ESTABLISHING OPEN-ACCESS ONLINE REFERENCE COLLECTIONS FOR ARCHAEOBOTANICAL RESEARCH

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Limited access to high quality reference material has been a limiting factor in the advancement of archaeobotanical research. However, advancements in web-based database technology and faster downloading times make online curation of archaeobotanical reference images feasible for the first time. We describe the establishment of an open-access online reference collection database for macrobotanical, starch, phytolith and isotopic data to help to standardize and improve the identification of archaeobotanical remains.

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