# Retrieving Accepted Names from Kew's Plants of the World and Assigning an IPNI Identification Number

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# Part 1: Getting POW Accepted Names and IPNI IDS for each Taxon

### Step 1: Set Up R

### Step 2: Read in a List of Species Names

```
### Read in a csv file with your species on it.
spplist <- read.csv("sample_spp_list.csv", header=T, sep=',', stringsAsFactors=F)
head(spplist, 25)</pre>
```

```
## 1
                                          Bignonia tweediana
## 2
                                      Dolichandra unguiscati
## 3
                                           Acacia farnesiana
## 4
                                                  Acacia koa
                                 Aristolochia philippinensis
                                        Breynia vitis-idaea
## 7
                                       Citrus "Shasta Gold"'
## 8
                                          Citrus unknownium
## 9
                                              Colysis ampla
                  Chamaecrista nictitans subsp. patellaria
## 10
## 11 Chamaecrista nictitans subsp. patellaria var. glabrata
## 12
                                           Crinum asiaticum
## 13
                         asystasia gangetica subsp micrantha
## 14
                                  Elaeocarpus angustifolius
## 15
         Fouquieria columnaris (Kellogg) Kellogg ex Curran
## 16
                                          Heliconia hirsuta
## 17
                                         Hibiscus columnaris
## 18
                                                Jasminum rex
## 19
                                             Melia azedarach
## 20
                                       Odontonema cuspidatum
## 21
                                      Phragmanthera capitata
## 22
                                        Pithecellobium dulce
## 23
                                            Stylurus banksii
## 24
                                          Tarenna cumingiana
## 25
                                         Vigna sandwicensiss
```

• In this sample data set of 25 taxa, I have included misspellings (e.g. Vigna sandwicensiss), subspecies (Chamaecrista nictitans subsp. patellaria), varieties (Chamaecrista nictitans subsp. patellaria var. glabrata), cultivars (Citrus 'Shasta Gold'), and things that likely won't get a database hit (Citrus unknownium). There's also an example of bad capitalization and punctuation (asystasia gangetica subsp micrantha) and an instance where the authority is included (Fouquieria columnaris (Kellogg) Kellogg ex Curran).

# Step 3: Make sure each name is a valid synonym (even if it's not the "accepted" name that you ultimately want)

• This step will also take care of misspellings and capitalizations of genus versus specific epithets

Checking for taxonomic reference databases; we're looking for The International Plant Names Index

```
gnr datasources()
## # A tibble: 100 x 12
    created_at data_hash data_url description
                                                 id logo url
     <chr> <lgl> <chr> <int> <lgl>
##
                         NA "[\"This r~ 1 NA NA The free s~ 2 NA
## 1 2012-07-0~ NA
## 2 2012-07-0~ NA
                                 The White ~
  3 2012-02-0~ NA
                         NA
                                                   3 NA
                                 The Nation~
  4 2012-02-0~ NA
                                                   4 NA
                         NA Classifica~

NA GRIN taxon~

NA This class~

NA The Interi~
  5 2012-02-0~ NA
                                                   5 NA
  6 2012-02-0~ NA
                                                  6 NA
  7 2012-02-0~ NA
                                                   7 NA
  8 2012-02-0~ NA
                                                   8 NA
                         NA
                               An authori~
An entity ~
## 9 2012-02-0~ NA
                                                   9 NA
## 10 2012-02-0~ NA
                         NA
                                                  10 NA
## # ... with 90 more rows, and 6 more variables: name strings count <int>,
## # refresh_period_days <int>, title <chr>, unique_names_count <int>,
## #
      updated_at <chr>, web_site_url <chr>
```

```
# IPNI is # 167
```

Now we run the Global Names Resolver, asking it only return the nearest matching IPNI name

```
gnr.long <- spplist$Taxa %>% gnr_resolve(data_source_ids = 167, best_match_only=T, with_canonical_ranks=T)
```

head(gnr.long)

- You can see that it returns a column called "matched\_name2" with the viable synonym.
- Because the Global Names Resolver can be time consuming for long species lists, it's probably wise to save the output as a csv.

# Step 4: Return an ID Number that Matches the Accepted Name (According to Plants of the World)

• this step will prompt you if the database is unsure about which name to return. You have to specify the row number of taxa you want to select as it runs through them.

```
#fetching IPNI ids from POW
pow.output <- get_pow(gnr.long$matched_name2, db = "pow", accepted = TRUE, ask = TRUE)

head(pow.output)

## [1] "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1"
## [2] "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1"
## [3] NA
## [4] "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:470659-1"
## [5] "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:93225-1"
## [6] "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:340112-1"</pre>
```

-You can see that and IPNI id has been returned in the "ids" column. -Because the get\_pow() function can be time consuming for long species lists, it's probably wise to save the output as a csv.

-Now to combine the IPNI IDs back to the original names

```
inputname_ID <- as.data.frame(cbind(gnr.long$user_supplied_name, gnr.long$matched_name2, pow.output$ids))

colnames(inputname_ID) = c("user_supplied_name", "matched_name2", "IPNI_ID")
head(inputname_ID)</pre>
```

```
user_supplied_name
                                                matched_name2
                                   Bignonia tweedieana
Dolichandra unguis-cati
'a farnesiana
## 1
              Bignonia tweediana
          Dolichandra unguiscati
## 2
## 3
             Acacia farnesiana
                                           Acacia farnesiana
## 4
                     Acacia koa
                                                   Acacia koa
## 5 Aristolochia philippinensis Aristolochia philippinensis
            Breynia vitis-idaea
                                        Breynia vitis-idaea
                                IPNI ID
## 1 urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1
## 2 urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1
## 3
## 4
     urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:470659-1
## 5
      urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:93225-1
     urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:340112-1
```

### Step 5: Separate the troublemakers

# Step 6: Use the IPNI ID to return data (name, rank, family, genus, native range, etc)

#### First, we'll get taxon name

```
#writing a function that will return the taxon name associated with the IPNI ID according to POW

Get_taxonname <- function(spnames) {
   temp <- c()
   temp <- pow_lookup(spnames)
   ifelse(is.null(temp$meta$name) == "TRUE", "ERROR", temp$meta$name)
   }

# applying the function to your list
POW.taxonname <- sapply(inputname_ID.NAsdrop$IPNI_ID[], Get_taxonname)</pre>
```

#### Second, we'll get family

POW.family <- sapply(inputname\_ID.NAsdrop\$IPNI\_ID[], Get\_family)

```
#writing a function that will return the family name associated with the IPNI ID according to POW

Get_family <- function(spnames) {
  temp <- c()
  temp <- pow_lookup(spnames)
  ifelse(is.null(temp$meta$family) == "TRUE", "ERROR", temp$meta$family)
  }

# applying the function to your list</pre>
```

#### Third, we'll get genus

```
#writing a function that will return the genus name associated with the IPNI ID according to POW
Get_genus <- function(spnames){
  temp <- c()
  temp <- pow_lookup(spnames)
  ifelse(is.null(temp$meta$genus) == "TRUE", "ERROR", temp$meta$genus)
  }
# applying the function to your list</pre>
```

```
# applying the function to your list
POW.genus <- sapply(inputname_ID.NAsdrop$IPNI_ID[], Get_genus)</pre>
```

#### Fourth, we'll get rank

```
#writing a function that will return the taxon rank associated with the IPNI ID according to POW
Get_taxonrank <- function(spnames) {
  temp <- c()
  temp <- pow_lookup(spnames)
  ifelse(is.null(temp$meta$rank) == "TRUE", "ERROR", temp$meta$rank)
  }

# applying the function to your list
# this will return a bunch of red text warnings, but disregard
POW.taxonrank <- sapply(inputname_ID.NAsdrop$IPNI_ID[], Get_taxonrank)</pre>
```

#### Fifth, we'll get author

```
#writing a function that will return the taxon rank associated with the IPNI ID according to POW
Get_author <- function(spnames){
  temp <- c()
  temp <- pow_lookup(spnames)
  ifelse(is.null(temp$meta$author) == "TRUE", "ERROR", temp$meta$author)
}

# applying the function to your list
# this will return a bunch of red text warnings, but disregard
POW.author <- sapply(inputname ID.NAsdrop$IPNI ID[], Get author)</pre>
```

# Step 7: combining the original names, IPNI IDs and other data into a single spreadsheet

```
#getting the data attached to the IPNI ID in one place
POWinput <- cbind(POW.family, POW.genus, POW.taxonname, POW.author, POW.taxonrank)
POWinput <- as.data.frame(POWinput)
head(POWinput)</pre>
```

```
POW.family POW.genus
                                                POW.taxonname
       Bignoniaceae Dolichandra Dolichandra unguis-cati
Bignoniaceae Dolichandra Dolichandra unguis-cati
Fabaceae Acaria Acaria koa
## 1
## 2
## 3
        Fabaceae Acacia
                                                  Acacia koa
## 4 Aristolochiaceae Aristolochia Aristolochia philippinensis
## 5 Phyllanthaceae Breynia Breynia vitis-idaea
     Polypodiaceae Leptochilus
## 6
                                          Leptochilus amplus
##
               POW.author POW.taxonrank
## 1
         (L.) L.G.Lohmann SPECIES
## 2
         (L.) L.G.Lohmann
                               SPECIES
## 3
                               SPECIES
                 A.Gray
## 4
                    Warb.
                               SPECIES
## 5 (Burm.f.) C.E.C.Fisch.
                               SPECIES
## 6 (F.Muell.) Noot.
                                SPECIES
```

```
POWAcc_IPNIid <- cbind(inputname_ID.NAsdrop, POWinput)
head(POWAcc_IPNIid)
```

```
user_supplied_name matched_name2
Bignonia tweediana Bignonia tweediana
Dolichandra unguiscati Dolichandra unguis-cati
Acacia koa Acacia koa
## 1
## 2
## 4
                         Acacia koa
                                                             Acacia koa
\#\# 5 Aristolochia philippinensis Aristolochia philippinensis
## 6 Breynia vitis-idaea Breynia vitis-idaea
## 2 urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1 Bignoniaceae Dolichandra
## 4 urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:470659-1 Fabaceae Acacia
       urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:93225-1 Aristolochiaceae Aristolochia
## 5
## 6 urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:340112-1 Phyllanthaceae Breynia
## 9 urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:17568150-1 Polypodiaceae Leptochilus
        POW.taxonname POW.author POW.taxonrank
Dolichandra unguis-cati (L.) L.G.Lohmann SPECIES
Dolichandra unguis-cati (L.) L.G.Lohmann SPECIES
Acacia koa A.Gray SPECIES
##
## 1
## 2
## 5 Aristolochia philippinensis
## 5 Aristolochia philippinensis Warb. SPECIES
## 6 Breynia vitis-idaea (Burm.f.) C.E.C.Fisch. SPECIES
## 9 Leptochilus amplus (F.Muell.) Noot. SPECIES
```

# Step 8: labelling the names that returned a duplicatedIPNI ID and POW taxonname

· this is especially useful if you have many synonymous names in your user supplied names list

```
POWAcc_IPNIid <- data.table( POWAcc_IPNIid )
POWAcc_IPNIid<- POWAcc_IPNIid[ , duplicateCount := 1:.N , by = "IPNI_ID" ]
head(POWAcc_IPNIid)</pre>
```

```
## 4: Aristolochia philippinensis Aristolochia philippinensis
## 5: Breynia vitis-idaea Breynia vitis-idaea
                           mpla Colysis ampla
IPNI_ID POW.family POW.genus
             Colysis ampla
##
## 1: urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1 Bignoniaceae Dolichandra
## 2: urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77100466-1 Bignoniaceae Dolichandra
## 3: urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:470659-1 Fabaceae Acacia
      urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:93225-1 Aristolochiaceae Aristolochia
## 4:
## 5: urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:340112-1 Phyllanthaceae Breynia
## 6: urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:17568150-1 Polypodiaceae Leptochilus
                 POW.taxonname
##
                                         POW.author POW.taxonrank
## 2: Dolichandra unguis-cati (L.) L.G.Lohmann
## 3: Acacia koa A.Grav
       Dolichandra unguis-cati
                                   (L.) L.G.Lohmann SPECIES
                                                         SPECIES
                                    A.Gray
                                                         SPECIES
## 4: Aristolochia philippinensis
                                              Warb.
                                                         SPECIES
## 5: Breynia vitis-idaea (Burm.f.) C.E.C.Fisch. SPECIES
## 6: Leptochilus amplus (F.Muell.) Noot. SPECIES
## duplicateCount
## 1: 1
## 2:
## 3:
## 4:
## 5:
## 6:
```

### Done! ... wrting to csv file

# Part 2: Getting IPNI IDs for Families and Genera in your species list

# Step 1: Compile a list of both families and genera using your previous output

```
families <- as.character(POWAcc IPNIid$POW.family)
genera <- as.character(POWAcc IPNIid$POW.genus)</pre>
head(families, 44)
## [1] "Bignoniaceae" "Bignoniaceae"
                                                 "Fabaceae"
## [4] "Aristolochiaceae" "Phyllanthaceae"
                                                 "Polypodiaceae"
## [7] "Fabaceae"
                            "Amaryllidaceae"
                                                 "Acanthaceae"
## [10] "Elaeocarpaceae" "Fouquieriaceae" "Malvaceae" ## [13] "Oleaceae" "Acanthaceae" "Loranthace
                                                 "Loranthaceae"
## [16] "Proteaceae"
                           "Rubiaceae"
                                                "Fabaceae"
#remove duplicates
fam.dupsremoved <- unique( families[] )</pre>
gen.dupsremoved <- unique( genera[] )</pre>
fam.gen <- c(fam.dupsremoved,gen.dupsremoved)</pre>
length(fam.dupsremoved)
## [1] 14
length(gen.dupsremoved)
## [1] 17
```

### Step 2: Fetch IPNI IDs and associated data for families

```
fam.IDs <- get_pow(fam.dupsremoved, db = "pow", rank_filter = "family", accepted = TRUE, ask = TRUE)</pre>
```

### Step 3: Fetch IPNI IDs and associated data for genera

```
gen.IDs <- get_pow(gen.dupsremoved, db = "pow", rank_filter = "genus", accepted = TRUE, ask = TRUE)

fam.IDs.df <- as.data.frame(fam.IDs)
fam.IDs.df <- cbind(fam.dupsremoved, fam.IDs.df$ids)
colnames(fam.IDs.df) <- c("names", "IPNI_ID")
gen.IDs.df <- as.data.frame(gen.IDs)
gen.IDs.df <- cbind(gen.dupsremoved, gen.IDs.df$ids)
colnames(gen.IDs.df) <- c("names", "IPNI_ID")
head(gen.IDs.df)</pre>
```

```
names IPNI_ID
## [1,] "Dolichandra" "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:4063-1"
## [2,] "Acacia" NA
## [3,] "Aristolochia" "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:330834-2"
## [4,] "Breynia" "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:327612-2"
## [5,] "Leptochilus" "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:17132410-1"
## [6,] "Chamaecrista" "urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:329389-2"
#combine genera and families into a single dataframe
fam.gen.IDs.df <- rbind(fam.IDs.df, gen.IDs.df)</pre>
fam.gen.IDs.df <- as.data.frame(fam.gen.IDs.df)</pre>
nrow(fam.gen.IDs.df)
```

## [1] 31

### Step 4: Separate the troublemakers

```
#these names have returned an IPNI ID
fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop <- subset(fam.gen.IDs.df, (!is.na(fam.gen.IDs.df$IPNI_ID)))</pre>
nrow(fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop)
## [1] 20
#these names have NOT returned an IPNI ID and need special human attention
fam.gen.IDs.NAonly <- subset(fam.gen.IDs.df, (is.na(fam.gen.IDs.df$IPNI_ID)))</pre>
nrow(fam.gen.IDs.NAonly)
## [1] 11
#writing the trouble makers to csv file (deal with them later)
write.csv(fam.gen.IDs.NAonly,
            "NA Fam Genera NeedsHumanAttention.csv",
             row.names = F, quote = F)
```

### Step 5: Fetch data from POW database using IPNI ID

```
POW.fam.gen.name <- sapply(fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop$IPNI ID[], Get taxonname)
POW.fam.gen.author <- sapply(fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop$IPNI ID[], Get author)
POW.fam.gen.rank <- sapply(fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop$IPNI_ID[], Get_taxonrank)
POW.fam.gen.family <- sapply(fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop$IPNI ID[], Get family)
#getting the data attached in one place
POWinput.fam.gen <- cbind(POW.fam.gen.family, POW.fam.gen.name, POW.fam.gen.author, POW.fam.gen.rank)
POWinput.fam.gen <- as.data.frame(POWinput.fam.gen)</pre>
head(POWinput.fam.gen)
    POW.fam.gen.family POW.fam.gen.name POW.fam.gen.author POW.fam.gen.rank
## 1
         Bignoniaceae Bignoniaceae
                                                   Juss.
## 2
     Aristolochiaceae Aristolochiaceae
                                                                  FAMILY
                                                   Juss.
       Polypodiaceae Polypodiaceae J.Presl & C.Presl
                                                                  FAMILY
## 3
       Amaryllidaceae Amaryllidaceae
## 4
                                             J.St.-Hil.
                                                                  FAMILY
## 5
                                                                  FAMILY
## 6
            Oleaceae
                            Oleaceae Hoffmanns. & Link
                                                                 FAMILY
```

```
POWAcc IPNIid.fam.gen <- cbind(fam.gen.ID.NAsdrop, POWinput.fam.gen)
head(POWAcc_IPNIid.fam.gen)
```

```
IPNI_ID POW.fam.gen.family
## 1
        Bignoniaceae urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:30000204-2
                                                      Bignoniaceae
## 3 Aristolochiaceae urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:30000909-2
                                                      Aristolochiaceae
## 5
      Polypodiaceae urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:30000471-2
                                                        Polypodiaceae
## 6
      Amaryllidaceae urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:30000959-2
                                                        Amaryllidaceae
## 7
        Acanthaceae urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:30000618-2
                                                          Acanthaceae
## 11
          Oleaceae urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:30001336-2
                                                              Oleaceae
## POW.fam.gen.name POW.fam.gen.author POW.fam.gen.rank
## 1
       Bignoniaceae
                               Juss.
## 3 Aristolochiaceae
                                Juss.
                                              FAMILY
      Polypodiaceae J.Presl & C.Presl
## 5
                                              FAMILY
## 6
     Amaryllidaceae J.St.-Hil.
                                               FAMILY
## 7
       Acanthaceae
                               Juss.
                                               FAMILY
## 11
            Oleaceae Hoffmanns. & Link
                                                FAMILY
```

## Done! ... wrting to csv file