

Metrics for Recorder behaviour

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Metrics

We are going to split metric into three broad groups: *Engagement profile*, *Spatial*, and *Taxanomic*

Engagement Profile Metrics

Spatial Metrics

Taxanomic Metrics

These metric relate the the species that people record

Taxanomic Breadth

This is simply a measure of the proportion of taxa a person has recorded. Note this is going to be correlated to the number of records.

```
taxa_breadth <- function(data, recorder_name,
                        sp_col = 'default_common_name',
                        recorder_col = 'recorders'){

  data_rec <- data[data[,recorder_col] == recorder_name, c(sp_col, recorder_col)]

  return(data.frame(recorder = recorder_name,
                    taxa_breadth = length(unique(data_rec[,sp_col])),
                    taxa_prop = length(unique(data_rec[,sp_col]))/length(unique(data[,sp_col])),
                    n = nrow(data_rec)))
}

taxa_breadth <- do.call(rbind, lapply(unique(iRB$recorders), FUN = taxa_breadth, data = iRB))

temp <- taxa_breadth[taxa_breadth$n > 400, ]

# Lets have a look at some people who have recorded a lot
temp[order(temp$taxa_prop, decreasing = TRUE),]
```

##	recorder	taxa_breadth	taxa_prop	n
## 2	Roy, David	67	0.9710145	868
## 9	Warren, Martin	51	0.7391304	1666
## 4	Fox, Richard	48	0.6956522	864
## 1402	Saville, Simon	48	0.6956522	441
## 729	Cox, Steve	45	0.6521739	687
## 16	Allan, David	44	0.6376812	2081
## 1765	Steele, Andrew	42	0.6086957	499

## 12	Kilbey, Dave	41	0.5942029	794
## 574	fenn, paul	41	0.5942029	2239
## 659	Atkin, Paul	41	0.5942029	613
## 788	Pennington, Robert	40	0.5797101	432
## 2041	Shersby, Megan	38	0.5507246	478
## 2193	Gillie, Tony	38	0.5507246	660
## 1176	Hill, Brian	37	0.5362319	444
## 64	shilland, ewan	36	0.5217391	1292
## 183	Newbould, John	32	0.4637681	704
## 1067	Partridge, Francesca	32	0.4637681	1062
## 350	Sell, Claire	31	0.4492754	461
## 169	Hunter, Amends	30	0.4347826	729
## 356	Stewart, Tam	29	0.4202899	1444
## 334	Jones, Dave	23	0.3333333	1194
## 181	Checkley, Graham	22	0.3188406	1813
## 2920	Leaver, Kim	21	0.3043478	416

Species Rarity

We want to capture the rarity of the species that people record. For example are they just recording the common species or are they only recording the rare ones, or perhaps they are recording everything. Since we don't know the real frequency distribution we can only compare people to the global average in the dataset. We can look to see what the distribution of species rank for each recorder is and how this compares to all records. A recorder only interested in rare species will have a median rank higher than the average. A recorder only recording common species will have a value lower than the average.

```
# Lets look at a recorder
species_rank <- function(data, recorder_name,
                          sp_col = 'default_common_name',
                          recorder_col = 'recorders'){

  data <- data[,c(sp_col, recorder_col)]
  rank_species <- rank(abs(table(data[,sp_col]))-max(table(data[,sp_col]))))
  sp_counts <- table(data[,sp_col])

  rank_reps <- rep(rank_species, sp_counts)
  grand_median <- median(rank_reps)
  grand_sd <- sd(rank_reps)

  recorder_data <- data[data[,recorder_col] == recorder_name,]
  recorder_data$rank <- rank_species[recorder_data$default_common_name]

  return(data.frame(recorder = as.character(recorder_name),
                    median = median(recorder_data$rank),
                    median_diff = median(recorder_data$rank) - grand_median,
                    stdev = sd(recorder_data$rank),
                    n = nrow(recorder_data)))
}

rarity_preference <- do.call(rbind, lapply(unique(iRB$recorders), FUN = species_rank, data = iRB))

temp <- rarity_preference[rarity_preference$n > 400, ]
```

```
# Lets have a look at some people who have recorded a lot
temp[order(temp$median_diff, decreasing = TRUE),]
```

##	recorder	median	median_diff	stdev	n
## 1402	Saville, Simon	13	5	12.374296	441
## 2	Roy, David	12	4	15.894358	868
## 356	Stewart, Tam	12	4	10.221537	1444
## 9	Warren, Martin	11	3	10.898222	1666
## 659	Atkin, Paul	11	3	9.668459	613
## 181	Checkley, Graham	10	2	7.082567	1813
## 64	shilland, ewan	9	1	8.128562	1292
## 169	Hunter, Amands	9	1	7.166763	729
## 183	Newbould, John	9	1	8.056680	704
## 574	fenn, paul	9	1	8.826334	2239
## 1176	Hill, Brian	9	1	9.552423	444
## 2041	Shersby, Megan	9	1	8.531861	478
## 2193	Gillie, Tony	9	1	8.672914	660
## 4	Fox, Richard	8	0	9.941570	864
## 12	Kilbey, Dave	8	0	9.123507	794
## 350	Sell, Claire	8	0	8.710295	461
## 729	Cox, Steve	8	0	9.393764	687
## 788	Pennington, Robert	8	0	8.709649	432
## 1765	Steele, Andrew	8	0	9.155960	499
## 16	Allan, David	6	-2	8.076737	2081
## 334	Jones, Dave	6	-2	5.009584	1194
## 1067	Partridge, Francesca	6	-2	7.018191	1062
## 2920	Leaver, Kim	5	-3	4.625817	416

Here `median_diff` gives the difference between the grand median for all records and the recorders median. This suggests Roy, David prefers to record rare species and Leaver, Kim prefers to record common species.