


# Getting Started with *BIOSIS Previews*<sup>®</sup>


*BIOSIS Previews* is a comprehensive database for life sciences research from 1926 to present. It includes references to journal articles, books, conferences, patents, etc. Areas of coverage include botany, biochemistry, bioengineering, biotechnology, ecology, marine biology, zoology, and many other traditional, interdisciplinary and related fields.

You can access *BIOSIS Previews* from **Find Articles** or **Library QuickLinks** on the Biomedical Library homepage (<http://biomed.ucsd.edu/>).

## Searching

Enter your search term(s) on the default search screen. Use the drop down menu next to each box to select the field in the record you would like to search.

eye development drosophila <i>Example: bird migrat* AND "South America"</i>	in	Topic 
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If you select field from the drop-down menu *other than Topic*, the  will link to an index in the database (relative to the field you have selected to search).



For tips on how to enter your search terms, follow the examples on the screen. In the example above, results would include articles with all of the words. If you only wanted articles that included *eye development* as a phrase, you would need to include quotes around the words, i.e. “eye development.”

## Refining Your Search (a.k.a. Setting Limits)

Use the **Refine Results** box on the left side of the page to quickly limit your search. Using one or more of these limits will give you **fewer results**. Click the arrow next to the the Limit to expand the list. Below is a list of popular ways to refine your search.

- **Search Within Results.** Use this box to add terms to your search without going back to the search screen. *Note: You will need to return to the Search screen if you want to specify your limit to a specific field (e.g. author, journal title, etc.)*
- **Major Concepts.** These are terms used BIOSIS to describe what articles are about. These may help your focus your search.
- **Document Types.** This database includes many different document types. Use this if you only want articles or book chapters, etc.
- **Authors.** Limit your results to a specific author(s).
- **Source Titles.** Limit to articles published in specific journals, books, conference proceedings, etc.
- **Publication Years.** Select specific years when articles were published about your topic.
- **Languages.** Limit your search to articles published in only languages you read.
- **Literature Types.** Specify the types of literature included in your results (e.g. review articles, meeting abstracts, book chapters, etc.)



Next to many limits, you will see a number in parenthesis (e.g. ARTICLE (1,780)). This means that of *x* number of results, 1,780 of them are articles. Use this to help you decide if it is a good limit to use for your search.

## Print, E-mail, Save, & Export Your Results

Select records by clicking in the box () next to the citation. Use the **Output Records** box at the bottom of the page to print, e-mail, save, or export your results.

Output Records		
<b>Step 1:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Selected Records on page <input type="radio"/> All records on page <input type="radio"/> Records <input type="text"/> to <input type="text"/>	<b>Step 2:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Authors, Title, Source <input type="checkbox"/> plus Abstract <input type="radio"/> Full Record	<b>Step 3:</b> <a href="#">[How do I export to bibliographic management software?]</a> <input type="button" value="Print"/> <input type="button" value="E-mail"/> <input type="button" value="Add to Marked List"/> <input type="button" value="Save to EndNote Web"/> <input type="button" value="Save to EndNote, RefMan, or other reference software"/> <input type="text" value="Save To..."/> <input type="button" value="Save"/>

If you want to “save” records to a list during your search session, click . When you are finished searching, use the **Marked List** link ( [Marked List \(2\)](#) ) at the top of the page to print, e-mail, save and export your results.



In **STEP 2**, be sure to check *plus abstract* if you would like it included in your result list. The **Full Record** will include additional information, such as concept codes, taxonomic data, and author address, etc.

## Locating Items Electronically or in Print at the Library

Click  to find out if UCSD has the full-text of the item electronically or in print.

1. If the full text is available for the item, you will see a link under **Get It Online From**. Follow the link to save or print the article.
2. If there is no link available, **Find a Print Copy** by clicking **Check the UCSD Library Catalog: Roger**. From this link here, you will be able to identify if UCSD owns the print version. Use the location and call number from Roger to locate the print in the Library stacks.
3. If UCSD does not own the electronic or print version of the item, go back to the UC-eLinks window. Under **Request It**, click **Request this item from another library, or document delivery service**. This form will allow **current UCSD faculty, staff, and students** to request the item from another library at no cost.

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