How to search online databases for Open access materials

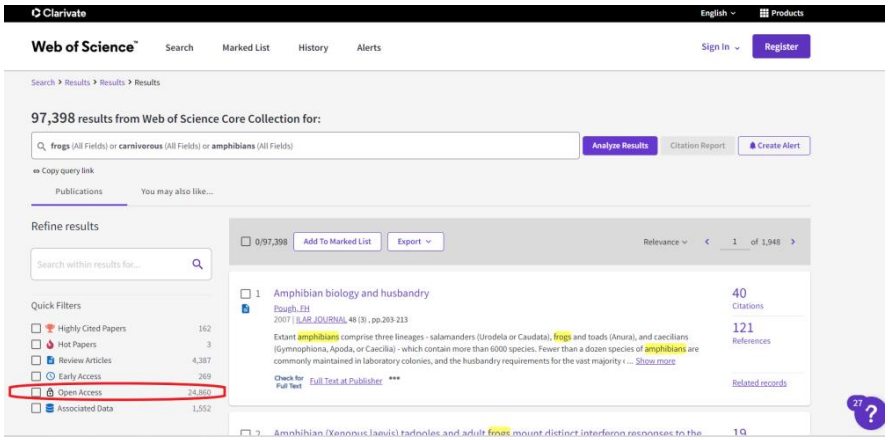
Library and Learning Services

Open access (OA) materials can now be identified within online databases as well as abstracting & indexing services e.g., Web of Science and Scopus.

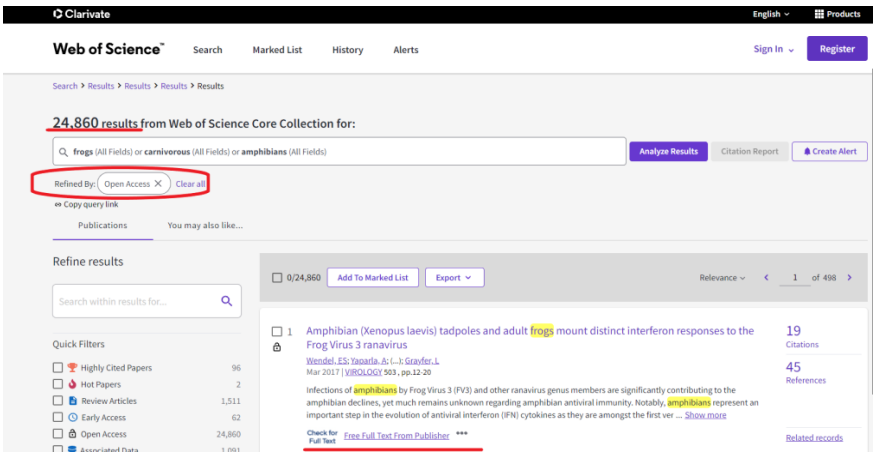
Authoritative and peer reviewed research, research data and books are increasingly made available openly; and information providers are innovating their platforms to make it easier for you to find.

For example - **'Web of Science'** allows you to easily identify OA publications whether searching for content that is not behind a subscription wall, seeking an OA journal to submit to, or analysing research trends in Open access.

It is possible to **Refine** your search results to show only those that are Open access using the **'Quick filters'** option found on the left-hand side of the Results screen:

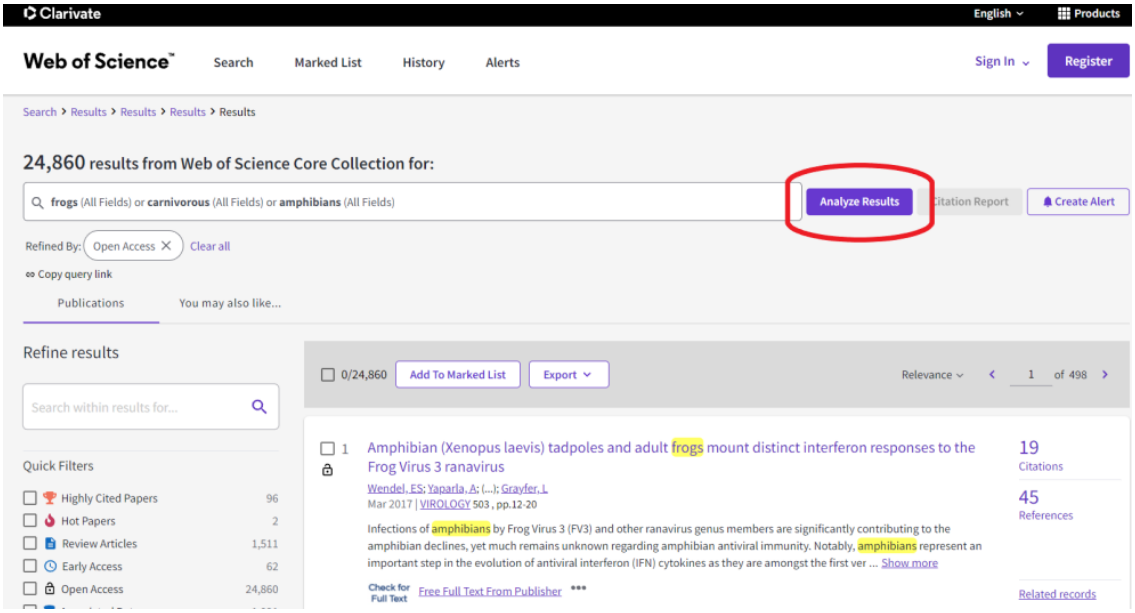


Selecting '**Open Access**' and confirming your selection by clicking on the '**Refine**' button that appears, will update your results e.g.:

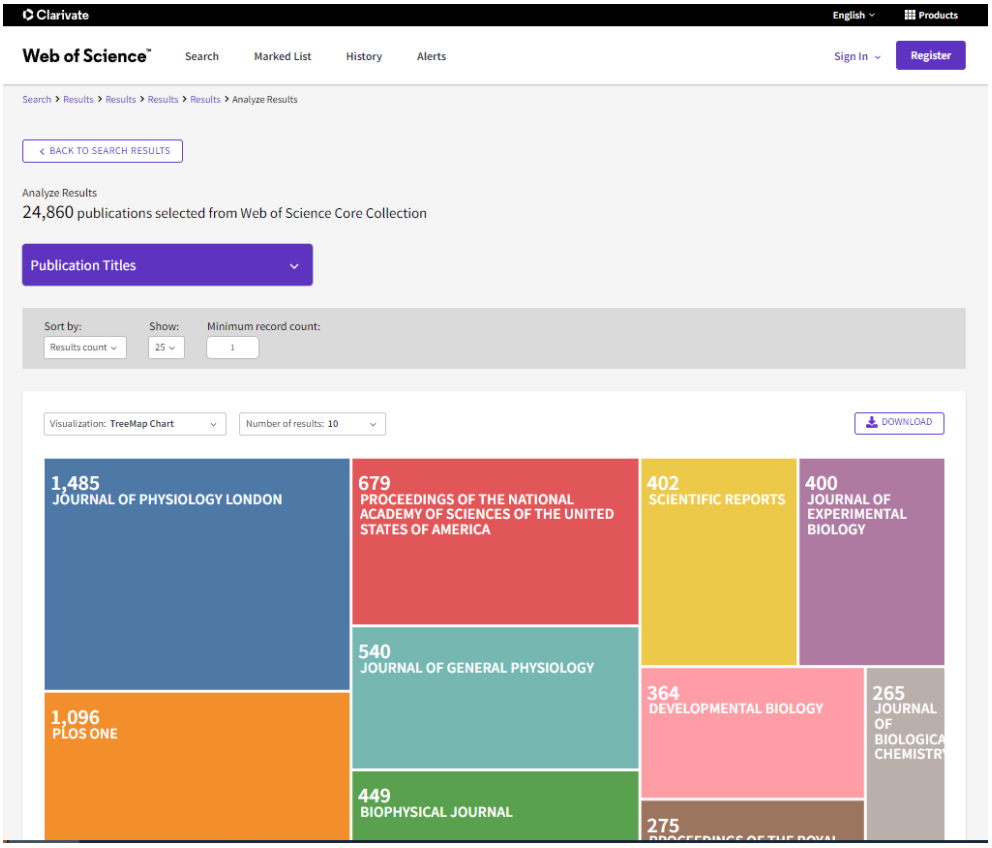


You can access the item from here, by clicking on the item record's '**full text'** options.

Web of Science also allows you to analyse your Results further by clicking on the '**Analyse Results'** button:



You can then take a closer look at your Open access results to see where papers are published and more, choosing from the drop-down menu. It is possible to analyse by 'Publication Titles (as shown) and/or Authors, Affiliations, Publishers, Funding agencies etc.



This level of analysis (like in the examples above) is also possible using Scopus and other subject resources, products, and services.