

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The Collections, Research and Instructional Services department has a collection of aerial photography series and atlases covering 1965 to the mid 1990s. The geographic scope of the collection concentrates on the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, and Los Angeles County. The library also has some images covering parts of counties that are adjacent to Los Angeles County. These series vary in scale from 1:40,000 (1 in. = 0.64 mi.) to 1 in. = 100 ft. All of these series are vertical shots, which means the camera is perpendicular to the ground below which results in a photo with no tilt in it. With few exceptions they are black and white images. They vary in physical size from 9 × 9 in. to approximately 3 × 4 ft.

In addition to the sets specifically listed below, we have air and satellite photographs for scattered places around the world, usually single images of a given place or region. Many can be found in the UCLA Library Catalog. Consult with reference staff to determine whether there are any available for the area in which you are interested.

Series and Atlases that Cover All or Parts of Los Angeles County

Call Number	Scale	Date	Location	Geographic Coverage
G 4362s(.111) A3 5 WAC 1993	1:5000	1993	CRIS A-Level Open Map Stacks	LA metropolitan area
**G 1528 L89 T36a 1986	1:24,000	1986	CRIS A-Level Atlas Case	Los Angeles County
G 4360 1985 W33	1:31,680	1985–86	Map File Cabinets in CRIS A-Level Reading Room	Los Angeles County
G 3701 A43 s58 N38	1:58,000	1978–87	Map File Cabinets in CRIS A-Level Reading Room (two sets interfiled)	LA County and bordering areas of Ventura and Orange Counties
G 3701 A43 s40 N38	1:40,000	1987-		
[no call number]	1:7500	1984	CRIS A-Level Open Map Stacks (on top of cases)	LA metropolitan area
[no call number]	1:40,000	1976?	shelves behind CRIS map librarian's desk	Los Angeles County
G 4363s 13 MMC 1973–75	1:12,000	1973–75	CRIS A-Level Closed Map Stacks	LA metropolitan area
***G1528 L89 L235s 1970	1:12,000	1969	CRIS A-Level Atlas Case	San Fernando Valley and parts of Ventura County
***G1528 L89 L235 1970	1:12,000	1970	CRIS A-Level Atlas Case	Los Angeles and Orange Counties
**G 1528 L89 A252 1965a	1:13,263	1965	CRIS A-Level Reference Oversize	Los Angeles County
**G 1528 L89 A25 1965	1:6000–1:8000	1965	CRIS A-Level Atlas Case	Los Angeles County

Series for Los Angeles City

Call Number	Scale	Date	Location	Geographic Coverage
G 4364s LA City A4 48 LABE 1984	1:4800	1984	CRIS A-Level Closed Map Stacks	City of Los Angeles

Other Cities and Counties

Call Number	Scale	Date	Location	Geographic Coverage
**G 1529 S4A4 1968	1:12,000	1968	CRIS A-Level Atlas Case	San Diego County
G 4364s A4 1 CCPD 1980	1:1200	1980	CRIS A-Level Closed Map Stacks	City of Culver City
G 4364s Santa Monica A3 SMDE 1957	1:2400	1957	CRIS A-Level Closed Map Stacks	City of Santa Monica
G 4364s Santa Monica A3 SMDE 1968	1:2400	1968	CRIS A-Level Closed Map Stacks	City of Santa Monica
G 4364s Santa Monica A3 SMDE 1980	1:2400	1980	CRIS A-Level Closed Map Stacks	City of Santa Monica

CD-ROM Products

Call Number	Scale	Date	Location	Geographic Coverage
G 1528 L89T36ae 1984	1:30,000	1994	CRIS Public Station #2	Digital Airphotos of Los Angeles and Orange Counties (image numbers keyed to pages in printed Thomas Bros. Guide)
G 4361 A43 2002 A395	Varies	2000-2002	CRIS Public Station #4	Digital Airphotos of Bakersfield, Fresno, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, and Stockton

Web Sites

TerraServer-USA

<http://www.terraserver-usa.com>

Provides two kinds of images the United States Geological Survey (USGS):

- 1) Digital orthophotoquads (DOQQ) georectified digitized aerial photographs. (Resolution 1.000 meters per pixel)
- 2) Urban Areas High Resolution Natural Color Imagery (Resolution 0.250 meters per pixel)

Google Local

[http://www/maps.google.com/](http://www.maps.google.com/)

Provides an alternate aerial photo view.

National Map

<http://www.nationalmap.gov>

Provides the following aerial photography:

- 1) Landsat7 imagery
2. DOQQs B&W and Color. (Resolution 1.000 meters per pixel)
3. Local area color imagery (Resolution varies .3 - .65 meters per pixel)

UCLA Geography Air Photo Archives

<http://www.geog.ucla.edu/airphoto.php> or contact 310-206-8188

The UCLA Geography Department Air Photo Archives are not part of the UCLA Library system; access is by appointment only. There are fees for viewing the collections and for obtaining copies of individual photographs. The Archives provide photos from two collections:

1) The Spence Collection: Oblique low altitude black and white aerial photographs taken between the years 1918-1971. These photographs were taken at a variety of latitudes, angles, and directions, making the collection a huge assortment of unique shots. Areas covered: Extensive coverage of Los Angeles, Ventura, and Orange Counties. Southern California airports, refineries, factories, schools, hospitals, country clubs, motion picture studios, and miscellaneous real estate. Limited coverage of the following California counties: San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Imperial, Inyo, Fresno, Kern, Mono, Placer, San Bernardino, and Riverside. Limited coverage of other California regions including the San Francisco Bay Area, Sierra Nevada, Mojave and Colorado Deserts, and the Colorado River. Limited coverage of Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, and other western states.

2) The Fairchild Collection: A variety of oblique low altitude black and white aerial photographs of Southern California between the years 1927 and 1964. Similar coverage as the Spence Collection, but not as extensive. Limited coverage of Arizona, Nevada and other states.

This guide is available on the web:

<http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/yrl/reference/rco/geographic.htm#aerial>