



Global Wildlife Disease News Map

Putting wildlife health news on the map!

NBII Wildlife Disease Information Node

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Outline

- Background on NBII/WDIN
- Tools used to support/create the map
 - Collection process
 - WDIN Wildlife Disease News Digest
 - WDIN Cataloging Tool
- How the map works
- Other ways to get at the data
- Future plans

Background on the NBII

From the NBII Website (<http://www.nbii.gov>):

- The National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) is a broad, collaborative program to provide increased access to data and information on the nation's biological resources.
- The NBII links diverse, high-quality biological databases, information products, and analytical tools maintained by NBII partners and other contributors...
- NBII partners and collaborators also work on new standards, tools, and technologies that make it easier to find, integrate, and apply biological resources information.
- Resource managers, scientists, educators, and the general public use the NBII to answer a wide range of questions related to the management, use, or conservation of this nation's biological resources.
- Managed by the USGS Biological Informatics Office (BIO)

Two types of NBII Nodes

- Geographic/Regional
 - California Information Node
 - Central Southwest/Gulf Coast Information Node
 - Mid-Atlantic Information Node
 - Mountain Prairie Information Node
 - Northeast Information Node
 - Pacific Basin Information Node
 - Pacific Northwest Information Node
 - Southern Appalachian Information Node
 - Southwest Information Node
- Thematic
 - Bird Conservation Information Node
 - Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Node
 - Invasive Species Information Node
 - **Wildlife Disease Information Node**

Background on the WDIN

- The Wildlife Disease Information Node (WDIN) is part of the National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII)
- Many collaborators and partners, supported mainly by:
 - USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin
 - UW Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
- Provide a centralized web location where information on wildlife disease occurrence and background information can easily be browsed, searched and explored.
- Our tools are geared towards wildlife professionals, but by providing varying levels of information; they are useful and appealing to the general public, decision makers, students, wildlife rehabilitators, and many other professions.

Applications that support the map

- WDIN Cataloging Tool
- WDIN Website
- WDIN Wildlife Disease News Digest (blog)



news

WDIN News Digest

Information about disease occurrence, issues regarding wildlife as well as their interaction with domestic animal and human health

Universe of resources/
Information on the web

info

WDIN Cataloging Tool/db

Local warehouse of metadata on wildlife health resources

NBII Resource Catalog

Centralized, searchable catalog of biological information

WDIN Website

Gateway to information on wildlife health, interact with info with a variety of tools

Global Wildlife Disease News Map

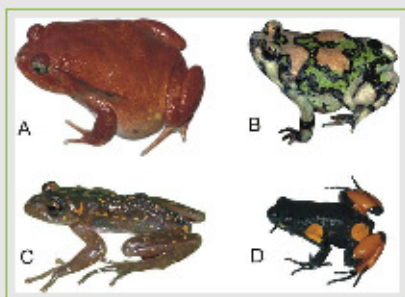
Explore recent news on wildlife health issues on a simple map

Wildlife Disease News Digest

A Community Network for Wildlife Health News and Information Supported by the NBI-Wildlife Disease Information Node (WDIN)

MAY 9, 2008

TOP STORIES



Saving Frogs Before It's Too Late

ScienceDaily - www.sciencedaily.com (Source: PLoS Biology)

06 May 2008

Area: Madagascar

With nearly one-third of amphibian species threatened with extinction worldwide, fueled in part by the widespread emergence of the deadly chytrid fungus, effective conservation efforts could not be more

urgent. In a new article, Franco Andreone and his colleagues argue that one of the best places to focus these efforts is Madagascar, a global hotspot of amphibian diversity that shows no signs of amphibian declines—or traces of the chytrid fungus. Protecting this amphibian treasure trove before it's too late, the authors argue, makes Madagascar a top priority for amphibian conservation efforts. "In Madagascar," the authors argue, "amphibian conservation efforts have the possibility of being pro-active, rather than reactive, or simply post-mortem."

Madagascar harbors "one of the richest groups of amphibian fauna in the world," write the authors, but this megadiversity faces significant threats. Ninety percent of the island's original vegetation has been destroyed by human activity. Amazingly, despite the ongoing habitat destruction, no Malagasy amphibian species have been reported as extinct, though a quarter of the 220 species evaluated by the World Conservation Union are listed as threatened. The conspicuous absence of the devastating chytrid fungus only serves to underscore the precariousness of the situation.

About WDIN

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Wildlife Disease News Digest

- “Blog” of wildlife disease/wildlife health news
- Authoritative news from reputable sources
 - Google Alerts, ProMed Mail, EurkAlert!, United States Animal Health Association (USAHA), and a variety of science news sites and blogs
- Tagged with keywords and geographic information
- Posts going back to December 2005
- Assists with the task of staying on top of wildlife health news

[>>>FULL ARTICLE](#)

Related News

[>>>Priority Regions For Threatened Frog And Toad Conservation In Latin America](#)

[>>>Disappearing Frogs](#)



[>>>Web Extra: Interview with Professor Tyrone Hayes \[Research into the effects of the pesticide Atrazine on frogs\]](#)



Richmond Chemical Spill Taking Toll On Area Fauna

KTVU News - www.ktvu.com

06 May 2008

Area: California United States -- [Map It](#)



Two mallard ducks and hundreds of small fish were found dead Tuesday afternoon in an irrigation ditch near the site of a toxic chemical spill in Richmond's Parchester Village, the California Department of Fish and Game reported. The spill, now estimated to be about 3,300 gallons of the chemical solvent toluene, occurred sometime between Friday night and Monday morning when a thief cut through a fence surrounding Reaction Products Co., Inc., located at 840 Morton Ave., and stole brass fittings from five above-ground chemical storage tanks. The fittings would bring about \$10 at a recycling plant, but the cleanup of the chemical released by the theft is estimated to cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, Richmond police Lt. Mark Gagan said.

Topic Frequency List

Algal toxins American foulbrood
Avian cholera **Avian influenza**
Bovine brucellosis **Bovine tuberculosis** Chronic wasting disease Chytridiomycosis
Climate change Colony collapse disorder Coral diseases DDT Toxins
Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD)
Emerging and re-emerging diseases Foot-and-mouth Human/Wildlife conflict
Invasive species Lead toxins
Lyme disease Mercury toxins NWHC
Wildlife Mortality Reports Oil spills
Pharmaceutical toxins Plague (sylvatic)
Plastic pollutants Platypus fungal disease (Mucormycosis) **Rabies**
Squirrel pox **Toxins**
Undetermined incidents and die-offs Viral hemorrhagic septicemia West Nile virus **White-nosed syndrome**
Wildlife trafficking Zoonoses

Blog Archive

Blog Archive

Bloglines/feed readers used to aggregate RSS feeds



science news (312) (188)

- BBC: Science/Nature (UK Edition) (6)
- Biology News Net (8) (3)
- Discovery News - Animals (2) (2)
- Discovery News - Planet Earth (4)
- Earth & Sky Podcast (3) (3)
- EarthNews (8) (2)
- EurekAlert! - Breaking News (64) (21)
- National Geographic News (11) (14)
- New Scientist - Health (3) (6)
- New Scientist - Latest Headlines (22) (10)
- News at Nature - Health and medicine
- NPR Topics: Global Health (1) (1)
- NPR Topics: Health & Science (14) (21)
- NPR Topics: Research News (5) (14)
- Science Blog - Send lawyers, guns and money (21) (27)
- Science Magazine Podcast
- Science News And Research (1) (1)
- Sciencebase Science Blog (2)

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Solar Variability: Striking A Balance With Climate Change

The sun has powered almost everything on Earth since life began, including its climate. The sun also delivers an annual and seasonal impact, changing the character of each hemisphere as Earth's orientation shifts through the year. Since the Industrial Revolution, however, new forces have begun to exert significant influence on Earth's climate.

Posted on: Mon, May 12 2008 7:00 PM | [Email This](#) | [Clip/Blog This](#) | Keep New:

Got Sugar? Skeletal Muscle Development Responds To Nutrient Availability

A new study finds that restricted nutrient availability prevents muscle stem cells from growing into mature muscle cells. The research provides exciting new information about how developing muscle cells sense and respond to nutrient levels.

Posted on: Mon, May 12 2008 7:00 PM | [Email This](#) | [Clip/Blog This](#) | Keep New:

How T Cell's Machinery Dials Down Autoimmunity

T cells, the body's master immune regulators, do not use simple on/off switches to govern the cellular machinery that regulates their development and function. Immune cells adjust their function like a radio dial;

Back to the map...

- If an article has geographic information, this is catalogued in our database

<<First <Previous Edit Add Child Resource Un-publish

Completed: Yes Approved: Yes

Resource ID: 4037
Resource Type: Blog

Url: http://www.examiner.com/a-1381976%7EDead_whale_stuck_under_pier.html?cid=temp-pop

Headline: Dead whale stuck under pier
Description: A dead whale wedged beneath a pier was spotted by swimmers Thursday, but no government a
Searchable Description: [Add Searchable Description](#)

Date Published: 5/9/2008
Creator(s):
Contributor(s):
Publisher(s): Examiner.com - www.examiner.com
Publisher
Organization Type(s):
Rights Management:

Affected Species: Mammals
Disease Name(s): Unknown
Disease Type(s): Unknown
Disease Aspect(s):
Disease Agent(s):
Species:

Input Tool
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Wildlife Disease Information Node

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Manage Keywords

Select a table.


Administrative Units	Countries	Disease Types	Places - 361 New	Species - 151 New
Affected Species	Creators - 2 New	Keywords - 116 New	Publishers - 8 New	Technical Levels
Canadian Provinces	Disease Agents - 1 New	Languages	Resource Formats	U.S. Counties
Continents	Disease Aspects	Organization Types	Resource Types - 7 New	U.S. States
Contributors - 36 New	Disease Names - 4 New	Placements	Rights Management	

[Places-Latitude/Longitude Editor](#)

WDIN Cataloging Tool/DB

- WDIN's local resource catalog database and Cataloging Tool
 - Collection of wildlife health specific resources, tagged with our local wildlife health terms
 - Collect authoritative news sources to populate our website and news to populate the **Wildlife Disease News Digest**
 - In a nutshell, our Cataloging Tool is a home made content management system

xml exports



- NBI's resource catalog database
 - Collection of tagged resources in a centralized data repository, contributed to by all the NBI nodes, tagged with keywords from the Biocomplexity Thesaurus

Web-based tool to capture and standardize information

Add Resource

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8

Required fields are in orange

Verify Verify/Next Verify/Review Save Cancel/Discard Change Type

General Details

? **Url:** No Url

? **Headline:**

? **Description:**

? **Date Published:** Year: Month: Day:

Provider Details

? **Creator(s):**
[Library of Congress](#) [National Library of Medicine](#) [Canadian National Catalog](#)

New >>

A Abbott >

A Abraham <

A Aguzzi <<

A Amin <<

A Amonsin <<

Re-sort

Tagging resources

- All web/news items catalogued are given a number of standard tags (not all are required for news items)

Provider

Contributor

Publisher

Affected Species

Disease Name

Disease Type

Disease Aspect

Disease Agent

Species

Resource Types

Formats

Technical Levels

NBII Biocomplexity Thesaurus terms

WDIN topic keywords

Geographic Information

- Yellowed tags act like “hooks” to retrieve the information later with filters in the Map

Adding geographic information

- Catalogers select from tiered levels of geographic information
 - Continent
 - Country
 - Administrative Unit
 - State/Province (US & Canada)
 - County (US)
 - “Places”

Adding geographic tags

Required fields are in orange

Verify Verify/Next Verify/Review Save Cancel/Discard Change Type

Geographic Info.

Resource Location(s):

- ⊕ Africa
- ⊕ Antarctica
- ⊕ Asia
- ⊕ Australia
- ⊕ Europe
- ⊕ North America
 - Anguilla
 - Antigua and Barbuda
 - Aruba
 - Barbados
 - Belize
 - Bermuda
 - British Virgin Is.
 - ⊕ Canada
 - Cayman Is.
 - Costa Rica
 - Cuba
 - Dominica
 - Dominican Republic
 - El Salvador
 - Greenland
 - Grenada
 - Guadeloupe
 - Guam
 - Haiti
 - Honduras
 - Jamaica
 - Jersey
 - Johnston Atoll
 - Marshall Is.
 - Martinique
 - Mexico
 - Monaco
 - Montserrat
 - Nevis
 - Niue
 - Northern Mariana Is.
 - Palau
 - Panama
 - Puerto Rico
 - Saint Helena
 - Saint Kitts and Nevis
 - Saint Lucia
 - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 - Samoa
 - San Marino
 - Svalbard and Jan Mayen
 - Suriname
 - Taiwan
 - Tokelau
 - Tonga
 - Trinidad and Tobago
 - United States of America
 - ⊕ Admin Unit:
 - U.S. County: Bayfield
 - Place: Bayfield
 - United Kingdom
 - United States Virgin Is.
 - Wallis and Futuna

North America -> United States -> Wisconsin

Bayfield

Taylor

Marinette

Langlade

Washburn

Burnett

Douglas

Polk

Barron

Sawyer

Price

Rusk

Vilas

Forest

Oneida

Lincoln

Ashland

Iron

Florence

Chippewa

Eau Claire

Oconto

Buffalo

Trempealeau

St. Croix

Dunn

Add To List

- As catalogers expand/select a higher level selection, more specific related levels display beneath in a tiered format

How is the coordinate information attached?

- Coordinates are pre-determined for geographic areas (polygons) like Continents, Countries, Administrative Units, Counties; based on the geographic centroid for the shape

Geographic centroid shown for Georgia



Place coordinates

- No perfect standard for assigning coordinates to places
- Automated geocoding - about 20% of locations are matched and marked (running our RSS feed info through a geocoding service), need to explore additional possibilities with better return
- Coordinates used from National Atlas, USGS GNIS, NGA GeoNet Names server (GNS); Google Earth or Google Maps

Then what?

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
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- <marker lat="-36.6789880675" lng="-60.5585125886" label="Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America" icontype="adminunit">
  - <infowindow>
    <div class="infodescription"><a href="http://www.promedmail.org/pls/otn/f?p=2400:1001:3064993689648790::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1000,72420 " target="_blank">
      Rabies, feline - Argentina (Buenos Aires) ex bat - Archive Number 20080505.1530 </a><br>Published by <![CDATA[ PromED Mail - www.promedmail.org ]]>
      on 4/15/2008 <br>(Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America)<br>. . . On 10 Apr 2008, a National Laboratory for Zoonoses press release confirmed...
    </div>
  </infowindow>
</marker>
- <marker lat="54.9263835925" lng="-97.430113808" label="Manitoba, Canada, North America" icontype="adminunit">
  - <infowindow>
    <div class="infodescription"><a href="http://news.gc.ca/web/view/en/index.jsp?articleid=397329&categoryid=1&category=News+Releases " target="_blank">
      Bovine Tuberculosis Confirmed in Manitoba </a><br>Published by <![CDATA[ Canada News Centre - news.gc.ca ]]>
      on 5/8/2008 <br>(Manitoba, Canada, North America)<br>Bovine tuberculosis (TB) has been confirmed in a five-year-old beef cow from a h... </div>
  </infowindow>
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- <marker lat="54.4190203545" lng="-105.890056848" label="Saskatchewan, Canada, North America" icontype="adminunit">
  - <infowindow>
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      Saskatchewan Considered Free of Bird Flu </a><br>Published by <![CDATA[ Agweb.com - www.agweb.com ]]>
      on 4/25/2008 <br>(Saskatchewan, Canada, North America)<br>Saskatchewan is now considered to be free of highly pathogenic avian influenza, a...
    </div>
  </infowindow>
</marker>
- <marker lat="46.3478823547" lng="-94.1990570584" label="Minnesota, United States, North America" icontype="adminunit">
  - <infowindow>
    <div class="infodescription"><a href="http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/ap/index.cfm?page=view&id=D902LTOO2 " target="_blank">
      Sick moose in NE Minn. had brainworm </a><br>Published by <![CDATA[ Duluth News Tribune - www.dl-online.com ]]>
      on 4/16/2008 <br>(Minnesota, United States, North America)<br>A moose calf befriended by motorists in northeastern Minnesota suffered from a b...
    </div> <br><a href="http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/politics/index.cfm?page=article_bureau&id=42698&legislative_tag=1 " target="_blank">
      Bovine TB objective: Don't be like Michigan </a><br>Published by
```

On demand, XML output files are created that the map can consume and parse to create markers

Anatomy of the XML file

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  </div>
</infowindow>
</marker>
```

- One marker per unique lat/long pair
- Loop through unique coordinate pairs and output corresponding information
 - Includes icon type for legend, label (on-mouseover text), info window text, and links to source/full article

If we have many articles at one marker...

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- <marker lat="38.8416162808" lng="-95.8425705" label="United States, North America" icontype="country">
- <infowindow>
  <div class="infodescription"><a href="http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/04/080411-flowers-pollution_2.html "
  target="_blank">Scentless Spring? Flower Smells Blocked by Pollution </a><br>Published by
  <![CDATA[ National Geographic - news.nationalgeographic.com ]]>
  on 4/11/2008 <br>(United States, North America)<br>Soon it may be harder to stop and smell the roses. Growing levels of air polluti... <div> <br><a
  href="http://news.ufl.edu/2008/04/08/imported-aquacultured-reef-clams-found-to-have-foreign-disease/ " target="_blank">Imported aquacultured
  reef clams found to have foreign disease </a><br>Published by
  <![CDATA[ University of Florida News - news.ufl.edu ]]>
  on 4/8/2008 <br>(United States, North America)<br>Sean Strom, wildlife toxicologist for the Department of Natural Resources, said ... <br> <br><a
  href="http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2008/04/01/fighting_vhs_disease/ " target="_blank">Fighting the VHS fish virus
  </a><br>Published by
  <![CDATA[ Minnesota Public Radio - minnesota.publicradio.org ]]>
  on 4/1/2008 <br>(United States, North America)<br>There are urgent new efforts to keep a virus thats deadly to many kinds of fish ... <br> <br><a
  href="http://seattlepi.nwsorce.com/local/357096_beaks31.html?source=myspi " target="_blank">Deformed beaks mean slow starvation for region's
  birds; cause a mystery </a><br>Published by
  <![CDATA[ Seattle Post Intelligencer - seattlepi.com ]]>
  on 3/31/2008 <br>(United States, North America)<br>In his back yard in Fremont, Nikos Anton spotted a house sparrow that seemed to ... <br> <br><a
  href="http://www.timesargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080330/ENVIRONMENT/803300367/1033/ENVIRONMENT " target="_blank">Still no
  answers in bat die-off across Northeast </a><br>Published by
  <![CDATA[ Times Argus - timesargus.co ]]>
  on 3/30/2008 <br>(United States, North America)<br>. . . They have plenty of company. In what is one of the worst calamities to hit... <br>
</infowindow>
</marker>
```

- Output all relevant stories for that location in <div> blocks in the info window
- Example shows five stories in the info window for the marker that represents United States

Map Application

- Map initially loads with an XML file of markers based on the articles added in the last 45 days with geographic information
- Topic lists are populated with tags from last 45 days of articles
- Map zooms to the max bounds of all the markers
- Awaits user interaction

Map Filters ?

Icon Legend: Place || County || Administrative Unit || Country || Continent ?

- Wildlife Topic**
- All Wildlife Topics
- [Avian botulism](#) (1) ?
- [Avian cholera](#) (1) ?
- [Avian influenza](#) (21)
- [Bovine brucellosis \(brucella abortus\)](#) (5)
- [Chronic wasting disease](#) (26)
- [Chytrid fungal disease](#) (2)

- Human/Wildlife Topic**
- Domestic/Wildlife Topic
- Disease Type**
- Country ?
- Species**
- Date**



<http://wildlifedisease.nbio.gov/wdinNewsDigestMap.jsp>

Topic Filters

- Click a radio button next to the filter to limit the display to that filter
- Filters passed to a stored procedure which returns the corresponding records to populate the XML file, which is then consumed and parsed by the map once the data are ready
- Total number of articles with the filter are tallied and displayed in parenthesis after the topic filter
 - Count based on last 45 days of news
- Currently users can only use one filter at a time, next release will allow users to combine filters

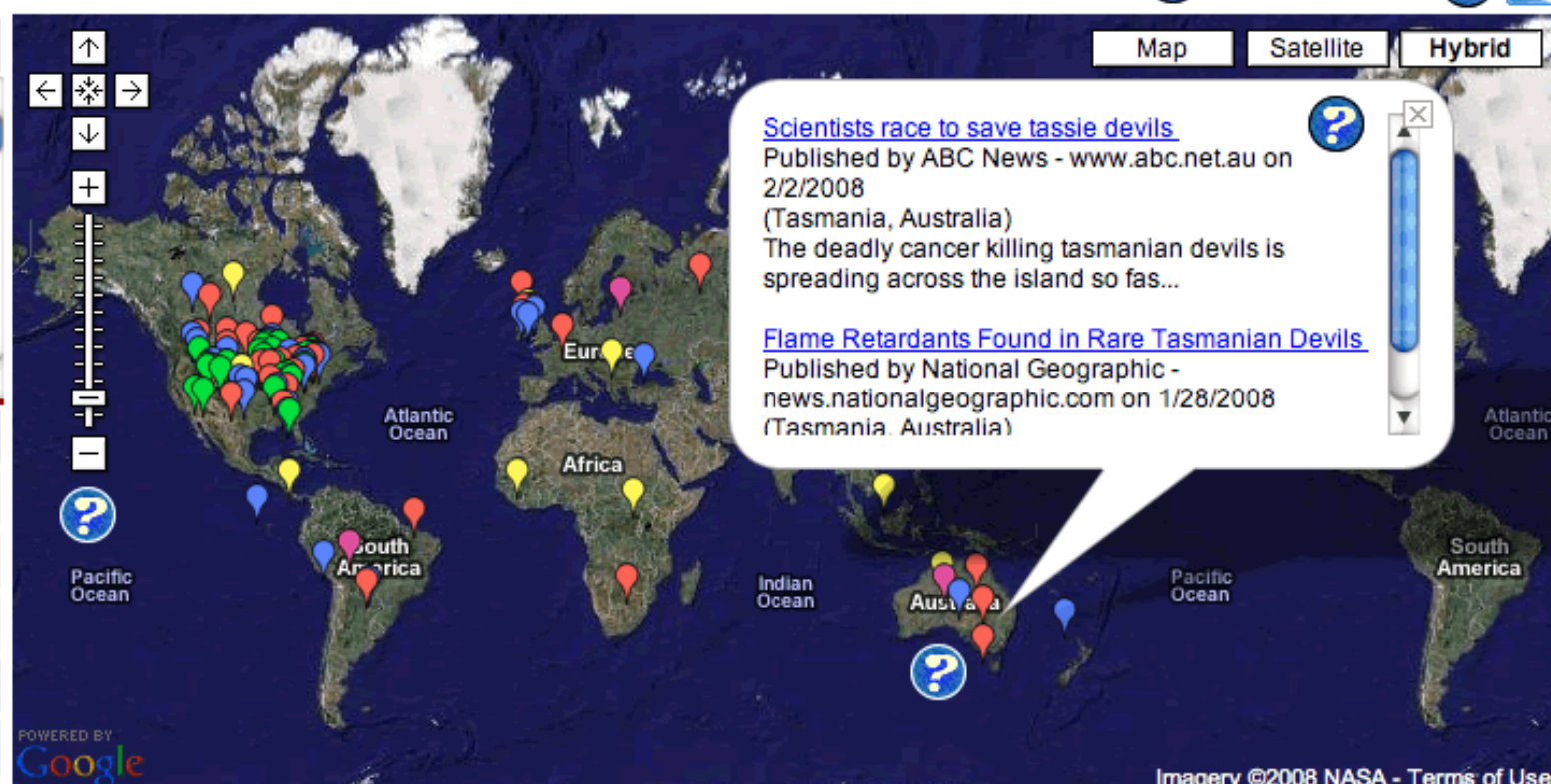
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Topic hyperlinks

- Click on a topic hyperlink to be taken to the WDIN website to do a search of the WDIN Catalog Database

Global Wildlife Disease News Map version 2.0

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Map Filters: Wildlife Topics, Domestic/Wildlife Topic, Disease Type, Country, Species, Date

Legend: Place, County, Administrative Unit, Country, Continent

Guided Search | Basic Search | Event Search | Search Tips

Avian influenza Search Reset Search

Sort By: Headline (A-Z) Displaying 1 - 10 of 737 Matching Records

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Next > | Last >>

[USGS National Wildlife Health Center \(NWHC\) - Avian influenza](#) Show Full Record

Source: National Wildlife Health Center (U.S.)
Resource Type(s): Bibliography and Web Indexes, Fact Sheets, Issue Overviews
Searchable Keywords: Avian influenza Epidemiology Influenza in birds Prevention & control Public information Wild birds
Abstract: A collection of resources on avian influenza compiled by the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC). These resources include a bibliography, fact sheets, news and health bulletins.

[Active Surveillance for Avian Influenza Viruses in Wild Birds and Backyard Flocks in Northern Italy During 2004 to 2006](#) Show Full Record

Source: Avian Pathology. 2007 August;36(4):337 - 344
Resource Type(s): Journal (Articles)
Searchable Keywords: Avian influenza Biological sampling Epidemiology Italy Poultry Surveillance (monitoring) Wild birds
Abstract: From abstract (online abstract only): Following the avian influenza epidemics that occurred in Italy between 1997 and 2003, the Italian Ministry of Health in collaboration with veterinary authorities promoted, funded and implemented a national surveillance programme. The main objectives of the surveillance effort were to identify avian influenza viruses circulating in wild birds and to investigate the role of backyard poultry flocks in the dynamics of infection in a densely populated poultry area...

[Avian Influenza Antibody Detection by Immunodiffusion](#) Show Full Record

Source: Avian Diseases. 1970 May;14(2):337-41.
Resource Type(s): Journal (Articles)
Searchable Keywords: Animals Antibodies Antigens Avian influenza Chickens Diagnosis Hemagglutinins Orthomyxoviridae Poultry diseases Turkeys
Abstract: From abstract (free full-text available): Convalescent levels of influenza antibodies were demonstrated by an agar gel precipitin (AGP) test in turkey sera after field out-breaks. The AGP test was positive with chicken sera for at least 8 weeks after laboratory exposure to any of 5 influenza strains, and positive with turkey sera for at least 12 weeks after exposure. The AGP test facilitates a diagnosis of avian influenza using a suspect virus or paired sera without the influences of strain-to-s...

[Comparative Pathology of Chickens Experimentally Inoculated with Avian Influenza Viruses of Low and High Pathogenicity](#) Show Full Record

Source: Avian Diseases. 1997 Jan-Mar;41(1):125-36.
Resource Type(s): Journal (Articles)

WDIN search output

Basic Output

[Active Surveillance for Avian Influenza Viruses in Wild Birds and Backyard Flocks in Northern Italy During 2004 to 2006](#) [Show Full Record](#)

Source: *Avian Pathology*. 2007 August;36(4):337 - 344

Resource Type(s): [Journal \(Articles\)](#)

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Full Record Output

[Return to Search Results](#)

[Active Surveillance for Avian Influenza Viruses in Wild Birds and Backyard Flocks in Northern Italy During 2004 to 2006](#) [Show Full Record](#)

Source: *Avian Pathology*. 2007 August;36(4):337 - 344

Resource Type(s): [C Terregino](#), [R De Nardi](#), [V Guberti](#), [M Scremin](#), [E Raffini](#), [A Moreno Martin](#), [G Cattoli](#), [L Bonfanti](#), [I Capua](#)

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Headline: Active Surveillance for Avian Influenza Viruses in Wild Birds and Backyard Flocks in Northern Italy During 2004 to 2006

Url: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03079450701488345>

Description: From abstract (online abstract only): Following the avian influenza epidemics that occurred in Italy between 1997 and 2003, the Italian Ministry of Health in collaboration with veterinary authorities promoted, funded and implemented a national surveillance programme. The main objectives of the surveillance effort were to identify avian influenza viruses circulating in wild birds and to investigate the role of backyard poultry flocks in the dynamics of infection in a densely populated poultry area. Over 2 years (2004 to 2006), 164 backyard flocks and 4083 wild birds (mainly migratory Anseriformes and Charadriiformes) were sampled in three regions in the North of Italy. Samples collected were screened by means of real-time reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction and the positive samples were processed for attempted virus isolation in embryonated fowl's specific pathogen free eggs. At the end of the study period, 27 low-pathogenic avian influenza viruses had been isolated from backyard flocks and 49 strains obtained from wild birds. Of these, 26 belonged to the H5 or H7 subtype and were closely related to contemporary low-pathogenic strains of Eurasian lineage. The findings confirm that backyard free-range farming is at high risk for avian influenza virus introduction, and confirm the role of wild waterfowl in the introduction and perpetuation of low-pathogenic avian influenza viruses during the winter season in Southern Europe.

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KMZ/KML Network link layer

- Users can click this icon to view the data in Google Earth; it adds a network link to a KML file on our web server that is auto-updated upon each user request.



GeoRSS feed

- Users can plop this URL into their own map applications or into other existing applications that consume geoRSS feeds

(I have a handout with these links if you're interested)

- Within Google Earth, users can add other layers of interest easily

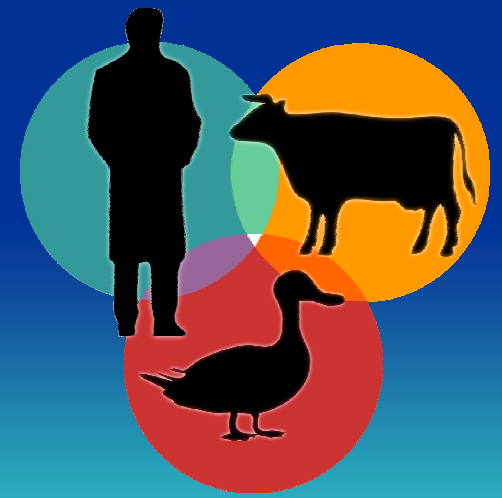


Future improvements

- Collection process
 - Automate geocoding!!
 - Automate news harvest, with human approval (using something like Yahoo Pipes to combine all source feeds we can into one and have the Cataloging Tool parse through the info and pre-catalog saving time.. Cataloger would decide what to keep and add information that wasn't automatically found)
- Application
 - Allow users to combine multiple filters
 - Allow exports of records
 - Investigate SIMILE Exhibit framework as a potential interface rather than our home grown approach
 - Allow users to use a custom date range they choose (anytime between 12/2005 and today)

Future improvements

- Include other streams or layers of data for exploring human and domestic animal health news, provide means to explore the interconnection between human, wildlife and domestic animal diseases.



Questions? Suggestions?

- Grab me here or email me!

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