

How to understand & appreciate the crazy diversity of life all around us? Simply not possible without taxonomy! Plus, participating has meant I actually get to help discover & name new things, myself!!

@MartineBotany

Though I'm not officially in the field of taxonomy, its a huge interest of mine that was ignited through curatorial work on type specimens in malacology & the taxonomic study of Jamaican land snails my boss Dr. Gary Rosenberg was working on at the same time

@snailix\_phl

I took undergrad courses and worked in the collection at UofGuelph with Steve Marshall and Jim Corrigan. The combination of historical detective work, field work, and lab/microscope work had me hooked.

@RBCMento

Because I ate some 'strange' fruits when I was little and NONE OF THE ADULTS knew what it was. And I wondered all my childhood who would know. Now it's me.

@timutteridge

Wallace's "Malay Archipelago", Roger Cuffey (bryozoans) at Penn State, and Peter von Bitter (palaeobiology) and Dale Calder (hydrozoans) at the Royal Ontario Museum. I could follow no other path after that.

@RbcmHydroids

The taxonomic impediment. Doing what most biologists feel too important to do makes me feel useful.

@gunnarkvifte

being able to put my 6 years of latin study to good use

@SLequil

Finding out there was so much to find out!!

@SandyKnapp

It has become or made to believe as a field not for all and so a honor to be one and also makes one to be a learner always.

@kandavell976

Discovering a new species growing by the creek next to our house while still in high school. 30 yrs later I am still naming new species from that creek!

@theplantpressAU

Because taxonomy is the basis of much of biological research

@DrDavidLRoberts

Cards of British wild flowers in packets of Typhoo tea back in the early 1960s

@nemunDave

The possibility of being an explorer and discoverer of unknown things - to be able to sort things out and understand things about a plant group that wasn't known earlier. White areas on the taxonomic maps feeds our curiosity and love of biodiversity.

@StruweLena

# WHAT MADE YOU INTERESTED IN TAXONOMY?

(ANSWERS FROM TWITTER)



The realisation that you cannot understand #evolution without studying (and naming) the #diversity. #Taxonomy is the basis and interface of all organismic #science.

@dr\_norb

Stamp collecting, of course!

@wotanhus

Not a taxonomists but a def taxonomy nerd and IDK why you wouldn't want to know how all the pieces of life fit together? It's like Pokémon but real life!

@Paulsfenton

Taxonomy allowed me to synthesize data from diverse sources (anatomy, geography, genetics, morphology, etc.). And I got to visit AMAZING field sites and herbarial!

@Scott\_Zona