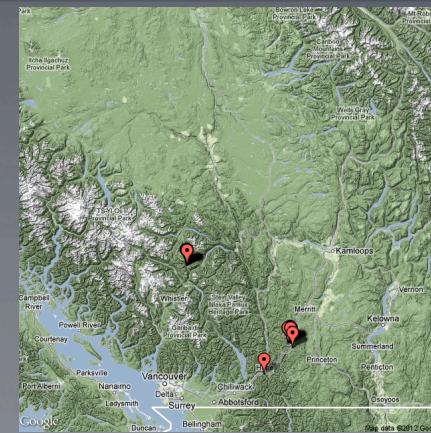


How to Make Maps in R

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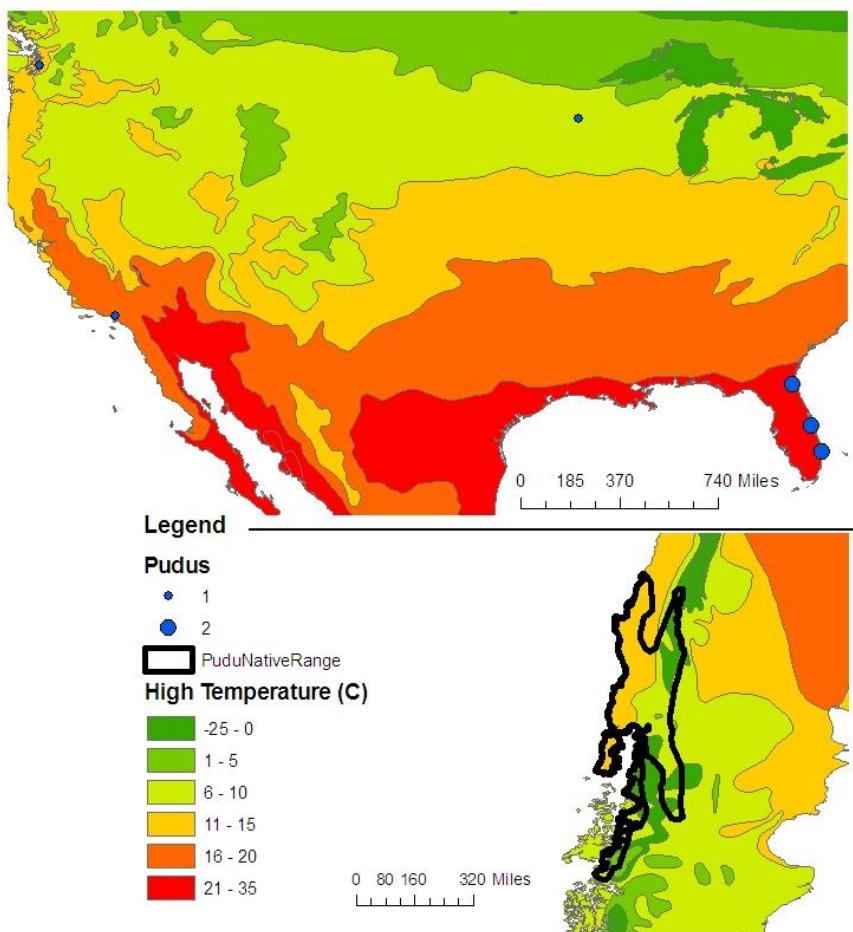
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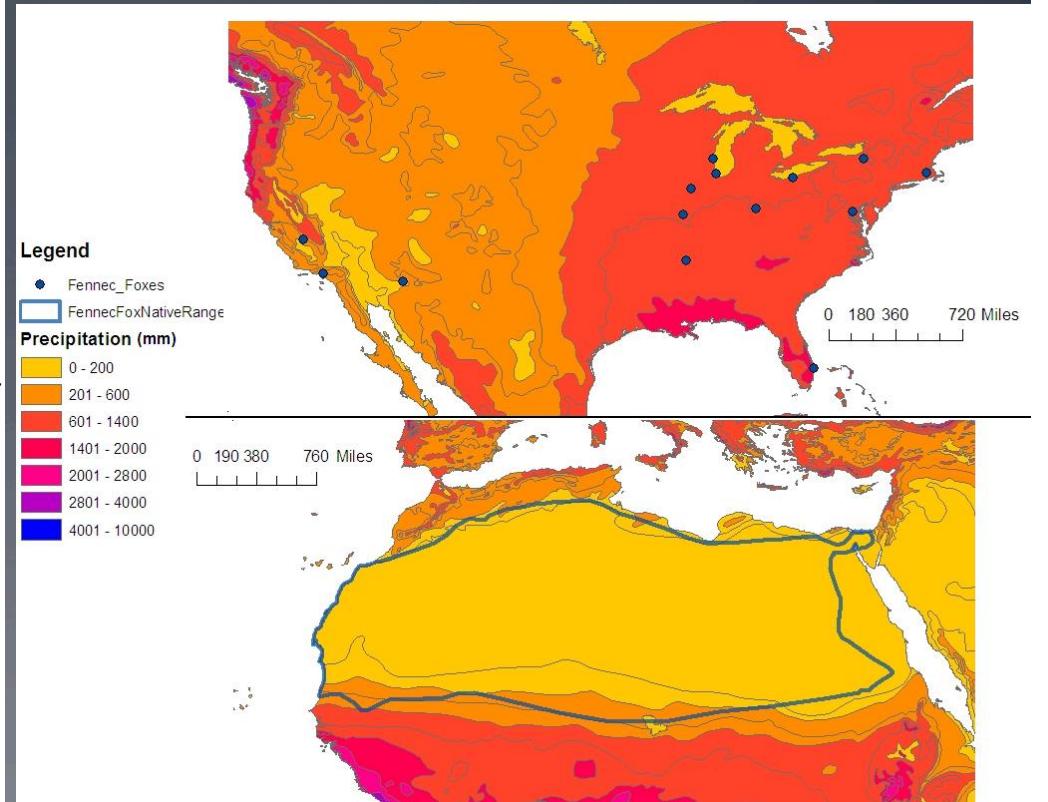
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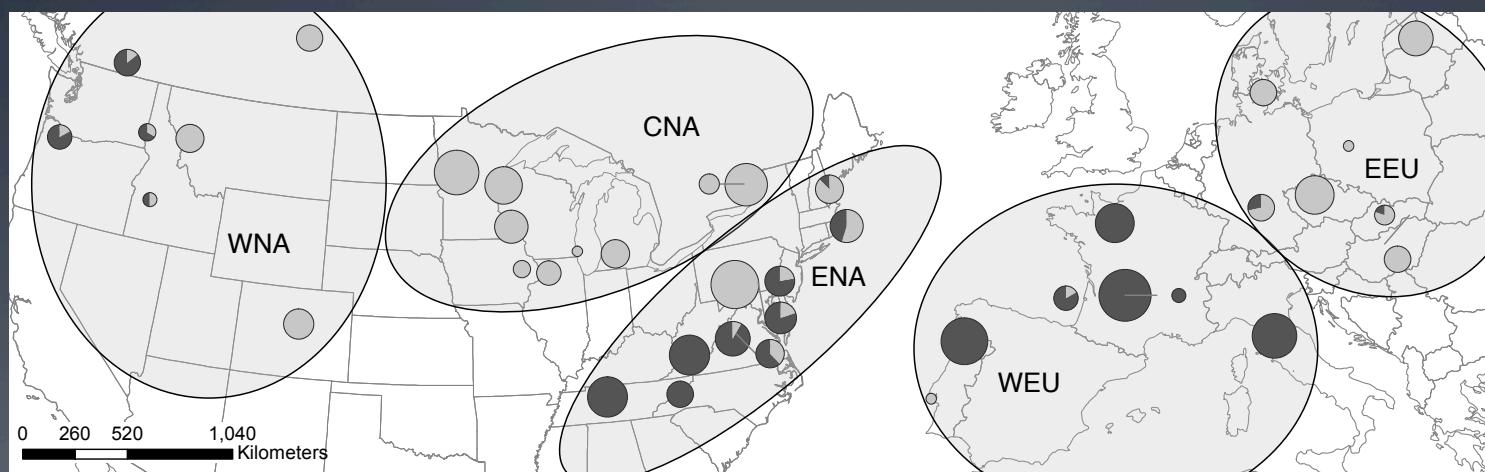
Powerful, but messy if you don't know what you are doing



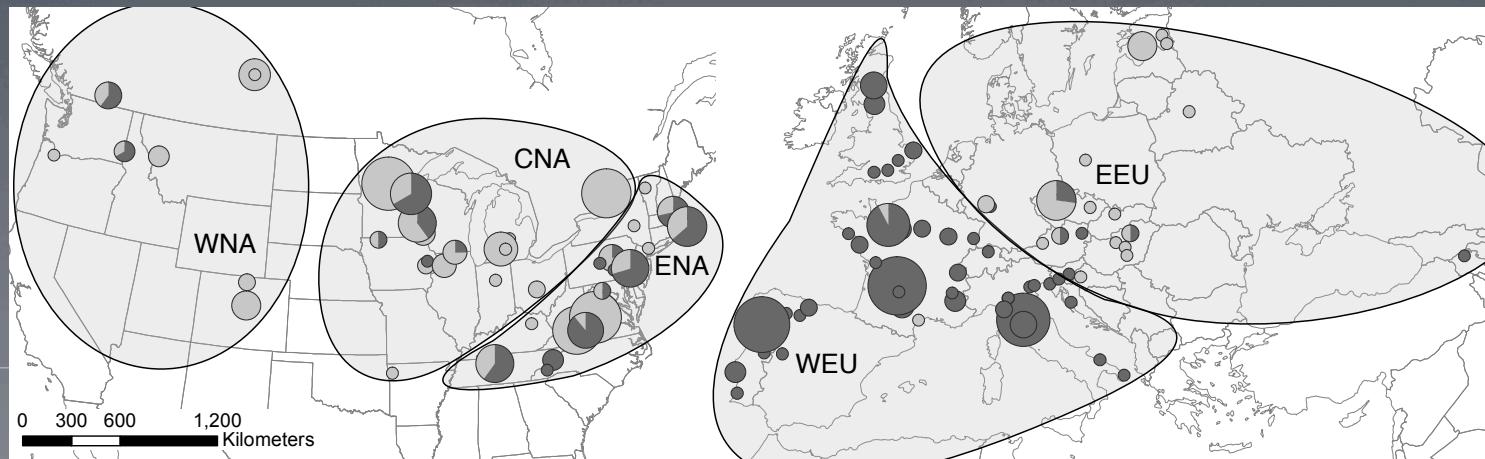
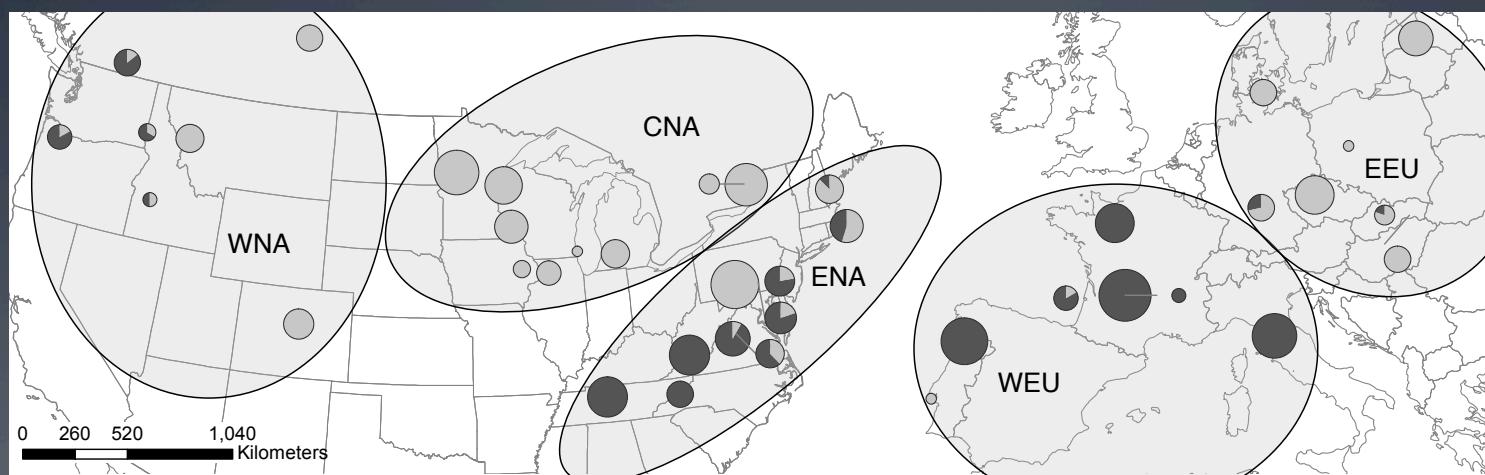


Made with ArcGIS

Difficult to control what appears in the legend
Annoying lines if you tell points to not overlap



Not easily reproducible
Bits of Canada above Maine now missing
Legend forgotten
Text and shading added via photoshop





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library(mapplots)   #data visualization on maps  
  
library(RgoogleMaps) #overlays on Google map  
tiles in R  
  
library(plotGoogleMaps) # plot SP data as HTML map  
mashup over Google Maps  
  
library(ggmap)      #a package for spatial  
visualization with Google Maps and OpenStreetMap  
  
library(GEOmap)     #topographic and geologic  
mapping  
  
library(plotrix)    #various plotting functions
```


(Optional) Tools of the Trade

- Shapefiles
 - Used for adding additional layers of data: roads, cities, waterways, species ranges, temperature or precipitation gradients.....
- These do not come with R
 - A good amount of GIS data is freely available online
 - ESRI, USGS, GeoBC, GeoGratis
 - Google is your best friend

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states.shp	Apr 29, 2010 9:06 AM	225 KB	Unix E...
tl_2011_51045_roads.shp	Nov 25, 2011 3:43 AM	1.7 MB	Unix E...
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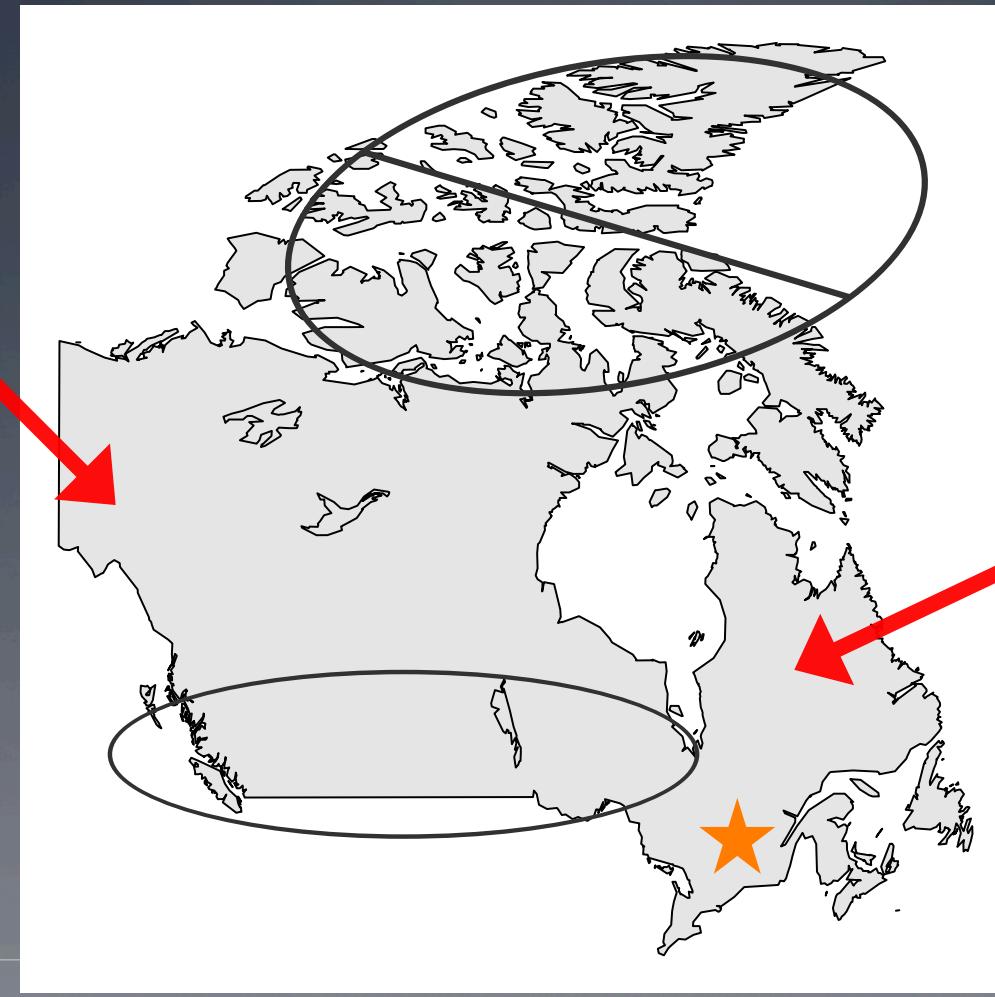
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You could stop here and throw everything else on with powerpoint...

But we won't do that, onward with R!



A more involved example:

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- Read in your data, as you would any other .csv file
 - For GPS points, must have columns individually for latitude and longitude
 - **Must be in decimal degrees**

```
samps <- read.csv("~/Documents/My Documents/UBC/Research/FieldWork/Summer2012/  
FieldData_2012.csv", header=TRUE, stringsAsFactors=T, strip.white=TRUE, na.strings=c("NA",  
"na", "nan", "inf", "", "."))
```

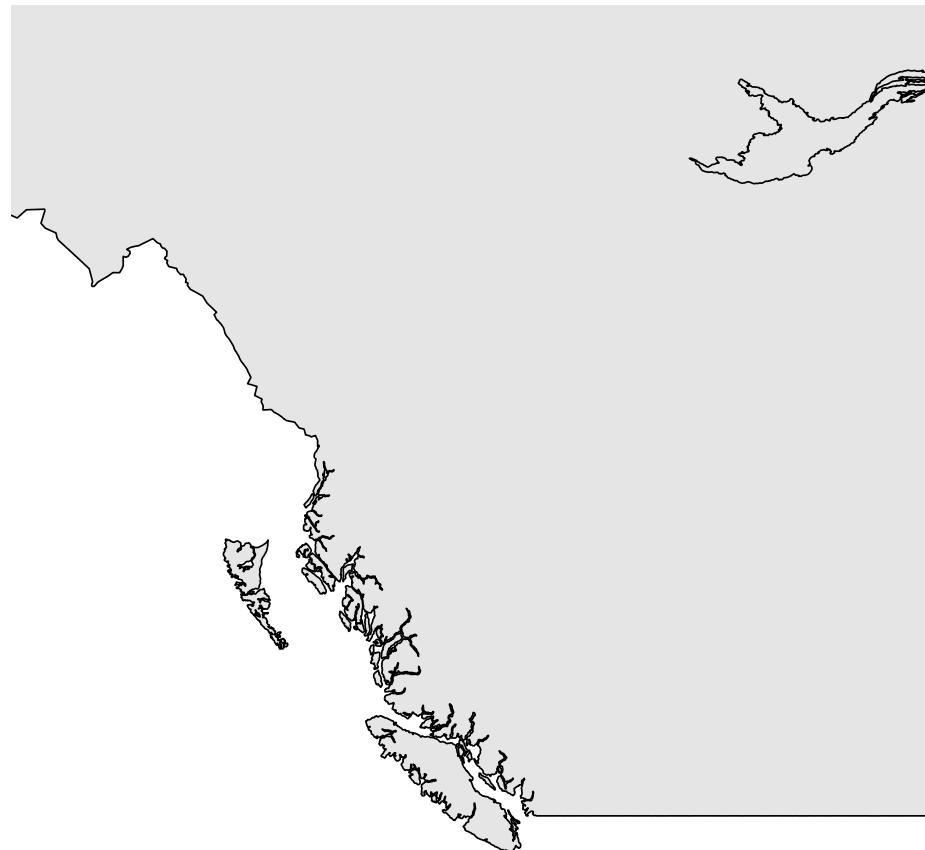
3. Create the Map

- Several steps:
 1. Plot the base map
 - This will be the final shape and size of your full map
 2. Plot layers or data onto this map
 - Add your shape files or data points
 - Plotting occurs in order, unless you use transparency, you will cover things up
 3. Add any final touches you'd like
- *Remember to use “add=TRUE” for every step after the first

Let's map the range of lodgepole pine and some sample sites:

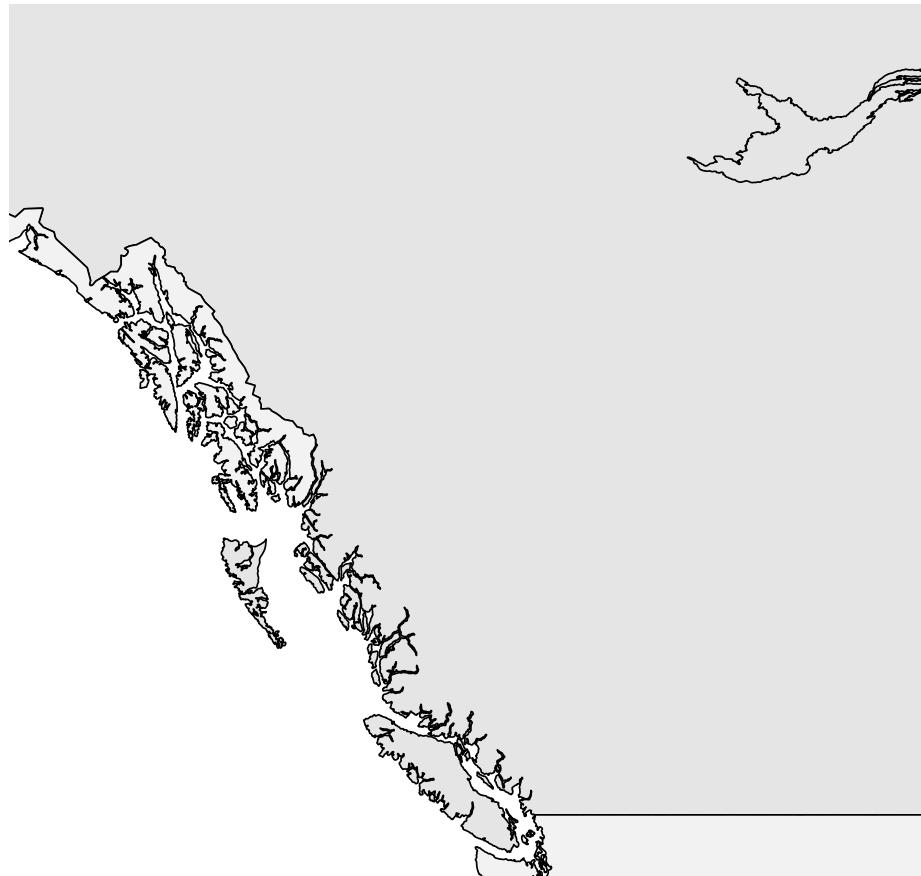
1. Plot Map

```
map("worldHires",  
  "Canada",  
  xlim=c(-140,-110),  
  ylim=c(48,64),  
  col="gray90",  
  fill=TRUE)
```



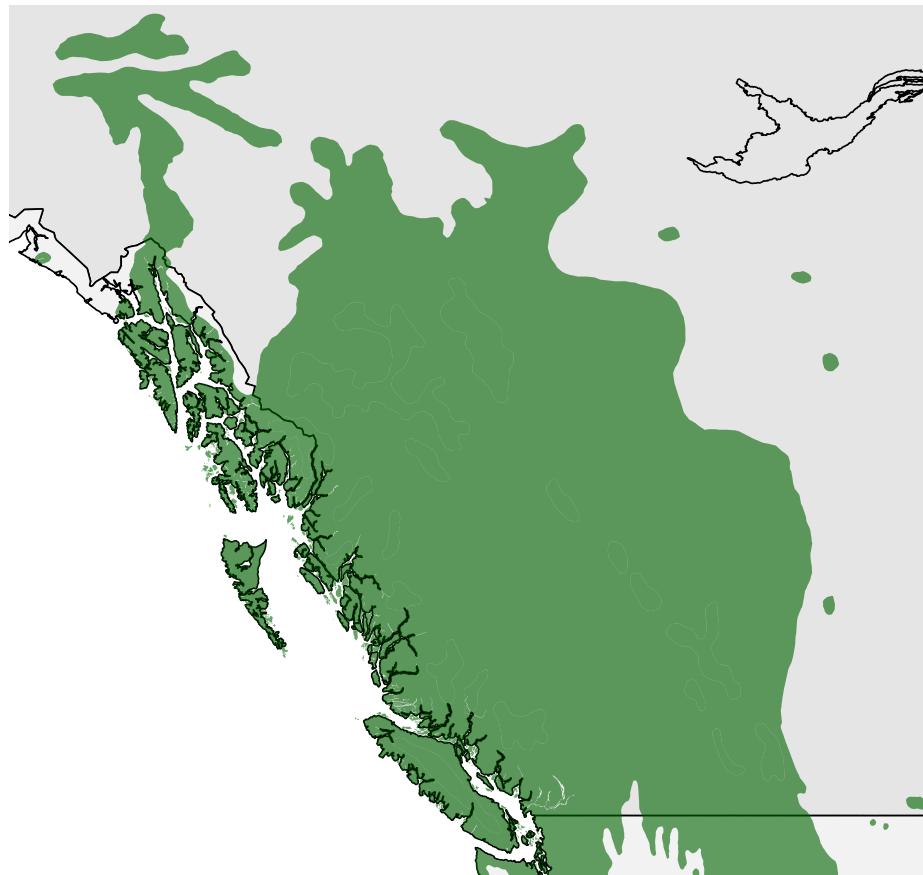
1. Plot Map

```
map("worldHires",  
  "usa",  
  xlim=c(-140,-110),  
  ylim=c(48,64),  
  col="gray95",  
  fill=TRUE,  
  add=TRUE)
```



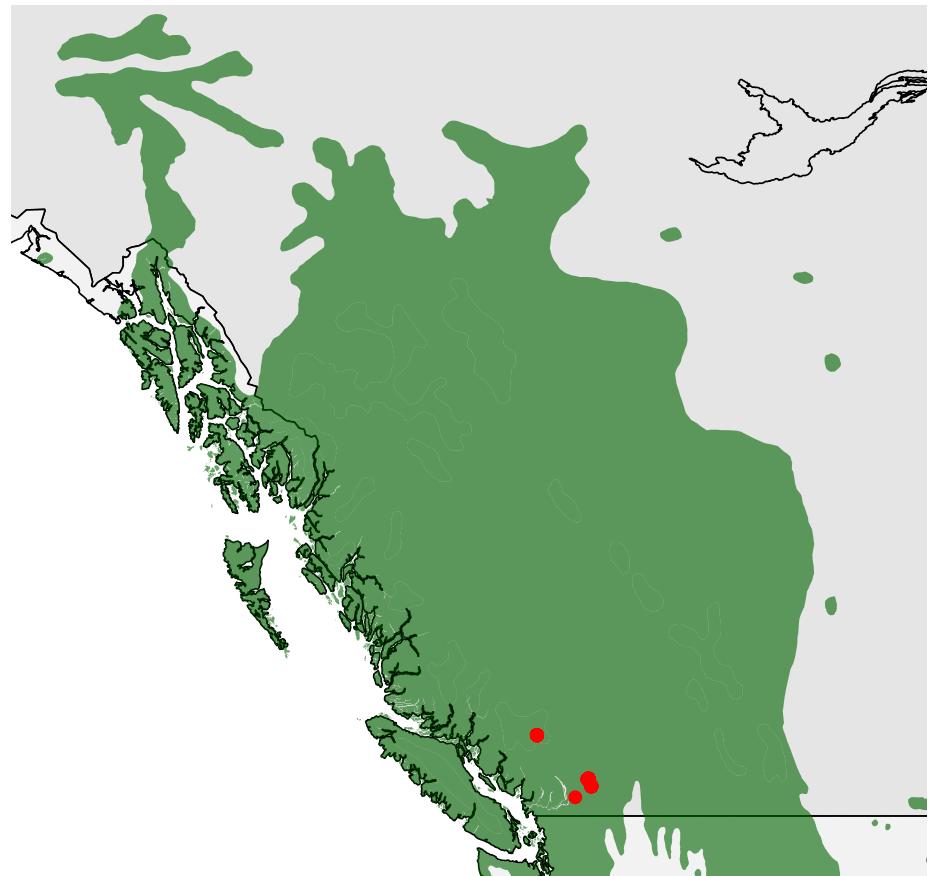
2. Add layers

```
plot(pcontorta,  
     add=TRUE,  
     xlim=c(-140,-110),  
     ylim=c(48,64),  
     col=alpha("darkgreen",  
              0.6),  
     border=FALSE)
```



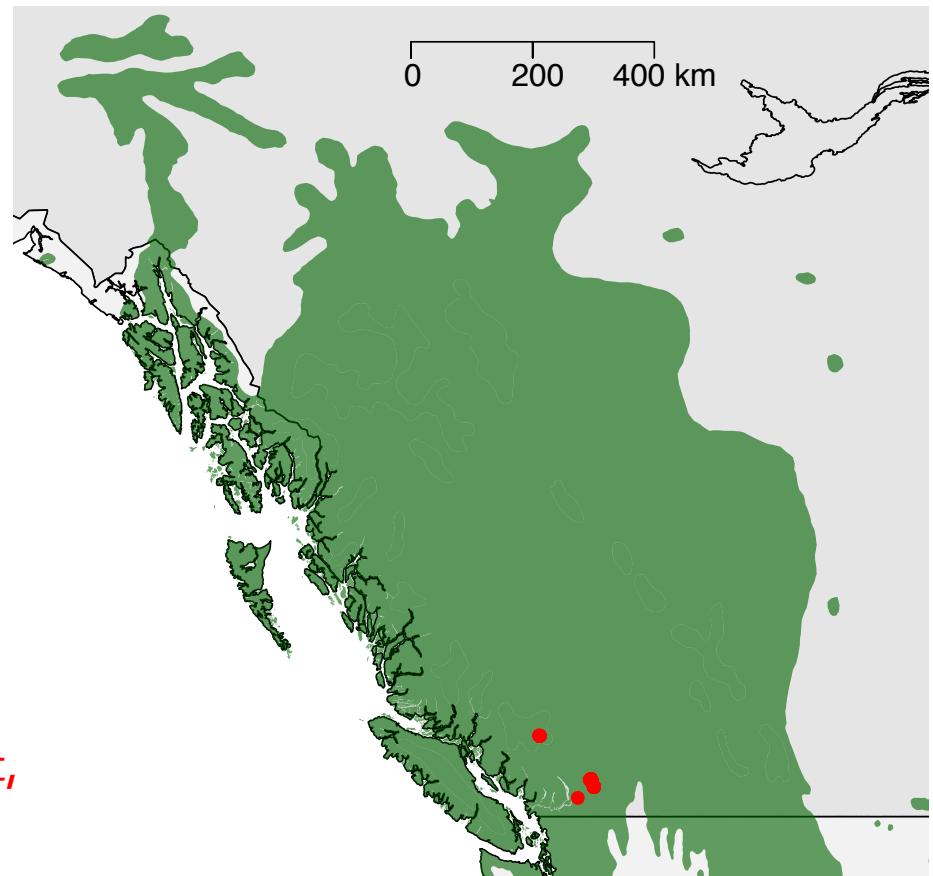
2. Add layers

```
points(samps$Long,  
       samps$Lat,  
       pch=19,  
       col="red",  
       cex=1)
```



3. Add extras

```
map.scale(-127, 63.5,  
ratio=FALSE,  
relwidth=0.2,  
cex=1.2)
```



*Note: This is an unprojected map,
placement of the scale bar is important,
as it will change size north to south

Zoomed In

```
#plot map
map("worldHires", "Canada", xlim=c(-123.5, -120.5), ylim=c(49, 50.8), col="gray90", fill=TRUE)
map("worldHires", "usa", xlim=c(-140, -110), ylim=c(48, 64), col="gray95", fill=TRUE, add=TRUE)

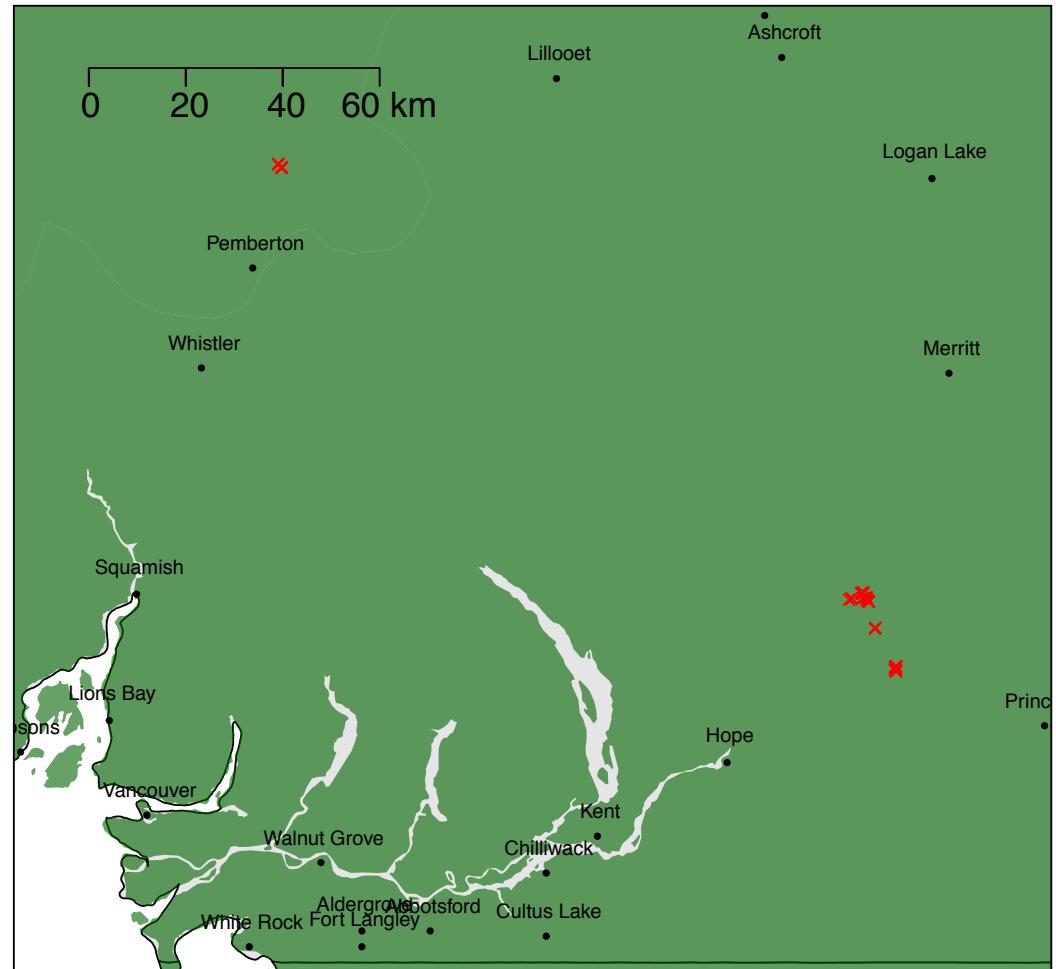
#plot species range
plot(pcontorta, add=TRUE,
      xlim=c(-140, -110),
      ylim=c(48, 64), col=alpha("darkgreen",
      0.6), border=FALSE)

#map cities
map.cities(country="Canada",
           label=TRUE, cex=1, xlim=c(-140, -110),
           ylim=c(48, 64),
           pch=20)

#plot field data
points(samps$Long, samps$Lat, pch=4,
       col="red", cex=0.8)

#put a scale on the map
map.scale(-123.3, 50.7, ratio=FALSE,
          relwidth=0.2, cex=1.2)

box()
```



Create a Projected Map – More Realistic

Unprojected



```
map(database="world", xlim=c(-170,-10), ylim=c(45,83), resolution=0, col="grey80", fill=TRUE)
```



```
library(mapproj)
```

```
map(database="world", xlim=c(-170,-20), ylim=c(65,83), projection="gilbert", fill=T, col="grey80", orientation=c(90,0,225), resolution=0)
```



Projected



Plotting points on a projected map

```
#plotting the map, note the 'orientation' which appears to be necessary for  
points and map to match up.  
map(database="world", ylim=c(45,90), xlim=c(-160,-50),  
projection="gilbert", fill=T, col="grey80", orientation=c(90,0,225),  
resolution=0, lwd=0.5)  
  
lon<-c(-72,-66,-107,-154) #fake longitude vector  
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#converting your points
# to projected lat/lon
coord<-mapproject(
  lon, lat,
  proj="gilbert",
  orientation=c(90,0,225))

points(coord,
       pch=21, cex=1.2)
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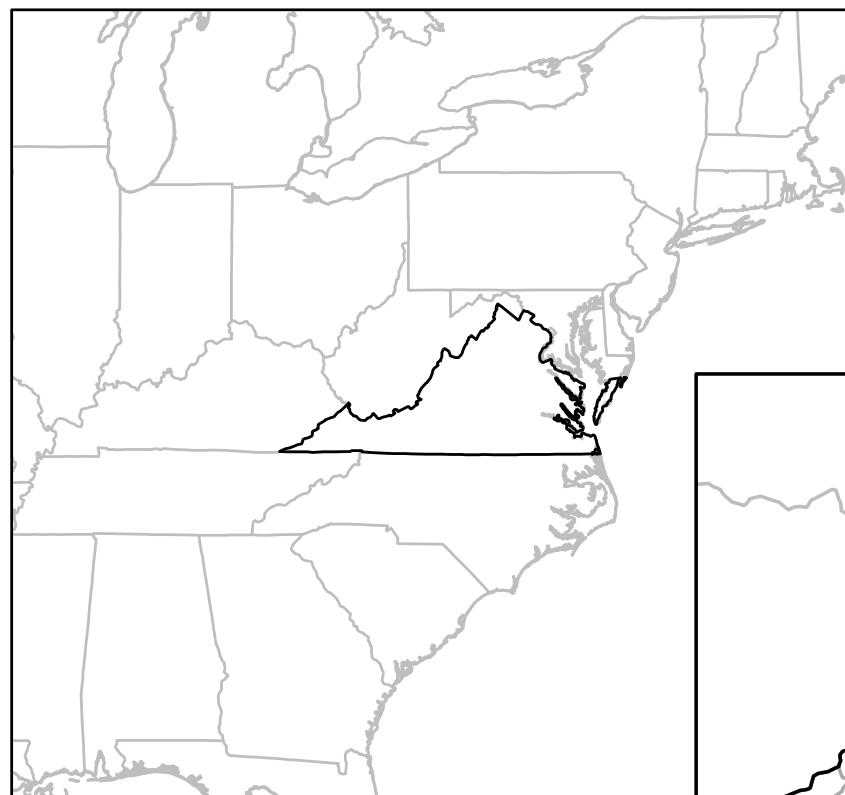
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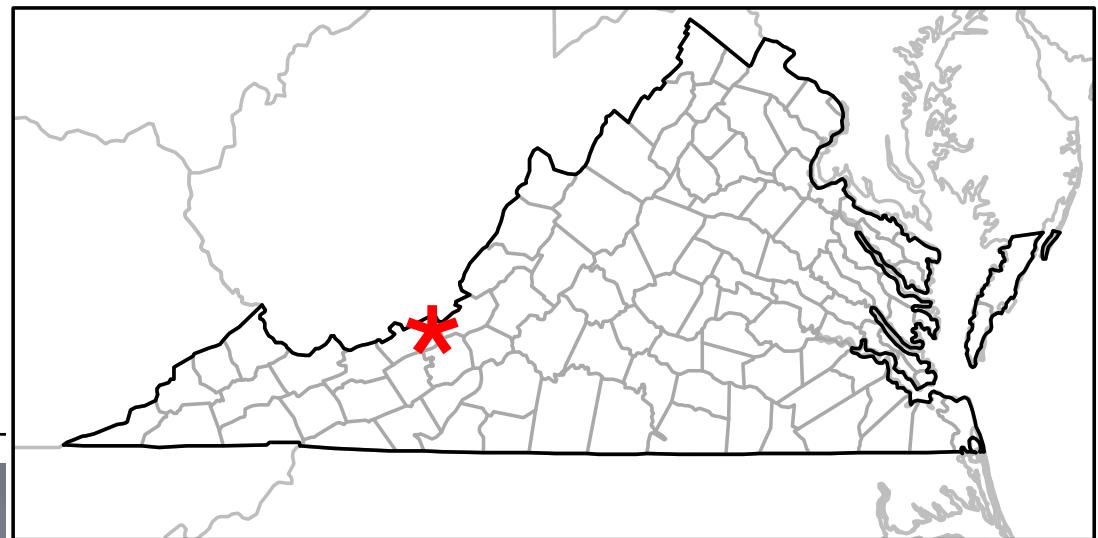
*Note: there is currently no capability to plot a scale bar on a projected map, but grid lines can be plotted



```
map("state", add=TRUE, col="gray")  
map("state", "Virginia", add=TRUE, col="black")  
points(-80.523326, 37.375409, pch="*", col="red", cex=3)
```



Can create insets
See 'layout' in the graphics package



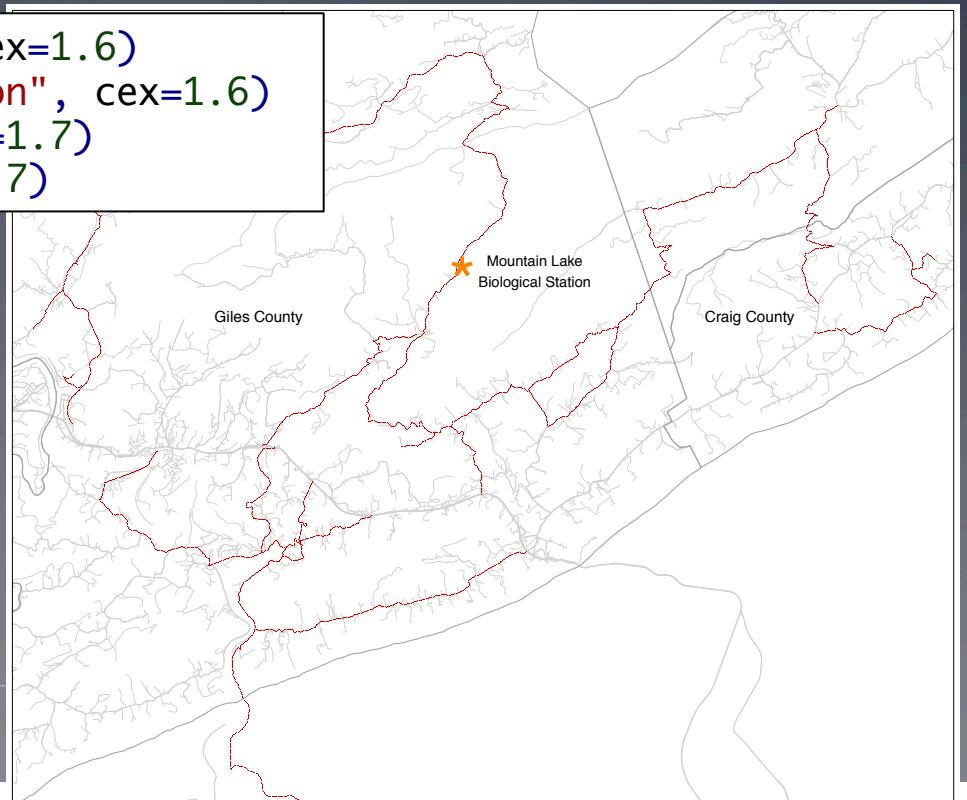
Adding Text and Detail

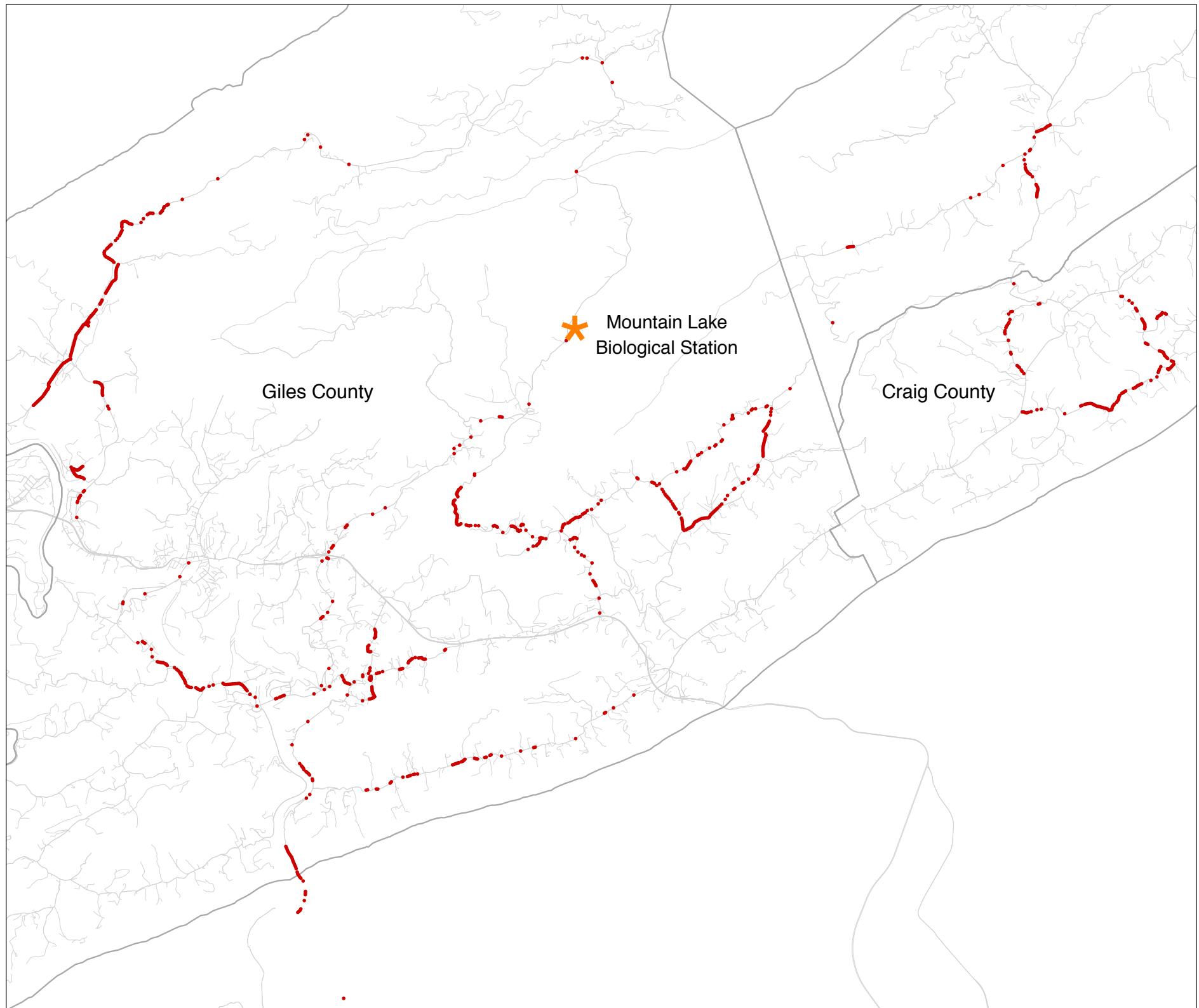
```
#main roads, Virginia
plot(roads2011, add=TRUE, xlim=c(-80.69,-80.341), ylim=c(37.215,37.45), col="light gray", lwd=0.8)

#Giles county roads
plot(gilesdetail2, add=TRUE, xlim=c(-80.69,-80.341), ylim=c(37.215,37.45), col="light gray", lwd=0.8)
#Craig county roads
plot(craigdetail, add=TRUE, xlim=c(-80.69,-80.341), ylim=c(37.215,37.45), col="light gray", lwd=0.8)

#Giles county line
plot(gilessub, add=TRUE, xlim=c(-80.69,-80.341), ylim=c(37.215,37.45), col="dark gray", lwd=2)
#Craig county line
plot(craigsub, add=TRUE, xlim=c(-80.69,-80.341), ylim=c(37.215,37.45), col="dark gray", lwd=2)
```

```
text(-80.496,37.377, "Mountain Lake", cex=1.6)
text(-80.496,37.3705, "Biological Station", cex=1.6)
text(-80.415,37.36, "Craig County", cex=1.7)
text(-80.6,37.36, "Giles County", cex=1.7)
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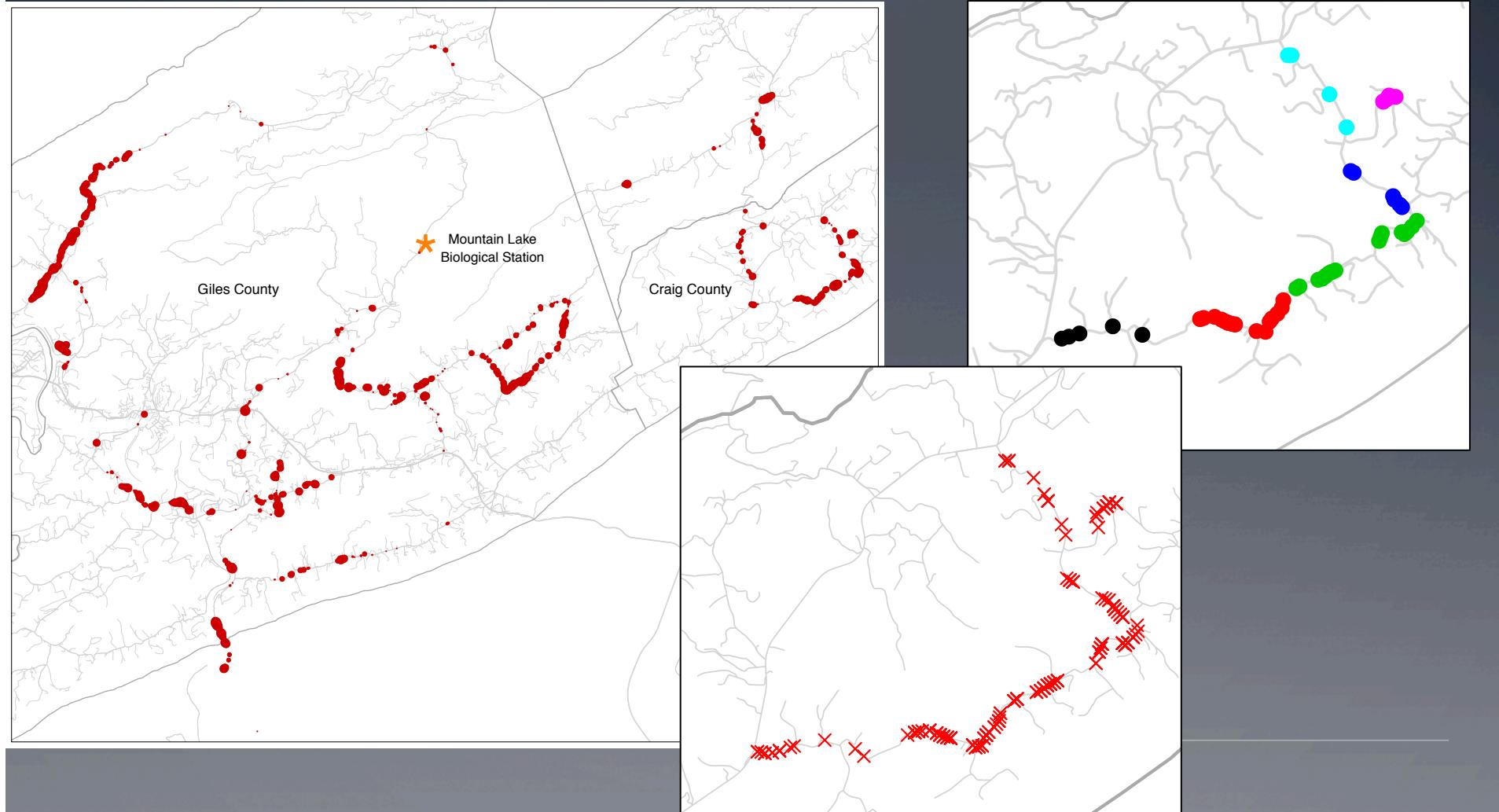




Scaled Point Sizes and Types

```
points(pops2$W, pops2$N, pch=20, col="red3", cex=sqrt(pops2$Plants))
```

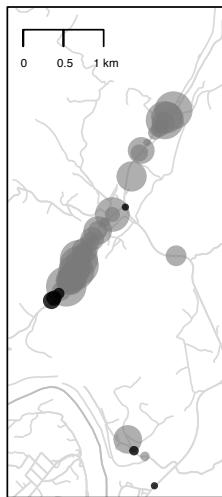
```
points(pops2$W, pops2$N, pch=20, col=as.numeric(pops2$Subsection),  
cex=sqrt(pops2$Plants))
```



Using Transparency

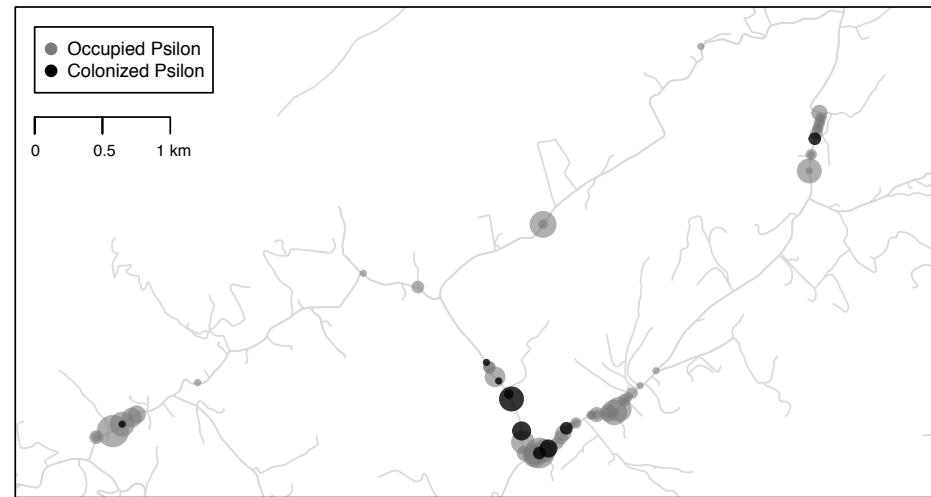
```
library(scales) #for transparency
```

```
points(slat08$Long, slat08$Lat, pch=pch20, col=c(alpha(slat08$col2,0.6), alpha(slat08$col2,0.8)), cex=sqrt(slat08$GenoPop))
```

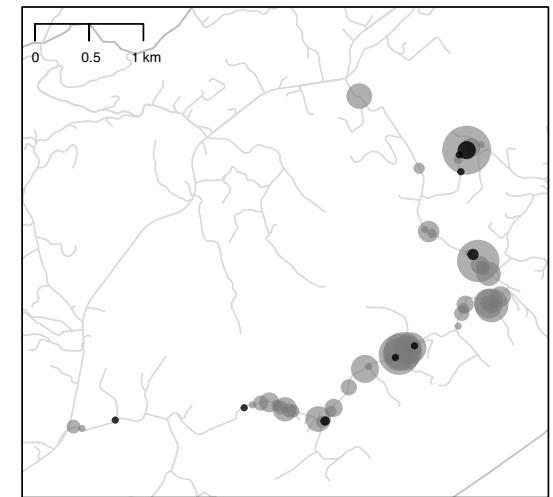


2008

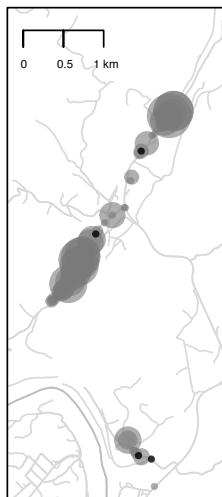
Section 2



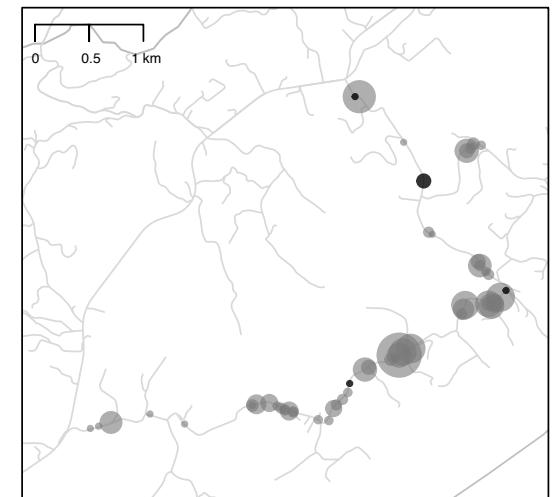
Section 6



Section 9



2010



● 1 plant
● 10 plants
● 20 plants

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floating.pie(5, 48, x=c(0.001,5), radius=5, col=c("orange", "blue"))
```

x position
(longitude)

y position
(latitude)

values for sectors
of the pie chart

radius of the pie chart
(i.e. scale by this size)

*Note: floating.pie cannot
accept zeros (when one pie
chart is of only one type)

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Libraries: 'mapplots' or 'plotrix'

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```
add.pie(x=2, y=48, z=c(4,10), radius=5)
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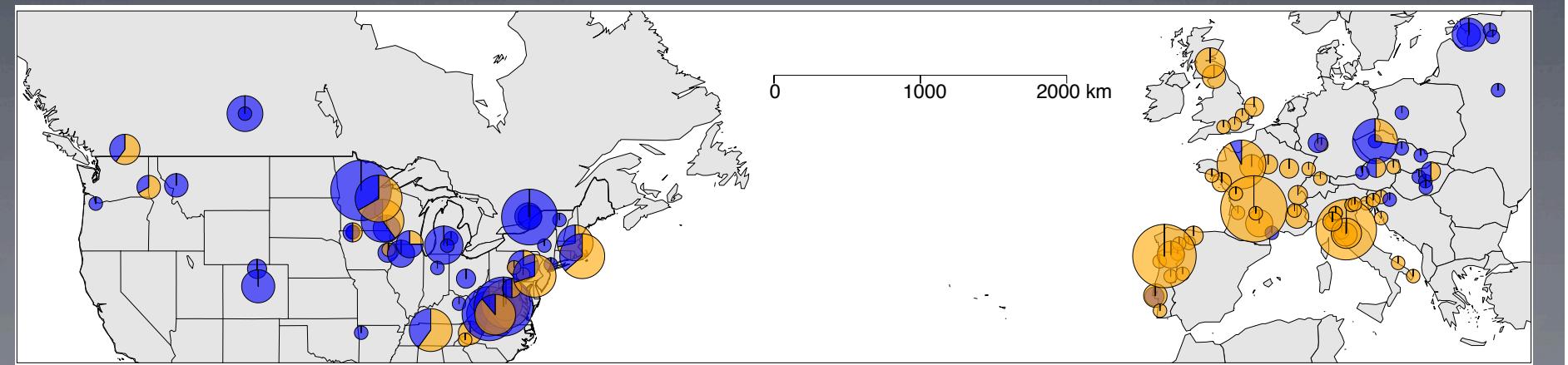
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Final Touches

- Print to a .pdf, arrange layout, create a border edge

```
pdf("~/Documents/My_Documents/UBC/Research/FieldWork/Summer2012/  
SamplingMap_PcontRange.pdf")
```

Make the map here

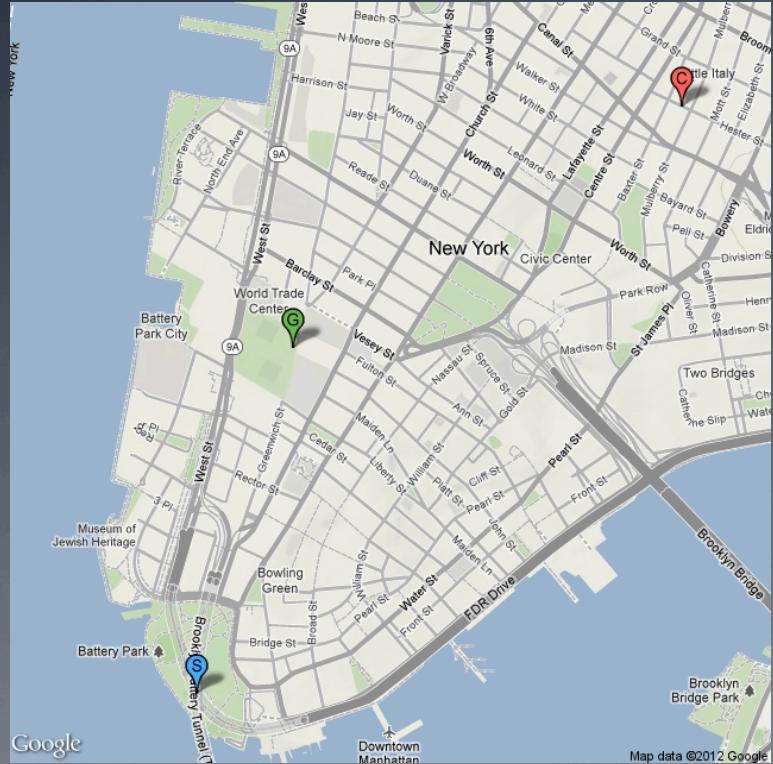
Can use “layout” settings to plot multiple maps together

```
box() #put a box around the map
```

```
dev.off()
```

'RgoogleMaps'

A package in R to plot data onto maps from Google



I'm still new at RgoogleMaps...

Two main functions:

GetMap()

GetMap.bbox()

The second one takes care of some of the overhead

Plots straight to an output file

Not sure about shapefiles yet

Another map of BC

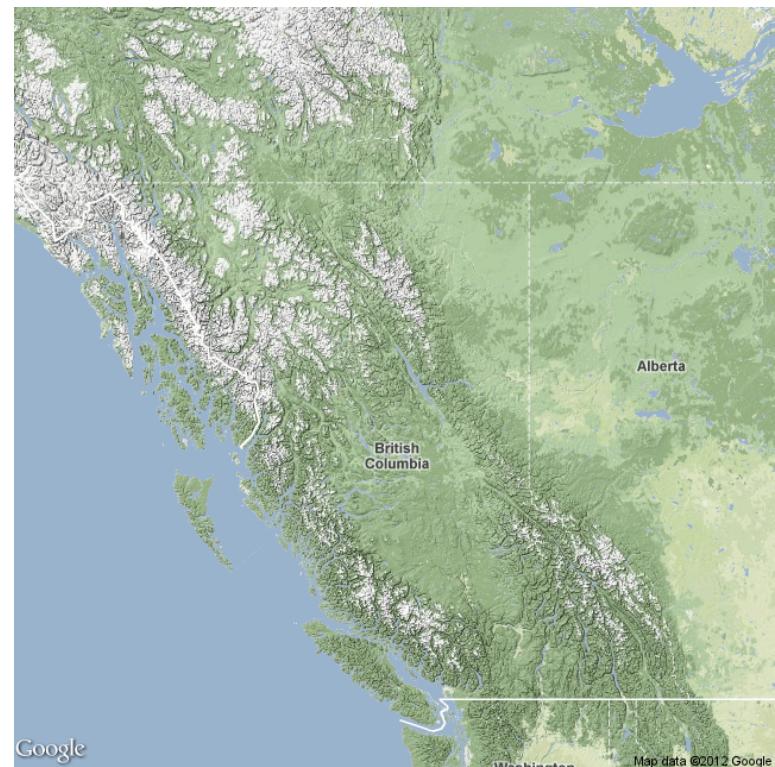
```
#define our map's range
lat <- c(48,64)
lon <- c(-140,-110)

#tell what point to center on
center = c(mean(lat), mean(lon))

#zoom: 1 = furthest out (entire globe),
#larger numbers = closer in
zoom <- 5

terrmap <- GetMap(
  center=center,
  zoom=zoom,
  maptype= "terrain",
  destfile = "terrain.png")

#lots of visual options for maptype, just like
#google maps: "roadmap", "mobile", "satellite",
#"terrain", "hybrid", "mapmaker-roadmap",
#"mapmaker-hybrid"
```



Add our data

```
samps <- read.csv("~/Documents/My Documents/UBC/Research/FieldWork/Summer2012/  
FieldData_2012.csv", header=TRUE, stringsAsFactors=T, strip.white=TRUE, na.strings=c("NA", "na",  
"nan", "inf", "", "."))  
  
#want to make a data frame of just points and their visualizations  
samps$size <- "small"  
samps$col <- "red"  
samps$char <- ""  
mymarkers <- cbind.data.frame(samps$lat, samps$lon, samps$size, samps$col, samps$char)  
names(mymarkers) <- c("lat", "lon", "size", "col", "char")  
mymarkers <- mymarkers[c(1:18,50:64),] #taking a subset because it craps out when I use all of  
the data
```

Plot our data

```
samps <- read.csv("~/Documents/My Documents/UBC/Research/FieldWork/Summer2012/  
FieldData_2012.csv", header=TRUE, stringsAsFactors=T, strip.white=TRUE, na.strings=c("NA", "na",  
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names(mymarkers) <- c("lat", "lon", "size", "col", "char")  
mymarkers <- mymarkers[c(1:18,50:64),] #taking a subset because it craps out when I use all of  
the data  
  
lat <- c(48,60)  
lon <- c(-140,-110)  
center = c(mean(lat), mean(lon))  
zoom <- 5  
satclose <- GetMap.bbox(lonR= range(lon),  
latR= range(lat),  
center= c(50, -122),  
destfile= "satclose.png",  
markers= mymarkers,  
zoom=8,  
maptype="satellite")
```

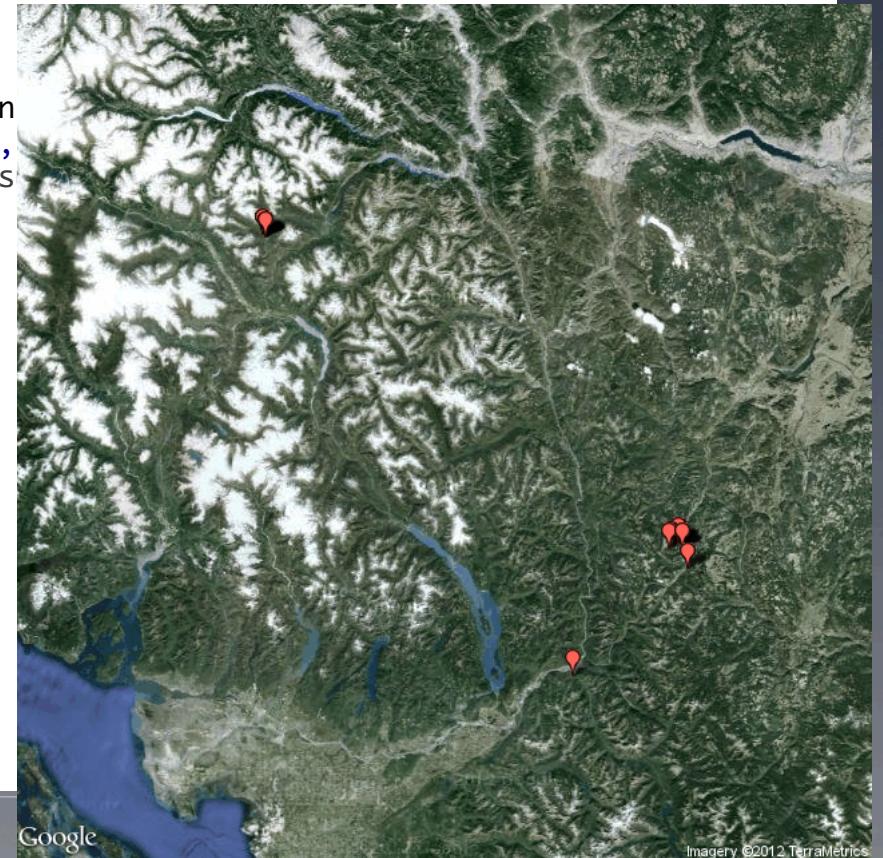
Plot our data

```
samps <- read.csv("~/Documents/My Documents/UBC/Research/FieldWork/Summer2012/FieldData_2012.csv", header=TRUE, stringsAsFactors=T, strip.white=TRUE, na.strings=c("NA", "na", "nan", "inf", "", "."))

#want to make a data frame of just points and their visualizations
samps$size <- "small"
samps$col <- "red"
samps$char <- ""

mymarkers <- cbind.data.frame(samps$lat, samps$lon)
names(mymarkers) <- c("lat", "lon", "size", "col",
mymarkers <- mymarkers[c(1:18,50:64),] #taking a slice
the data

lat <- c(48,60)
lon <- c(-140,-110)
center = c(mean(lat), mean(lon))
zoom <- 5
satclose <- GetMap.bbox(lonR= range(lon),
latR= range(lat),
center= c(50, -122),
destfile= "satclose.png",
markers= mymarkers,
zoom=8,
maptype="satellite")
```

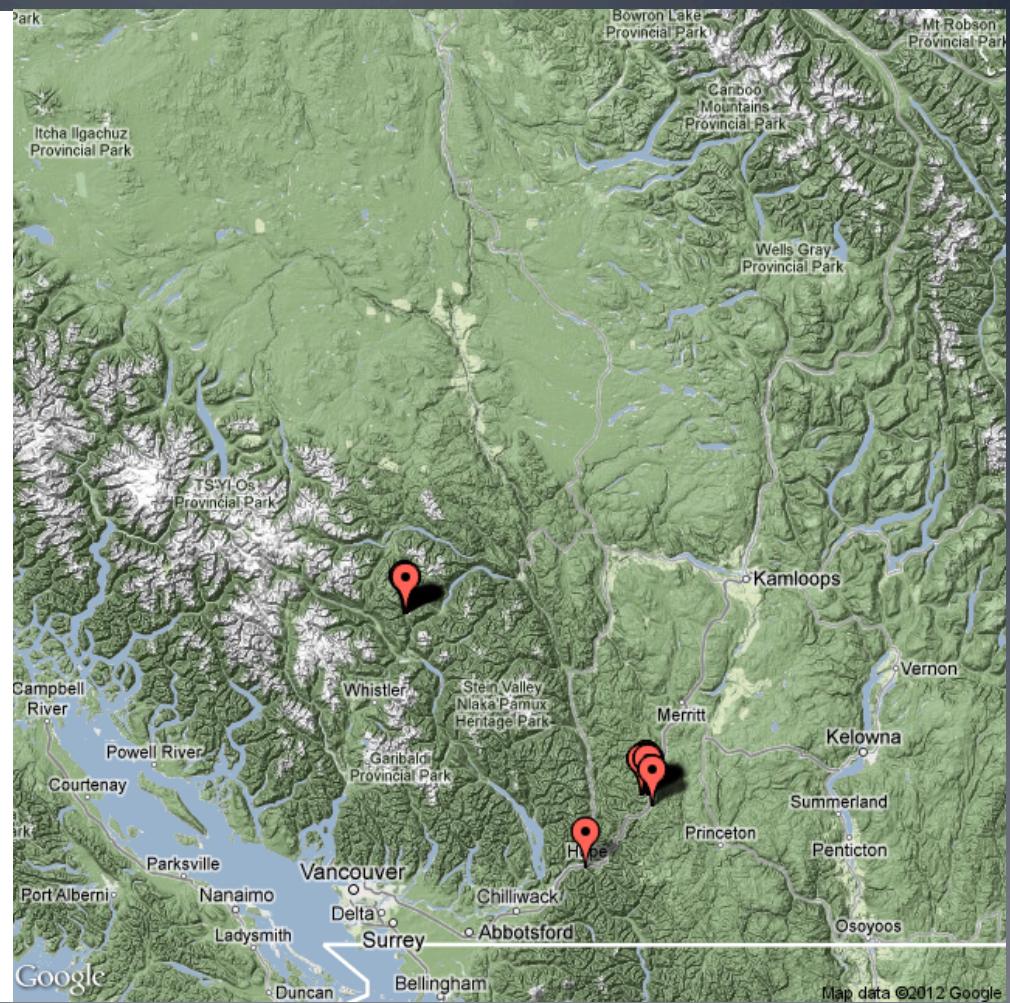


Another version

```
samps$size <- "large"
```

```
lat <- c(48,60)
lon <- c(-140,-110)
center = c(mean(lat), mean(lon))
zoom <- 5
```

```
terrfar <- GetMap.bbox(
  lonR= range(lon),
  latR= range(lat),
  center= c(51, -122),
  destfile= "terrfar.png",
  markers= mymarkers2,
  zoom=7,
  maptype="terrain")
```



And the best part about R,
there will be more every day!
