



## Curating a Historic Egg Collection



The General collection may have been formed from several sources amalgamated some time in the 1970's. It is comprised mostly of Eurasian species and was housed in custom-made cardboard trays.



These labels may once have belonged to two different eggs. The common kingfisher is now known as Alcedo atthis.



W.R.B. was a prolific collector around the Scottish lochs and islands. This Atlantic Puffin is a typical example.



These eggs have been reboxed and are in temporary storage awaiting removal to a new facility. Formerly organised by collection and individual collectors' desires, the eggs will be sorted taxonomically in order to make them more accessible for research.



Sir John H. Biles is the probable donor of a collection of South Asian eggs in 1908. It is unknown whether he personally collected these eggs.



This great crested grebe (*Podiceps* cristatus) bears an indecipherable symbol, possibly a collector's mark.



Halloula is believed to refer to Lac Halloula, a now-dried lake bed in Algeria. The egg is from a night heron, and may have been collected Henry by Baker Tristram, who is known to have travelled in the area and was a keen ornithologist.