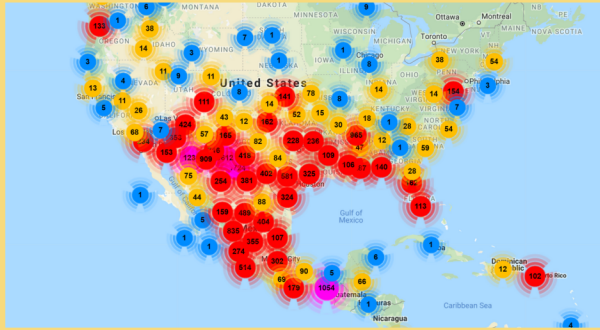




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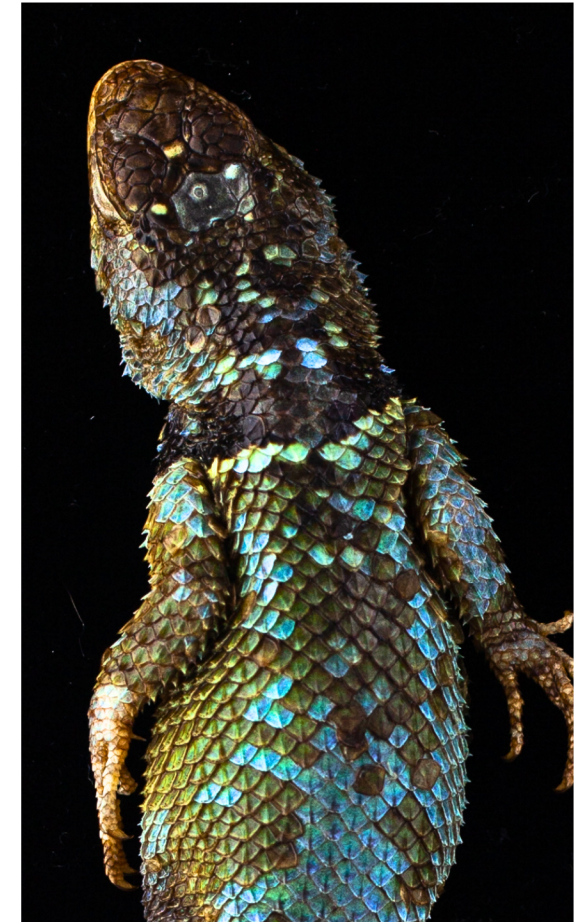
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THROUGH RESEARCH

Where an organism lives, what it eats, and how it is related to other organisms are just some of the topics researchers investigate, using UTEP-BC resources. Research in the collections has resulted in over 500 publications and projects. Archived specimens and data are discoverable through our public portal in Arctos at <http://arctos.database.museum/home.cfm#UTEP>. Researchers can access these collections through loans, data inquiries, and on-site appointments.

THROUGH THE CLASSROOM

Professors on the UTEP campus frequently use specimens from the collections for courses, such as Desert Ecology, Mammalogy, Herpetology, and Plant Systematics. These specimens are essential tools, enabling students to develop practical skills in identification and research. By accessing data through the Arctos database, educators of all levels can incorporate real biodiversity data and virtual specimens into their curriculum.

THROUGH OUTREACH

The UTEP-BC offers identification services and expert guidance to the general public for various natural history inquiries through our taxonomic experts. In partnership with the Centennial Museum, we present exhibits, and our Outreach Team actively engages with the community by sending volunteers and students to community events and schools, subject to volunteer availability. To learn more about bringing the UTEP-BC to your classroom or group, please contact us.

WHO WE ARE

Members of the UTEP Biodiversity Collections are faculty, researchers, staff, and students dedicated to learning about and preserving local and worldwide natural history through collections-related research and curatorial management. Faculty curators are engaged on a global scale, collaborating with local researchers to promote biodiversity research in various regions, including Indio Mountains, Central Africa, South America, and the American Samoas. Locally, many students who work in the UTEP-BC go on to become professors, high school teachers, environmental scientists, and professionals in wildlife conservation.

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