

SAM NOBLE OKLAHOMA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
DEPARTMENT OF ORNITHOLOGY  
LOAN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Institutional Affiliation.** Loans are made to institutions, not to individuals. Loans will be granted only to appropriate curators or faculty members with the authority to bind the institution and will be considered the direct responsibility of the institution.

**Students, Fellows, Emeritus Faculty, Visiting Researchers.** Individuals without affiliations, students, fellows, and others may borrow, if endorsed by a curator or faculty member with the authority to bind the institution and willing to accept direct responsibility for the care and return of the loan.

**Loan Agreement.** The Loan Agreement must be promptly signed and returned to the Curator of Birds on receipt of the loan. By signing the Loan Agreement, the borrower agrees to abide by the conditions set forth here. If damage has occurred during shipping, it must be detailed on the Loan Agreement at the time of receipt, and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History (SNOMNH) curatorial staff must be immediately notified.

**Care of Specimens.** All borrowed specimens must be kept in clearly marked cases, boxes, or drawers that indicate the contents are the property of the SNOMNH Department of Ornithology. All borrowed specimens must be stored in a cool, dark place, and fluid-preserved specimens are to be stored in 70% ethanol, unless otherwise stated. The borrower takes full responsibility for care of specimens and agrees to protect them from damage caused by handling, poor environmental conditions, and museum pests. If unforeseen changes in condition (damage, theft) occur to the loan while in the possession of the borrower, the SNOMNH Department of Ornithology must be contacted immediately. Absolutely no modification, molding, sampling, coating, restoration, repair, cleaning, or pest treatment may be performed by the borrowing institution without explicit permission of the SNOMNH curatorial staff.

**Security and Insurance.** The borrower must provide adequate security of loans. Financial responsibility for any damage to specimens while they are in the borrower's possession is assumed by the borrower and his/her institution. Should loss or damage occur, the amount of compensation will be decided by the SNOMNH based on the value to the specimen(s) and/or the cost of replacement.

**Photography/Microscopy.** Photography and microscopy for research and study purposes are permitted. Permission to reproduce or publish items must be requested in advance, and granted in writing through a "Request for Permission to Publish" form. For inquiries or requests for permission, please contact the SNOMNH Department of Ornithology curatorial staff.

**Publications, Exhibitions, and Publicity.** All publications, presentations, printed material, and exhibition labels must acknowledge the "Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, University of Oklahoma" and "Department of Ornithology OMNH (catalog number)." The SNOMNH Department of Ornithology must be sent one copy of any publication that used the data obtained from the loaned material, and the SNOMNH must be sent copies of all publicity releases or informational materials dealing with loaned specimens.

**Loan Transfers.** Loans are made to institutions. Borrowed specimens cannot be loaned secondarily or transferred, without the written permission of the SNOMNH Department of Ornithology. In the event a researcher leaves the borrowing institution, loans are to be returned immediately.

**Recall of Loans.** Loans may be recalled at any time by the SNOMNH. When recalled, the specimens must be returned to the SNOMNH by the date specified on the recall notice.

**Shipping and Return.** Borrowers must return loans in a timely manner after approved use, by the date established by the term of the Loan Agreement. Limited extensions are granted at the discretion of the SNOMNH Department of Ornithology curatorial staff. Packaging and shipping must ensure the safety of the loan and follow regulations set forth by law. Loans must be packed in a manner comparable to that as received using original packaging, if possible. All shipping procedures must be replicated in return, including shipping insurance. Prior to the return of loans, the borrower must notify the SNOMNH Department of Ornithology of the shipping method and anticipated shipping and arrival dates.