






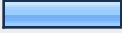











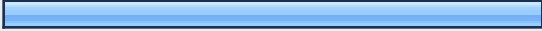






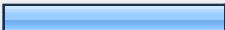


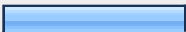
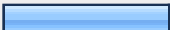




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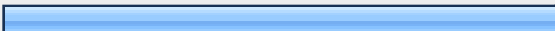




1. How necessary is TAIR and the data it contains for your research or teaching?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Essential		69.0%	232
Very useful		21.4%	72
Useful		6.3%	21
Somewhat useful		3.0%	10
Not needed at all		0.3%	1
		answered question	336
		skipped question	0

2. Number of people in your lab group or research unit?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1-5		32.7%	110
6-10		37.8%	127
11-20		17.9%	60
21+		10.7%	36
does not apply		0.9%	3
		answered question	336
		skipped question	0

3. What is your current position?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Professor (assistant, associate or full)		45.2%	152
Lecturer (college or university)		3.6%	12
Research group leader		11.9%	40
Postdoc		20.2%	68
Other researcher		3.9%	13
Graduate student (Master's or PhD degree candidate)		12.5%	42
Undergraduate student (working toward Bachelor's degree)		0.9%	3
Teacher (elementary, middle or high school)		0.3%	1
Other (please specify)		1.5%	5
		answered question	336
		skipped question	0

4. Which of the following categories best describes your workplace?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Academic institution		83.0%	279
Nonprofit research institution		11.3%	38
Government agency		4.5%	15
Company		0.3%	1
Other (please specify)		0.9%	3
		answered question	336
		skipped question	0

5. What is your geographic location?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
USA		33.9%	114
other North America		6.0%	20
Central or South America		3.0%	10
Europe		27.7%	93
Asia		25.3%	85
Africa		0.6%	2
Middle East		1.8%	6
Australia/New Zealand		1.2%	4
Other (please specify)		0.6%	2
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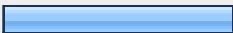



6. Which best describes your main daily activity?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Carry out or supervise laboratory or field experiments		85.1%	286
Carry out or supervise bioinformatics or computational biology work		3.3%	11
Coursework and study		3.0%	10
Teaching		4.2%	14
Other (please specify)		4.5%	15
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7. Which organisms are the focus of your research or teaching? Please choose up to five species in order of importance

Your research organisms

	Arabidopsis thaliana	Arabidopsis relatives	Brassica species	rice (Oryza)	tobacco (Nicotiana)	tomato (Lycopersicon)
Most important	71.6% (239)	0.9% (3)	2.1% (7)	2.7% (9)	0.3% (1)	3.0% (10)
Second	18.7% (56)	10.0% (30)	4.3% (13)	9.7% (29)	11.7% (35)	6.0% (18)
Third	10.1% (23)	4.8% (11)	7.0% (16)	11.5% (26)	15.0% (34)	4.4% (10)
Fourth	3.9% (5)	2.3% (3)	3.9% (5)	11.7% (15)	14.1% (18)	6.3% (8)
Fifth	4.5% (4)	2.2% (2)	3.4% (3)	6.7% (6)	5.6% (5)	9.0% (8)


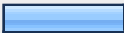
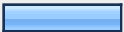
8. How often do you use the following resources to find Arabidopsis data?						
	Most weekdays	Once a week or more	Once a month or more	Once a year or more	Never	Response Count
TAIR	40.1% (132)	34.7% (114)	18.5% (61)	5.8% (19)	0.9% (3)	329
GenBank/EMBL/DDBJ	25.1% (79)	39.4% (124)	24.4% (77)	7.6% (24)	3.5% (11)	315
Entrez Gene (NCBI)	39.5% (122)	33.7% (104)	18.1% (56)	5.5% (17)	3.2% (10)	309
Swiss-Prot/UniProt	6.6% (19)	20.3% (58)	32.2% (92)	27.6% (79)	13.3% (38)	286
AmiGO/GOOSE	0.4% (1)	4.6% (12)	10.4% (27)	18.5% (48)	66.2% (172)	260
SIGnAL/Salk	11.5% (34)	26.0% (77)	29.1% (86)	18.6% (55)	14.9% (44)	296
JCVI/TIGR	5.5% (15)	13.6% (37)	27.6% (75)	27.6% (75)	25.7% (70)	272
NASC/AtEnsembl	5.4% (15)	14.1% (39)	20.2% (56)	25.3% (70)	35.0% (97)	277
MIPS/MAtdB	4.4% (12)	11.1% (30)	19.3% (52)	27.8% (75)	37.4% (101)	270
AtGDB	3.7% (10)	14.6% (39)	20.2% (54)	20.6% (55)	40.8% (109)	267
KEGG	0.8% (2)	8.3% (22)	19.2% (51)	27.8% (74)	44.0% (117)	266
RIKEN/RARGE	0.7% (2)	7.3% (20)	22.0% (60)	32.2% (88)	37.7% (103)	273
MPSS Plus	2.3% (6)	5.4% (14)	13.8% (36)	21.5% (56)	57.1% (149)	261
ATIDB	2.0% (5)	6.0% (15)	14.9% (37)	16.9% (42)	60.2% (150)	249
Internal database not publicly available	8.3% (21)	11.5% (29)	9.5% (24)	10.7% (27)	59.9% (151)	252
AraCyc	1.5% (4)	7.5% (20)	17.2% (46)	28.1% (75)	45.7% (122)	267
Other (please specify)						22
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	skipped question					0


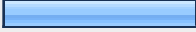
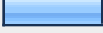


9. Can you estimate the amount of time TAIR saves you in a typical week? (In other words, how much additional time would it take you if you needed to get information on Arabidopsis from other public resources?)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
less than 10 minutes per week		10.1%	34
10 minutes - 1 hour per week		26.5%	89
1 - 3 hours per week		35.1%	118
4 - 8 hours per week		13.4%	45
Over 8 hours per week		10.7%	36
Other (please specify)		4.2%	14
	<i>answered question</i>		336
	<i>skipped question</i>		0

10. Which of the following activities do you think should be TAIR's top five priorities?						
	First priority	Second priority	Third priority	Fourth priority	Fifth priority	Response Count
Extracting Arabidopsis gene function data from published research articles	41.8% (110)	21.7% (57)	18.3% (48)	9.1% (24)	9.1% (24)	263
Extracting Arabidopsis mutant phenotypes and allele names from published research articles	19.5% (44)	36.7% (83)	20.8% (47)	15.0% (34)	8.0% (18)	226
Updating Arabidopsis gene structures (adding new genes and splice variants, correcting errors in gene structures)	26.0% (59)	28.6% (65)	26.9% (61)	11.5% (26)	7.0% (16)	227
Updating the Arabidopsis genome sequence to correct sequencing errors	22.4% (36)	18.6% (30)	15.5% (25)	26.7% (43)	16.8% (27)	161
Integrating community submissions of gene function, gene structure and other data (including gene families, markers, polymorphisms, gene symbols) into TAIR	23.0% (47)	14.2% (29)	22.1% (45)	19.1% (39)	21.6% (44)	204
Providing access to sequence data for Arabidopsis ecotypes	10.6% (13)	13.0% (16)	17.1% (21)	30.9% (38)	28.5% (35)	123
Providing access to data for close Arabidopsis relatives including Arabidopsis lyrata, Capsella rubella and Brassica species	5.7% (3)	9.4% (5)	30.2% (16)	26.4% (14)	28.3% (15)	53
Providing access to data for other plant species (rice, maize, grape, poplar, etc)	2.3% (2)	14.9% (13)	21.8% (19)	25.3% (22)	35.6% (31)	87
Providing links to other useful resources (Arabidopsis eFP Browser, Genevestigator, SiGnAL, etc)	5.9% (7)	7.6% (9)	16.8% (20)	33.6% (40)	36.1% (43)	119
Providing tools for visualizing or analyzing data that were previously developed by other groups (e.g. GBrowse, BioMart, Nbrowse protein interaction viewer)	5.7% (5)	15.9% (14)	13.6% (12)	30.7% (27)	34.1% (30)	88

Building novel tools to visualize or analyze data in new ways	10.0% (6)	11.7% (7)	21.7% (13)	25.0% (15)	31.7% (19)	60
Providing an email helpdesk service for locating and using Arabidopsis data and tools	0.0% (0)	9.5% (2)	14.3% (3)	14.3% (3)	61.9% (13)	21
Other (please specify)						4
	<i>answered question</i>					336
	<i>skipped question</i>					0

11. Which of the following aspects of TAIR's current free access model do you feel are important to preserve?						
	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Unimportant	Don't know	Response Count
No login required to access TAIR data, facilitating free exploration by researchers and students who don't yet know what data is available in TAIR	67.7% (224)	18.7% (62)	9.4% (31)	3.3% (11)	0.9% (3)	331
TAIR data freely available to companies	12.3% (37)	12.3% (37)	20.9% (63)	34.2% (103)	20.3% (61)	301
TAIR genome releases (new genes, new and updated splice forms) freely propagated to other resources such as GenBank, SIGnAL, UniProt, etc.	49.4% (158)	37.5% (120)	10.0% (32)	0.9% (3)	2.2% (7)	320
TAIR gene function information (gene description, GO annotations, expression pattern, gene symbols, phenotypes) freely propagated to other resources such as GenBank, SIGnAL, UniProt, etc.	54.5% (177)	32.0% (104)	9.5% (31)	2.2% (7)	1.8% (6)	325
Equal access to TAIR data for all users regardless of ability to pay, including researchers from developing countries, educators and students, and less frequent users of Arabidopsis data	59.8% (193)	24.8% (80)	8.0% (26)	3.7% (12)	3.7% (12)	323
TAIR's role as a central registry for AGI codes, gene symbols, genome sequence, etc., allowing the research community to share and integrate data based on universally accepted identifiers and genome coordinates	65.4% (208)	22.3% (71)	7.5% (24)	1.9% (6)	2.8% (9)	318
Keeping the TAIR site free of advertisements	18.3% (57)	17.9% (56)	26.6% (83)	28.5% (89)	8.7% (27)	312
Comment:						16
answered question						336
skipped question						0

12. Have you ever provided data to TAIR?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No		64.0%	215
Yes, I submitted data once		18.2%	61
Yes, I submitted data more than once		17.9%	60
		answered question	336
		skipped question	0

13. Would your willingness to submit your data to TAIR be affected if TAIR was no longer able to freely share your data with all researchers?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
I would be much less likely to submit data		38.1%	128
I would be somewhat less likely to submit data		29.5%	99
No effect on whether I would submit data		14.9%	50
I would be more likely to submit data		3.6%	12
Don't know		14.0%	47
		answered question	336
		skipped question	0

14. General suggestions and feedback on TAIR priorities and/or future bioinformatics needs of the plant biology community:

		Response Count
		65
	<i>answered question</i>	65
	<i>skipped question</i>	271