INTRODUCTION

The *body temperature* database consists of two additional files. The *numerical* dataset contains body temperature data for 317 species. There are six columns, of which the first gives a sequential number (1-317) for each record. The second gives a unique numerical identifier for each species (see General Introduction above). The third and fourth columns give binomial names and taxonomic order names for each species, respectively. *No* common names were given. The fifth and sixth columns give body weight and body temperature data, respectively.

The single reference for the numerical dataset is cited in the *reference* file. Note that only a portion of the cited data were employed in the present study.