
Animals-Adding Sex Change Event

Recording a sex edit or sex change event for a specimen.

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Editing a Sex Type means you are editing a sex as recorded. You can only edit sex records that your institution has recorded. There is no history maintained that the sex was edited unless you capture it in Details box or a Note. Recording a Sex Change Event means that the sex record remains and a new record is added. There is a sex type history maintained. An actual Sex Change occurs in few species, but some may want to use that option instead of editing a record to maintain the sex history or to change a sex recorded by another institution. Using either method, the last recorded sex type is what will display globally. The last recorded sex type entered by your institution is what will display locally.

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This can only be done for records entered by your institution. To change a sex entered by another facility, see Recording Sex Change Event below.

Editing sex should only be done in the case of mistaken data entry, if you have new information, for example; a bird previously recorded as male laying an egg then a Sex Change Event should be added to ensure an accurate history for that animal is recorded.

In our scenario a user has mistakenly added male when they actually meant to add female. From the Taxonomy / Sex / Collection grid, highlight the sex record and select View/Edit Selected from the Actions menu.

Taxonomy / Sex Type / Collection

Show All

Actions

Change Date	Type	Changed To
06/10/1985 00:00	Taxonomy	Phoenicopterus chilensis / Chilean flamingo
06/10/1985 00:00	SexType	Male
06/10/1985 00:00	Animal Collection Change	Main Institution Animal Collection - GREENVISC

Actions menu:

- Taxonomy Change Event
- Sex Change Event
- Collection Change Event
- View/Edit Selected
- Delete Selected

Key info history

Change Date * Oct/06/1995 1

Change Time * 00:00

Reason For Change * Correct Data Entry 2

Changed Sex * Female 3

Details

Note Templates

Incorrectly entered male as the sex type. 4

Save Cancel

1. In most cases you will accept the default date as you are changing the sex for the entire time you held the animal.
 2. Select Reason for Change from the dropdown list.
 3. Record the correct sex.
 4. Use Details to provide information as to why you changed the sex.

Once you Save, the entry will be updated in the grid. As mentioned, there is no history captured when you edit a sex unless you captured it in the Details box or recorded a Note.

Taxonomy / Sex Type / Collection

Show All

Actions

Change Date	Type	Changed To	Reason	Reported By
06/10/1985 00:00	Taxonomy	Phoenicopterus chilensis / Chilean flamingo	-	GREENVISC
06/10/1985 00:00	SexType	Female	Correct Data Entry	GREENVISC
06/10/1985 00:00	Animal Collection Change	Main Institution Animal Collection	-	GREENVISC

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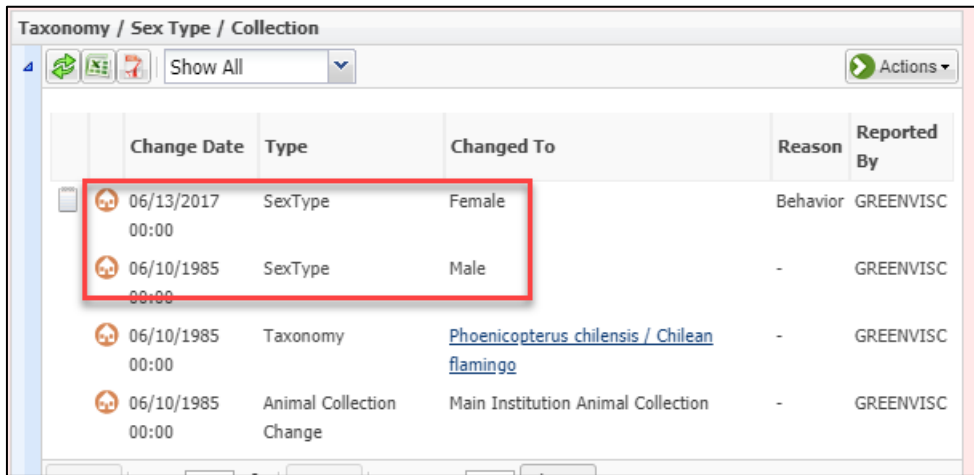
Recording Sex Change Event

You would record a Sex Change Event for the following reasons:

- The sex was not recorded by your institution and you need to change it
- The sex was recorded by your institution but you want to maintain a history of the change
- The animal actually changed sex

Select Sex Change Event from the Actions menu. You do not have to highlight a sex record first.

There is no default date entered and you will need to decide what date to use. Generally, this would be the date the correct sex was discovered; in our case the date the egg was laid. Once saved, both sexes will be displayed in the grid; a history is captured and may answer questions as to why an animal was managed as a different sex during a time period.



Change Date	Type	Changed To	Reason	Reported By
06/13/2017 00:00	SexType	Female	Behavior	GREENVISC
06/10/1985 00:00	SexType	Male	-	GREENVISC
06/10/1985 00:00	Taxonomy	Phoenicopterus chilensis / Chilean flamingo	-	GREENVISC
06/10/1985 00:00	Animal Collection Change	Main Institution Animal Collection	-	GREENVISC

The Sex Type will be displayed globally as per the current/last holder. It will be displayed locally as per your entry.

Best Practice

The date that you select to use for the change date will depend on if you want to know that the specimen was managed as a different sex for a period of time. If you do not need to retain that information, simply edit the sex and accept the default for the date. If you do want to retain that information, then leave the initial Sex Type record intact and record a Sex Change Event as of the date you were given the correct information. Remember to capture why the sex was changed in either the Details box or a Note.

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