Information design and data visualization Week 3, Lecture 06

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ggplot2

397 Callipepla californica

```
library(ggplot2)
Load the egg data as a CSV.
egg = read.csv("./data/aaj1945_DataS1_Egg_shape_by_species_v2.csv", header=T,
               stringsAsFactors=F)
colnames(egg)[7:9] = c("AvgLength","NumberOfImages","NumberOfEggs")
egg = egg[-c(1401,1402),]
str(egg)
## 'data.frame':
                    1400 obs. of 9 variables:
##
   $ Order
                          "ACCIPITRIFORMES" "ACCIPITRIFORMES" "ACCIPITRIFORMES" "ACCIPITRIFORMES" ...
## $ Family
                          "Accipitridae" "Accipitridae" "Accipitridae" ...
                           "Accipiter badius" "Accipiter cooperii" "Accipiter gentilis" "Accipiter nisu
## $ MVZDatabase : chr
## $ Species
                           "Accipiter badius" "Accipiter cooperii" "Accipiter gentilis" "Accipiter nisu
                    : chr
                           0.1378 0.0937 0.1114 0.0808 0.0749 ...
## $ Asymmetry
                    : num
## $ Ellipticity
                           0.344 0.272 0.319 0.239 0.254 ...
                    : num
## $ AvgLength
                           3.86 4.9 5.99 4.04 3.87 ...
                    : num
   $ NumberOfImages: int
                           1 27 7 13 15 1 191 1 7 2 ...
   $ NumberOfEggs : int 2 103 18 61 57 1 391 2 17 4 ...
Subset the full data frame to Order Galliformes, chickens and other fowl.
eggGalli = egg[egg$Order == "GALLIFORMES",]
head(eggGalli)
##
             Order
                           Family
                                             MVZDatabase
## 392 GALLIFORMES
                         Cracidae
                                          Ortalis vetula
## 393 GALLIFORMES
                     Megapodiidae
                                     Macrocephalon maleo
## 394 GALLIFORMES
                     Megapodiidae
                                    Megapodius freycinet
## 395 GALLIFORMES
                     Megapodiidae Megapodius pritchardii
## 396 GALLIFORMES
                        Numididae
                                        Numida meleagris
## 397 GALLIFORMES Odontophoridae Callipepla californica
##
                      Species Asymmetry Ellipticity AvgLength NumberOfImages
## 392
               Ortalis vetula
                                 0.1178
                                             0.4590
                                                       6.0847
## 393
          Macrocephalon maleo
                                 0.0365
                                             0.7237
                                                       8.3400
                                                                            1
         Megapodius freycinet
                                 0.0551
                                             0.6199
                                                       8.9621
                                                                            1
## 395 Megapodius pritchardii
                                 0.0221
                                             0.7072
                                                       7.9284
                                                                            1
  396
             Numida meleagris
                                 0.2260
                                             0.3197
                                                       5.2572
                                                                            1
```

0.2850

3.0381

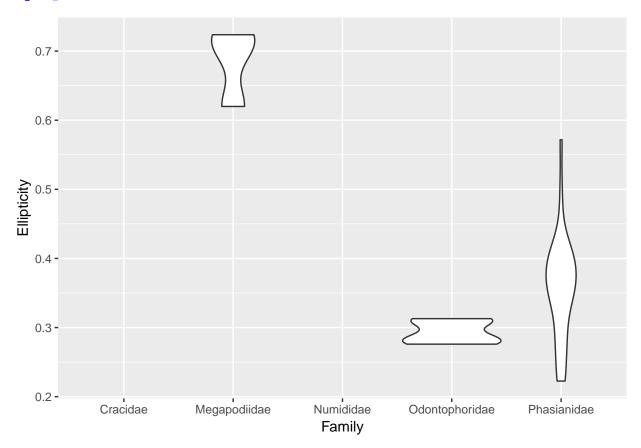
55

0.2364

```
## SumberOfEggs
## 392 31
## 393 1
## 394 2
## 395 3
## 396 10
## 397 700
```

Violin plot

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Family, y=Ellipticity)) +
  geom_violin()
```

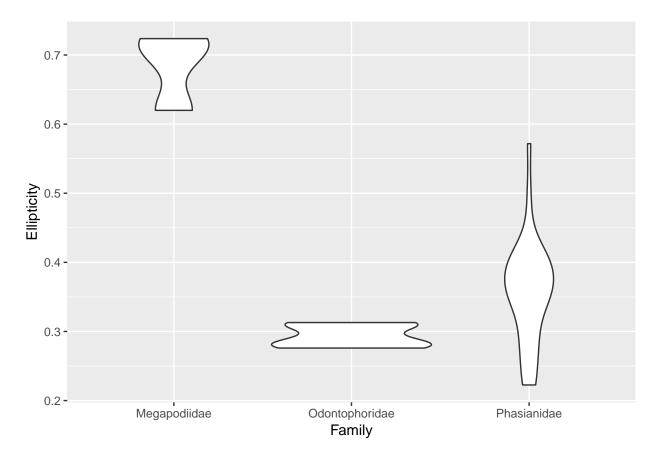


table(eggGalli\$Family)

```
##
## Cracidae Megapodiidae Numididae Odontophoridae Phasianidae
## 1 3 1 7 36
```

Cracidae and Numididae don't show distributions because they each only have 1 observation.

We can subset the plot to not show them. Alternatively, we could add a <code>geom_point()</code> layer to show them as single points.



Our axis doesn't start at zero, which can be misleading.

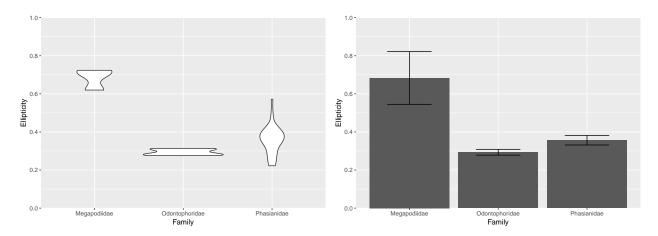
```
range(egg$Ellipticity)
## [1] 0.0967 0.7237
```

Looks like the range of possible values is probably 0 to 1. Let's change our axis, and add the **expand** argument to get rid of the extra space beyond the axis limits.



Compare this to a bar plot of the same data:

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli[eggGalli$Family != "Cracidae" &
                       eggGalli$Family != "Numididae",],
      mapping=aes(x=Family, y=Ellipticity)) +
  geom_violin() +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(0,1,0.2),
                     limits=c(0,1),
                     expand=c(0,0)
ggplot(data=eggGalli[eggGalli$Family != "Cracidae" &
                       eggGalli$Family != "Numididae",],
      mapping=aes(x=Family, y=Ellipticity)) +
  geom_bar(stat="summary", fun.y="mean") +
  geom_errorbar(stat="summary", fun.data="mean_cl_normal",
              width=0.5) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(0,1,0.2),
                     limits=c(0,1),
                     expand=c(0,0)
```



If we want, we can take the best of both and lay the confidence intervals on top of the violin plot:

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli[eggGalli$Family != "Cracidae" &
                        eggGalli$Family != "Numididae",],
       mapping=aes(x=Family, y=Ellipticity)) +
  geom_violin() +
  geom_errorbar(stat="summary", fun.data="mean_cl_normal",
                 width=0.1) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(0,1,0.2),
                      limits=c(0,1),
                      expand=c(0,0)
   1.0 -
   0.8 -
   0.6 -
Ellipticity
   0.4 -
```

0.2 -

0.0 -

Megapodiidae

Odontophoridae

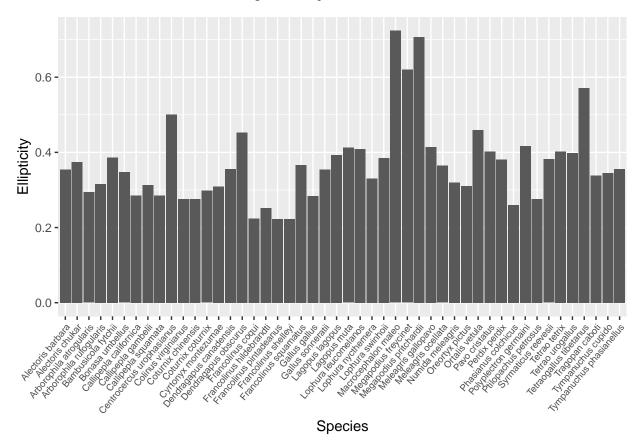
Family

Phasianidae

Facets

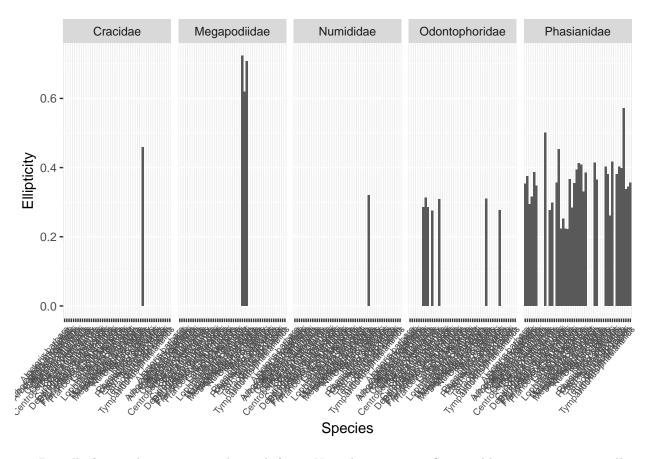
Plot all ellipticity values by species.

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



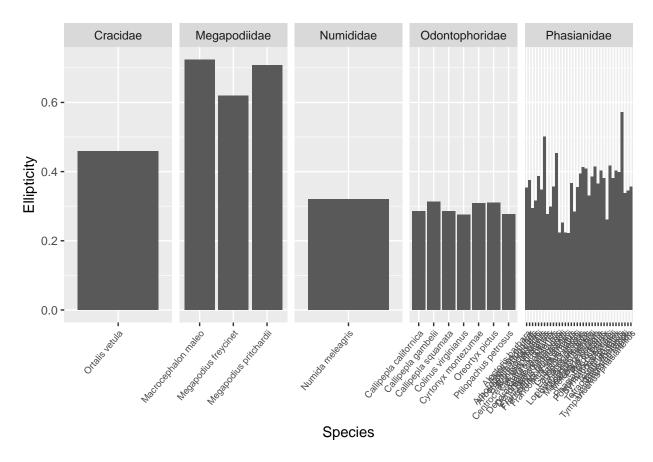
Add a facet to group them by family.

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family)) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



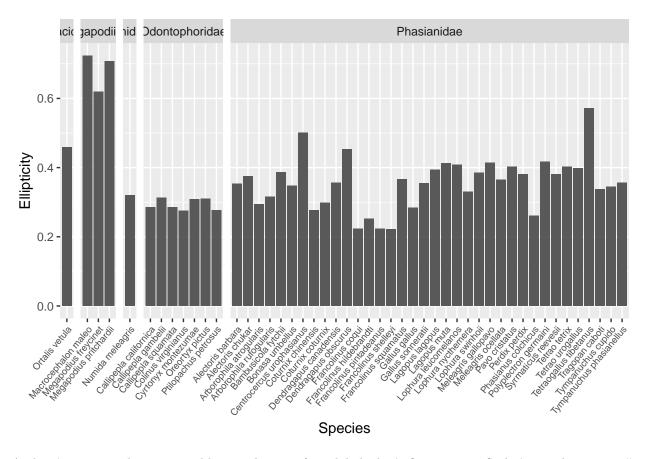
... But all of our values appear under each facet. Not what we want. So we add scales="free" to allow scales to vary across rows and columns.

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



Still not quite right, as some bars are now wider than others and may seem like they're communicating some other information. So we add space="free" to allow panel sizes to vary.

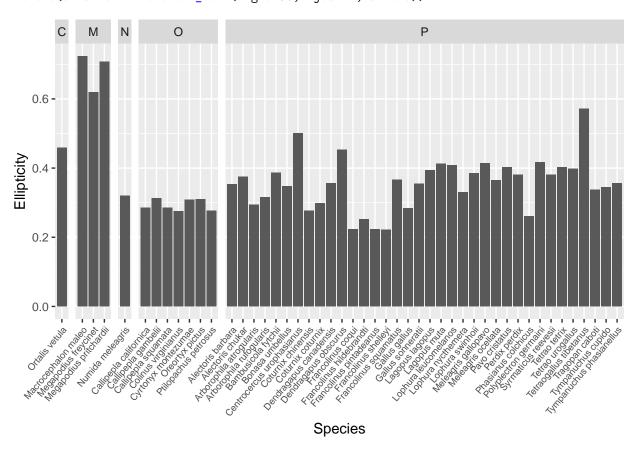
```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



And we've now made a new problem in that our facet labels don't fit anymore. So let's use the recode() function from dplyr to change those values.

```
unique(eggGalli$Family)
## [1] "Cracidae"
                                                           "Odontophoridae"
                         "Megapodiidae"
                                          "Numididae"
## [5] "Phasianidae"
library(dplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
  The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
  The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
##
eggGalli$Family = recode(eggGalli$Family,
                             Cracidae = "C",
                             Megapodiidae = "M",
                             Numididae = "N",
                             Odontophoridae = "0",
                             Phasianidae = "P")
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
```

```
geom_bar(stat="identity") +
theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



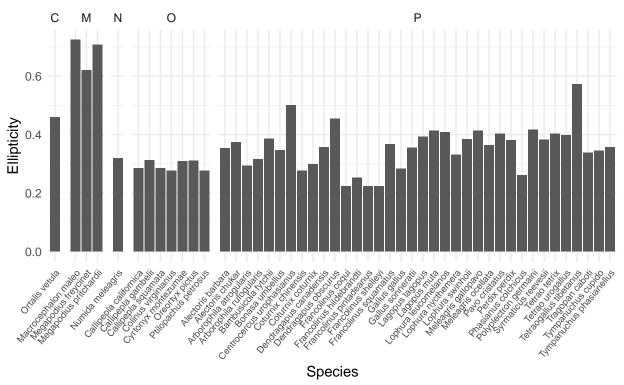
Themes

theme_gray() is the default

```
theme_minimal()
```

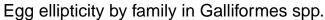
```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
      caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```

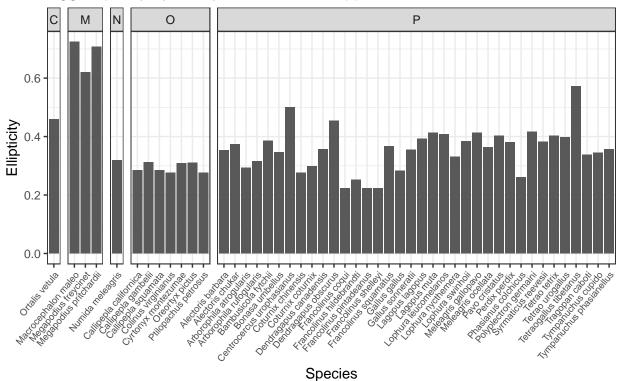
Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.



```
theme_bw()
```

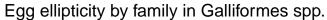
```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
      caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```

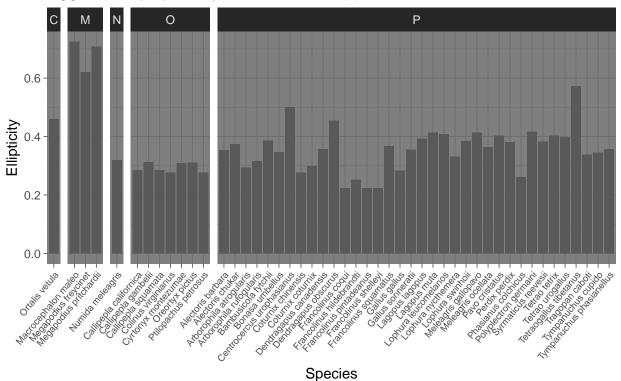




```
theme_dark()
```

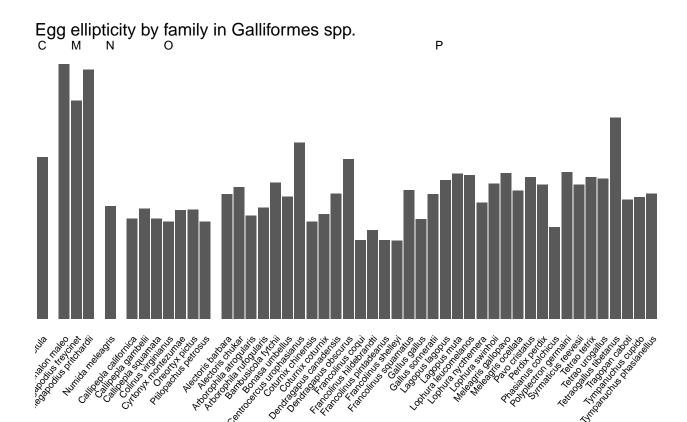
```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
      caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_dark() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```





```
theme_void()
```

```
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
        caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_void() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



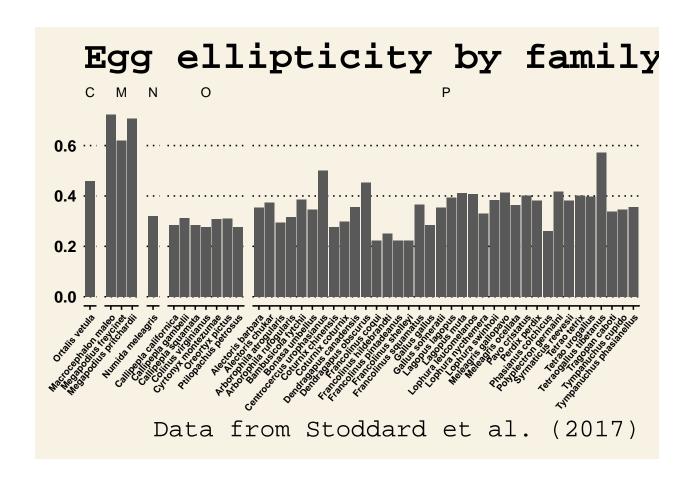
Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)

Others listed here: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.html Some themes are also available in external packages, such as ggthemes.

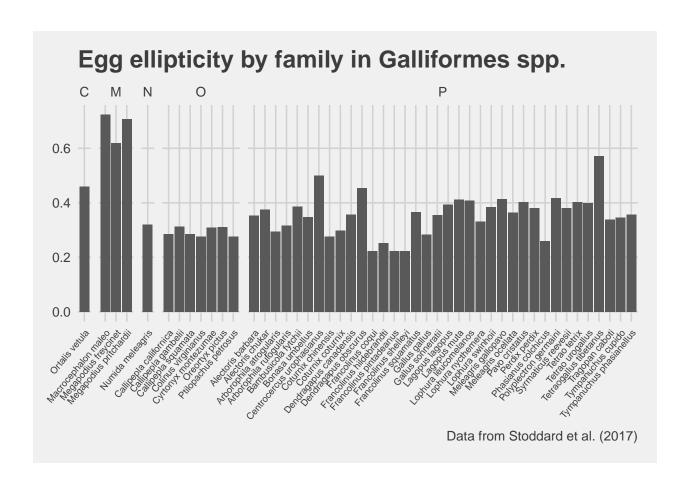
```
install.packages("ggthemes")
library(ggthemes)
## Warning: package 'ggthemes' was built under R version 3.5.3

ggthemes::theme_wsj()

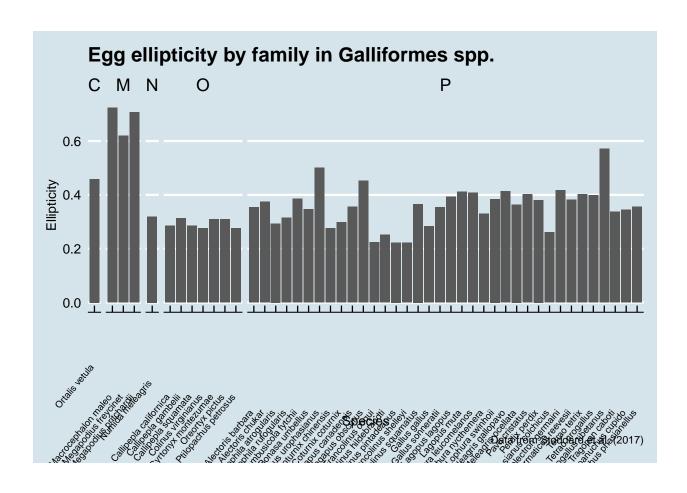
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
        caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_wsj() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



```
ggthemes::theme_fivethirtyeight()
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
      caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_fivethirtyeight() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```

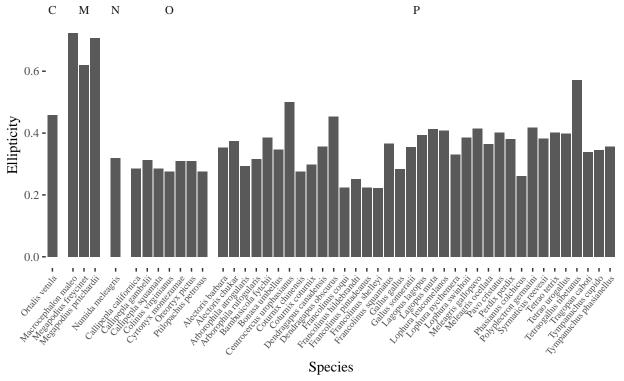


```
ggthemes::theme_economist()
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
      caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_economist() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```



```
ggthemes::theme_tufte()
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
      caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_tufte() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7))
```

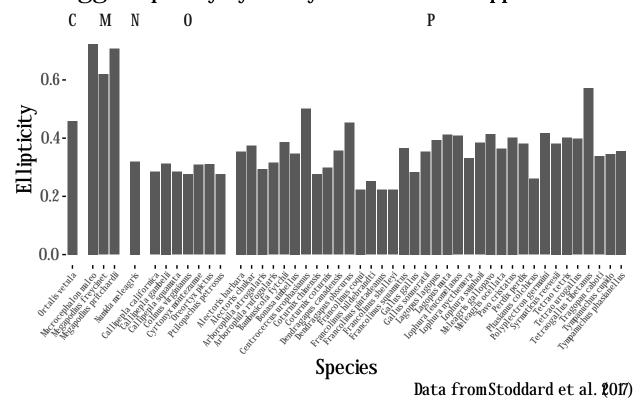
Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.



```
Or, for fun, xkcd... (like the webcomic)
install.packages("xkcd")
install.packages("extrafont")
library(xkcd)
## Loading required package: extrafont
## Registering fonts with R
download.file("http://simonsoftware.se/other/xkcd.ttf",
              dest="./resources/xkcd.ttf", mode="wb")
font_import(paths="./resources/", pattern="[X/x]kcd", prompt=FALSE)
loadfonts(device="win") # For Mac: loadfonts()
# Also have to put the font in your system fonts directory
ggplot(data=eggGalli, mapping=aes(x=Species, y=Ellipticity)) +
  facet_grid(cols=vars(Family), scales="free", space="free") +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(title="Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.",
       caption="Data from Stoddard et al. (2017)") +
  theme_xkcd() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1, size=7),
        text=element_text(family="xkcd"))
## Warning in grid.Call(C_textBounds, as.graphicsAnnot(x$label), x$x, x$y, :
## font width unknown for character 0x28
```

```
## Warning in grid.Call(C_textBounds, as.graphicsAnnot(x$label), x$x, x$y, :
## font width unknown for character 0x29
## Warning in grid.Call(C_textBounds, as.graphicsAnnot(x$label), x$x, x$y, :
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## Warning in grid.Call(C_textBounds, as.graphicsAnnot(x$label), x$x, x$y, :
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## font width unknown for character 0x29
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## font width unknown for character 0x29
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## font width unknown for character 0x29
## Warning in grid.Call.graphics(C_text, as.graphicsAnnot(x$label), x$x, x
## $y, : font width unknown for character 0x28
## Warning in grid.Call.graphics(C_text, as.graphicsAnnot(x$label), x$x, x
## $y, : font width unknown for character 0x29
```

Egg ellipticity by family in Galliformes spp.

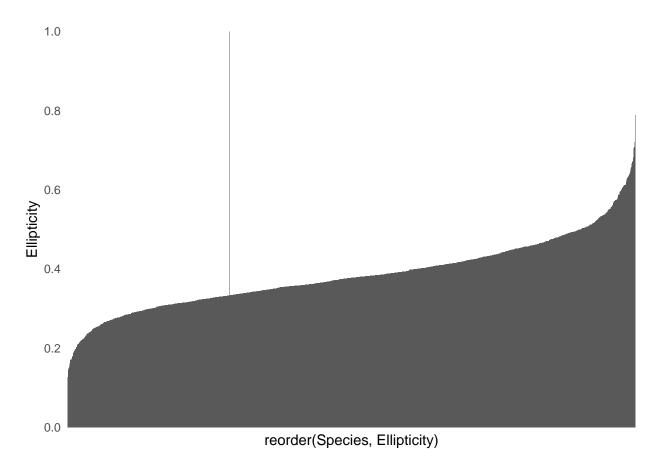


There are additional functions to make "fuzzy" rectangles and lines, but they're very particular about the input so you'd have to reformat your data:

?xkcdrect
?xkcdline

Color scales

Arrange all species in the original data frame by their ellipticity values (and remove the grid and tick marks):



We're seeing a warning about missing values.

egg[is.na(egg\$Species),]

##		Order	Family	MVZDatabase	Species	Asymmetry
##	377	EXTINCT A	Aepyornithidae	Aepyornis sp.	<na></na>	0.0044
##	378	EXTINCT	Columbidae	Ectopistes migratorius	<na></na>	0.0872
##	379	EXTINCT	Dinornithidae	Dinornis sp.	<na></na>	0.0050
##	380	EXTINCT	Rallidae	e Porzana palmeri	<na></na>	0.0523
##		Elliptici	ity AvgLength	NumberOfImages NumberOfI	Eggs	
##	377	0.44	499 23.8700	2	2	
##	378	0.33	391 3.9290	5	6	
##	379	0.33	318 14.4235	1	1	
##	380	0.44	494 2.9990	1	1	

There are some extinct species without a Species value. To get rid of the warning, we can fix it for now by using the MVZDatabase values, which are good enough:

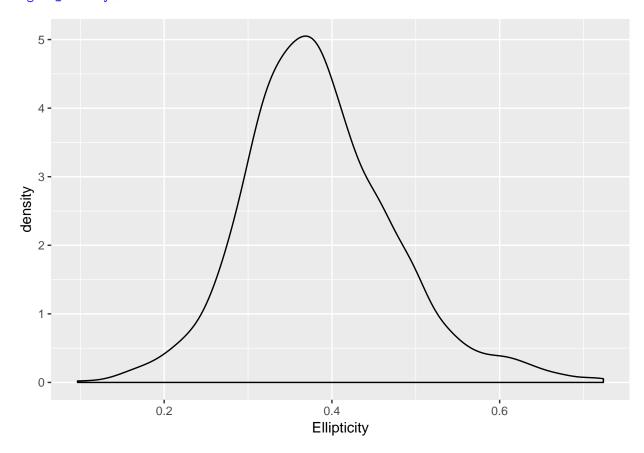
```
egg$Species[is.na(egg$Species)] = egg$MVZDatabase[is.na(egg$Species)]
```

egg[is.na(egg\$Species),]

```
## [1] Order Family MVZDatabase Species
## [5] Asymmetry Ellipticity AvgLength NumberOfImages
## [9] NumberOfEggs
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

We also saw a beautiful sigmoidal curve for the ellipticity values when we lined them all up. Why?

```
ggplot(data=egg, mapping=aes(x=Ellipticity)) +
  geom_density()
```



Because the distribution of values is really close to a "normal" Gaussian curve.

Now let's subset the data for Order Cuculiformes, the cuckoos.

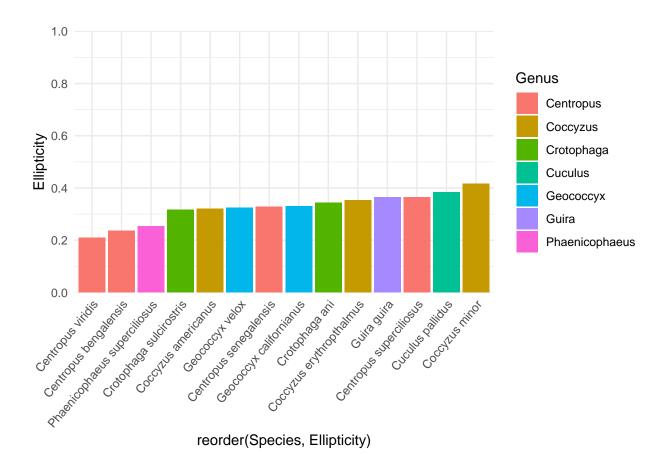
```
eggCuckoo = egg[egg$Order == "CUCULIFORMES",]
eggCuckoo$Species
   [1] "Centropus bengalensis"
                                        "Centropus senegalensis"
##
                                        "Centropus viridis"
   [3] "Centropus superciliosus"
##
##
   [5] "Coccyzus americanus"
                                        "Coccyzus erythropthalmus"
##
    [7] "Coccyzus minor"
                                        "Crotophaga ani"
   [9] "Crotophaga sulcirostris"
                                        "Cuculus pallidus"
##
## [11] "Geococcyx californianus"
                                        "Geococcyx velox"
## [13] "Guira guira"
                                        "Phaenicophaeus superciliosus"
```

We also want to take these Species values and split them to make a Genus variable too (since we have Order, Family, and Species, but not Genus).

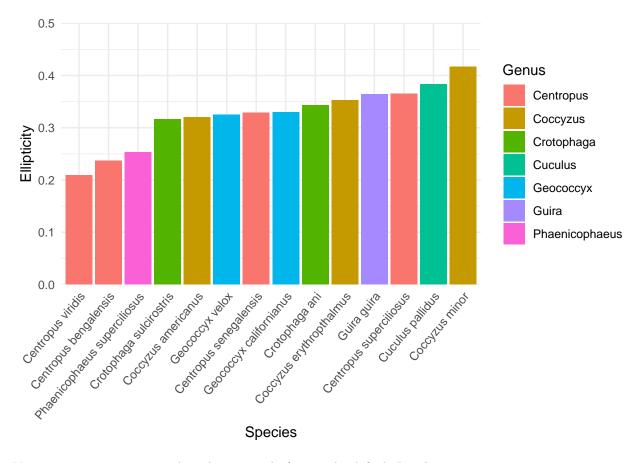
We do this by using strsplit() and a fancy apply()-family function:

```
strsplit(eggCuckoo$Species, " ")
## [[1]]
## [1] "Centropus" "bengalensis"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "Centropus" "senegalensis"
```

```
##
## [[3]]
                        "superciliosus"
## [1] "Centropus"
##
## [[4]]
## [1] "Centropus" "viridis"
## [[5]]
## [1] "Coccyzus"
                     "americanus"
##
## [[6]]
## [1] "Coccyzus"
                          "erythropthalmus"
## [[7]]
## [1] "Coccyzus" "minor"
##
## [[8]]
## [1] "Crotophaga" "ani"
##
## [[9]]
## [1] "Crotophaga"
                       "sulcirostris"
## [[10]]
## [1] "Cuculus" "pallidus"
##
## [[11]]
## [1] "Geococcyx"
                        "californianus"
## [[12]]
## [1] "Geococcyx" "velox"
## [[13]]
## [1] "Guira" "guira"
## [[14]]
## [1] "Phaenicophaeus" "superciliosus"
eggCuckoo$Genus = sapply(strsplit(eggCuckoo$Species, " "), "[", 1)
unique(eggCuckoo$Genus)
## [1] "Centropus"
                                                             "Cuculus"
                         "Coccyzus"
                                           "Crotophaga"
## [5] "Geococcyx"
                         "Guira"
                                           "Phaenicophaeus"
Now let's plot the cuckoo species, ordered by ellipticity values, with their fill colors according to genus.
ggplot(data=eggCuckoo, mapping=aes(x=reorder(Species, Ellipticity),
                              y=Ellipticity,
                              fill=Genus)) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(0,1,0.2),
                      limits=c(0,1),
                      expand=c(0,0)) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1))
```



Let's readjust the Y axis and fix the X axis label.



Now we want to customize the colors instead of using the default R palette.

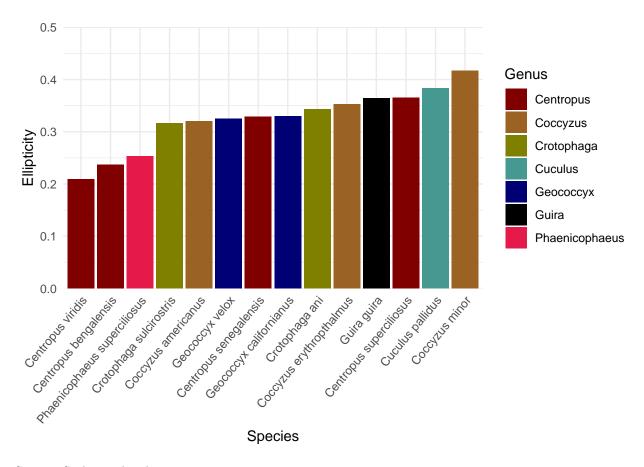
```
length(unique(eggCuckoo$Genus))
```

[1] 7

We will need 7 different color values, and those values need to be for discrete or categorical data, not continuous (Ellipticity, for instance, would need a continuous scale).

Manual

The first option is to assign color values manually, either by name or by hexadecimal value.

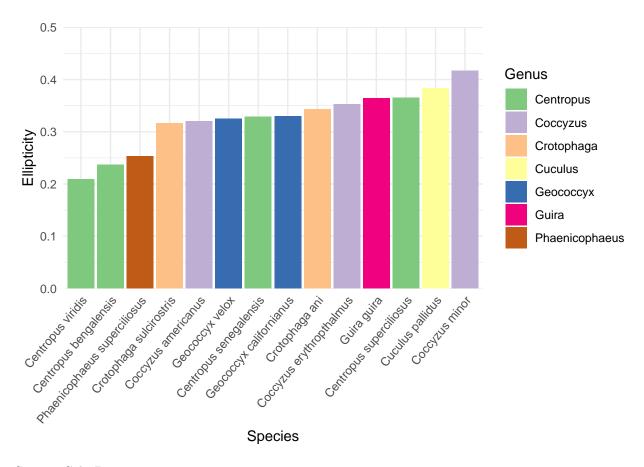


Source: Sasha Trubetskoy

ColorBrewer

Or we can use the **brewer** scales that are included in **ggplot2** and can be viewed online at: http://colorbrewer2.org/

Here, we just specify the type of scale (qualitative) and the palette to be used (here, "Accent"). Other choices are shown in <code>?scale_fill_brewer</code>.



Source: ColorBrewer 2.0

Color-blind friendly

But none of the palettes we've used so far are color-blind friendly, and may not be discernable in print or grayscale (after being photocopied), either. There are better palettes out there that are.

dichromat

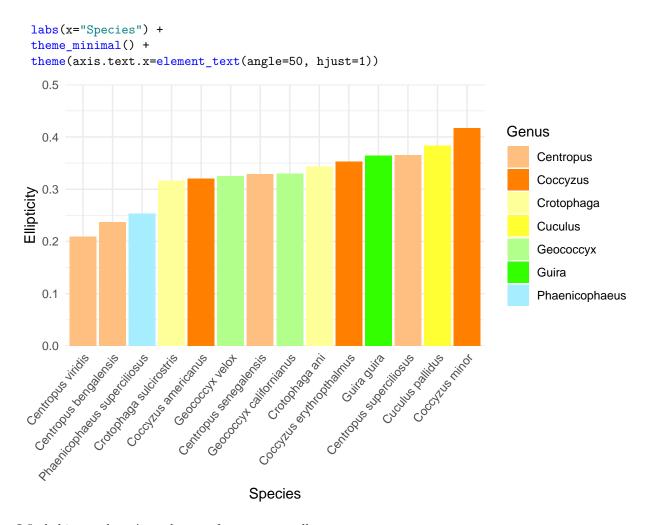
```
install.packages("dichromat")
library(dichromat)
## Warning: package 'dichromat' was built under R version 3.5.2
```

The dichromat() function will take a list of colors (again, named or hexadecimal values) and convert them into a comparable color-blind friendly palette for a specific type of color-blindness (here: protanopia, the kind I have). When in doubt, you can use deuteranopia, the most common form of dichromacy.

Compare the original colors (on the left) with the ones substituted by dichromat() (on the right):

```
ggplot(data=eggCuckoo, mapping=aes(x=reorder(Species, Ellipticity),
                                y=Ellipticity,
                                fill=Genus)) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(0,0.5,0.1),
                       limits=c(0,0.5),
                       expand=c(0,0)) +
  scale_fill_manual(values=c("goldenrod","lawngreen","firebrick",
                                "darksalmon", "dodgerblue", "darkviolet",
                                "darkslateblue")) +
  labs(x="Species") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1))
ggplot(data=eggCuckoo, mapping=aes(x=reorder(Species, Ellipticity),
                                y=Ellipticity,
                                fill=Genus)) +
  geom bar(stat="identity") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(0,0.5,0.1),
                       limits=c(0,0.5),
                       expand=c(0,0)) +
  scale_fill_manual(values=dichromat(c("goldenrod","lawngreen","firebrick",
                                           "darksalmon", "dodgerblue", "darkviolet",
                                           "darkslateblue").
                                         "protan")) +
  labs(x="Species") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=50, hjust=1))
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                                                  Ellipticity
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                                         Crotophaga
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                                                                                           Cuculus
                                         Guira
                                                                                           Guira
```

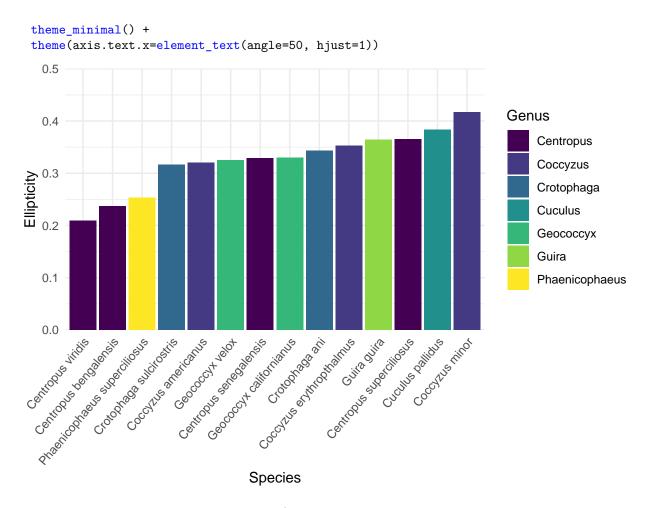
dichromat also comes with some predefined color schemes in the colorschemes object. Here, we use colorschemes\$Categorical.12 because we're using categorical data, and subset the first 7 elements for our 7 levels:



I find this one doesn't work great for me personally.

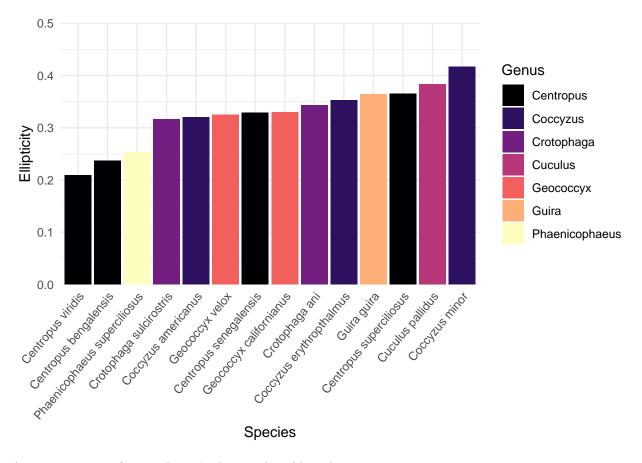
scale_fill_viridis_d() +
labs(x="Species") +

viridis



Still not great for me, with all the dark blues/purples.

But there are others, such as "magma":



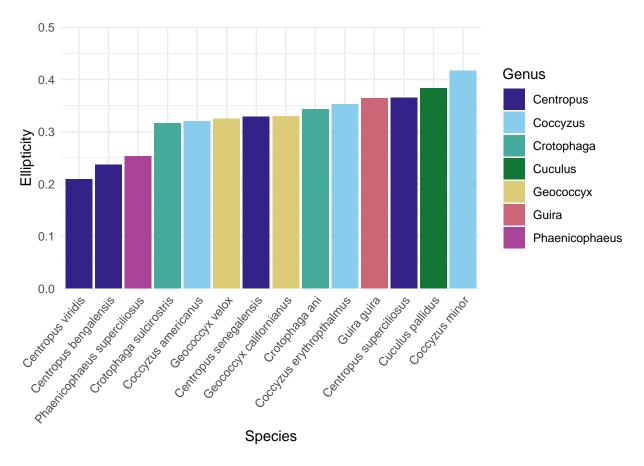
Again, not my preference, but it's there and could work.

Paul Tol

Finally, my absolute favorite:

Tol, P. (2018). Colour schemes. SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research. Available: https://personal.sron.nl/~pault/data/colourschemes.pdf

The older version of his qualitative color scheme (which I actually like better than the new one) is available in the **ggthemes** package, which we already have loaded. Weirdly, you have to specify the number of levels in parentheses *after* the function, rather than as an argument in the function.



A variety of other color schemes are available in the document linked above which, in addition to being color-blind friendly, are also distinct in grayscale.

Saving plots

ggplot()

First, assign your plot to an object:

Then give it as an argument to the ggsave() function:

JPG

base

These functions let you save any kind of graphic, including ggplots. You have to use the graphic function first to open a "graphic device" (where the plot is sent), then run the code to produce the plot, then close the connection to the device with dev.off().

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