

# Package ‘parseGBIF’

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**Description** parseGBIF package is designed to convert GBIF species occurrence data to a more comprehensible format to be used for further analysis, e.g. spatial.

The package provides tools for verifying and standardizing species scientific names and for selecting the most informative species records when duplicates are available.

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collectors_get_name	<i>Get the last name of the main collector</i>
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Description

Get the last name of the main collector in recordedBy field

Usage

collectors\_get\_name(x)

Arguments

x                      recordedBy field

Details

Returns the last name

Value

last name of the main collector

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See Also

[collectors\\_prepare\\_dictionary](#), [collectors\\_update\\_dictionary](#)

**Examples**

```

help(collectors_get_name)

collectors_get_name('Melo, P.H.A & Monro, A.')

collectors_get_name('Monro, A. & Melo, P.H.A')

```

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collectors\_prepare\_dictionary

*Prepare the list with the last name of the main collector*

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**Description**

Returns the list with the last name of the main collector associated with the unique key recordedBy. A necessary step for parsing duplicate records is generating a robust key for each unique collecting event (aka ‘gathering’) that will support the recognition of duplicate records. For this purpose we generate a string combining the plant family name + first collector’s surname + the collection number. It is therefore essential to consistently record the collector surname and for this purpose we provide a collector dictionary. To extract the surname of the main collector based on the recordedBy field and assemble a list relating the last name of the main collector and the raw data from the recordedBy, use the collectors\_prepare\_dictionary function.

It is recommended to check the main collector’s last name in the nameRecordedBy\_Standard field. Our goal is to standardize the main collector’s last name, which is automatically extracted from the recordedBy field. We do so by standardizing the text string so that it begins with an uppercase character and to replace non-ascii characters, so that collector responsible for a collection event is always recorded using the same string of characters. If the searched recordedBy entry is present in the collector’s dictionary, the function retrieves the last name of the main collector with reference to the recordedBy field (in which case the CollectorDictionary field will be flagged as ‘checked’), otherwise, the function will return the last name of the main collector, extracted automatically from the recordedBy field .

Once verified, the collector’s dictionary can be reused in the future.

**Usage**

```

collectors_prepare_dictionary(
    occ = NA,
    collectorDictionary_file =
      "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/collectorDictionary/CollectorsDi
    silence = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

occ	GBIF occurrence table with selected columns as select_gbif_fields(columns = 'standard')
collectorDictionary_file	Collector dictionary file - point to a file on your local disk or upload via git at <a href="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/collectorDictionary/CollectorsDictionary">https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/collectorDictionary/CollectorsDictionary</a>
silence	if TRUE does not display progress messages

## Details

If recordedBy is present in the collector's dictionary, it returns the checked name, if not, it returns the last name of the main collector, extracted from the recordedBy field. If recordedBy is present in the collector's dictionary, returns the main collector's last name associated with the single recordedBy key, otherwise, returns the main collector's last name, extracted from the recordedBy field. It is recommended to curate the main collector's surname, automatically extracted from the recordedBy field. The objective is to standardize the last name of the main collector. That the primary botanical collector of a sample is always recognized by the same last name, standardized in capital letters and non-ascii characters replaced

## Value

Ctrl\_nameRecordedBy\_Standard, Ctrl\_recordedBy, Ctrl\_notes, collectorDictionary, Ctrl\_update, collectorName, Ctrl\_fullName, Ctrl\_fullNameII, CVStarrVirtualHerbarium\_PersonDetails

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[collectors\\_get\\_name](#), [generate\\_collection\\_event\\_key](#)

## Examples

```
help(collectors_prepare_dictionary)

occ <- prepare_gbif_occurrence_data(gbif_occurrence_file = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/par
                                columns = 'standard')

collectorsDictionaryFromDataset <- collectors_prepare_dictionary(occ = occ,
                                collectorDictionary_file = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pa

colnames(collectorsDictionaryFromDataset)
head(collectorsDictionaryFromDataset)

collectorDictionary_checked_file <- paste0(tempdir(), '/', 'collectorsDictionaryFromDataset.csv')

collectorDictionary_checked_file

write.csv(collectorsDictionaryFromDataset,
          collectorDictionary_checked_file,
          row.names = FALSE,
          fileEncoding = "UTF-8",
          na = "")
```

## Description

There are many things that can go wrong and we continuously encounter unexpected data. In order to help us and publishers improve the data, we flag records with various issues that we have encountered. This is also very useful for data consumers as you can include these issues as filters in occurrence searches. Not all issues indicate bad data. Some are merely flagging the fact that GBIF has altered values during processing. On the details page of any occurrence record you will see the list of issues in the notice at the bottom.

## Usage

```
data(EnumOccurrenceIssue)
```

## Format

A data frame with 69 rows and 9 columns

## Details

**constant** GBIF issue constant

**description** GBIF issue description

**definition** Our definition for classifying geographic issues

**type** Type issue

**priority** Impact of the issue for the use of geospatial information

**score** Impact, in number, of the issue for the use of geospatial information

**selection\_score** Value used to calculate the quality of the geospatial information according to the classification of the issue

**reasoning** Reasoning of the impact of the theme for the use of geospatial information

**notes** Notes

## Source

- [GBIF Infrastructure: Data processing](#)
- [An enumeration of validation rules for single occurrence records](#)

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export\_data

*Export of results*

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## Description

For each unique collection event key, complete or incomplete, outputs will be created which combine information from duplicate records and generate a single unique collection event record to replace them. The main output fields relating to taxonomic identification and geographic coordinates:

- parseGBIF\_sample\_taxon\_name = scientific name chosen as taxonomic identification for unique collection event
- parseGBIF\_number\_taxon\_names = number of scientific names found in duplicates of unique collection event

- parseGBIF\_sample\_taxon\_name\_status = status of choice of 'identified', 'divergent identifications', 'unidentified'
- parseGBIF\_unidentified\_sample = if unique collection event has taxonomic identification
- parseGBIF\_decimalLatitude = latitude in decimal degrees
- parseGBIF\_decimalLongitude = longitude in decimal degrees
- parseGBIF\_useful\_for\_spatial\_analysis = whether the coordinates are useful for spatial analysis. **How is the taxon binomial attributed to the unique collection event selected?**

1. Where the unique collection event key is complete: The accepted TAXON\_NAME selected is that which is most frequently applied to the duplicate vouchers at or below the rank of species. Where two named are applied with equal frequency then a mechanical approach, using alphabetical order, is applied, the first listed TAXON\_NAME being chosen. Where there is no identification, at or below the rank of species, then the unique collection event, the unique collection event is indicated as unidentified.
2. Where the unique collection event key is incomplete: Where the unique collection event key is incomplete, then each record is treated as a unique collection event. If there is no identification, at or below the rank of species, then the unique collection event is classified as unidentified. **Geospatial information** If the master voucher does not have geographic coordinates, we will seek coordinates from the duplicate records associated with it. Finally, the records are separated into three sets of data: **useable\_data** - Where unique collection event with taxonomic identification and geographic coordinates are complete. This represents the useable dataset. **unusable\_data** - Where unique collection event without taxonomic identification and/or geographic coordinates. **duplicates** The duplicates of unique collection events complete / incomplete

With this, it is possible to perform: Merge information between fields of duplicates of a unique collection event to create a synthetic record for each unique collection event, Compare the frequency of content in fields Generate a work package summary

For each complete unique collection event key, data fields that are empty in the digital voucher record will be populated with data from the respective duplicates. During content merging, we indicate fields associated with the description, location, and data of the unique collection event. By default, fields\_to\_merge parameter of export\_data function contains:

- Ctrl\_fieldNotes
- Ctrl\_year
- Ctrl\_stateProvince
- Ctrl\_municipality
- Ctrl\_locality
- Ctrl\_countryCode
- Ctrl\_eventDate
- Ctrl\_habitat
- Ctrl\_level0Name
- Ctrl\_level1Name
- Ctrl\_level2Name
- Ctrl\_level3Name

**Usage**

```

export_data(
  occ_digital_voucher_file = "",
  occ_digital_voucher = NA,
  merge_unusable_data = FALSE,
  fields_to_merge = c("Ctrl_fieldNotes", "Ctrl_year", "Ctrl_stateProvince",
    "Ctrl_municipality", "Ctrl_locality", "Ctrl_countryCode", "Ctrl_eventDate",
    "Ctrl_habitat", "Ctrl_level0Name", "Ctrl_level1Name", "Ctrl_level2Name",
    "Ctrl_level3Name"),
  fields_to_compare = c("Ctrl_gbifID", "Ctrl_scientificName", "Ctrl_recordedBy",
    "Ctrl_recordNumber", "Ctrl_identifiedBy", "Ctrl_dateIdentified",
    "Ctrl_institutionCode", "Ctrl_collectionCode", "Ctrl_datasetName",
    "Ctrl_datasetName", "Ctrl_language", "wcvp_plant_name_id", "wcvp_taxon_rank",
    "wcvp_taxon_status", "wcvp_family", "wcvp_taxon_name", "wcvp_taxon_authors",
    "wcvp_reviewed", "wcvp_searchNotes"),
  fields_to_parse = c("Ctrl_gbifID", "Ctrl_bibliographicCitation", "Ctrl_language",
    "Ctrl_institutionCode", "Ctrl_collectionCode", "Ctrl_datasetName",
    "Ctrl_basisOfRecord", "Ctrl_catalogNumber", "Ctrl_recordNumber", "Ctrl_recordedBy",
    "Ctrl_occurrenceStatus", "Ctrl_eventDate", "Ctrl_year", "Ctrl_month", "Ctrl_day",
    "Ctrl_habitat", "Ctrl_fieldNotes", "Ctrl_eventRemarks", "Ctrl_countryCode",
    "Ctrl_stateProvince", "Ctrl_municipality", "Ctrl_county", "Ctrl_locality",
    "Ctrl_level0Name", "Ctrl_level1Name", "Ctrl_level2Name",
    "Ctrl_level3Name",
    "Ctrl_identifiedBy", "Ctrl_dateIdentified", "Ctrl_scientificName",
    "Ctrl_decimalLatitude", "Ctrl_decimalLongitude", "Ctrl_nameRecordedBy_Standard",
    "Ctrl_recordNumber_Standard", "Ctrl_key_family_recordedBy_recordNumber",
    "Ctrl_geospatial_quality", "Ctrl_verbatim_quality", "Ctrl_moreInformativeRecord",
    "Ctrl_coordinates_validated_by_gbif_issue", "wcvp_plant_name_id", "wcvp_taxon_rank",
    "wcvp_taxon_status", "wcvp_family", "wcvp_taxon_name", "wcvp_taxon_authors",
    "wcvp_reviewed",
    "wcvp_searchNotes", "parseGBIF_digital_voucher",
    "parseGBIF_duplicates", "parseGBIF_num_duplicates",
    "parseGBIF_non_groupable_duplicates", "parseGBIF_duplicates_grouping_status"),
  silence = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

occ_digital_voucher_file	CSV file result of function select_digital_voucher()\$occ_digital_voucher
occ_digital_voucher	data frame result of function select_digital_voucher()\$occ_digital_voucher
merge_unusable_data	include records unique collection events incomplete in merge processing
fields_to_merge	fields to merge
fields_to_compare	fields to compare content frequency
fields_to_parse	all fields
silence	if TRUE does not display progress messages

## Details

Each data frame should be used as needed

## Value

list with 10 data frames

- **all\_data** All records processed, merged Unique collection events complete / incomplete and their duplicates
- **useable\_data\_merge** Merged Unique collection events complete
- **useable\_data\_raw** Raw Unique collection events complete
- **duplicates** Duplicates of unique collection events complete / incomplete
- **unusable\_data\_merge** Merged Unique collection events incomplete, It is NA if merge\_unusable\_data is FALSE.
- **unusable\_data\_raw** Raw Unique collection events incomplete
- **parseGBIF\_general\_summary**
- **parseGBIF\_merge\_fields\_summary**
- **parseGBIF\_merge\_fields\_summary\_useable\_data**
- **parseGBIF\_merge\_fields\_summary\_unusable\_data** It is NA if merge\_unusable\_data is FALSE

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## See Also

[batch\\_checkName\\_wcvp](#), [extract\\_gbif\\_issue](#)

## Examples

```
help(export_data)

results <- export_data(occ_digital_voucher_file = file.occ_digital_voucher,
                      merge_unusable_data = TRUE)

names(results)

results$parseGBIF_general_summary
results$parseGBIF_merge_fields_summary
results$parseGBIF_merge_fields_summary_complete
NROW(results$all_data)
NROW(results$unique_collection_event_complete_merge)
NROW(results$unique_collection_event_incomplete_raw)
NROW(results$duplicates)
```



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extract_gbif_issue	<i>Extracting GBIF issues</i>
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## Description

Extract GBIF validation rules for occurrence records

GBIF recognises and documents several issues relating to the data fields for an individual record. The issue field stores terms that represent an enumeration of GBIF validation rules. Issues can lead to errors or unexpected data. The issues fields are therefore a valuable source of information when assessing the quality of a record. In order to help GBIF and the data publishers improve the data, GBIF flag records with various issues that they have encountered. These issues can be used as filters applied to occurrence searches. Not all issues indicate bad data, some flag the fact that GBIF has altered values during processing. The values of EnumOccurrenceIssue will be used by the function `extract_gbif_issue` as a model to tabulate the GBIF issues of each record, individualizing them, in columns.TRUE or FALSE, flagging whether the issue applies or not for each record.

## Usage

```
extract_gbif_issue(occ = NA, enumOccurrenceIssue = NA)
```

## Arguments

occ	GBIF occurrence table with selected columns as <code>select_gbif_fields(columns = 'standard')</code>
enumOccurrenceIssue	An enumeration of validation rules for single occurrence records by GBIF file, if NA, will be used, data(EnumOccurrenceIssue)

## Details

<https://gbif.github.io/parsers/apidocs/org/gbif/api/vocabulary/OccurrenceIssue.html>

## Value

list with two data frames: summary, with the frequency of issues in the records and `occ_gbif_issue`, with issues in columns with TRUE or FALSE for each record.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[prepare\\_gbif\\_occurrence\\_data](#), [select\\_gbif\\_fields](#)

## Examples

```
library(ParsGBIF)

help(extract_gbif_issue)
```

```

occ_file <- 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/ParsGBIF/main/dataGBIF/Achatocarpaceae/occurrence
occ <- prepare_gbif_occurrence_data(gbif_occurrence_file = occ_file,
                                   columns = 'standard')

data(EnumOccurrenceIssue)

colnames(EnumOccurrenceIssue)

head(EnumOccurrenceIssue)

occ_gbif_issue <- extract_gbif_issue(occ = occ)

names(occ_gbif_issue)

head(occ_gbif_issue$summary)

colnames(occ_gbif_issue$occ_gbif_issue)

head(occ_gbif_issue$occ_gbif_issue)

```

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generate\_collection\_event\_key

*Generating the collection event key*

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## Description

This generates a key to identify the physical and digital duplicates, of a given collection event. It combines the primary collector's surname, the collector's number and the botanical family, a key is created (family + recordByStandardized + recordNumber\_Standard) that allows grouping the duplicates of the same unique collection event.

It also identifies new collectors to be added to the collector dictionary and that can be reused in the future.

Include recordedByStandardized field with verified main collector's last name. Include recordNumber\_Standard field with only numbers from recordNumber. Create the collection event key to group duplicates in the key\_family\_recordedBy\_recordNumber field, composed of the fields: family + recordedByStandardized + recordNumber\_Standard.

## Usage

```

generate_collection_event_key(
  occ = NA,
  collectorDictionary_checked_file = NA,
  collectorDictionary_file =
    "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/collectorDictionary/CollectorsDi
  silence = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

occ	GBIF occurrence table with selected columns as select_gbif_fields(columns = 'standard')
collectorDictionary_checked_file	Verified collector dictionary file - point to a file on your local disk
collectorDictionary_file	Collector dictionary file - point to a file on your local disk or upload via git at <a href="https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/collectorDictionary/CollectorsDictionary.csv">https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/collectorDictionary/CollectorsDictionary.csv</a>
silence	if TRUE does not display progress messages

**Details**

Fields created for each incident record: nameRecordedBy\_Standard, recordNumber\_Standard, key\_family\_recordedBy\_Standard, key\_year\_recordedBy\_recordNumber

**Value**

list with three data frames: occ\_collectorsDictionary, with update result fields only, summary and CollectorsDictionary\_add, with new collectors that can be added to the collector dictionary that can be reused in the future.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[collectors\\_get\\_name](#), [prepare\\_collectorsDictionary](#)

**Examples**

```
collectorsDictionaryFromDataset <- prepare_lastNameRecordedBy(occ=occ,
  collectorDictionary_checked_file='collectorDictionary_checked.csv')
```

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```
prepare_gbif_occurrence_data
```

*Preparing occurrence data downloaded from GBIF for use by parseGBIF*

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**Description**

Prepare occurrence data downloaded from GBIF to be used by ParsGBIF functions

**Usage**

```
prepare_gbif_occurrence_data(gbif_occurrence_file = "", columns = "standard")
```

**Arguments**

gbif_occurrence_file	The name of the file from which the with occurrence data downloaded from GBIF (by default "occurrence.txt")
columns	Character vector of strings to indicate column names of the GBIF occurrence file. Use 'standard' to select basic columns for use in the package, 'all' to select all available columns. The default is 'standard'

**Details**

Select data fields and rename field names prefixed with "Ctrl\_"

**Value**

data.frame with renamed selected fields with prefix "Ctrl\_"

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[select\\_gbif\\_fields](#), [extract\\_gbif\\_issue](#)

**Examples**

```
library(ParsGBIF)

help(prepare_gbif_occurrence_data)

occ_file <- 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/ParsGBIF/main/dataGBIF/Achatocarpaceae/occurrence'

occ <- prepare_gbif_occurrence_data(gbif_occurrence_file = occ_file,
                                   columns = 'standard')

colnames(occ)

head(occ)
```

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select\_digital\_voucher

*Selecting the master digital voucher*

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**Description**

To group duplicates and choose the digital voucher: Unique collection events can result in many 'duplicate' GBIF records. We designate one of these 'duplicate' records as the master digital voucher, to which data from other duplicate vouchers can be merged (see `export_data`):

**Where the collection event key for grouping duplicates is complete**, then duplicates can be grouped / parsed. To do so, we evaluate record completeness. Record completeness is calculated

based on data-quality scores for the information in the following fields: recordedBy, recordNumber, year, institutionCode, catalogNumber, locality, municipality, countryCode, stateProvince and fieldNotes. The spatial coordinates associated with each duplicate are ranked using a score for the quality of the geospatial information. This score is calculated using the issues listed in the GBIF table, EnumOccurrenceIssue. A score is calculated based on these issues (see above). The duplicate with the highest total score is assigned as the master voucher for the unique collection event. Missing information contained in duplicate records of the unique collection event can then be merged into the master digital voucher (see export\_data).

**Where the collection event key is incomplete,** unique collection event duplicates cannot be parsed. In this case, each record is considered as a unique collection event, without duplicates. However, to know the integrity of the information, record completeness and quality of the geospatial information, are evaluated as described above.

**How is the quality score calculated?** parseGBIF\_digital\_voucher = The duplicate with the highest total score, sum of record completeness + quality of geospatial information.

**How is record completeness calculated?** The quality of the duplicate records associated with each collection event key is measured as the completeness of a record, using the sum of a number of flags (see below) equal to TRUE.

#### Flags used to calculate record completeness

- Is there information about the collector?
- Is there information about the collection number?
- Is there information about the year of collection?
- Is there information about the institution code?
- Is there information about the catalog number?
- Is there information about the locality?
- Is there information about the municipality of collection?
- Is there information about the state/province of collection?
- Is there information about the field notes?

**The quality of geospatial information is based on geographic issues raised by GBIF.** GBIF issues relating to geospatial data were classified into three classes based on the data quality scores that we assigned to each of the following GBIF issues recorded in the EnumOccurrenceIssue.

- Issue does not affect coordinating accuracy, with selection\_score equal to -1
- Issue has potential to affect coordinate accuracy, with selection\_score equal to -3
- Records with a selection\_score equal to -9 are excluded.

#### Usage

```
select_digital_voucher(
  occ = NA,
  occ_gbif_issue = NA,
  occ_wcvp_check_name = NA,
  occ_collectorsDictionary = NA,
  enumOccurrenceIssue = NA,
  silence = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

`occ` GBIF occurrence table with selected columns as `select_gbif_fields(columns = 'standard')`

`occ_gbif_issue` = result of function `extract_gbif_issue()``$occ_gbif_issue`

`occ_wcvp_check_name`  
= result of function `batch_checkName_wcvp()``$occ_wcvp_check_name`

`occ_collectorsDictionary`  
= result of function `update_collectorsDictionary()``$occ_collectorsDictionary`

`enumOccurrenceIssue`  
An enumeration of validation rules for single occurrence records by GBIF file, if NA, will be used, `data(EnumOccurrenceIssue)`

`silence` if TRUE does not display progress messages

**Details**

- `parseGBIF_duplicates_grouping_status` - "groupable", "not groupable: no recordedBy and no recordNumber", "not groupable: no recordNumber" or "not groupable: no recordedBy"
- `parseGBIF_num_duplicates` number of duplicates records
- `parseGBIF_duplicates` TRUE/FALSE
- `parseGBIF_non_groupable_duplicates` TRUE/FALSE

**Value**

list with two data frames: `occ_digital_voucher_and`: `occ_digital_voucher`, with all data processing fields and `occ_results`, only result fields.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[batch\\_checkName\\_wcvp](#), [extract\\_gbif\\_issue](#)

**Examples**

```
help(select_digital_voucher)

head(occ)
head(res_gbif_issue$occ_gbif_issue)
head(res_checkName_wcvp$occ_wcvp_check_name)
head(res_collectorsDictionary$occ_collectorsDictionary)
res_digital_voucher_and_sample_identification <- select_digital_voucher(occ = occ,
                                                                    occ_gbif_issue = res_gbif_issue$occ_gbif_issue,
                                                                    occ_wcvp_check_name = res_checkName_wcvp$occ_wcvp_check_name,
                                                                    occ_collectorsDictionary = res_collectorsDictionary$occ_collectorsDictionary,
                                                                    enumOccurrenceIssue = EnumOccurrenceIssue)

names(res_digital_voucher_and_sample_identification)

head(res_digital_voucher_and_sample_identification$occ_digital_voucher)
colnames(res_digital_voucher_and_sample_identification$occ_digital_voucher)
```

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select_gbif_fields	<i>select_gbif_fields</i>
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## Description

Select columns in GBIF occurrence data

## Usage

```
select_gbif_fields(columns = "standard")
```

## Arguments

columns	'standard' basic columns about what, when, where, and who collected, 'all' all available columns or list column names
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## Details

"standard" : indicated by (**standard**)

or

'all':

- 'gbifID' (**standard**)
- 'abstract'
- 'accessRights'
- 'accrualMethod'
- 'accrualPeriodicity'
- 'accrualPolicy'
- 'alternative'
- 'audience'
- 'available'
- 'bibliographicCitation' (**standard**)
- 'conformsTo'
- 'contributor'
- 'coverage'
- 'created'
- 'creator'
- 'date'
- 'dateAccepted'
- 'dateCopyrighted'
- 'dateSubmitted'
- 'description'

- 'educationLevel'
- 'extent'
- 'format'
- 'hasFormat'
- 'hasPart'
- 'hasVersion'
- 'identifier'
- 'instructionalMethod'
- 'isFormatOf'
- 'isPartOf'
- 'isReferencedBy'
- 'isReplacedBy'
- 'isRequiredBy'
- 'isVersionOf'
- 'issued'
- 'language' (**standard**)
- 'license'
- 'mediator'
- 'medium'
- 'modified'
- 'provenance'
- 'publisher'
- 'references'
- 'relation'
- 'replaces'
- 'requires'
- 'rights'
- 'rightsHolder'
- 'source'
- 'spatial'
- 'subject'
- 'tableOfContents'
- 'temporal'
- 'title'
- 'type'
- 'valid'
- 'institutionID'
- 'collectionID'
- 'datasetID'
- 'institutionCode' (**standard**)



- 'collectionCode' (**standard**)
- 'datasetName' (**standard**)
- 'ownerInstitutionCode'
- 'basisOfRecord' (**standard**)
- 'informationWithheld' (**standard**)
- 'dataGeneralizations' (**standard**)
- 'dynamicProperties'
- 'occurrenceID' (**standard**) # occ\_search(occurrenceId='BRA:UNEMAT:HPAN:6089')
- 'catalogNumber' (**standard**)
- 'recordNumber' (**standard**)
- 'recordedBy' (**standard**)
- 'recordedByID'
- 'individualCount'
- 'organismQuantity'
- 'organismQuantityType'
- 'sex'
- 'lifeStage'
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### Value

list of the columns names

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**See Also**

[extract\\_gbif\\_issue](#), [prepare\\_gbif\\_occurrence\\_data](#)

**Examples**

```
# select_gbif_fields()

help(select_gbif_fields)

col_sel <- select_gbif_fields(columns = 'all')

col_sel <- select_gbif_fields(columns = 'standard')
```

---

```
standardize_scientificName
      standardize_scientificName
```

---

**Description**

standardize binomial name, variety, subspecies, form and hybrids, authorship to allow comparison with names of taxa in the World Checklist of Vascular Plants (WCVF) database

**Usage**

```
standardize_scientificName(
  searchedName = "Alomia angustata (Gardner) Benth. ex Baker"
)
```

**Arguments**

searchedName      scientific name, with or without author

**Details**

Standardize scientific name according to WCVF format. Separate generic epithet, specific epithet, variety, subspecies, form, hybrid and author, in the scientific name, if any. Standardize, according to WCVF, abbreviation of infrataxon, if any: variety to var., subspecies to subsp., FORM to f., hybrid separator separate x from the specific epithet.

**Value**

searchedName, standardizedName, taxonAuthors, taxonAuthors\_last

**Author(s)**

Pablo Hendrigo Alves de Melo, Nadia Bystriakova & Alexandre Monro

**See Also**

[get\\_wcvp](#), [checkName\\_wcvp](#)

**Examples**

```
# standardize_scientificName()

help(standardize_scientificName)

standardize_scientificName('Leucanthemum xsuperbum (Bergmans ex J.W.Ingram) D.H.Kent')
standardize_scientificName('Alomia angustata (Gardner) Benth. ex Baker')
standardize_scientificName('Centaurea xaemiliae Font Quer')
```

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wcvp_check_name	<i>Check species names against World Checklist of Vascular Plants (WCVP) database</i>
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**Description**

Use the **World Checklist of Vascular Plants WCVP database** to check accepted names and update synonyms.

The World Checklist of Vascular Plants (WCVP) database is available from the **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**. It can be downloaded to a folder of the user's choice or into memory using the `get_wcvp` function. The output has 33 columns.

**Usage**

```
wcvp_check_name(
  searchedName = "Hemistylus brasiliensis Wedd.",
  wcvp_names = "",
  if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>searchedName</code>	scientific name, with or without author
<code>wcvp_names</code>	WCVP table, <code>wcvp_names.csv</code> file from <a href="http://sftp.kew.org/pub/data-repositories/WCVP/">http://sftp.kew.org/pub/data-repositories/WCVP/</a> If NA, automatically load the latest version of the database by the function <code>parseGBIF::wcvp_get_data(read_only_to_memory = TRUE)\$wcvp_names</code> .
<code>if_author_fails_try_without_combinations</code>	option for partial verification of the authorship of the species. Remove the authors of combinations, in parentheses

**Details**

About the World Checklist of Vascular Plants <https://powo.science.kew.org/about-wcvp> search-Notes values:

- Accepted - When only one authorless scientific name is present in the list of `TAXON_name` with and `TAXON_STATUS` equal to "Accepted", `verified_speciesName` = 100.

- Accepted among homonyms - When more than one authorless scientific name is present in the TAXON\_name list, but only one of the homonyms displays TAXON\_STATUS equal to "Accepted", verified\_speciesName = number of matches/100.
- Homonyms - When more than one authorless scientific name is present in the TAXON\_name list and more than one, or none among the homonyms, display TAXON\_STATUS equal to "Accepted", verified\_speciesName = number of matches/100. Before searching for homonyms, there was a failure in trying to find the matching match between authorless scientific name in TAXON\_name and author in TAXON\_AUTHORS, in these cases verified\_author equal to 0 (zero),
- Not Found: When the authorless scientific name is not present in the TAXON\_NAME LIST
- Unplaced: o When only one authorless scientific name is present in the list of TAXON\_name with and TAXON\_STATUS = "Unplaced"
- Updated: When only one authorless scientific name is present in the list of TAXON\_name and ACCEPTED\_PLANT\_NAME\_ID are not empty (and ACCEPTED\_PLANT\_NAME\_ID is different from the ID of the species consulted) taxon\_status\_of\_searchedName, plant\_name\_id\_of\_searchedName and taxon\_authors\_of\_searchedName values:
  - When searchNotes equals "Updated" – The fields record the information of the scientific name originally consulted.
  - When searchNotes equals "Homonyms" - Fields record the information of homonymous synonyms separated by "|".
- verified\_author values:
  - When value equal to 100 – when there is matched match between authorless scientific name in TAXON\_name and author in TAXON\_AUTHORS.
  - When value equal to 50 – when there is combined correspondence between authorless scientific name in TAXON\_name and author, without (combination), in TAXON\_AUTHORS.
  - When value equal to 0 – regardless of the correspondence between authorless scientific name in TAXON\_name, author is not present in TAXON\_AUTHORS.

## Value

Data frame with WCVF fields

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[wcvp\\_check\\_name\\_batch](#), [wcvp\\_get\\_data](#)

## Examples

```
# These examples take >10 seconds to run and require 'parseGBIF::wcvp_get_data()'

library(parseGBIF)

help(wcvp_check_name)

wcvp_names <- wcvp_get_data(read_only_to_memory = TRUE)$wcvp_names

# 1) Updated
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Hemistylus brasiliensis Wedd.',
```



```

        wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
        if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# 2) Accepted
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Hemistylus boehmerioides Wedd. ex Warm.',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# 3) Unplaced - taxon_status = Unplaced
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Leucosyke australis Unruh',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# 4) Accepted among homonyms - When author is not informed. In this case, one of the homonyms, taxon_status is ac
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Parietaria cretica',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# When author is informed
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Parietaria cretica L.',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# When author is informed
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Parietaria cretica Moris',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# 5) Homonyms - When author is not informed. In this case, none of the homonyms, taxon_status is Accepted
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Laportea peltata',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# When author is informed
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Laportea peltata Gaudich. & Decne.',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

# When author is informed
wcvp_check_name(searchedName = 'Laportea peltata (Blume) Gaudich.',
                wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE)

```

---

wcvp\_check\_name\_batch *In batch, use the WCVp database to check accepted names and update synonyms*

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## Description

Species' names can be checked against WCVp database one by one, or in a batch mode. To verify individual names, the function wcvp\_check\_name is used.

**Usage**

```
wcvp_check_name_batch(
  occ = NA,
  wcvp_names = "",
  if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE,
  wcvp_selected_fields = "standard",
  silence = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>occ</code>	GBIF occurrence table with selected columns as <code>select_gbif_fields(columns = 'standard')</code>
<code>wcvp_names</code>	get data frame in <code>parseGBIF::wcvp_get_data(read_only_to_memory = TRUE)\$wcvp_names</code> or configure function to save a copy on local disk to optimize loading, see details in <code>help(wcvp_get_data)</code>
<code>if_author_fails_try_without_combinations</code>	option for partial verification of the authorship of the species. Remove the authors of combinations, in parentheses.
<code>wcvp_selected_fields</code>	WCVF fields selected as return, 'standard' basic columns, 'all' all available columns. The default is 'standard'
<code>silence</code>	if TRUE does not display progress messages

**Details**

See `help(checkName_wcvp)`

- [about WCVF database](#)
- [World Checklist of Vascular Plants](#)
- [WCVF database](#)
- [\(about WCVF\)](#)

**Value**

list with two data frames: summary, species list and `occ_wcvp_check_name`, with WCVF fields

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[wcvp\\_get\\_data](#), [wcvp\\_check\\_name](#)

**Examples**

```
# These examples take >10 minutes to run and require 'parseGBIF::wcvp_get_data()'

```

```
library(parseGBIF)
```

```

help(wcvp_check_name_batch)

occ_file <- 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/pablopains/parseGBIF/main/dataGBIF/Achatocarpaceae/occurrence'

occ <- prepare_gbif_occurrence_data(gbif_occurrence_file = occ_file,
                                   columns = 'standard')

# wcvp_names <- wcvp_get_data(read_only_to_memory = TRUE)$wcvp_names
data(wcvp_names_Achatocarpaceae)

head(wcvp_names)

res_wcvp_check_name_batch <- wcvp_check_name_batch(occ = occ,
                                                  wcvp_names = wcvp_names,
                                                  if_author_fails_try_without_combinations = TRUE,
                                                  wcvp_selected_fields = 'standard',
                                                  show_process = TRUE)

names(res_wcvp_check_name_batch)

head(res_wcvp_check_name_batch$summary)

head(res_wcvp_check_name_batch$occ_wcvp_check_name)

```

wcvp\_get\_data

*Get WCVF database***Description**

Download World Checklist of Vascular Plants (WCVF) database

**Usage**

```

wcvp_get_data(
  url_source = "http://sftp.kew.org/pub/data-repositories/WCVF/",
  read_only_to_memory = FALSE,
  path_results = "C:/parseGBIF",
  update = FALSE,
  load_distribution = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

url_source	http://sftp.kew.org/pub/data-repositories/WCVF/
read_only_to_memory	TRUE to in-memory read-only, not writing a copy to local disk
path_results	download destination folder, if read_only_to_memory FALSE
update	TRUE to update and load files, FALSE to keep local version and load files, if read_only_to_memory FALSE

load\_distribution

TRUE to load file with geographical distribution of species, if read\_only\_to\_memory  
FALSE

### Details

<http://sftp.kew.org/pub/data-repositories/WCVP/> This is the public SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol) site of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. This space contains data resources publicly accessible to the user 'anonymous'. No password required for access. Use of data made available via this site may be subject to legal and licensing restrictions. The README in the top-level directory for each data resource provides specific information about its terms of use.

### Value

list with two data frames: wcvp\_names and wcvp\_distribution

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[wcvp\\_check\\_name](#), [wcvp\\_check\\_name\\_batch](#)

### Examples

```
# load package
library(parseGBIF)

help(wcvp_get_data)

# Download wcvp database to local disk
path_data <- tempdir() # you can change this folder

wcvp <- wcvp_get_data(url_source = 'http://sftp.kew.org/pub/data-repositories/WCVP/',
                      read_only_to_memory = FALSE,
                      path_results = path_data,
                      update = FALSE,
                      load_distribution = TRUE)

names(wcvp)

head(wcvp$wcvp_names)
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head(wcvp$wcvp_distribution)
colnames(wcvp$wcvp_distribution)
```

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