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Each name in the following list of naturalists is linked to a corresponding capsule "chrono-biographical" sketch of that individual prepared by the authors. Coverage extends from approximately 1950 backward in time as far as the eighteenth century, figures from all over the world are included (though there is admittedly a decided Anglo-American bias). The target subject here is biogeography, but this being a broad field there are many persons on the list who are better known as climatologists, zoologists, botanists, ecologists, oceanographers, paleontologists, etc.--in other words, who made their main reputations in cognate disciplines.

This service has been set up to support my two [Early Classics in Biogeography, Distribution and Diversity Studies](#) websites, and because of this no claims are made of having produced a list of all workers relevant to these studies (in fact, the most famous figures, such as Louis Agassiz, Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin, although listed below, are not covered here inasmuch as satisfactory biographical information on them is easy to find elsewhere on the Web). Note in this context that only those persons who produced works appearing in the "Early Classics... To 1950" list were considered for inclusion below, and therefore that many notable figures whose reputations largely postdate 1950 are not treated. This was simply a concession made to the limited time available to do the work.

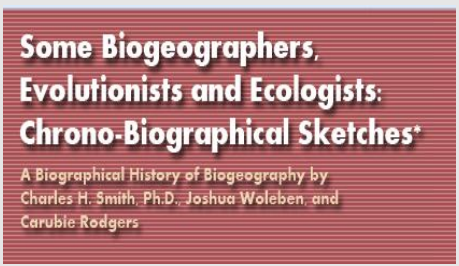
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Alphabetical Listing of the Naturalists

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- [Adams, Charles Christopher](#) (United States 1873-1955) ecology, biogeography
- [Adams, Robert Stephen](#) (England-South Africa 1885-1965) botany, phytogeography
- [Agassiz, Louis](#) (Switzerland-United States 1807-1873) zoology, glaciology: [try Google!](#)
- [Alem, Anwar](#) (Egypt 1918-1996) marine biology
- [Allan, Harry Howard Barton](#) (New Zealand 1882-1957) botany
- [Allard, Harry Ardell](#) (United States 1880-1963) botany
- [Allee, Warder Clyde](#) (United States 1885-1955) animal ecology

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modestly expanded in late 2006 and early 2007.

Scope and Coverage

The biographical sketches on biographers, evolutionists and ecologists were compiled from dozens of standard paper and electronic reference sources, plus various obituaries and other analyses. The resources are "Who's Who," "American Men and Women of Science," and the occasional website. "For Additional Information" under each entry represents the sources of information.

Kind of Information

Each entry contains year of birth, place of born, educational career, famous for, chronological details of life. Below of each entry shows resources.

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Allen, Glover Morrill (United States 1879-1942)
mammalogy, ornithology

Glover Allen's career was packed with activity as a collector, museum curator, librarian, editor, teacher, professional scientist, taxonomist, and writer. In all he excelled. Though not theoretically oriented or a wellspring of new ideas, he was both highly knowledgeable in his main areas of expertise and a clear thinker and writer. He published a considerable number of large works, though he is probably most remembered for the semi-popular title *Bats*, and for his two-volume magnum opus, *The Mammals of China and Mongolia*. His final publication, appearing after his death, was *Extinct and Vanishing Mammals of the Western Hemisphere*, a compilation which was ahead of its time in its recognition of the problem of extinction and at-risk species.

Life Chronology

- born in Walpole, New Hampshire, on 8 December 1879.
- 1901: A.B., Harvard University
- 1901-1927: librarian, Boston Society of Natural History
- 1901-1912: secretary, Nuttall Ornithological Club
- 1901: publishes *The Birds of Massachusetts*, with R. H. Howe
- 1903: A.M., Harvard University
- 1903-1931: various collecting trips, to the Bahama Islands (1903?), Labrador (1906), East Africa (1909), West Indies (1910), Africa (1912), Africa (1926), Brazil (1929), Australia (1931)
- 1904: Ph.D., Harvard University
- 1906-1907: editor, *American Naturalist*.
- 1907: hired to oversee mammal collections at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University
- 1911: publishes his *Mammals of the West Indies*
- 1919: charter member of the American Society of Mammalogists
- 1919-1942: president, Nuttall Ornithological Club
- 1924: hired as lecturer in zoology, Harvard University
- 1925-1942: curator of mammals, Museum of Comparative Zoology
- 1925: publishes his *Birds and Their Attributes*
- 1927: vice-president, Boston Society of Natural History
- 1927-1929: president, American Society of Mammalogists
- 1928: promoted to associate professor of zoology, Harvard University
- 1936-1942: editor of *The Auk*
- 1938: promoted to professor of zoology, Harvard University
- 1938-1940: publishes his *The Mammals of China and Mongolia*
- 1939: publishes his *Bats*

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- ❖ Cataloguing sources, databases, sources of reviews are mentioned.

Arrangement Pattern

Entries are arranged alphabetically by surname, by country and also by discipline.

Remarks

This site is special biographical sources on some persons of a particular subject. This is a trustworthy site though sources from where information taken, are also mentioned at the end of the biography. Information retrieval is easier also though information of biographies is arranged chronologically.

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