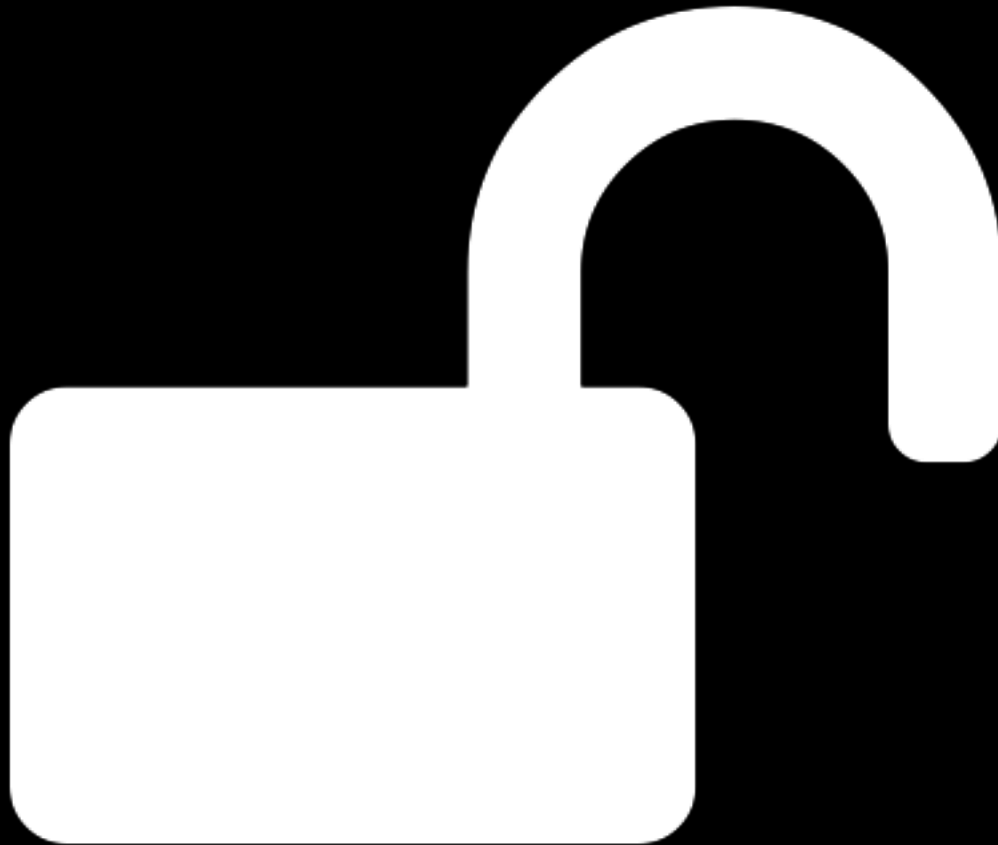


# R-based tools for open and collaborative science

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**Science needs to  
be more open**



# We build on the knowledge of others



<http://everyoneknowsbest.files.wordpress.com/2008/08/bodysculpture.jpg>

**Less mistakes**

**More things can happen  
b/c data is open**

**The public paid for it!**





**But we need tools to do it!!!!**



<http://www.fotopedia.com/items/flickr-4796633039>

# What kinds of tools? Not these



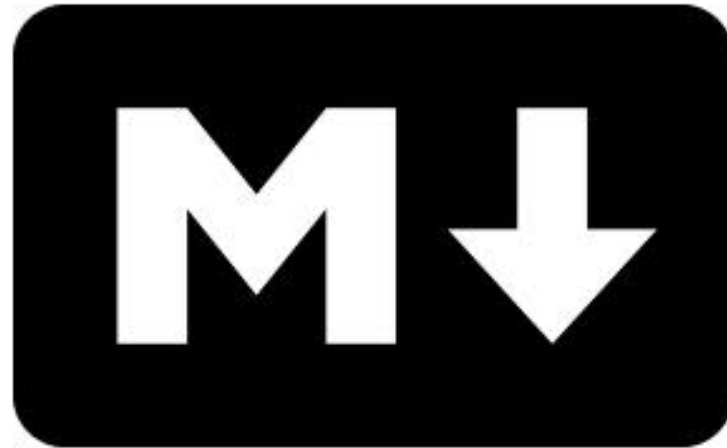
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**These!!!!!!**



python

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# What does an ecologist do?

- Collect data
- Manipulate data
- Visualize
- Analyze
- Write

**R is a good solution**



# Why?

- R is Open source = Free + Rapid change
- R = entire workflow in 1 place
- R = reproducible science

## Get some data from the web

```
library(RCurl); library(RJSONIO)
dat <- fromJSON(getURL("https://api.github.com/users/hadley/repos"))
```

## Manipulate the data

```
library(plyr); library(reshape2)
dat_melt <- melt(ldply(dat, function(x) data.frame(x[names(x) %in%
  c("name", "watchers_count", "forks")])))
```

## Run some statistical model

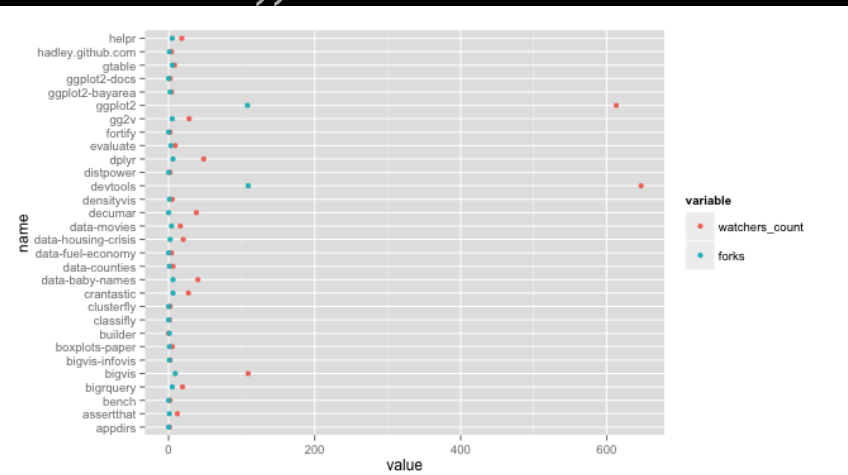
```
lm(value ~ variable, data = dat_melt)
```

## Visualize results

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(dat_melt, aes(name, value, colour = variable)) +
  geom_point() +
  coord_flip()
```

## Write the paper

```
# Introduction...
```



# Data increasingly on the web





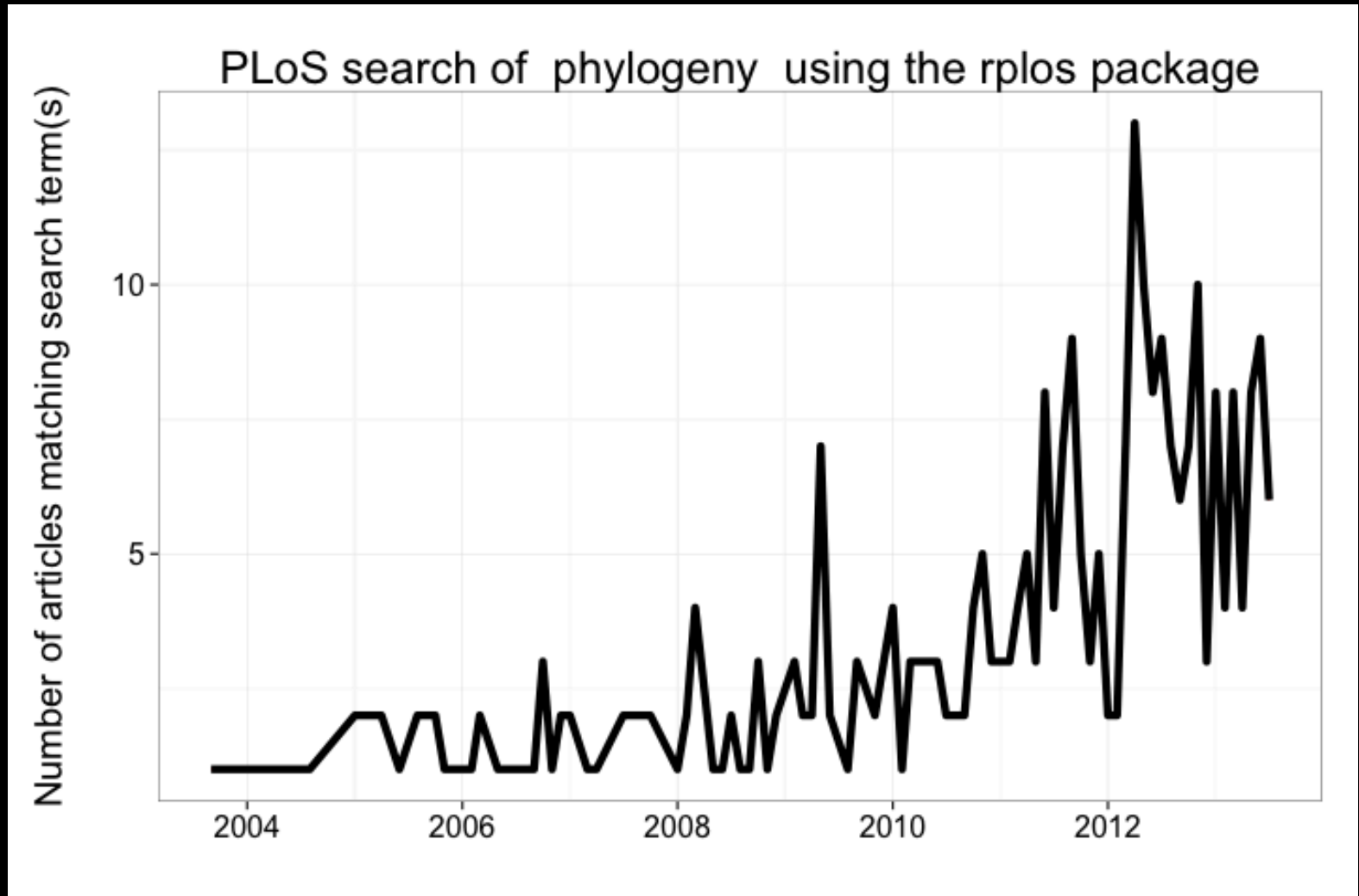
# The toolbelt



# Literature

```
library(rplos)
```

```
plot_throughtime('phylogeny', 300) + geom_line(size=2)
```



# Taxonomy

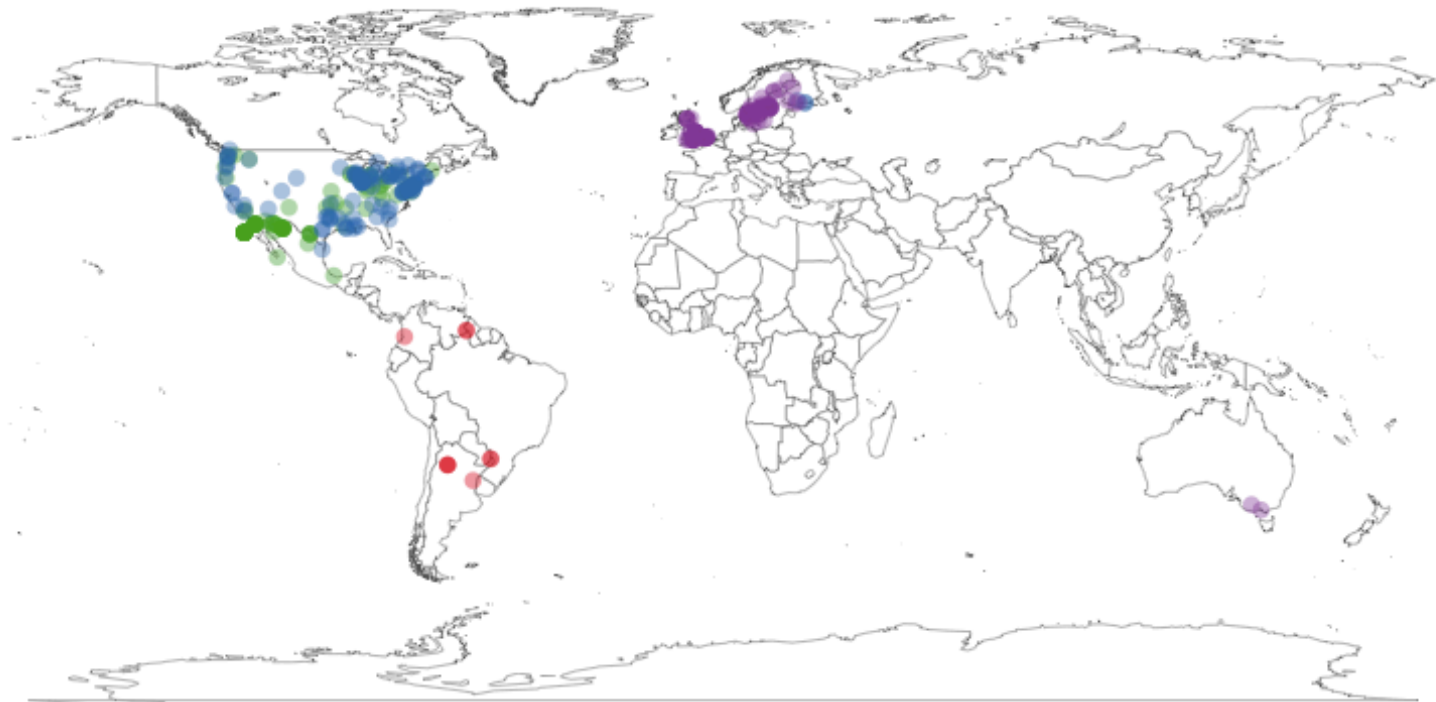
library(taxize)

classification("Abies procera", db = "itis")

rankName	taxonName	tsn
Kingdom	Plantae	202422
Subkingdom	Viridaeplantae	846492
Infrakingdom	Streptophyta	846494
Division	Tracheophyta	846496
Subdivision	Spermatophytina	846504
Infradivision	Gymnospermae	846506
Class	Pinopsida	500009
Order	Pinales	500028
Family	Pinaceae	18030
Genus	Abies	18031
Species	Abies procera	181835

# Species occurrences from GBIF

```
library(rgbif)
splist <- c('Accipiter erythronemius', 'Junco hyemalis', 'Aix sponsa', 'Podiceps cristatus')
out <- occurrence_list_many(splist)
gbifmap_list(out)
```



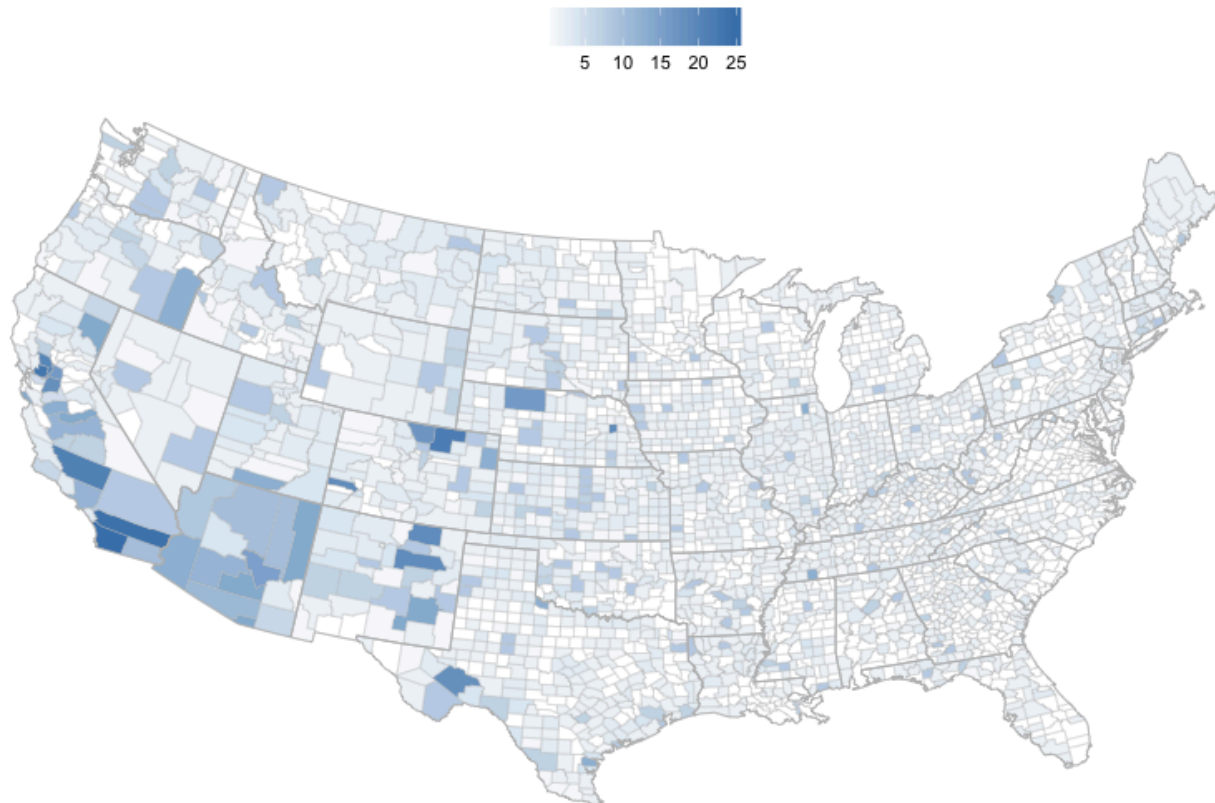
● Accipiter erythronemius ● Junco hyemalis  
● Aix sponsa ● Podiceps cristatus

# Occurrence from USGS's BISON service

```
library(rbison)
```

```
out <- bison(species="Helianthus annuus", count=500)
```

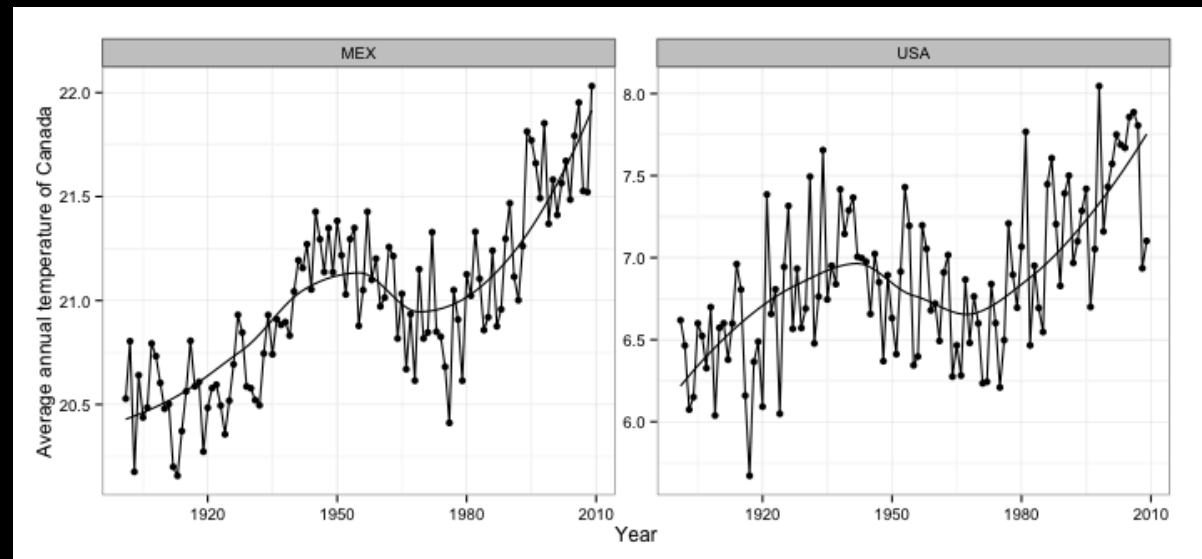
```
bisonmap(input=out, tomap="county")
```





# Climate data from the World Bank

```
library(rWBclimate)
country.list <- c("USA", "MEX")
country.dat <- get_historical_temp(country.list, "year")
ggplot(country.dat, aes(x = year, y = data, group = locator)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_path() +
  labs(y="Average annual temperature of Canada", x="Year") +
  theme_bw() +
  stat_smooth(se = F, colour = "black") +
  facet_wrap(~locator, scale = "free")
```



# Take action!



FontAwesome <http://fontawesome.github.io/Font-Awesome/>  
fontawesome 2 png <https://github.com/odyniec/font-awesome-to-png>  
Presentation available here: <http://bit.ly/16tuVbu>