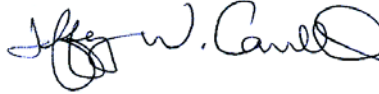
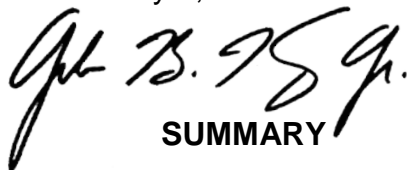




**TO:** Cultural Education Committee  
**FROM:** Jeffrey Cannell   
**SUBJECT:** State Museum Ornithology Collection Update  
**DATE:** February 4, 2013

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**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Discussion**

To provide the committee with background information on the Ornithology collection of the State Museum and information on how that collection is actively used in research and education.

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

For Information

**Background Information**

The State Museum's Ornithology collection consists of over 20,000 specimens including skeletons, skins, taxidermy mounts, frozen tissues, and egg sets collected throughout New York since the 1840's. The collection was recently augmented by the acquisition of specimens from the collection of Elon Eaton.

Dr. Jeremy Kirchman will provide an overview of the collection and highlight how the collection has recently been used to assess genetic diversity of bird populations in New York State.