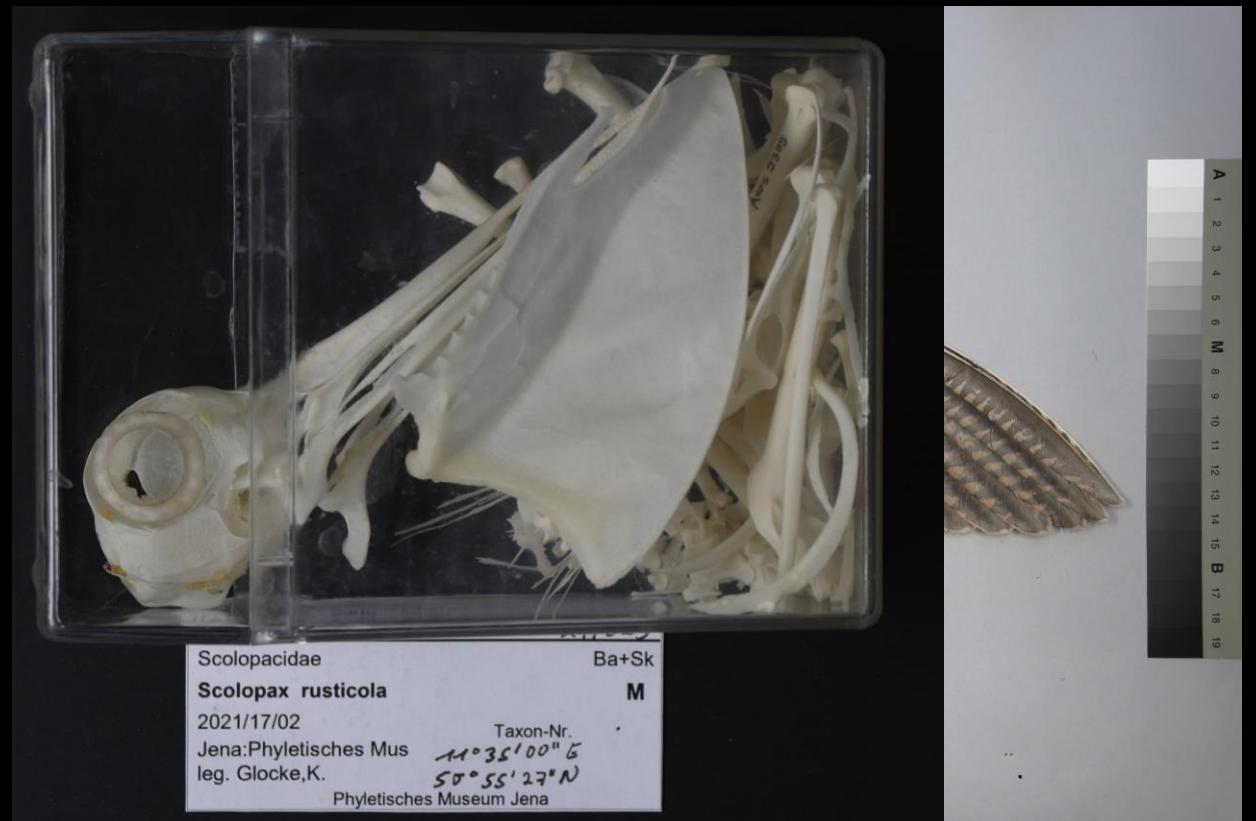
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conclusion

pros

- best suited for examination
- comfortable to digitize
- whole skeleton available → more data!
- less storage space
- lesser pests (own observations)
- easy to apply new methods e.g. scans/3D-reconstruction → new insights (noninvasive)

cons

- more time consuming

conclusion



*Acta
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Acta Zoologica (Stockholm)

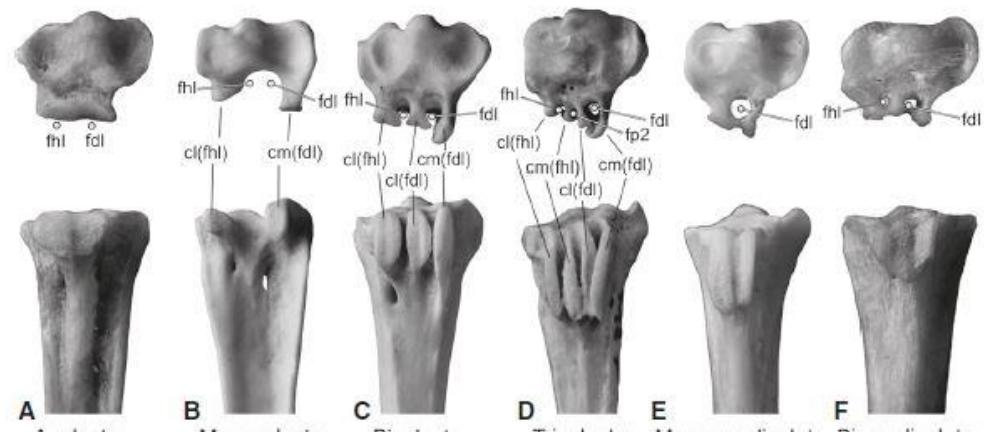
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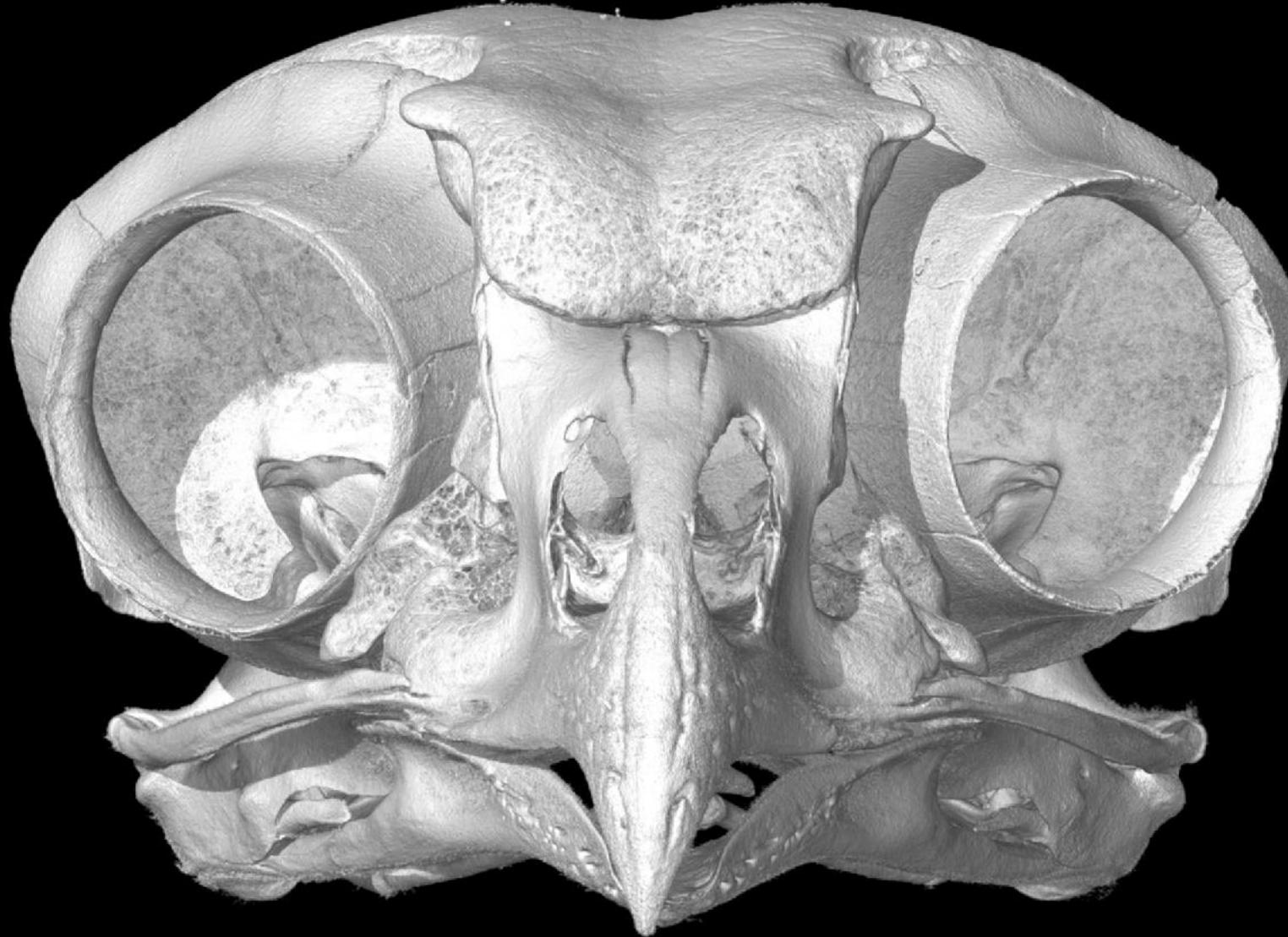


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Variations in the hypotarsus morphology of birds and their evolutionary significance

Gerald Mayr





10 mm

Original as a video

conclusion



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