Table 0.1: Data density information for trait dataset. Coverage describes the total proportional coverage at a site for which species were included in the analysis. Density values for each trait describe the proportional coverage at a site for which data for that trait were included in the analysis. N.B. leaf narrowness and wood density were not available for grasses or ferns; seed mass and flowering period were also not available for ferns.

site	coverage	$wood\ density$	max. height	seed mass	SLA	flowering period	$leaf\ narrowness$
1	0.98	0.615	1	0.846	1	0.923	0.692
2	0.959	0.333	1	0.667	1	0.667	0.333
3	0.949	0.455	1	0.727	1	0.727	0.545
4	0.903	0.4	1	0.867	1	0.867	0.6
5	0.968	0.455	1	1	1	1	0.545
6	0.964	0.7	1	1	1	1	0.7
7	1	0.5	1	1	0.9	1	0.7
8	1	0.529	1	0.882	1	0.882	0.765
9	0.988	0.474	1	0.842	1	0.842	0.737
10	0.976	0.583	1	0.917	1	0.917	0.667
11	0.96	0.188	1	1	0.938	1	0.688
12	0.992	0.381	1	0.952	0.952	0.952	0.714
13	0.935	0.55	0.95	0.9	1	0.9	0.7
14	1	0.636	1	1	1	1	1
15	0.963	0.455	1	0.909	0.909	0.909	0.727

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Table 0.2: Summary statistics for trait dataset. From left: minimum, maximum, mean and standard deviation.

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trait	min	max	mean	sd
Max. height (m)	0.2	50	10.47	13.18
Seed mass (mg)	0.04	323.99	16.55	45.06
SLA (m2 / kg)	1.41	63.27	17.93	14
Flowering period length (proportion of year)	0.17	1	0.45	0.24
Leaf narrowness (unitless ratio)	0.59	233.33	9.86	32.53
Wood density (g / cm 3)	0.33	0.95	0.61	0.13

Table 0.3: Importance of principal components PC1 PC5 from Principal Components Analysis of trait dataset, using species with data available for all traits (55 species).

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	PC6
Standard deviation	1.3938	1.0962	1.0827	0.9247	0.7438	0.52457
Proportion of variance	0.3238	0.2003	0.1954	0.1425	0.0922	0.04586
Cumulative proportion	0.3238	0.5240	0.7194	0.8619	0.9541	1

Table 0.4: Importance of principal components PC1 PC5 from Principal Components Analysis of trait dataset, using species with data available for SLA, maximum height, seed mass and flowering period length (97 species).

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	
Standard deviation	1.4160	1.0016	0.8326	0.54649	
Proportion of variance	0.5012	0.2508	0.1733	0.07466	
Cumulative proportion	0.5012	0.7520	0.9253	1	