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The Ornithology of the Baudin expedition (1800-1804)

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1. The exploits of the Baudin expedition can be helpful for the reconstruction of historical landscapes in both Australia and West-Timor.
2. Baudin's collections provide an important resource for scientific research, education, and resource management.
3. Taxidermists were crucial for the success of the Baudin expedition.
4. The catalogue of the collection of birds prepared by members of the Baudin expedition was essential to establish the expedition's value.
5. The identity of a type specimen is what defines a taxon, not the description.
6. The value of a collected specimen depends on the completeness of the accompanying data regarding collector, location, date, condition when found, preservation method, etc.
7. Biohistorical research should be practiced at every university.
8. Type-specimens are the starting point of taxonomic or morphological research.
9. Even mounted, owls still look wise.
10. With more skyscrapers in place in urban areas in Australia pre-1900, less collecting activities had to be executed by bird-collectors.