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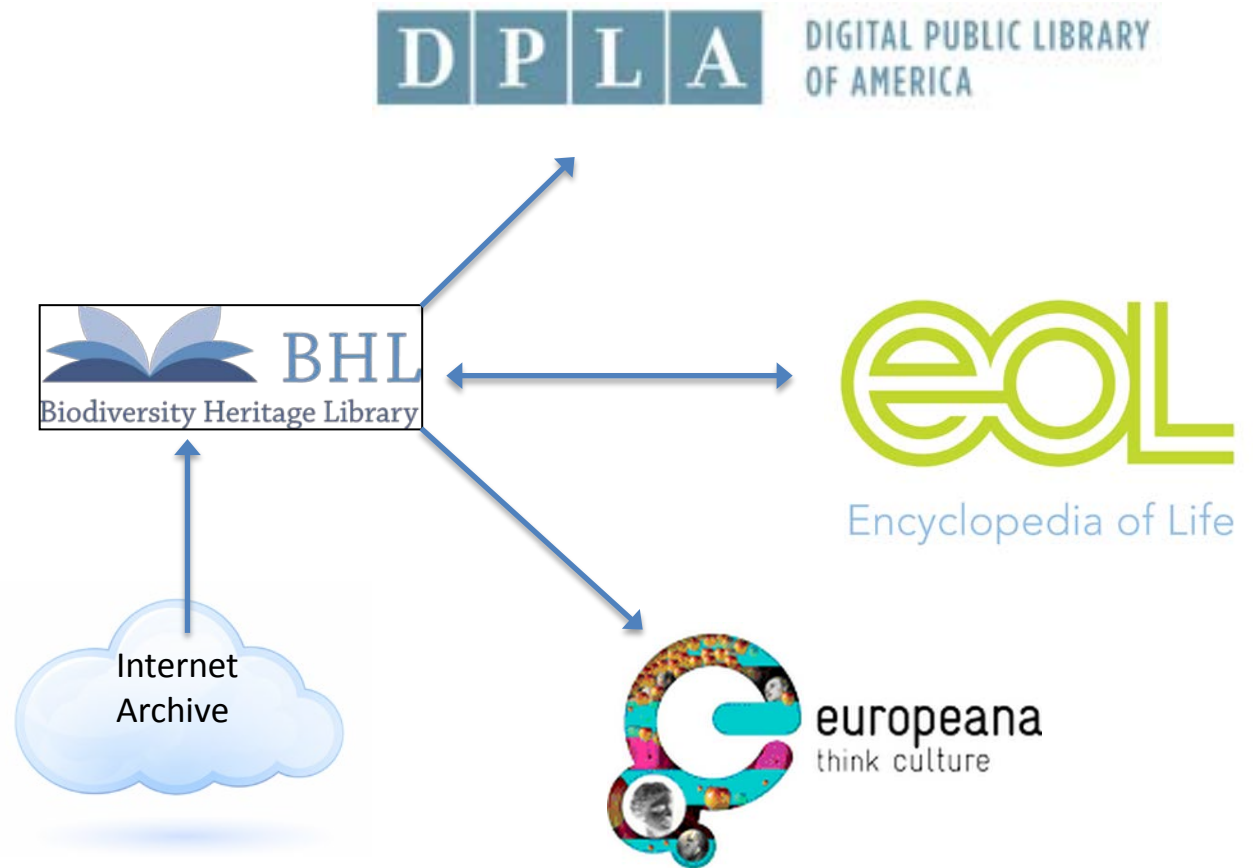
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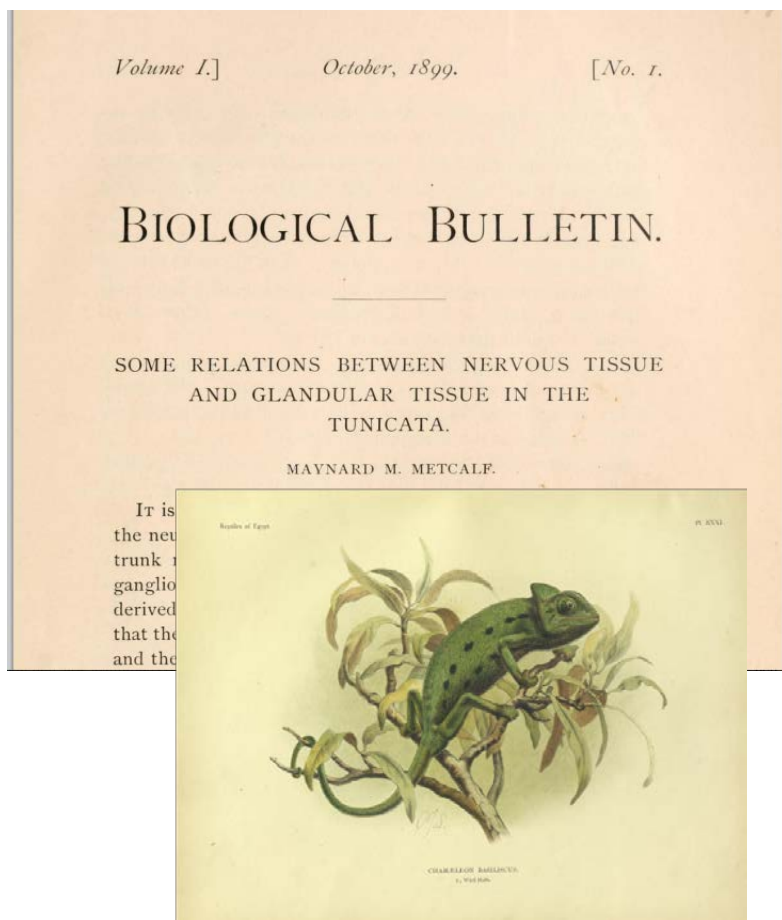


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early Middle Pleistocene (foothills of Zeravshan range, Trans-Baikal region?). The report of *Alticola* in the Middle Pleistocene fauna of Choukoudyanya I. (north of Beijing) (Young, 1934) is not reliable. What probably was described were the remains of a juvenile *Clethrionomys rufocanus* before the formation of molars. Animals lacking a complicated paraconid section of M^1 (the *episcopalis* group), which is similar to the early sparsely-cemented members of *Clethrionomys*, indicates a probable affinity with *Pliomys* spp. The transitional characters linking *Alticola* with forest voles are particularly distinct in species of the subgenus *Aschizomys* which, probably, should be considered a *Clethrionomys* that has lost its [molar] roots as in the genus *Antelionomys*.

KEY TO SUBGENERA OF SPECIES OF GENUS *ALTICOLA*

- (2). Height of skull at anterior margin of alveolus of M^1 notably smaller than length of upper molar row. M^3 longer than M^1 . Subgenus *Platycranius* Kastschenko (p. 201). One species: *A. (P.) strelzovi* Kastschenko.
- (1). Height of skull at anterior margin of alveolus of M^1 equal to, or greater than length of upper molar row. M^3 not longer than M^1 .
- (4). Enamel coat of molars thick; apices of triangles of masticatory surface rounded. Anterior unpaired loop of M^3 isolated from rest of tooth. Subgenus *Aschizomys* Miller (p. 202). One species: *A. (A.) macrotis* Radde.

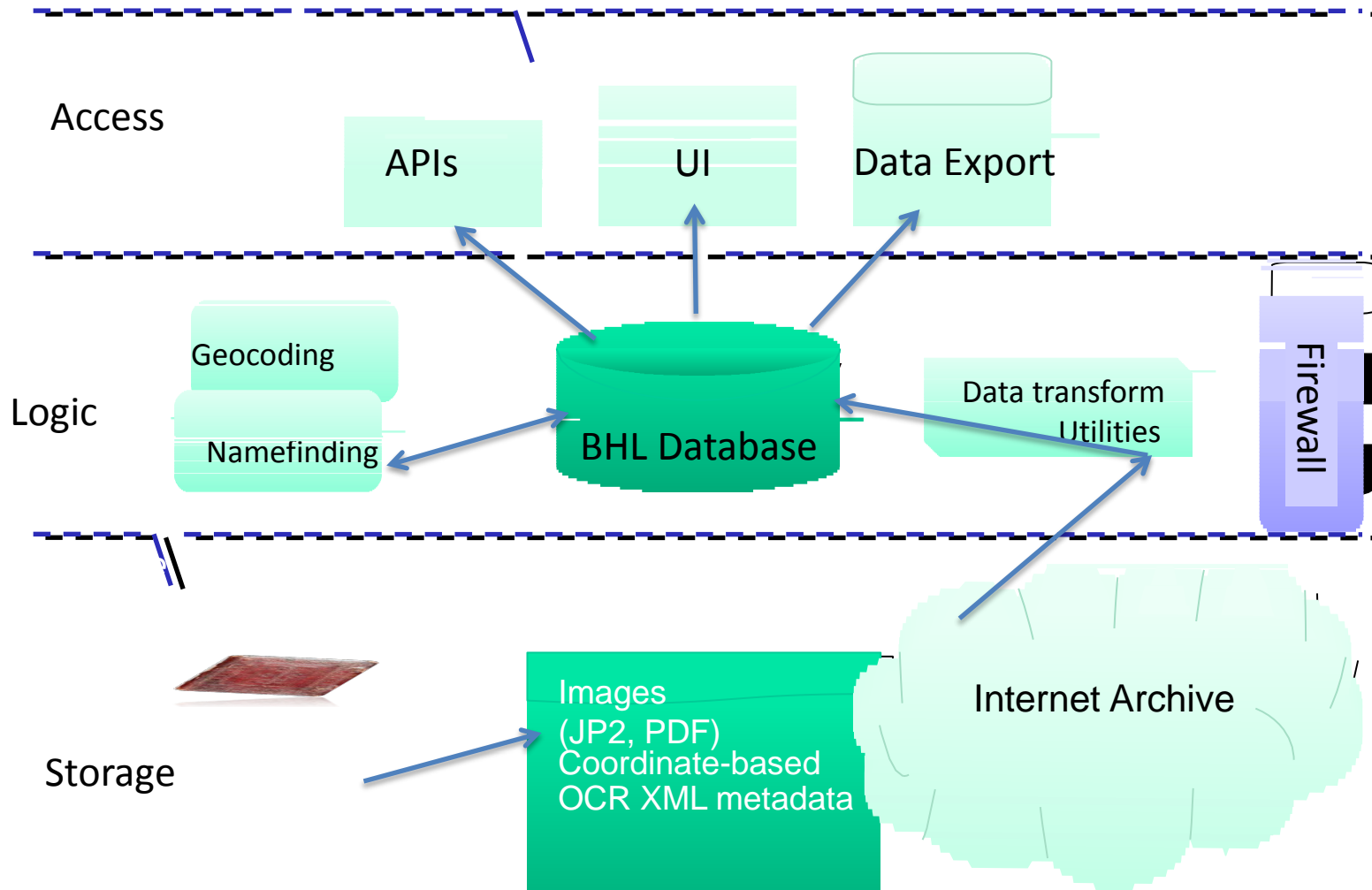
shorter than, or equal to M^1 . M_3 with two lateral folds; depth of folds large. Medial folds of M^3 broader than triangular unpaired loop usually not isolated from rest of tooth of chromosomes, $2n = 56$.

Composition of subgenus: Up to 20 species have been named from a single specimen or a small series from areas of Central Asian and northern Indian mountains. Gromov and O.L. Rossolimo (1968) examined a few of these and have presented their view regarding the affinities of the subgenus within the genus based on their concept of polytypic species. This view is compared with the findings of Ellerman (1947), who examined all the material from the British museum, and is presented in more recent publications, one is concluded that it is hardly possible to solve the problem of the number of species of this subgenus using the old method of taxonomy, even through simultaneous examination of the entire material available in collections. At present, in the opinion of Soviet scientists, the following three species (proposed groups) may be accepted: *A. argentatus* Severtzov, 1875; *A. Gray*, 1842; and *A. stolizkanus* Blanford, 1875 (= *strachani* 1880). In this context, it should be kept in mind that all taxonomic characters selected show a distinct clinal variation: length decreases, color becomes gray, and structure of M^3 changes to the south and east.

Distribution and zonal affinity: Typical habitats of the above-named species, up to the upper limit of their distribution of the genus in the Pamir-Alai, Tien-Shan, and Seven ranges, Central Asia and eastern Mongolia up to

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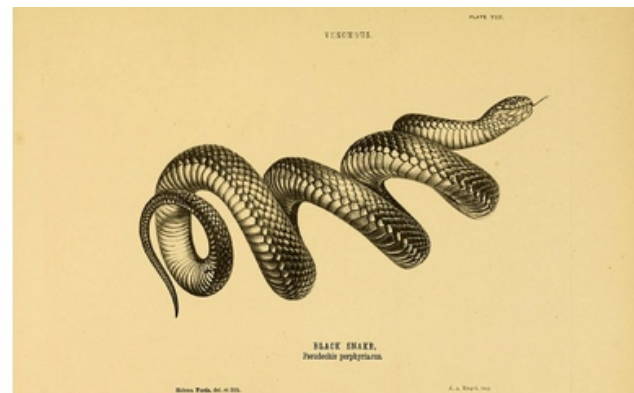
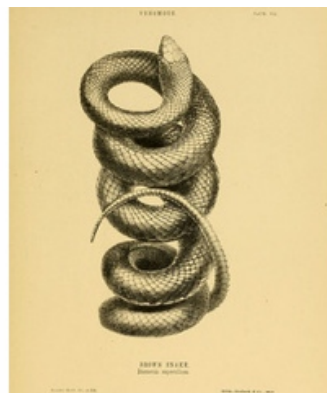
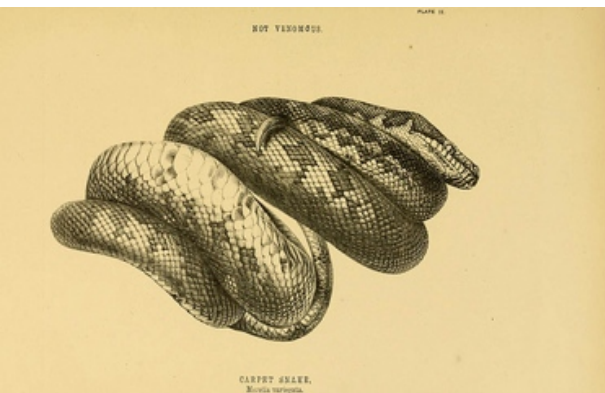
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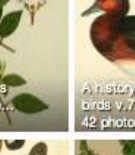



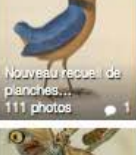


















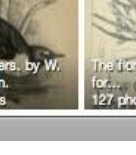




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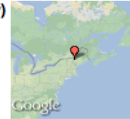
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W. Brewster 1902, Page 184, Type of *Anas obscura rubripes*

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 Specific Locality: Lake Umbagog
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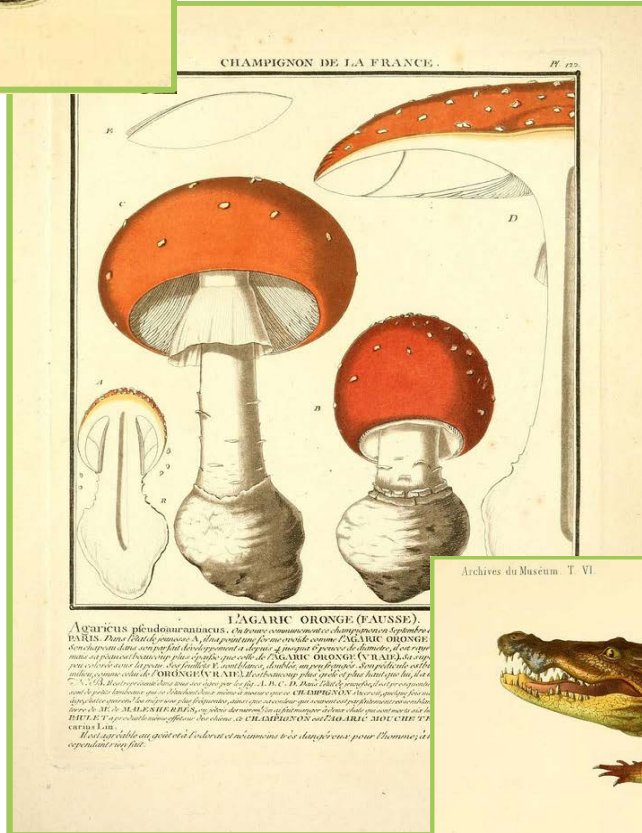
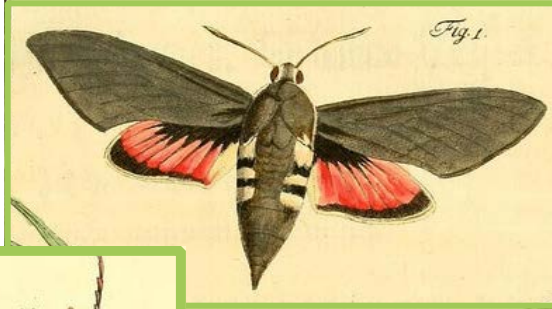
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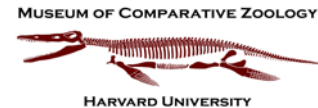
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