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more to specimens than meets the eye...

Developing a Centralized Digital Archive of Voucher Animal Communication Signals

This collection network is involved in fostering partners amongst multiple biological research collections along with the Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds, the world’s largest scientific archive of animal signal recordings. Collectively these institutions co-curate and make accessible digitized and vouchered recordings of the communication signals of birds, frogs, fish and insects, and establishes links between physical voucher specimens and their digitized recordings. This project will make accessible digital audio recordings of animal signals that can be used to address a host of scientific questions including the responses of animals to anthropogenic noise and other human activities. By providing a useful collaborative curation system that promotes the collection of recordings along with physical specimens this project will have a transformative influence on the way that researchers collect and use biological specimens in the future.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Archilochus colubris

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• Launch the app.
• Hold your mobile device camera about 6 inches away from card image.
• View specimen and click buttons to view content.

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