An Introduction to the taxize package

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1 Phylomatic

1.1 Fetch a phylogenetic tree from Phylomatic

```
require(taxize)

## Loading required package: taxize

## Loading required package: rentrez

## Loading required package: RCurl

## Loading required package: bitops

## Loading required package: XML

## Loading required package: ritis

mytree <- "asteraceae/bidens/bidens_cernua\nasteraceae/madia/madia_exigua\nasteraceae/helian
```

1.1.1 Return a tree in the phylo object format

```
phylomatic_tree(mytree, "TRUE", "GET", "xml", "TRUE")

##
## Phylogenetic tree with 3 tips and 2 internal nodes.
##
## Tip labels:
```

```
## [1] "bidens_cernua" "madia_exigua" "helianthus_annuus"
## Node labels:
## [1] "euphyllophyte" ""
##
## Rooted; includes branch lengths.
```

1.1.2 Return a tree in the phylo object format, using POST method

```
phylomatic_tree(mytree, "TRUE", "POST", "xml", "TRUE")

##
## Phylogenetic tree with 3 tips and 2 internal nodes.
##
## Tip labels:
## [1] "bidens_cernua" "madia_exigua" "helianthus_annuus"
## Node labels:
## [1] "euphyllophyte" ""
##
## Rooted; includes branch lengths.
```

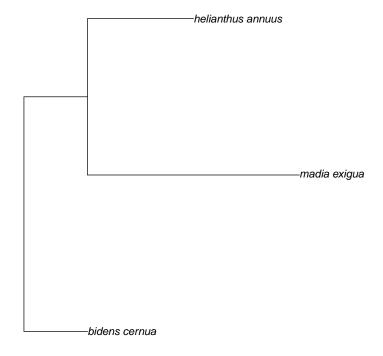
1.1.3 Return tree in newick format

```
phylomatic_tree(mytree, "TRUE", "GET", "new", "FALSE")
## [1] "(bidens_cernua:3.000000, (madia_exigua:10.000000, helianthus_annuus:5.000000):3.000000
```

1.2 Get a tree in newick format, read using ape::read.tree, and plot

```
tree <- phylomatic_tree(mytree, "TRUE", "POST", "new", "FALSE")
require(ape)

## Loading required package: ape
treephylo <- read.tree(text = tree)
plot(treephylo)</pre>
```



2 Integrated Taxonomic Information Service (ITIS)

2.1 Search by term and search type

Note: TSN stands for Taxonomic Serial Number

```
doc <- itis_get_xml("dolphin", "comname", "name")
doc <- itis_get_xml("grizzly bear", "comnameend", "name")
doc <- itis_get_xml("ursidae", "itistermssciname", "name")</pre>
```

```
doc <- itis_get_xml("Plethodon")</pre>
head(itis_parse(doc))
##
                       sci
                               com
                                      tsn
## 1 Monophyllus plethodon 180073 180073
## 2
                 Plethodon 173648 173648
## 3
          Plethodon aeneus 208328 208328
## 4 Plethodon ainsworthi 668315 668315
## 5
        Plethodon albagula 208278 208278
## 6
          Plethodon amplus 668316 668316
```

2.3 Show higher taxonomy for a given TSN

```
classification(685566, ID = "tsn")
## [[1]]
##
                                   tsn
          rank
                          taxon
                       Animalia 685566
## 1
       Kingdom
## 2
       Phylum
                       Chordata 202423
## 3 Subphylum
                     Vertebrata 158852
## 4
         Class
                       Amphibia 331030
## 5
         Order
                        Caudata 173420
## 6
        Family Plethodontidae 173584
## 7 Subfamily
                Plethodontinae 173631
## 8
         Genus
                      Plethodon 550197
## 9
       Species Plethodon asupak 173648
```

2.4 Get a TSN from a species name

```
tsn <- get_tsn(searchterm = "Quercus_douglasii", searchtype = "sciname")</pre>
##
## Retrieving data for species ' Quercus_douglasii '
# use classification with get_tsn together:
classification(tsn)
## $`1`
##
               rank
                                 taxon
                                          tsn
## 1
            Kingdom
                               Plantae 19322
## 2
                       Viridaeplantae 202422
         Subkingdom
## 3
       Infrakingdom
                         Streptophyta 846492
```

```
## 4
           Division
                         Tracheophyta 846494
## 5
        Subdivision
                      Spermatophytina 846496
## 6
     Infradivision
                         Angiospermae 846504
## 7
              Class
                        Magnoliopsida 846505
## 8
         Superorder
                              Rosanae 18063
## 9
              Order
                              Fagales 846548
## 10
             Family
                             Fagaceae 19273
## 11
              Genus
                              Quercus
                                        19275
## 12
            Species Quercus douglasii
                                       19276
```

3 NCBI Taxonomy Browser

3.1 Get Unique Identifier

```
uids <- get_uid(c("Chironomus riparius", "Chaetopteryx"))</pre>
```

3.2 Retrieve classification for give UID

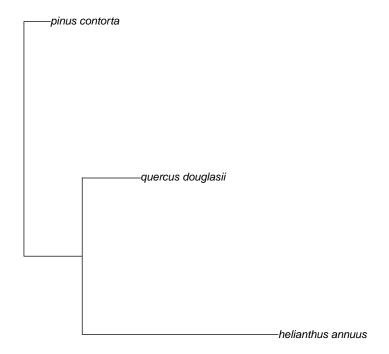
```
cl <- classification(uids)</pre>
cl
## [[1]]
##
                                                     UID
                  ScientificName
                                           Rank
## 1
                                       no rank 131567
              cellular organisms
## 2
                       Eukaryota superkingdom
                                                   2759
## 3
                    Opisthokonta no rank
                                                  33154
## 4
                                                 33208
                         Metazoa
                                       kingdom
                       Eumetazoa no rank
Bilateria no rank
Coelomata no rank
rotostomia no rank
## 5
                                                 6072
## 6
                                                 33213
## 7
                                                  33316
## 8
                     Protostomia
                                                  33317
## 9
                       Ecdysozoa
                                     no rank 1206794
## 10
                   Panarthropoda
                                      no rank
                                                 88770
## 11
                      Arthropoda
                                        phylum
                                                   6656
## 12
                     Mandibulata
                                       no rank 197563
## 13
                    Pancrustacea
                                       no rank 197562
## 14
                        Hexapoda
                                    superclass
                                                  6960
## 15
                         Insecta
                                                  50557
                                         class
## 16
                      Dicondylia
                                       no rank
                                                  85512
## 17
                       Pterygota
                                       no rank
                                                 7496
## 18
                        Neoptera
                                       subclass
                                                  33340
```

```
## 19
                   Endopterygota
                                    infraclass
                                                  33392
## 20
                          Diptera
                                          order
                                                   7147
## 21
                      Nematocera
                                       suborder
                                                   7148
## 22
                                                  43786
                    Culicimorpha
                                    infraorder
## 23
                   Chironomoidea
                                   superfamily
                                                  41828
## 24
                    Chironomidae
                                         family
                                                   7149
## 25
                                                  54970
                    Chironominae
                                     subfamily
## 26
                     Chironomini
                                          tribe
                                                  72530
## 27
                      Chironomus
                                                   7150
                                          genus
   28 Chironomus incertae sedis
                                       no rank 1165752
##
##
  [[2]]
##
          ScientificName
                                   Rank
                                             UID
## 1
      cellular organisms
                                no rank
                                          131567
  2
                Eukaryota superkingdom
                                            2759
## 3
             Opisthokonta
                                no rank
                                           33154
## 4
                  Metazoa
                                           33208
                                kingdom
## 5
                Eumetazoa
                                no rank
                                            6072
## 6
                Bilateria
                                           33213
                                no rank
## 7
                Coelomata
                                           33316
                                no rank
## 8
              Protostomia
                                no rank
                                           33317
## 9
                Ecdysozoa
                                no rank 1206794
## 10
            Panarthropoda
                                no rank
                                           88770
## 11
                                 phylum
               Arthropoda
                                            6656
              Mandibulata
## 12
                                no rank
                                          197563
## 13
             Pancrustacea
                                          197562
                                no rank
## 14
                 Hexapoda
                             superclass
                                            6960
## 15
                  Insecta
                                  class
                                           50557
## 16
               Dicondylia
                                           85512
                                no rank
## 17
                Pterygota
                                no rank
                                           7496
## 18
                 Neoptera
                               subclass
                                           33340
## 19
                                           33392
           Endopterygota
                             infraclass
## 20
        Amphiesmenoptera
                             superorder
                                           85604
## 21
              Trichoptera
                                  order
                                           30263
## 22
            Integripalpia
                               suborder
                                           93875
## 23
          Limnephiloidea
                            superfamily
                                           41033
## 24
            Limnephilidae
                                 family
                                           50645
## 25
            Limnephilinae
                              subfamily
                                          177669
## 26
         Chaetopterygini
                                  tribe
                                          492564
```

4 Using ITIS and Phylomatic together

4.1 Use ITIS and itis_get_phymat_format to format a string for each species to be submitted to Phylomatic

```
require(plyr)
## Loading required package: plyr
dat <- laply(list("36616", "19322", "183327"), itis_get_phymat_format, format = "rsubmit")</pre>
dat
## [1] "asteraceae%2Fhelianthus%2Fhelianthus_annuus"
## [2] "fagaceae%2Fquercus%2Fquercus_douglasii"
## [3] "pinaceae%2Fpinus%2Fpinus_contorta"
dat_mine <- paste(dat, collapse = "\0D\0A") # collapse and replace \n's
dat_mine
## [1] "asteraceae%2Fhelianthus%2Fhelianthus_annuus%0D%0Afagaceae%2Fquercus%2Fquercus_dougl
tree <- phylomatic_tree(dat_mine, "FALSE", "GET", "new", "TRUE")</pre>
tree
##
## Phylogenetic tree with 3 tips and 2 internal nodes.
##
## Tip labels:
## [1] "helianthus_annuus" "quercus_douglasii" "pinus_contorta"
## Node labels:
## [1] "euphyllophyte" ""
##
## Rooted; includes branch lengths.
plot(tree)
```



4.2 A somewhat realistic workflow

4.2.1 User's species list

4.2.2 Get TSN code for each species

```
tsns <- get_tsn(splist, "sciname")
##
## Retrieving data for species ' annona cherimola '</pre>
```

```
## Retrieving data for species ' annona muricata '
## Retrieving data for species ' shorea robusta '
## Retrieving data for species ' pandanus patina '
## Retrieving data for species ' durio zibethinus '

tsns

## [1] "506198" "18098" "506787" "507376" "506099"
## attr(,"class")
## [1] "tsn"
```

4.2.3 Get Phylomatic formatted strings for each species

```
dat <- laply(tsns, itis_get_phymat_format, format = "rsubmit")
dat

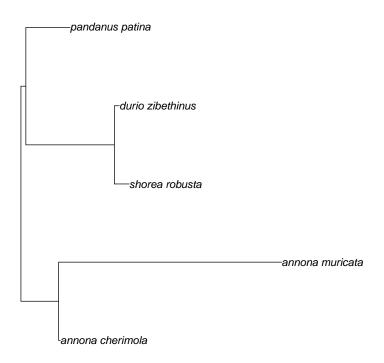
## [1] "annonaceae%2Fannona%2Fannona_cherimola"
## [2] "annonaceae%2Fannona%2Fannona_muricata"
## [3] "dipterocarpaceae%2Fshorea%2Fshorea_robusta"
## [4] "pandanaceae%2Fpandanus%2Fpandanus_patina"
## [5] "malvaceae%2Fdurio%2Fdurio_zibethinus"</pre>
```

4.2.4 Send strings to Phylomatic and return newick tree

```
tree <- phylomatic_tree(dat, "TRUE", "GET", "new", "TRUE")</pre>
tree
##
## Phylogenetic tree with 5 tips and 4 internal nodes.
##
## Tip labels:
## [1] "annona_cherimola" "annona_muricata"
                                              "shorea_robusta"
## [4] "durio_zibethinus" "pandanus_patina"
## Node labels:
## [1] "euphyllophyte"
                              "annona"
                                                     "poales_to_asterales"
## [4] ""
##
## Rooted; includes branch lengths.
```

4.2.5 Plot tree, etc.

plot(tree)



5 Taxonomic Name Resolution Service

5.1 Name matching using the TNRS

```
iplant_tnrsmatch("best", taxnames = c("helianthus annuus", "acacia", "saltea"),
    output = "names") # just best names

## Hitting the TNRS API and matching names...

## AcceptedName MatchFam MatchGenus MatchScore Accept?

## 1 Helianthus annuus Asteraceae Helianthus 1 No opinion

## 2 Acacia Fabaceae Acacia 1 No opinion
```

6 Global Names Resolver (GNR)

6.1 Get just id's and names of sources in a data.frame

6.2 Give me the id for EOL (Encyclopedia of Life)

```
out <- gnr_datasources(todf = TRUE)
out[out$title == "EOL", "id"]
## [1] 12</pre>
```

6.3 Fuzzy search for sources with the word "zoo"

```
out <- gnr_datasources(todf = TRUE)
outdf <- out[agrep("zoo", out$title, ignore.case = TRUE), ]
outdf[1:2, ]

## id title
## 20 100 Mushroom Observer
## 25 105 ZooKeys</pre>
```

6.4 Resolve some names

6.4.1 Search for *Helianthus annuus* and *Homo sapiens*, return a data.frame

6.4.2 Search for the same species, with only using data source 12 (i.e., EOL)

7 Tropicos

```
head(tp_getacceptednames(id = 25503923))
## http://services.tropicos.org/Name/25503923/AcceptedNames?apikey=e63f602b-f212-4c53-964c-
##
                                                                                                  variable
                                                                                                                                                                                               value category
## 1
                                                                                                          NameId
                                                                                                                                                                                  25503923 Synonym
                                                                      ScientificName
                                                                                                                                                                    Aira pumila Synonym
## 3 ScientificNameWithAuthors Aira pumila Pursh Synonym
## 4
                                                                                                           Family
                                                                                                                                                                                      Poaceae Synonym
## 5
                                                                                                           NameId
                                                                                                                                                                                  25509881 Accepted
## 6
                                                                      ScientificName
                                                                                                                                                                             Poa annua Accepted
head(tp_getsynonyms(id = 25509881))
{\it \#\# http://services.tropicos.org/Name/25509881/Synonyms?apikey=e63f602b-f212-4c53-964c-94e70}. {\it \#\# http://services.tropicos.org/Name/25509881/Synonyms.apikey=e63f602b-f212-4c53-964c-94e70}. {\it \#\# http://services.tropicos.org/Name/2509881/Synonyms.apikey=e63f602b-f212-4c53-964c-94e70. {\it \#\# http://services.tropicos.org/Name/2509881/Synonyms.apikey=e63f602b-f212-4c53-964c-94e70. {\it \#\# htt
##
                                                                                                  variable
                                                                                                                                                                                               value category
## 1
                                                                                                          NameId
                                                                                                                                                                                  25503923 Synonym
## 2
                                                                       ScientificName
                                                                                                                                                                     Aira pumila Synonym
```

```
## 3 ScientificNameWithAuthors Aira pumila Pursh Synonym
## 4 Family Poaceae Synonym
## 5 NameId 25509881 Accepted
## 6 ScientificName Poa annua Accepted
```

8 uBio

8.1 Search uBio using the namebank_search API method

```
ubio_namebank(searchName = "elephant", sci = 1, vern = 0)

## Error: object of type 'externalptr' is not subsettable
head(ubio_namebank(searchName = "Helianthus annuus", sci = 1, vern = 0)[, -c(2, 3)])

## Error: object of type 'externalptr' is not subsettable
out <- lapply(list("Helianthus debilis", "Astragalus aduncus"), function(x) ubio_namebank(searchName = 1, vern = 0))

## Error: object of type 'externalptr' is not subsettable
head(out[[2]][, -c(2, 3)]) # just Astragalus aduncus output

## Error: incorrect number of dimensions</pre>
```

9 IUCN Red List

9.1 Query the Red List API

```
ia <- iucn_summary(c("Panthera uncia", "Lynx lynx"))</pre>
```

9.2 Extract status

```
laply(ia, function(x) x$status)
## [1] "EN" "LC"
```

9.3 Extract Distribution