WHAT MADE YOU INTERESTED IN TAXONOMY? (ANSWERS FROM TWITTER)

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, it’s 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.
@snailx_phl

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@dr.norb

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

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@DrDavidLRoberts

Finding out there was so much to find out!!
@SandyKnapp

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@StruweLena

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.
@kandavel1976

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

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Stamp collecting, of course!
@wotanhus

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