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Chapter 1 : An Introduction to the Study of Conchology

Excerpt from Land and Fresh-Water Shells: An Introduction to the Study of Conchology No longer in the lap of folly rest, But hear the truths that nature loves to tell.

Shell collecting versus conchology[edit] A vendor in Tanzania with a variety of large seashells for sale The terms shell collector and conchologist can be regarded as two distinct categories. Not all shell collectors are conchologists; some are primarily concerned with the aesthetic value of shells instead of their scientific study. It is also true that not all conchologists are shell collectors; this type of research only requires access to private or institutional shell collections. There is some debate in the conchological community, with some people regarding all shell collectors regardless of motivation as conchologists. History[edit] Molluscs have probably been used by primates as a food source long before humans evolved. Shell collecting, the precursor of conchology, probably goes back as far as there have been humans living near beaches. Stone Age seashell necklaces have been found, sometimes in areas far from the ocean, indicating that they were traded. Shell jewellery is found at almost all archaeological sites, including at ancient Aztec ruins, digs in ancient China , and the Indus Valley. During the Renaissance people began taking interest in natural objects of beauty to put in cabinets of curiosities. Because of their attractiveness, variety, durability and ubiquity, shells became a large part of these collections. Towards the end of the 17th century, people began looking at shells with scientific interest. Martin Lister in 1709 published *Historia Conchyliorum* , which was the first comprehensive conchological text, having over engraved plates. He suggested "single shelled ones" Polyplacophora , limpets , and abalone , "snails or whelks" Gastropoda , and "two-shelled ones" Bivalvia. Rumpf continued to do important scientific work after he went blind, working by touch. The study of zoology , including conchology, was revolutionized by Swedish naturalist Carl Linnaeus and his system of binomial nomenclature. Tucker Abbott was the most prominent conchologist of the 20th century. He authored dozens of books and was museum director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum , bringing the world of seashells to the public. Many of the finest collections of seashells are private. John DuPont and Jack Lightbourne are known for their extensive collections. Emperor Hirohito of Japan also amassed a huge collection, and was a competent and respected amateur conchologist. Museums[edit] Many museums worldwide contain very large and scientifically important mollusc collections. However, in most cases these are research collections, behind the scenes of the museum, and thus not readily accessible to the general public in the same way that exhibits are. The largest assemblage of mollusc shells is housed at the Smithsonian Institution which has millions of lots representing perhaps 50, species, versus about 35, species for the largest private collections.

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Tryon and Adeline Savidt. In he attended the Friends Central School in Philadelphia. He was largely responsible for the construction of new buildings for the Academy, especially, in , a section for malacology. In he became the conservator in this malacological section. In , together with a group of American malacologists, he founded and financed the American Journal of Conchology. This ended in In he started the Manual of Conchology; structural and systematic; with illustrations of the species, volume 1, series 1. When he died, nine volumes of the first series had been published. From until , his assistant was Henry Augustus Pilsbry. Thereafter, Pilsbry continued as editor of the ongoing multi-volume Manual of Conchology. The work was continued until when 45 volumes had been published. Tryon named more than 5, new species, and can be considered as one of the most prolific malacologists. His important collection more than 10, specimens made the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia the center of malacological studies in the 19th century. The freshwater snail genus Tryonia is named in his honor. Bibliography[edit] Tryon published more than 1, articles and books. List of American writers on recent conchology. With the titles of their memoirs and dates of publication. Another copy of this book. Synopsis of the Recent species of Gastrochaenidae, a family of acephalous Mollusca. A sketch of the History of Conchology in the United States. Notes on American fresh water shells, with descriptions of two new species. Binney and George W. Observations on the family Strepomatidae. American Journal of Conchology, 1 2: Strepomatidae is a synonym for Pleurocerinae in family Pleuroceridae. Monograph of the terrestrial Mollusca of the United States. American Journal of Conchology. A monograph of the fresh-water univalve mollusca of the United States. In continuation of Prof. Catalogue and Synonymy of the Recent species of the family Lucinidae.

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