
Summon: Smithsonian Biodiversity Duplicate Records in Search Results

- **Product:** Summon
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Question

It has been previously reported that Summon search results that contain records from Smithsonian Biodiversity were duplicating excessively. Why is this happening? Can this be fixed?

Answer

Smithsonian Biodiversity provides their records at the volume, issue or page-level. Summon indexes at the Journal or Article-level. The original data supplied only gave the journal title along with a URL to each specific issue within that journal. This gave Summon search results the appearance of duplication, when in fact these were each records for individual issues.

In order to reduce what looks like duplication, additional data has been added to the records so that specific issue details can be seen in the title field. This will allow users to access content at the most granular level we have been provided while reducing the appearance of duplication.

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