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Research Assistance
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- Contact Options for Help at http://lib.colostate.edu/help/ask-us.
- CSU Help page at http://lib.colostate.edu/help/.

Off-Campus Access
- Sign in with your eID at http://secure.colostate.edu.
- 24/7 access to Web-based library catalogs, databases, and full-text resources (via Library home page).
- If you don’t go in through secure.colostate.edu, you will be prompted to log in to use databases or journals.

Library Catalogs
- Library Catalogs: (Discovery) http://discovery.library.colostate.edu (Sage) http://catalog.library.colostate.edu/.
- Regional Catalog (Prospector) http://www.coalliance.org/protector/.
  - Search several regional libraries at once to borrow books unavailable at CSU.
  - Pick-up books at Loan/Reserve Desk at Morgan Library. Generally 2-4 day turnaround time.

InterLibrary Loan http://lib.colostate.edu/ill/
- Request any book or article unavailable in CSU Libraries. Articles available in print at the libraries can also be requested through ILL. Print articles will be scanned and delivered electronically.
- View articles using the WebView option. Over 90% of articles requested are delivered within 3 working days.

EndNote http://libguides.colostate.edu/endnote
- EndNote, a bibliography management tool, is available for users in the Morgan Library on all desktop & laptop computers in the library.

Recommended Databases for Taxonomy Research (all found at http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/)
- Zoological Record Plus (http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=344)
- Web Of Science (http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=285)
- BioOne (http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/permlink.php?id=287)
- Use FindItCSU to link to full-text articles or other available options (see back of page for more information).

Peer-Review
Determining if a journal is peer-reviewed can be difficult. The Ulrichsw Database (available through http://lib.colostate.edu/databases/) allows you to search for journals to see if they are peer-reviewed, or referred. Simply search for your journal and look for the referee symbol: ☑️
Search Tips
These tips work in most databases. Some, such as the quotes, also work in Google. For more tips for database and Google searching see: http://libguides.colostate.edu/agriculture/starting

Boolean Operators: Use the words AND, OR to combine keywords. (NOT is also a possibility, but is not recommended)

Parenthesis matter in your search:
((soil AND microbes) OR bacteria) → Results include articles talking about soil microbes as well as articles about bacteria – any and all types of bacteria.

(soil AND (microbes OR bacteria)) → Results include articles talking about soil microbes as well as articles about soil bacteria.

Quotation marks: Use quotation marks when searching for a specific phrase or title.

Examples: “Emerald Ash Borer”
“Tree pests of the Poudre Canyon”

Truncation: Use an * to search for the root of word with various endings.

Examples: micro* will search for microbe, microbes, microorganism, microbiology, etc.

You can use them all together!

Search Examples:
(soil AND (micro* OR bacteria*))
(“Emerald Ash Borer” OR EAB OR “Agrilus planipennis”)

Taxonomy Search Tips
• Remember to use scientific names and taxonomic terms for your searches
• If you want to look specifically for new species consider a search similar to:
  (“new species” OR sp nov) AND mammal*
• You can go broader and search for “new genus” or “new taxa” etc.

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