Absolute sighting rate of fossil occurrence

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1 Methods

1.1 Fossil occurrence information

Foote and Miller data.

1.2 Hierarchical counting model

$y_i = Poisson(u_i \lambda_i)$	(1)
$\lambda_i = \exp(\alpha_{j[i]})$	(2)
$\alpha_j \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_{k[j]}, \sigma_j)$	(3)
$\mu_k \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_k)$	(4)
$\sigma_j \sim \mathrm{C}^+(2.5)$	(5)
$\sigma_k \sim \mathrm{C}^+(2.5)$	(6)

$$y_{i} = \text{Negative binomial}(u_{i}\mu_{i}, \phi_{y})$$
 (7)

$$\mu_{i} = \exp(\alpha_{j[i]})$$
 (8)

$$\phi = C^{+}(2.5)$$
 (9)

$$\alpha_{j} \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_{k[j]}, \sigma_{j})$$
 (10)

$$\mu_{k} \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_{k})$$
 (11)

$$\sigma_{j} \sim C^{+}(2.5)$$
 (12)

$$\sigma_{k} \sim C^{+}(2.5)$$
 (13)