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The paper lists the whereabouts of surviving pre-nineteenth century bird collections containing altogether about 1500-3000 specimens. They are found in more than 50 institutions world-wide, with Berlin, Leiden, Paris, Stockholm, Tring and Vienna museums each holding more than 200 bird specimens from this period. The relevance of these collections for taxonomy and nomenclature is briefly discussed.

Introduction

Ever since the famous publication on the 'Development of Ornithology from Aristotle to the Present' (Stresemann, 1951, 1975) the history of avian science has been popular, especially for museum's exhibitions, (e.g. Voyages of Discovery, The Natural History Museum, London, 1999; *Theatrum naturae*, Martin-Gropius-Bau, Berlin, 2001), behind-the-scenes tours and specially dedicated publications (e.g. Haffer, 1997; Mearns & Mearns, 1998; Walters, 2003). However, hardly any ornithological publication using museum specimens goes into much detail on the history of the particular collection or the nomenclature of the taxon. Many bird names used by 18th century authors are not identified yet and type material of early collections are often believed lost due to decay and neglect over time. The most common assumption is that, besides war, fire and floods, these losses have mainly been caused by bad curation, unsuitable housing of collections and improper taxidermical skills of early ornithologists. Richard Bowdler Sharpe (1847-1909) reported very vividly on the conditions of some of the oldest surviving bird skins, those of George Montagu's (1753-1815) collection: "Not one of his specimens was properly prepared – apparently no preservative worthy of the name having been used – and I [i.e. R. Bowdler Sharpe] have felt the greatest anxiety as to the preserving of the relics of this ancient British collection. The bones of the neck and other bones of the body were left in the specimens [...]. Owing to the specimens having no preservative, many of them, especially the fat and heavy ones, fell to pieces from their own weight in course of time" (Sharpe, 1906: 79-80).

Stresemann only knew of three records of pre-1600 bird specimens (Stresemann, 1923a). Furthermore, most authors illustrated surviving specimens of any time before 1800 as the rare exception (e.g. Sharpe, 1906). However, new research has now proved a much earlier origin of Middle European bird preparation (Schulze-Hagen et al., 2003). Bird trappers and ornithologists alike already evolved sophisticated techniques in making skins to last. From the Renaissance onwards, natural history cabinets were a common sight, bird preservation techniques as well as proper housing were discussed and collection management established.

The history of pre-nineteenth century collections

The invention of Jean-Baptiste Bécoeur's (1718-1777) arsenic soap has been seen as the most important turning point for building up bird collections. Apparently Bécoeur's recipe of arsenic soap was unknown to ornithologists until it was posthumously published and made known by Louis Dufresne (1752-1832) in 1803 (*cf.* Stresemann, 1923a, 1951; Farber, 1977; Piechocki, 1982; Mearns & Mearns, 1998). Some earlier ornithologists though, already applied arsenic as an insecticide and recommended it for preservation of bird skins (Hohberg, 1682; Forster, 1771; Schulze-Hagen et al., 2003). However, the huge number of 1500-3000 surviving bird specimens of the 18th century shows clearly that the invention and application of arsenic soap was only one aspect of several further, equally important improvements of collection management in the late 18th century leading to the long-term survival of bird specimens. These improvements ranged from a better pest control using properly sealed glass cases (Piechocki, 1982) and enclosed insect repellents, better preparation techniques leaving less organic substance in each specimen, combined with increased efforts in housing collections in more suitable buildings. Directorships alternated from aristocrats with no background in the subject to professional scientists assisted by dedicated and responsible curators. Last but not least, collections were also valued during unsteady times.

The biggest threats to these early collections were actually the curators of the early and mid 19th century, when new material was available to replace 'the old stuff'. Birds suddenly had to look nice in the public galleries. In several museums a second clearance took place after WWII. The main reasons at that time were that the old and data-less specimens took up too much space, were believed irrelevant or too poisonous for public display.

During the first two decades of the 19th century the keeper of the natural history collections of the British Museum, John George Children (1777-1852) and especially the zoologist William Elford Leach (1790-1836), would still hold bonfires of bird specimens in their care. Leach's successor William Swainson (1789-1855) was the first curator of the British Museum to address this common practise of dealing with insect pest as wrong, when reporting to the Edinburgh Review (Jan. 1823) that, of originally more than 2000 exotic birds at the turn of century, only 322 had survived until 1822 (Gunther, 1980: 55-56, 84). Also a 'Report on the State of the Zoological Collections' undertaken in 1829 jointly by Carl Dietrich Eberhard König (1774-1851) and Children revealed that the bird collection of the British Museum would contain a complete set of European birds, but only one-sixth of all birds known. While Swainson was rather keen to prevent insect pest by a better collection management, housing and storing, the new keeper of zoology, John Edward Gray (1800-1875), compensated any loses by new acquisitions (Gunther, 1975). Martin Hinrich Carl Lichtenstein (1780-1857), Coenraad Jacob Temminck (1778-1858), John Gould (1804-1881) and Eduard Rüppell (1794-1884), to name but a few, frequently sold type specimens to other museums (Lichtenstein, 1823; Steinheimer, 2003c). Authentic material has not been appreciated until towards the end of the 19th century.

Nevertheless, some of the specimens, which had been prepared in the manner of Johann Reinhold Forster's (1771) instructions, much criticized by Sharpe (1906), have in fact survived until today.

Whereabouts of pre-nineteenth century bird specimens

Rather than listing each single individual, pre-nineteenth century bird specimens are referred to under their collectors' names. Most of the entries indicate the existence of a single or a handful of pre-1800 specimens in a particular museum only. Just a few collections contain more than a dozen pre-1800 specimens, such as the collections of George Montagu, Coenraad Jacob Temminck, Gustaf von Paykull and Peter Simon Pallas (see below). Far the highest number of 18th century birds is found at the Swedish Museum of Natural History in Stockholm.

In the following listing, entries marked with a question mark (?) indicate that surviving specimens of the collection in question have not been confirmed. Entries marked with a question mark up-side-down (⌚) are extant collections but the age of the specimen(s) in question could not definitely be pinned down of being pre 1800 as many collectors obviously continued collecting birds in the 19th century as well. An asterisk (*) indicates obvious errors in literature. Numbers given for surviving pre-1800 specimens are estimations of the care-taking curator, conclusions from literature or/and results of my own studies. Institution marked with a dot (•) have been visited by me.

Bamberg, Naturkunde-Museum Bamberg• (G. & D. Döllner, pers. com., Dec. 2002; own data): *ex parte coll.* ? Benediktiner-Kloster **Banz** (cf. Mäuser, 1995 b) & *coll.* ⌚ Dionysius **Linder** (1762-1838, *leg. ante* 1830, cf. Stephan, 1807 a-e; Jaeck, 1815; Kolb, 1983; Mäuser, 1995 a,b; Steinheimer, 2003d). ⌚ <2 specimens.

Basel, Naturhistorisches Museum: *coll.* ⌚ Hieronymus **Bernoulli** (1745-1829, cf. Sarasin, 1940). ⌚ 72 specimens.

Berlin, Museum für Naturkunde der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin• (own data): *coll.* **Königliche Kunstkammer** *sensu lato incl. colls.* Königliche Kunstkammer *sensu stricto* der Preußischen Könige **Friedrich Wilhelm II** (1744-1797) & **Friedrich Wilhelm III** (1770-1840, *coll. ante* 1810, cf. Jahn, 1985), Carl Ludwig **Willdenow** (1765-1812, cf. Damaschun et al., 2000) & **Academie** der Wissenschaften (*acqu.* 1800, cf. Damaschun et al., 2000) *incl. colls.* ? Christoph Friedrich **Nicolai** (1733-1811, *coll. ante* 1800, cf. Jahn, 1985), ? Adriaan **Vroeg** (1733-1777, cf. Os, 1764; Linné, 1766; Pallas, 1769b: 3, 12, 33; Oort, 1911; Stresemann, 1923; Smit et al., 1986), ? Anton August Heinrich **Lichtenstein** (1753-1816, cf. Lichtenstein, 1793; Rüppell, 1837: 220: specimens of *Neotis cafra*, not found 2003) & *ex parte coll.* [?Johann Christoph] **Richter** (? 1689-1751, *acqu.* ? 1784, cf. Seifert, 1935; Wilson, 1990); *coll.* Johann Centurius Graf von **Hoffmannsegg** (1766-1849, Iberian *coll.*, 1798-1801; ? European *coll.* 1793-1798, 1801-1810, cf. Stresemann, 1950b); *ex parte colls.* Peter Simon **Pallas** (1741-1811, *leg.* 1768-1774 & 1793-1795, *coll. ante* 1810, *ex parte via* C.L. Willdenow; cf. Rammelsberg (s.a.); Stresemann, 1922; Gebhardt, 1964; Stephan, 1985; Steinheimer, 2003b) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? Georg Wilhelm **Steller** (1709-1746, *leg.* 1741-46, cf. Pallas, 1769a; Gebhardt, 1964, 1970), Karl **Krebs** (?- post 1799, *coll.* 1786-1794, cf. Gebhardt, 1964) & Carl Heinrich **Merck** (1761-1799, cf. Ahrens, 1925; Stresemann, 1948; Gebhardt, 1964); William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, cf. Bullock, 1819; Brauer, 1910; Whitehead, 1969; Steinheimer, 2003b,c) *incl. ex parte coll.* James **Cook** (1728-1779) & Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788, cf. Sharpe, 1906); Georges **Cuvier** (1769-1832), [?Jean-Baptiste] **Bécoeur** (?1718-1777, cf. Illiger, 1812) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? Philipp Ludwig Statius **Müller** (1725-1776, cf. Stresemann, 1925); Louis **Dufresne** (1752-1832), Coenraad Jacob **Temminck**

(1778-1858, cf. Illiger, 1812; Anonymous, 1813-1816) *incl ex parte coll.* François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, South African specimens *leg.* 1782-83, cf. Illiger, 1812; (*i.a*) Temminck, 1815: 640); Olof Peter **Swartz** (1760-1818, cf. Illiger, 1812; Lönnberg, 1926), ? Johann Gottlob **Nathusius** (1760-1835, cf. Stresemann, 1958) *incl. coll.* ? Graf Johann von **Mattuschka** (?-1804, *leg.* 1785-1804, *acqu.* 1821, cf. Stresemann, 1958: one certain specimen lost in WWII); Gustaf Freiherr von **Paykull** (1759-1826, *leg. pars major ante* 1800, *acqu. ante* 1813, cf. Anonymous, 1813-1816), Johann Christian Ludwig **Hellwig** (1743-1831, *acqu. ante* 1812, cf. Illiger, 1812; Lichtenstein, 1818), ? Baron Guillaume Michel Jerome Meiffren-Laugier de Chartrouse (1772-1843), ? Wilhelm Gottlieb **Tilesius** von Tilenau (1769-1857, Siberian *coll. ante* ? 1800, cf. Illiger, 1812), ? Peter Friedrich **Röding** (1767-1846 *vel* ?-1780, *acqu. ante* 1813, cf. Horn et al., 1990; www.genealogienetz.de/), ? Carl Friedrich August **Meisner** (1765-1825), ? Karl Siegmund Franz Freiherr von **Altenstein** (1770-1840, *acqu. ante* 1813), ? [?Jakob Fidelis] **Ackermann** (c.1765-1815, *acqu. c.* 1810-20), ? Carl Asmund **Rudolphi** (1771-1832, *leg. ante* 1810, cf. Illiger, 1812; Stresemann, 1923c) & ? Franz Joseph **Martin** (1738-1821, cf. Gebhardt, 1964). >200 specimens.

Bern, Naturhistorisches Museum Bern (M. Güntert, in litt., July 2002): *colls.* Carl Friedrich August **Meisner** (1765-1825, one specimen *leg.* 1797, cf. Meisner & Schinz, 1815: 278-279) & ? Daniel **Sprüngli** (1721-1801; one surviving nest for sure, perhaps also some bird specimens). 1 certain, perhaps more specimens.

Bologna, Museo di Zoologia (M. Zanatello, in litt., Nov. 2002): *colls.* ? Ulisse **Aldrovandi** (1527-1605, cf. www. unibo.it/musei-universitari/zooologia/zooologia. html; no confirmed specimen) & **indet.** ? < 10 specimens.

Braunschweig, Staatliches Naturhistorisches Museum (M. Forthuber, in litt., Aug. 2002): *ex parte coll.* Ludwig Philipp Duc d'Orléans (1725-1785, *acqu.* 1755 *via* Daniel de **Superville** (1696-1773): one specimen of *Corvus corax varius*, cf. Boettger, 1954; www.naturhistorisches-museum.de/geschi.html). 1 specimen.

Brno, Moravské Zemské Muzeum (Zoologický Depozitář at Budišov u Třebíče)• (H. Sutorová, in litt., Nov. 2002; own data): *colls.* ? **Franzens**-Museum (founded *post* 1816, cf. Sutorová, 1999) & Adolf **Schwab** (1807-1891, obtained older specimens, cf. Gebhardt, 1964; Sutorová & Hanák, 1997; preparation style suggests some specimens from the 18th century). ? < 10 specimens.

Cambridge, University Museum of Zoology• (R. Symonds, in litt., Nov. 2002): *pars major coll.* ? William **Swainson** (1789-1855, cf. Stresemann, 1951; Roselaar 2003) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, 31 specimens, 2 perhaps pre 1800, cf. Sharpe, 1906; Parkinson, 1988; Benson, 1999). ? 2 specimens.

Cambridge Mass., Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University (D. Caussey, in litt., Jan./Feb. 2003, M. LeCroy, P. Sweet, Storrs Olson, in litt., July 2004): *ex parte colls.* Charles Willson **Peale** (1741-1827, *coll. pars minor ante* 1800, *via* the Boston Society of Natural History, cf. Wilson, 1810: 125; Wilson, 1813: 16; Wilson, 1814: 104; Faxon, 1915; Stresemann, 1951; Mearns & Mearns, 1998; ? 6-18 specimens) *incl ex parte coll.* George **Washington** (1732-1799, cf. Faxon, 1915: 127: two specimens of Golden Pheasants); Alexander **Wilson** (1766-1813, *leg. ante* 1800, cf. Wilson, 1810-1814; Bangs, 1930; c. 25 specimens) & *ex. parte coll.* **American Museum of Natural History** *incl. ex. parte coll.* **Naturhistorisches Museum Wien** *incl. ex parte coll.* Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788) *incl ex parte coll.* James **Cook** (1728-1779, cf. Bangs, 1930: 363; Medway, 1979; one *Drepanis pacifica*). c. 30 specimens.

Coimbra, Museu de História Natural – Museu Zoológico, Universidade de Coimbra (C. Hazevoet, in litt., Mar. 2003): coll. Domingos **Vandelli** (1730-1816, coll. ante 1779, cf. Carreira et al., 2000). 8 specimens.

Cremona, Museo Civico di Storia Naturale (C. Violani, pers. com., Oct. 2003): coll. ? Giuseppe Sigismondo Ala **Ponzoni** (1761-1842). < 30 specimens.

Darmstadt, Naturkundliche Abteilungen des Hessischen Landesmuseums Darmstadt (U. Joger, in litt., Oct. 2002): coll./acqu. Georg Bathasar **Bekker** (leg. 1796, illustrated by Johann Theodor Susemihl (1772-1848) in Borkhausen et al., 1800; one *Sula bassana*). 1 specimen.

Edinburgh, National Museum of Scotland• (B. McGowan, in litt., Nov. 2002; own data): priv. coll. Louis **Dufresne** (1752-1832, leg. ante 1818/1820, cf. Sweet, 1970b; Fuller 2001) incl. colls. ? Impératrice **Joséphine** (1763-1814) / Julien **Desjardins** (coll. ante 1814, cf. Greenway, 1958; Fuller 2001); ex parte coll. William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, leg. ante 1819, cf. Sweet, 1970a). 50-100 specimens.

Firenze, Museo Zoologico de 'La Specola' (M. Poggesi & A. Nistri, in litt., Nov. 2002): coll. Gran Duca Pietro **Leopoldo di Lorena alias Lorraine** (coll. ante 1775, data from oldest catalogue (1792): surviving specimens are (half of the 20.000 present specimens yet checked): 4 parrots, 16 quails, 1 duck, 1 hummingbird, 2 eggs of ostriches & 1 egg of cassowary). ≥22 specimens.

Frankfurt a. M., Naturmuseum und Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg• (U. Wan-nhoff, pers. com., Nov. 2002; K. Klemmer & G. Mayr, pers. com., June 2003; own data): colls. ? Bernhard **Meyer** (1767-1836, leg. ante 1818 [? 1810], cf. Meyer & Wolf, 1810; Hartert, 1891) & ? Johann Christian **Gerning** (1745-1802; probably a *Paradisaea apoda*, two *Paradisaea minor*, a *Cicinnurus regius*, two *Rupicola rupicola* & a *Ramphastos tucanus*, cf. Anonymous [c. 1832]); ex parte colls. Coenraad Jacob **Temminck** (1778-1858) incl. ex parte coll. ? François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, South African specimens leg. 1782-83); Friedrich Heinrich Freiherr von **Kittlitz** (1799-1874, cf. Hartert, 1891: 178) & Johann Friedrich von **Brandt** (1802-1879) incl. ex parte coll. Carl Heinrich **Merck** (1761-1799, cf. Kittlitz, 1858: two *Haliaeetus pelagicus*). 2-9, perhaps up to 25 specimens.

Glasgow, University of Glasgow Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery• (M. Reilly, in litt., Jan. 2003): coll. William **Hunter** (1718-1783, cf. Latham 1785: 18-20; <http://www.hunterian.gla.ac.uk/>; one mount of *Anhima cornuta* & anatomical series of *Gallus gallus*); ex parte coll. ? William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, cf. Sharpe, 1906). 1, perhaps up to 10 specimens.

Göttingen, Institut für Zoologie der Universität Göttingen• (G. Tröster, in litt., Nov. 2002): coll. ? Johann Friedrich **Blumenbach** (1752-1840, coll. ex parte ante 1800, cf. Gebhardt, 1964; Roselaar 2003; no confirmed specimen yet known). ? < 10 specimens.

Göttingen, Institut für Ethnologie, Völkerkundliche Sammlung der Universität Göttingen• (G. Tröster & G. Krüger, in litt., Nov. 2002): ex parte, via George **Humphrey** (1739-1826), coll. David **Samwell** (1751-1798, leg. 1779) i.e. Surgeon's Mate of James Cook (1728-1779, acqu. 1782, cf. Humphrey 1782: No. 346 addition, Merrem, 1784; Stresemann, 1950a; Medway, 1979; Hauser-Schäublin & Krüger, 1998: 239, photo p. 130; Steinheimer, 2003c; one *Vestiaria coccinea*). 1 specimen.

Halle a.d. Saale, Kunsts- und Naturalienkammer, Franckesche Stiftungen• (Heike Link, pers. com., Feb. 2003; own data): colls. **Franckesche Stiftungen** (acqu. 1698-1787, cf. Müller-Bahlke, 1998: 55-56; Kinzelbach, 2002: 82-83; one mount of *Remiz pendulinus* &

three alcohol specimens, *prep.* c. 1741-1780s, entry in catalogue from 1780s). 1 specimen.

Halle a.d. Saale, Anatomische Sammlung der Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (E. Steinicke, pers. com., Feb. 2003): *colls.* ? Johann Friedrich Meckel der Ältere (1724-1774), ? Philipp Friedrich Theodor **Meckel** (1755-1803) & ζ Johann Friedrich **Meckel** der Jüngere (1781-1833, cf. Göbbel et al., 2002; one *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*, *Corvus frugilegus* & *Phasianus colchicus* inventorized as „Meckel-Coll.“). Probably 3 specimens.

Hannover, Niedersächsisches Landesmuseum (Chr. Schilling, pers. com., Feb. 2003; own data): *ex parte*, *via* George **Humphrey** (1739-1826) on behalf of King **George** III of Britain & Elector of Hanover (1738-1820), Institut für Zoologie der Universität Göttingen & *coll.* Heinrich **Kirchhoff** (1789-1871, ? accidentally associated with this collection; cf. Gebhardt, 1970), *coll.* David **Samwell** (1751-1798, *leg.* 1779) *i.e.* Surgeon's Mate of James **Cook** (1728-1779, cf. Humphrey, 1782: No. 346 addition; Merrem, 1784: 8 & pl. 2; Stresemann 1950a: 80; Hauser-Schäublin & Krüger, 1998: 63, 239; Steinheimer, 2003c; one *Moho nobilis*). 1 specimen.

Karlsruhe, Landessammlungen für Naturkunde Karlsruhe (H.-W. Mittmann, pers. com., Mar. 2004; own data): *colls.* Markgräfin **Luise** von Baden (1723-1783) & Carl Christian **Gmelin** (1762-1837, cf. Angst, 1985; Trunko, 1985; nec Griffin, 1946; Titschack, 1952). < 10 specimens.

Kassel, Ottoneum Naturkundemuseum der Stadt (P. Mansfeld, in litt., Oct. 2001): *coll.* Barthold **Lohmann** (1749-1812) *vel* Heinrich **Zimmermann** (1741-1805) during the third voyage of James **Cook** (*leg.* 1778-1779, cf. Stresemann, 1950a; Popp, 1980; specimens not found; cf. Titschack, 1952; Steinheimer, 2003c). ? 4 specimens [probably lost in the WWII].

Kazan, Zoologicheskii Muzeum, Kazanski'u'i Universitet (O. Askeyev & I. Askeyev, in litt., Dec. 2002): *coll. indet.* (*acqu.* 1804; some specimens from end of 18th century). < 10 specimens.

Köthen, Naumann-Museum (G. Hildebrandt, pers. com., Sep. 2002 & W.-D. Busching, in litt., Oct. 2002): *coll.* Herzog Friedrich Ferdinand von **Anhalt-Cöthen** (1769-1830, *acqu.* 1821) *incl. colls.* Johann Andreas **Naumann** (1744-1826) & Johann Friedrich **Naumann** (1780-1857, *ex parte minor ante* 1800, cf. Zim Dahl, 1980; Piechocki 1982) *incl. ex parte colls.* Coenraad Jacob **Temminck** (1778-1858) *incl. ex parte coll.* François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, *leg. ante* 1785, cf. Stresemann, 1951; Busching, 2001); [the specimen of *Fratercula corniculata*, always connected with *coll.* * Christian Friedrich Schwägrichen (1775-1853) *incl. ex parte coll.* * Christoph Heinrich Ploß (1757-1838, cf. Jacobi, 1928) *incl.*, *via* * Peter Simon Pallas (1741-1811) & * Christian Gottfried Heinrich Geißler (1770-1844), *ex parte coll.* * Carl Heinrich Merck (1761-1799, cf. Thomsen & Stresemann, 1957; Gebhardt 1964; Busching, 2001), probably originates from *coll.* Morten Wormskjold (1783-1845) made on the voyage of Otto von Kotzebue (1787-1846, *leg.* 1815-1818), cf. Hildebrandt, 2001]. 1-4, perhaps 12 specimens [18th century-styled specimen of *Halcyon smyrnensis* shown in Busching 2002: 32 is younger].

København, Zoologisk Museum Københavns Universitet (J. Fjeldså, in litt., June 2004): *ex parte coll.* Naturhistorisches Museum Wien (*acqu.* 1861) *incl. ex parte coll.* Ashton Lever (1729-1788, cf. Pelzeln, 1873: 30; one *Buceros coronatus*): 1 specimen.

Kremsmünster, Sternwarte des Benediktinerstifts Kremsmünster (G. Aubrecht &

A. Kraml, pers. com., Oct. 2002): *colls.* ? Patres Eugen **Dobler** (1714-1796, *coll. post* 1746, at least one egg, Pfeiffer, 1887), ? Leopold **Vogel** (*fl.* late 18th century) & ? Abbot Erenbert **Meyer** (1771-1800, *cf.* Doberschiz, 1764; Pfeiffer, 1887; Schifter, 1977). ? < 10 specimens.

Leiden, Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum Naturalis• (R. Dekker, in litt., June 2004, Aug. 2004; own data): *colls.* Jacob **Temminck** (1746-1822, *leg. post* 1770s, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951; Holthuis, 1995) & Coenraad Jacob **Temminck** (1778-1858, *cf.* Gijzen, 1938; Stresemann, 1953b) *incl. ex parte coll.*, *via* Mr [nec Jean-Baptiste] **Bécoeur**, Jacques-Julien H. de **Labillardière** (1755-1834, *leg.* 1791-1794, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953a & 1953b) & Antoine **Riche** (1762-1797, *leg.* 1791-1794, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953a), William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, *cf.* Bullock, 1819; Ghisin, 1969; Holthuis, 1995) *incl. ex parte coll.* Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788) *incl. ex parte coll.* James **Cook** (1728-1779, *cf.* Medway, 1979; Dekker, 1999); & *ex parte colls.* François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951; Stresemann, 1953b; Roselaar, 2003), René **Maugé** (?-1802, *coll.* Porto Rico *leg.* 1797-1798, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951, 1953b), Thomas **Thompson** (*fl.* 1790-1814, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953b), Peter Simon **Pallas** (1741-1811) & Prince Willem V d'**Orange** (*coll.* 1756-1795, Holthuis, 1995, 2001b). >200 specimens.

Leipzig, Naturkundemuseum• (M. Meyer, pers. com., Oct. 2002): *ex parte coll.* Christian Friedrich **Schwägrichen** (1775-1853) *incl. ex parte coll.* Christian Gottfried Heinrich **Geißler** (1770-1844) *incl. ex parte colls.* Peter Simon **Pallas** (1741-1811, *coll. ante* 1810, *cf.* Gebhardt, 1964) & Carl Heinrich **Merck** (1761-1799, *cf.* Gebhardt, 1964; Joost, 2003). c. 12, (nach Jacobi, 1928) 21 specimens.

Le Mans, Musée Vert Véron de Forbonnais (N. Morel, pers com., June 2003): *ex parte coll.* Cabinet des Stadhouders Den Haag / Prince Willem V d'**Orange alias Oranje** (*coll.* 1756-1795, *acqu.* 1799/1804, *via* Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle Paris, André Pierre & Thomas Cauvin on behalf of the Ecole Centrale de la Sarthe; two mounted birds, a toucan and an ibis). 2 specimens.

Lilienfeld, Tierkabinett Stift Lilienfeld: *ex parte coll.* Aegydius **Kratky** (1750-1818, *coll.* Weinviertel 1774-1791 (? 1812) & *aliae colls. ante* c. 1816, *cf.* Hochebner & Bauernfeind, 2002). 144 specimens (♂ some younger than 1800).

Liverpool, National Museums & Galleries on Merseyside• (M. Largen, in litt., Nov. 2002; own data): *coll.* Lord Edward Smith Stanley *alias 13th Earl of Derby* (1775-1851) *incl. ex parte colls.* General Thomas **Davies** (1737-1812, *coll. ante* 1802, *cf.* Fuller, 2001 [p. 175: wrong living dates]; Fisher, 2002; Fisher & Jackson, 2002) *incl coll.* Dr. **Lowe** (*leg.* 1785); Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788, *cf.* Largen, 1987) *incl ex parte coll.* James **Cook** (1728-1779, *cf.* Largen, 1987); ♂ George **Montagu** (1753-1815, *fide* museum's database search 1998: one specimen), ♂ William **Swainson** (1789-1855) *incl. [?]* & *separata ex parte coll.* William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906; Stresemann, 1951; Medway, 1976, 1979; Whitehead, 1969, 1978; Wagstaffe, 1978; Fisher & Jackson, 2002; Roselaar, 2003); *ex parte coll.* John **Latham** (1740-1837, *fide* museum's database search, 1998). 26, perhaps up to 50 specimens.

London, Museum at Westminster Abbey: one specimen of The Duchess of **Richmond** (*prep.* 1702, *cf.* Morris, 1981). 1 specimen.

London, Royal College of Surgeons of England (B. Davis, in litt., 2001): [wet/dry anatomical specimens] *coll.* John **Hunter** (1728-1793, *cf.* Farber, 1982; Asma 2001) *incl. ex parte colls.* ? James **Cook** (1728-1779) & ? Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788, most specimens of Lever & Cook donated to BMNH, now at Tring, in 1845 & 1909, *cf.* Steinheimer, 2003c). 118 (anatomical) bird specimens.

Lyon, Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle (J. Clary & A. Maire, in litt., Dec. 2002): *coll.* Jean André Ignace de **Soubry** (1705-1774, *acqu.* 1803: originally 500 specimens, actual number unknown; *cf.* Soubry, 1736-1737). Up to >200 possible specimens.

Montreal, Blacker-Wood Library of Biology, McGill University (K. Schulze-Hagen, pers. com., Oct. 2002): *coll.* Dionisio **Minaggio** (*prep.* 1618 [parts of birds only], *cf.* <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/featherbook/>, Violani 1988). 145 [parts of] specimens.

München, Zoologische Staatssammlung• (own data): *coll.* Kurfürst Maximilian III. Joseph von **Wittelsbach** (1727-1777, *coll. post* 1759) & Kurfürst Karl Theodor von **Wittelsbach** (1724-1799, *coll.* 1759-1799; no 18th century specimen yet identified, but the oldest register lists data-less, but still existing birds, which might be pre 1800; *cf.* Hahn, 1818-1823; Hahn & Küster, 1834-1841; but *cf.* also Titschack, 1952). ? <10 specimens.

Neuchâtel, Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Neuchâtel: *coll.* ? Charles-Daniel de **Meuron** (1748-1806, *leg. ante* 1795, *cf.* Roselaar, 2003). ? specimens.

Newcastle upon Tyne, The Hancock Museum (L. Jessop, in litt., Oct. 2002): *coll.* George **Allan** (1736-1800, *ex parte leg.* 1776, *cf.* Jessop, 1999a; Jessop & Stobart, 2002: 129) *incl. coll.* Marmaduke **Tunstall** (1743-1790, *acqu.* 1791, *cf.* Bewick, 1826; Jessop 1999b, 1999c; Jessop & Stobart, 2002: 131, 132, 136 & 138; Jessop & Pry's-Jones, in prep.) *incl. ex parte colls.* 4th **Earl of Orford** (1717-1797, *don.* 1775) & ? Joachim Friedrich **Bolten** (1718-1796, *acqu.* c. 1775). 27 specimens.

Oxford, Oxford University Museum of Zoology• (M. Nowak-Kemp, in litt., Jan. 2003): [several stuffed, avian parts] *coll.* Elias **Ashmole** (*ante* 1683, *cf.* Mearns & Mearns, 1998) *incl. coll.* John **Tradescant** (*ante* 1656, *cf.* Anonymous, 1836; Fuller, 2002) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? Thomas **Herbert** (*leg. ante* 1627, *cf.* Stresemann, 1923). [several stuffed, avian parts of formerly up to] 1-4 specimens.

Padova, Museo di Zoologia, Università degli Studi di Padova (P. Nicolosi, in litt., Sep. 2002): *colls.* ? Antonio **Vallisneri** (*coll. ante* 1734, *cf.* Roselaar, 2003) & ? **indet.** ? <10 specimens.

Paris, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle• (A. Péquignot, in litt., Nov. 2002; own data): *colls.* ? René-Antoine Ferchault de **Réaumur** (1683-1757, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? Pierre **Poivre** (1719-1786, Stresemann, 1952); ? Mathurin-Jacques **Brisson** (1723-1806, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951), **Cabinet du Roi** (*leg. ante* 1793, *cf.* Roselaar, 2003) & Philibert de **Commercet** (1727-1773, South America & Pacific Isl. *leg.* 1761-1768, Mascarene Isl. & Madagascar *leg.* 1768-1773, *cf.* White & Bruce, 1986); *ex parte colls.* ? Cabinet des Stadhouders Den Haag / Prince Willem V d'Orange alias Oranje (*coll.* 1756-1795, *cf.* Prestwich, 1963; Mearns & Mearns, 1998; Holthuis, 2001a) / Aernout **Vosmaer** (1720-1799, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951) *incl. coll.* ? Albertus **Seba** (*ante* 1752, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951); Georges-Louis Leclerc de **Buffon** (1707-1788), Pierre **Sonnarat** (1749-1814, *ex parte leg.* 1771-1772, *cf.* Berlioz, 1950; White & Bruce, 1986; Fuller 2001) *incl. ex altera parte coll.* Pierre **Poivre** (1719-1786, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951), Jacques-Julien H. de **Labillardière** (1755-1834, *leg.* 1791-1794, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953a; White & Bruce, 1986) & Antoine **Riche** (1762-1797, *leg.* 1791-1794, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953a); William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906), François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, South African specimens *ante* 1785, *excl. coll. ante* 1795, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951; Horn et al., 1990; Mearns & Mearns, 1998), ? Baron Guillaume Michel Jerome Meiffren-Laugier de Chartrouse (1772-1843, *cf.* Roselaar, 2003), ? Jean-Baptiste **Leschenault** de la Tour (1773-1826, *pars minor ante* 1800, *cf.* Berlioz, 1950; Mearns & Mearns, 1998), Georges Léopold Chrétien Frédéric Dagobert **Cuvier**

(1769-1832), & Etienne Geoffroy **Saint-Hilaire** (1772-1844, cf. Berlitz, 1950), & Coenraad Jacob **Temminck** (1778-1858) & Louis **Dufresne** (1752-1832, cf. Roselaar, 2003). >200 specimens.

Parma, Museo di Storia Naturale, Università di Parma (V. Parisi, in litt., Nov. 2002): *colls.* Pater Jean Baptiste **Fourcault** (*prep.* 1764-1775, cf. Stresemann, 1923; Piechocki, 1982) & **indet.** Trochilidae (*coll. c.* 1700). > 34 specimens.

Pavia, Museo di Storia Naturale all'Università di Pavia: *ex parte coll.* Lazzaro **Spallanzani** (1729-1799, *leg. & coll.* 1771-1799) *incl. colls.* Giovanni Antonio **Scopoli** (1707-1778, *leg. ante* 1777), ? Paolo **Odescalco** (*leg. ante* 1778), ? Francesco **Maynardi** (*leg. ante* 1778), ? Alessandro **Brambilla** (*acqu.* 1787-1793), ? Vincenzo **Rosa** (*leg.* Sardinia & Algeria 1793) & ? **indet.** from America (*acqu. via* Bruxelles in 1782, cf. Farber, 1982; Rovati & Galeotti, 1999). c. 10, probably 10-50 specimens.

Philadelphia, The Academy of Natural Sciences (L. Joseph, in litt., Jan. 2003): *ex parte coll.* & Charles Willson **Peale** (1741-1827, *coll. pars minor ante* 1800, cf. Wilson, 1812: 92; Stone, 1899; Faxon, 1915; Stresemann, 1951; Mearns & Mearns, 1998; one specimen of *Buteo platypterus*). & 1 specimen.

Pisa, Museo di Storia Naturale e del Territorio, Università di Pisa (M. Zuffi, in litt., Jan. 2003): *coll. indet.* (*ante* 1626, one mounted head of *Rhinoplax vigil*; cf. Anonymous, 1626). 1 [part of a] specimen.

Reggio Emilia, Centro Museo Universitario di Storia Naturale e della Strumentazione Scientifica (C. Violani, pers. com., Oct. 2003): *ex parte coll.* Lazzaro **Spallanzani** (1729-1799, *leg. & coll.* 1771-1799). c. 50 specimens.

Rostock, Zoologische Sammlung der Universität Rostock•: *colls.* Georg **Lembcke** (1753-1822, *leg. ante* 1804; cf. Kinzelbach et al., 1997) & **Mecklenburgische Naturforschende Gesellschaft** / Adolf Christian **Siemsse**n (1768-1833, *leg. ante* 1805; cf. Kinzelbach et al., 1997). 2-5 specimens.

Rudolstadt, Thüringer Landesmuseum Heidecksburg (E. Mey, pers. com., Mar. 2004): *coll.* Fürst Friedrich Carl von **Schwarzenburg-Rudolstadt** (1737-1790; Baege, 1963): c. 10 specimens [plus an egg collection from c. 1780].

St. Petersburg, Zoologicheskii Institut Rossiiskoi Akademii Nauk (R. Potapov, in litt., Jul. 2002, Oct. 2002; U. Wannhoff, pers. com., Nov. 2002): *colls.* ? Tsar **Pjotr I Aleksejewitsch Balšoj** [Peter the Great] (1682-1725, cf. Whitehead, 1970) *incl. colls.* ? Frederik **Ruysch** (1638-1731, *coll. ante* 1710, cf. Stresemann, 1951; Kistemaker, 2003; Marenk & Prinzewa, 2003; Middelkoop, 2003), *ex parte* ? Albertus **Seba** (1665-1736, cf. Stresemann, 1951; Whitehead, 1970; Kistemaker, 2003) &, *via* Herzog **Friedrich von Holstein-Gottorp** (in 1651), ? Bernardus **Paludanus** (1550-1633, cf. Stresemann, 1951); ? Johann Georg **Gmelin** (1709-1755, *acqu.* 1741, cf. Stresemann, 1923), ? Daniel Gottlieb **Messerschmidt** (1685-1735, cf. Stresemann, 1923; Gebhardt, 1964), Georg Wilhelm **Steller** (1709-1746, *leg.* 1741-46, cf. Gebhardt, 1964, 1970; one likely specimen), ? Johann Anton **Güldenstädt** (1745-1781, *leg. ante* 1775, cf. Stresemann, 1923; Gebhardt, 1964), ? Carl Ludwig **Hablizl** (1752-1821, cf. Gebhardt, 1964), ? Ivan Ivanovich Lepekh'in *alias* **Lepechin** (?1737-1802, cf. Stresemann, 1923), ? **Falck** (fl. 1768-1774, *coll.* 1768, cf. Stresemann, 1923) & ? Samuel Gottlieb **Gmelin** (1744-1774, *leg.* 1767-1774, cf. Gebhardt, 1964); *ex parte coll.* ? Carl Heinrich **Merck** (1761-1799, cf. Gebhardt, 1964), ? Karl **Krebs** (*coll.* 1786-1794, cf. Gebhardt, 1964; Roselaar, 2003) & ? Peter Simon **Pallas** (1741-1811, cf. Roselaar, 2003). ? <10 specimens (most early specimens vanished before 1831, cf. archival note of J.F. Brandt 1831).

Schleusingen, Naturhistorisches Museum Schloss Bertholdsburg (R. Werneburg, in litt., Jan. 2003): *coll. à Forstakademie Dreißigacker bei Meiningen* (*acqu.* 1803 & 1807; two half-birds arranged to pictures). *à 2 [parts of] specimens.*

Stockholm, Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet (G. Frisk & E. Ahlander, in litt., Dec. 2002): *colls. Kungliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademien* (*ex parte pre* 1800, founder collection of museum), Konungen **Adolf Fredrik III** av Sverige (1710-1771, *coll. Museum Drottningholm ante/in* 1754/1764), Anders **Sparrman** (1748-1820, South African *coll. leg.* 1772, 1775-1776, *cf.* Lönnberg, 1926; Gyldenstolpe, 1926a, b; Stresemann, 1951; Cook voyage *coll. leg.* 1772-1775, *cf.* Whitehead, 1969, 1978; Medway, 1976, 1979; Senegal *coll. leg.* 1787; 25 specimens), Carl von **Linné** (1707-1778; 2 specimens & c. 25 in alcohol), Adolf Ulrik **Grill** (1752-1797, *leg.* 1792 & *pars ante* 1797, *acqu.* 1828; 7 & 45 specimens) *incl. colls.* Per Gustaf **Lindroth** (1758-1809) & Anna Johanna **Grill** (fl. late 1800s); Johan Gustaf von **Carlsson** (1743-1801, *cf.* Lönnberg, 1926; Gyldenstolpe, 1926), ? Clas Fredrik **Hornstedt** (1758-1809, *coll. East Indies leg. ante* 1787, *acqu.* 1819/20, *cf.* Stresemann, 1923), (Baron) Gustaf Freiherr von **Paykull** (1759-1826, *leg. pars major ante* 1800, *acqu.* 1819/20, *cf.* Lönnberg, 1926; Horn et al., 1990; Fuller, 1999; 680 specimens), ? Erik Gustaf **Lönberg** (1764-1808), ? Gustaf Johan **Billberg** (1772-1844, *acqu.* 1809), ? Samuel **Fahlberg** (1758-1834, *coll. West Indies*), ? Olof Peter **Swartz** (1760-1818, *cf.* Lönnberg, 1926) & Conrad **Quensel** (1767-1806); *ex parte coll.* ? Charles Willson **Peale** (1741-1827, *acqu.* 1791, *cf.* Lönnberg, 1926). >600 specimens.

Strasbourg, Musée Zoologique de l'Université Louis Pasteur et de la Ville de Strasbourg• (M.-D. Wandhammer, in litt., Febr. 2003): *coll. Johann (alias Jean) Hermann* (1738-1800, *coll.* 1760-1800, *cf.* Gebhardt, 1974) *incl. ex parte coll.* Peter Simon **Pallas** (1741-1811, *leg. ante* 1760, *cf.* Fuller, 1999: one specimen *Pinguinus impennis*). >100 specimens.

Stuttgart, Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart•: *coll. à Carl Christoph Jaeger* (1773-1828, *leg.* 1797-1817, *cf.* Schüz, 1967; Warth & Ziegler, 1991; 1 specimen in museum's database). *à 1 specimen.*

Torino, Museo Regionale di Scienze Naturali (C. Pulcher, in litt., 2001): *coll. Franco Andrea Bonelli* (1784-1830) *incl. ex parte coll.* William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849) *incl. ex parte coll.* James **Cook** (1728-1779, *cf.* Bullock, 1819; Salvadori, 1914; Whitehead, 1978; Elter, 1986). 10-50, perhaps >50 specimens.

Tring, The Natural History Museum• (own data): *colls.* Thomas **Hardwicke** (1755-1835, Indian *coll. leg. ante* 1818, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906) & Thomas **Pennant** (1726-1798, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906); *pars major coll.* George **Montagu** (1753-1815, *cf.* Leach, 1816; Sharpe, 1906) *incl.* one specimen of John **Latham** (1740-1837); & Sir Joseph **Banks** (1743-1820, *cf.* Knox & Walters, 1992); *ex parte colls.* Hans **Sloane** (1660-1753, *cf.* Clutton-Brock, 1994; Steinheimer, 2003e; Steinheimer & Cooper, 2003), James **Cook** (1728-1779, *cf.* Salvadori, 1891; Stresemann, 1949, 1950; Lysaght, 1959; Burton, 1969; Whitehead, 1969, 1971, 1978; Sweet, 1970a; Steinheimer, 2003a, c), Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788, *cf.* Anonymous, 1790; Donovan, 1806; Mullens, 1917-1918; Stresemann, 1951; Chalmers-Hunt, 1976; Alexander, 1985; Jackson, 1998; Mearns & Mearns, 1998; Steinheimer, 2003c; Walters, 2004), Archibald **Menzies** (1754-1842, *leg.* 1792, *cf.* Eastwood, 1924; Stresemann, 1951; Warren, 1966; Wilbur, 1978; Galloway & Groves, 1987; Mearns & Mearns, 1998), Edward **Donovan** (1768-1837, *leg.* W. Hammond *ante/in* 1787, *cf.* Warren, 1966), **Linnean Society of London** *via* George **Shaw** (1751-1813, *ex parte minor leg. ante/in* 1789, *cf.* Warren, 1966), William

Bullock (c.1773-1849; ? *ex parte via* Benjamin Leadbeater, Mr J. E. Warwick, Nicholas Aylward Vigors & Coenraad Jacob Temminck in 1839-1846, *cf.* Bullock [*i.a.*], 1809, 1811, 1812, 1813; Alexander, 1985; Knox & Walters, 1994; Steinheimer, 2003c), [?Emmanuel] **Baillon** (?-?1802, entries in 'Leach Catalogue' 1813-1832), ? [?Alexander/William Sharp] **Macleay** (1767-1848/1792-1865, *cf.* entries in 'Leach Catalogue' 1813-1832; Stanbury & Holland, 1988), ? Antoine Nicolas François Dubois Comte de **Riocour** (1761-c.1830s, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906; Stresemann, 1951; <http://www.culture.fr/documentation/>; *fide* Fuller, 1999: 231 *leg. post c.1820*), ? Coenraad Jacob **Temminck** (1778-1858), ? Alexander **Huey** (*acqu. ante* 1832, *cf.* McCormick, 1987) & ? Baron Guillaume Michel Jerome Meiffren-**Laugier** de Chartrouse (1772-1843, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906; Whitehead, 1978; Steinheimer, 2003c), ? William **Swainson** (1789-1855) &, *via* Mr [*nec* Jean-Baptiste] **Bécoeur** *ad* Thomas **Thompson** (fl. 1790-1814) & Colonel Emperor John Alexander **Woodford** (fl. 1791), *ex parte coll.* ? Jacques-Julien H. de **Labillardière** (1755-1834, *leg.* 1791-1794, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953a) & ? Antoine **Riche** (1762-1797, *leg.* 1791-1794, *cf.* Stresemann, 1953a). >200 specimens.

Uppsala, Evolutionsmuseet, Zoologi-sektionen, Uppsala Universitet: *colls.* Carl von Linné (1707-1778) *incl. ex parte coll.* Jonas **Alströmer** (*acqu. c.* 1749, *cf.* Stresemann, 1923); Magnus Lagerström (*leg. ante* 1750), Clas Fredrik **Hornstedt** (1758-1809, *leg. ante* 1789), Adam Afzelius (1750-1837, *leg. ante* 1802), Carl Peter Thunberg (1743-1828, *acqu.* 1775, *cf.* Stresemann, 1923) & ? Konungen Gustav IV Adolf Fredrik av Sverige (1778-1837, *leg. ante* ?1809) (*cf.* Lönnberg, 1896; Horn et al., 1990; Wallin, 1992; Wallin & Wallin, 1994; Wallin, 1996; Wallin 1997). 11, probably 15-50 specimens.

Waldenburg, Heimatmuseum und Naturalienkabinett der Stadt Waldenburg (E. Mey, in litt., Sep. 2002): *coll.* Fürst Otto Victor I. von **Schönburg-Waldenburg** (1785-1859) *incl. colls.* Johann Heinrich **Linck** d. J. (1734-1807, *cf.* Seifert, 1935) & ? Johann Heinrich **Linck** d. Ä. (1674-1734) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? Johann Christoph **Richter** (1689-1751, *acqu.* 1784, *cf.* Seifert, 1935; Wilson, 1990: mainly minerals, not birds). <10 specimens.

Waltershausen-Schnepfenthal, Naturalienkabinett der Salzmannschule Schnepfenthal: *colls.* Christian Gotthilf **Salzmann** (*coll. post* 1784) & Friedrich **Salzmann** (1774-1850, *prep.* 1791) *incl. colls.* forest man 'Herr' **Clauder** (*leg.* 1791), 'Schüler' **Ausfeld** & von **Busche** (*leg.* 1790, *i.e.* pupils of Schnepfenthal); & *ex parte colls.* Johann Christoph **Richter** of Leipzig (1689-1751, *cf.* Seifert, 1935; Pfauch & Pfauch, 1984; Wilson, 1990) &, *via* Henri **Marc** (1771-1841), Johann Matthaeus **Bechstein** (1757-1822, *leg.* 1789, *cf.* Pfauch & Pfauch, 1984; Pfauch 1990). 13 specimens with data, but probably 20-30 pre 1800.

Warszawa, Polska Akademia Nauk, Muzeum i Instytut Zoologii (J. Szwedo, in litt., Feb. 2003): *coll.* Sylvius (Silvius) August von **Minckwitz** (1772-1818, *coll. pars major* 1792-1805, *cf.* Pax, 1923a; Pax, 1925, *nec* Gebhardt, 1964). ? 28 specimens.

Weimar, Naturwissenschaftliche Sammlung des Goethe-Nationalmuseums: *coll.* ? Johann Wolfgang von **Goethe** (1749-1832, *cf.* Klausewitz, 2000). < ? 10 specimens.

Wien, Naturhistorisches Museum Wien• (E. Bauernfeind, in litt., July 2002, Aug. 2002, Oct. 2003, June 2004; own data): *colls.* ? Nicolaus Joseph Franz von **Jacquin** (1727-1817, Caribbean *coll.* 1755-1759, *cf.* Jacquin, 1784; Riedl-Dorn, 1998; Bauernfeind, 2003; probably one or more surviving specimens), Franz **Boos** (1753-1832, South African *coll.* 1785-1788), Georg **Scholl** (*coll.* 1785-1799), René **Maugé** (?-1802) / Nicolas **Baudin** (1754-1803, *leg.* Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Saint Thomas & Teneriffa, 1796-1797, *cf.* Ledru,

1810, Kaiser **Franz I** von Österreich (1708-1765, one specimen *in vivo* since 1752, *prep.* ? 1801, *fide* Schifter, 1996), Kaiser **Franz II** von Österreich (1768-1835, *coll.* Menagerie „Terrasse“ 1793-1806) & Joseph **Natterer** (?-1823, *prep. ante* 1793, *cf.* Schifter, 1993; Riedl-Dorn, 1998); *ex parte colls.* Ashton **Lever** (1729-1788, *cf.* Pelzeln, & Lorenz, 1886, 1887a, 1887b, 1888; Bauernfeind, 2004; Walters, 2004) *incl. ex parte coll.* James **Cook** (1728-1779, *leg.* 1772-1775 & 1776-1780, *cf.* Donovan, 1806; Pelzeln, 1873; Jackson, 1998), John **White** (c. 1756-1832, *leg. ante* 1790, *cf.* White, 1790; Pelzeln & Lorenz, 1886: 252) & Capt. [?Robert G.] **Middleton** (*coll.* ?~1795); Baron S. **Zois** von Laibach (*i.e.* Ljubljana, 1747-1819, *coll. ante* 1808-1815), *z* [? Christoph (1753-1824) *vel* Achaz (1755-1855)] Freiherr [Baron] von **Stiebar alias Stieber** (*acqu.* 1806), Louis **Dufresne** (1752-1832), *z* Coenraad Jacob **Temminck** (1778-1858, *cf.* Pelzeln & Lorenz, 1886, 1887a, 1887b, 1888) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, South African specimens *leg.* 1782-83); [? Jean-Baptiste] **Bécoeur** (*coll. ante* 1806-1815), Aegydius **Kratky** (1750-1818, *coll.* Weinviertel 1774-1791 (? 1812) & *aliae colls. ante c.* 1816, *cf.* Hochebner & Bauernfeind, 2002), **Spalowski** (*coll. ante* ~1790, Schifter & Bauernfeind, *in prep.*), ? François **Levaillant** (1753-1824, *coll. ante* 1795) & *z* William **Swainson** (1789-1855, *cf.* Stresemann, 1951; Roselaar, 2003) *incl. ex parte coll.* ? William **Bullock** (c.1773-1849, *cf.* Sharpe, 1906). c. 300 specimens.

Wien, Zoologische Sammlung der Formal- und Naturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Wien• (H.-L. Nemeschkal, *in litt.*, Nov. 2002): *coll.* ? Graf Franz Anton Hannibal von **Thurn & Valsassina** (?-1768, *acqu.* 1773, *cf.* Stresemann, 1923; no certain specimen found). ? specimens.

Wroclaw, Muzeum Przyrodnicze Uniwersytetu Wroclawskiego: [*coll.* *Marie Friderici, *acqu.* 1779, *cf.* Peters, 1960: 30: one specimen of *Neophema pulchella*, but the only possible but highly unlikely origin would have to be Byron's or Cook's voyages, *cf.* Shaw, 1792; Pax, 1923b]. Probably 0 specimen.

Other collections, which are quoted in literature of having (uncertain) 18th century bird specimens, are found in Coburg (Aumann, 1969), Erlangen (Gengler, 1912; Roselaar, 2003; for scope of *coll.* *cf.* Hahn, 1818-1823; Hahn & Küster, 1834-1841; Mr Weidemann, pers. com., Nov. 2002: no collection access possible), Görlitz (Heyder, 1926; H. Ansorge, pers com., Feb. 2003: specimens not found), Gotha (Baege, 1964), Jena (Baege, 1963; D. v. Knorre, *in litt.*, Oct. 2002: no 18th century bird specimen yet traced, but existence of such could be possible), Lund (Roselaar, 2003), Trondheim (Roselaar, 2003; O. Hogstad, *in litt.*, Mar. 2003: oldest known bird being from 1809), Wiesbaden (Groß, 1968; F. Geller-Grimm, *in litt.*, Jan. 2003: specimens not found) and Wroclaw (school collection, Pax, 1925).

This list has a preliminary character, though I tried to include most pre-nineteenth century bird collections, which are mentioned in literature, enquired data of colleagues world-wide and studied many collections myself. Institutions contacted, which replied of having no or no certain record of 18th century bird specimens (yet found), are listed in the acknowledgements only. I am also fully aware that there are many more 'old' collections in Europe, especially in Italy, Germany, Austria, Czech Republic and France. Some of them are housed in private manors, others in schools, universities, castles and monasteries. For example, Mey (1988) accounted for 20 and more natural history collections, which existed alone in the county of Thuringia, Germany, during the 18th century. Another weak point of the work are specimens which have changed ownerships several

times or were sold via dealers such as Benjamin Leadbeater from London and Émile Parzudaki of Paris, who both dealt with 18th century birds (cf. Sharpe, 1906; Stresemann, 1951; Farber, 1982). I would appreciate any addition or correction to this list made known to me.

Importance of 18th century bird specimens

In general terms, the older the collection the higher is the number of types, specimens of extinct species, first country records and rare specimens. Unfortunately, one would find the reversed relations regarding data. For example, all birds used for Linné's *Systema Naturae* (1758) have type status. Still a big proportion of birds mentioned in Gmelin (1788, 1789), who latinized Latham's (1781-1785) and others' bird descriptions, are types. James Cook met birds in the Pacific region, which have subsequently never been collected anymore, such as the White-winged Sandpiper *Prosobonia leucoptera* (Gmelin, 1789). The only two examples of the White Gallinule *Porphyrion albus* (White, 1790), now at Vienna and Liverpool Museums, as well as the Mascarene Parrot *Mascarinus mascarinus* (Linné, 1771), housed at Paris and Vienna Museums, are from the 18th century. One could continue to explore such examples. More important, though, is to point out that some of these bird specimens are still awaiting to be discovered among museum holdings. Rarely there is any evidence on the labels, but intensive research in archives and secondary literature might help to trace the fate of missing types. This list here is thought as a first step towards a better understanding of the whereabouts of 18th century bird collections. The cited literature will guide researchers to additional data on the specimens in question.

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