

Mini Project III - Tial and Jessica

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#load libraries for extracting inat data
library(tidyverse)
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-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr      1.1.4      v readr      2.1.5
v forcats    1.0.0      v stringr    1.5.1
v ggplot2     4.0.0      v tibble     3.3.0
v lubridate  1.9.4      v tidyr      1.3.1
v purrr       1.1.0
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to become
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library(rinat)
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#extract raw data of all observations
raw_obs <- get_inat_obs_project("st-olaf-natural-lands", type = "observations")
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9484 records

Getting records 0-200

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Getting records up to 3000

Getting records up to 3200

Getting records up to 3400

Getting records up to 3600

Getting records up to 3800

Getting records up to 4000

Getting records up to 4200

Getting records up to 4400

Getting records up to 4600

Getting records up to 4800

Getting records up to 5000

Getting records up to 5200

Getting records up to 5400

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Done.

```
#Created a new data frame called "obs_clean" from the previous data frame "raw_obs" which contains all records
obs_clean <- raw_obs |>
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#Using the select() function, we selected specific columns we want to include in our new data frame
obs_clean <- select(obs_clean, observed_on, description, latitude, longitude, species_guess, user_id, created_at, updated_at)
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#We used the mutate() function to modify specific columns.
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#The ymd() function converts date columns to follow this format: year-month-day
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#For the "created_at" and "updated_at" columns, we used the str_extract() function to isolate the date part
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#The parse_number() function extracts numeric values from "latitude" and "longitude" columns
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#Finally, the replace_na() function for the "species_guess" column to replace any "NAs" with "unknown"
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obs_clean <- mutate(obs_clean,
  observed_on = ymd(observed_on),
  latitude = parse_number(latitude),
  longitude = parse_number(longitude),
  created_at = ymd(str_extract(created_at, "\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2}")),
  updated_at = ymd(str_extract(updated_at, "\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2}")),
  species_guess = replace_na(species_guess, "unknown"))|>
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#Here, we used the rename() function to assign new names to specific columns.
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obs_clean <- rename(obs_clean,
  species = species_guess,
  location = place_guess,
  quality = quality_grade,
  URL = uri,
  id_agreements = num_identification_agreements,
  id_disagreements = num_identification_disagreements)
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#write_csv(obs_clean, "TJ_mini3")
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Variable Description Table : The variable descriptions come from the iNaturalist website: [\[https://www.inaturalist.org/terminology#num_identification_agreements\]](https://www.inaturalist.org/terminology#num_identification_agreements)

variable name	data type	description
observed_on	Date	The date of when the observation was made
description	Character	Comments/notes from the observer
latitude	Numeric	The latitude of the location where the observation was made
longitude	Numeric	The longitude of the location where the observation was made
species	Character	The name of the observed taxon
user_id	Integer	The identifier for the observer
created_at	Date	The date of when the observation was uploaded onto iNaturalist
updated_at	Date	The date of when the uploader updated their post
location	Character	The location of where the observation was made
id_agreements	Integer	The number of matching identifications made by either the observer or community members
id_disagreements	Integer	The number of identifications made by either the observer or community members that do not match
quality	Character	Observation grades based on accuracy, completeness, and relevance. The grades are separated into three categories: “needs ID,” “casual,” and “Research Grade.” Observations are marked as “needs ID” if the community has not agreed on an identification, but the observation is verifiable. Observations are marked as “casual” if the observation is not verifiable, either due to missing or unreliable information. Observations are marked as “Research Grade” if the community agrees on the species identification.
URL	Character	The link/URL to the observation
captive	Logical	Uses “True” or “False” to indicate whether the observed organism was intentionally placed there by humans (true) or if it is a wild organism (false)

We have also created a function that allows the user to choose a location and species which will output a cleaned dataset of all the observations of that species at that location. Example below searches for all observations of blue jays at St. Olaf College.

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inat_observations <- function(location, species) {
  raw_obs <- get_inat_obs_project(location, type = "observations")

  #Created a new data frame called "obs_clean" from the previous data frame "raw_obs" which
  obs_clean <- raw_obs |>

  #Using the select() function, we selected specific columns we want to include in our new data frame
  select(observed_on, description, latitude, longitude, species_guess, user_id, created_at, updated_at)

  #We used the mutate() function to modify specific columns.
  #The ymd() function converts date columns to follow this format: year-month-day
  #For the "created_at" and "updated_at" columns, we used the str_extract() function to isolate the date part
  #The parse_number() function extracts numeric values from "latitude" and "longitude" columns
  #Finally, the replace_na() function for the "species_guess" column to replace any "NAs" with "unknown"

  mutate(observed_on = ymd(observed_on),
         latitude = parse_number(latitude),
         longitude = parse_number(longitude),
         created_at = ymd(str_extract(created_at, "\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2}")),
         updated_at = ymd(str_extract(updated_at, "\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2}")),
         species_guess = str_to_lower(replace_na(species_guess, "unknown")))|>

  #Here, we used the rename() function to assign new names to specific columns.
  rename(species = species_guess,
         location = place_guess,
         quality = quality_grade,
         URL = uri,
         id_agreements = num_identification_agreements,
         id_disagreements = num_identification_disagreements) |>
  filter(species == {{species}})
  obs_clean
}

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inat_observations(location = "st-olaf-natural-lands", species = "blue jay")

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Done.

	observed_on		description
1	2025-10-22		
2	2024-09-16	blue jay and white-breasted nuthatch	
3	2023-11-20	Bird call, unsure of what kind.\n	
4	2023-05-09		<NA>
5	2023-03-21		<NA>
6	2023-03-23		<NA>
7	2022-05-11		<NA>
8	2022-05-22		<NA>
9	2021-05-13		<NA>
10	2021-04-29		<NA>
11	2021-05-01		<NA>
12	2020-09-10		<NA>
13	2020-09-21		<NA>
14	2020-09-23		<NA>
15	2017-06-16	Blue Jay\r\nSt Olaf Natural Lands\r\nNorthfield, Minnesota	
	latitude longitude	species user_id created_at updated_at	
1	44.45973 -93.18333	blue jay 5648252 2025-10-22 2025-10-22	
2	44.46429 -93.19521	blue jay 8578944 2024-09-16 2024-10-08	
3	44.46128 -93.19084	blue jay 7403700 2023-11-20 2024-08-09	
4	44.46445 -93.18122	blue jay 2473006 2023-05-23 2024-04-15	
5	44.46224 -93.18612	blue jay 6516520 2023-03-21 2023-03-25	

6	44.46460	-93.19078	blue jay	2473006	2023-04-18	2024-04-15		
7	44.45863	-93.18149	blue jay	2473006	2022-05-11	2024-04-15		
8	44.45436	-93.18884	blue jay	2473006	2022-05-23	2024-04-15		
9	44.46470	-93.18113	blue jay	2473006	2021-05-13	2024-04-15		
10	44.46699	-93.18192	blue jay	2473006	2021-04-29	2024-04-15		
11	44.46649	-93.19199	blue jay	2473006	2021-05-01	2024-04-15		
12	44.45878	-93.18093	blue jay	2473006	2020-09-11	2024-04-15		
13	44.46385	-93.18251	blue jay	2473006	2020-09-22	2024-04-15		
14	44.46223	-93.18427	blue jay	2473006	2020-09-24	2024-04-15		
15	44.46361	-93.17831	blue jay	65504	2017-06-16	2023-07-08		
			location	id_agreements	id_disagreements	quality		
1	St. Olaf College,	Northfield, MN, US		1		0 research		
2		Northfield, MN, US		2		0 research		
3	St. Olaf College,	Northfield, MN, US		3		0 research		
4		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		1		0 research		
5		Rice County, US-MN, US		2		0 research		
6		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		2		0 research		
7		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		2		0 research		
8		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		3		0 research		
9		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		2		0 research		
10		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		2		0 research		
11		Rice County, MN, USA		1		0 research		
12		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		1		0 research		
13		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		1		0 research		
14		Northfield, MN 55057, USA		1		0 research		
15	Northfield,	Minnesota, United States		3		0 research		
			URL	captive				
1	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/322475164		FALSE					
2	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/242103193		FALSE					
3	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/191608899		FALSE					
4	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/163357730		FALSE					
5	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/151872743		FALSE					
6	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/155543120		FALSE					
7	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/116613887		FALSE					
8	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/118325658		FALSE					
9	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/78590666		FALSE					
10	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/75652549		FALSE					
11	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/76139375		FALSE					
12	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/59185992		FALSE					
13	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/60447292		FALSE					
14	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/60645855		FALSE					
15	https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/6685055		FALSE					