

Biological Survey, Oklahoma (70 O.S. § 3314)

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History and Function—The Oklahoma Biological Survey, established in 1927, is both a research unit of the University of Oklahoma and a state office. The mission of the survey is to scientifically investigate the diversity of plants and animals in Oklahoma and associated regions and to contribute to conservation and education concerning these important resources. The survey includes: (1) the General Biological Survey program; (2) the Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory; (3) the Bebb Herbarium, jointly operated with the Department of Botany and Microbiology; (4) the Oklahoma Fishery Research Laboratory, jointly operated with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; (5) the Sutton Avian Research Center, a bird conservation center located in Bartlesville, and (6) the Oklahoma Natural Areas Registry. Personnel in the survey include faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates who engage in a wide range of research, teaching, and service activities.