

# Taxonomic Data with taxize

## Cheat Sheet



### Use Cases

#### Get taxonomic IDs

**taxize::get\_ids(name) /**  
**taxize::get\_colid(name)**

*Puma concolor* → 2435099  
*Ursus americanus* → 2433407  
*Quercus robur* → 2878688

#### Get correct spellings

**taxize::tnrs(names) /**  
**taxize::gnr\_resolve(names)**

*Pumma concolor* → *Puma concolor*

#### Retrieve higher taxonomic classification

**taxize::classification(names)**

Classification for *Chironomus riparius*

	name	rank	id
1	Animalia	Kingdom	22254411
2	Arthropoda	Phylum	22254412
3	Insecta	Class	22254618
4	Diptera	Order	22254663
5	Chironomidae	Family	22254676
6	Chironomus	Genus	22350527
7	Chironomus riparius	Species	8663146

#### Fetch all taxonomic names downstream from a target taxonomic group

**taxize::downstream(names)**

Species downstream from the genus *Apis*

	childtaxa_id	childtaxa_name	childtaxa_rank
1	6971712	Apis andreniformis	Species
2	6971713	Apis cerana	Species
3	6971714	Apis dorsata	Species
4	6971715	Apis florea	Species
5	6971716	Apis koschevnikovi	Species
6	6845885	Apis mellifera	Species
7	6971717	Apis nigrocincta	Species

### Data Sources (hyperlinked)

[Encyclopedia of Life](#)  
[Taxonomic Name Resolution Service](#)  
[Integrated Taxonomic Information Service](#)  
[Phylomatic](#)  
[uBio](#)  
[Global Names Resolver](#)  
[Global Names Index](#)  
[IUCN Red List](#)  
[Tropicos](#)  
[Plantminer](#)  
[Theplantlist](#)  
[Catalogue of Life](#)  
[Global Invasive Species Database](#)  
[National Center for Biotechnology Information](#)  
[CANADENSYS Vscan name search API](#)  
[International Plant Names Index \(IPNI\)](#)  
[Barcode of Life Data Systems \(BOLD\)](#)  
[National Biodiversity Network \(UK\)](#)

### Get taxonomic IDs

#### Options

- ☒ Interactively select names.
- ☒ Or, get back all names to process later.
- ☒ Or, get back certain records.

**taxize::get\_colid(id)**

If > 1 result, interactively select by row

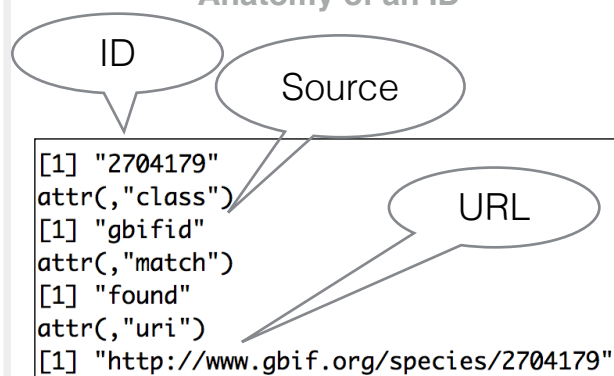
**taxize::get\_colid(id, rows = 1:4)**

Get rows 1 through 4

**taxize::get\_colid\_(id)**

Get all data

#### Anatomy of an ID



### Coerce to Taxonomic ID

With taxonomic IDs, you have a stable reference to a species for a specific source, and you can do many things in taxize with ids (See box to the right for examples).

From: numeric, character, list, or data.frame, e.g.:

**taxize::as.colid(8663146)**

#### Validate

Set **check=FALSE** to not check if ID is valid - if **TRUE** we ping the data source to make sure the ID is good.

**taxize::as.colid(8663146, check = FALSE)**

All **taxize::as.\*()** take one or many IDs

### Correct Names

#### Out of the box frameworks

**taxize::gnr\_resolve(names)**

**taxize::tnrs(names)**

Queries NCBI, Mammals dataset, and iPlant, only fuzzy matching on plants

**taxize::iplant\_resolve(names)**

iPlant has a nice name resolver - of course, it only works for plants

**Bonus:** **taxize::resolve(names)** is an interface to all three of the resolution functions

#### DIY correction

There are a lot of functions to search various taxonomic databases - they don't do name resolution per se. But you can use them to achieve the same end as the above functions. Some examples:

**taxize::col\_search(names)**

Get name synonyms

**taxize::nbn\_search(names)**

Search UK Nat. Biodiversity Network

**taxize::tp\_search(names)**

Search Tropicos

**taxize::gni\_search(names)**

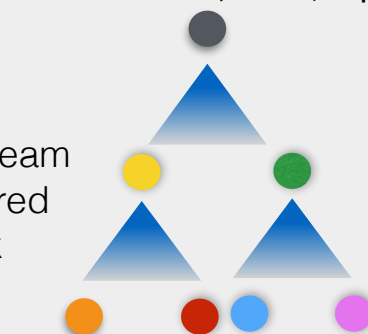
Search Global Names Index

### Down-/up-stream, children, and more

● Target Taxon

**taxize::downstream(name, "species")**

Downstream to desired rank



**taxize::children(names)**

Immediate children only



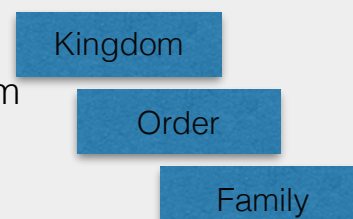
**taxize::upstream(names)**

Upstream to desired rank



**taxize::classification(names)**

All upstream names for given taxon



### Combine Classification Data

Stack vertically - rbind

**out <- taxize::classification(ids, db = "ncbi")**

**taxize::rbind(out)**

	name	rank	id
1	Animalia	Kingdom	22254411
2	Arthropoda	Phylum	22254412
3	Insecta	Class	22254618

Combine horizontally - cbind

**taxize::rbind(out)**

	kingdom	phylum	class	order
1	Protozoa	Euglenophycota	Euglenophyceae	Euglenales
2	Animalia	Platyhelminthes	Trematoda	Plagiorchiida