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iDigBio
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iDigBio: A Source for Specimen Records

The screenshot shows the homepage of the iDigBio website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for "About iDigBio", "Research", "Technical Information", "Education", and "Log In". Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder "ENHANCED BY iDigBio". The main content area features a large image of a biological specimen (a porous, honeycomb-like structure) on the left. Overlaid on this image is the text: "Making data and images of millions of biological specimens available on the web". To the right of the image are three sets of statistics: 137,571,430 Specimen Records, 52,529,865 Media Records, and 1,797 Recordsets. A green button labeled "Search the Portal" is located below these stats. To the right of the stats is a yellow sidebar with a video thumbnail titled "WHY DIGITIZE?" and a link to "Why digitization matters". The bottom section is divided into five colored boxes: green, light blue, light green, light blue, and light blue. Each box contains an icon and text: "Digitization" (camera icon), "Sharing Collections" (double arrow icon), "Working Groups" (two people icon), "Proposals" (lightbulb icon), and "Citizen Scientists" (microscope icon). Each box also has a brief description below its title.

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Why digitization matters
More about what we do and why

Digitization
Learn, share and develop best practices

Sharing Collections
Documentation on data ingestion

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Join in, contribute, be part of the community

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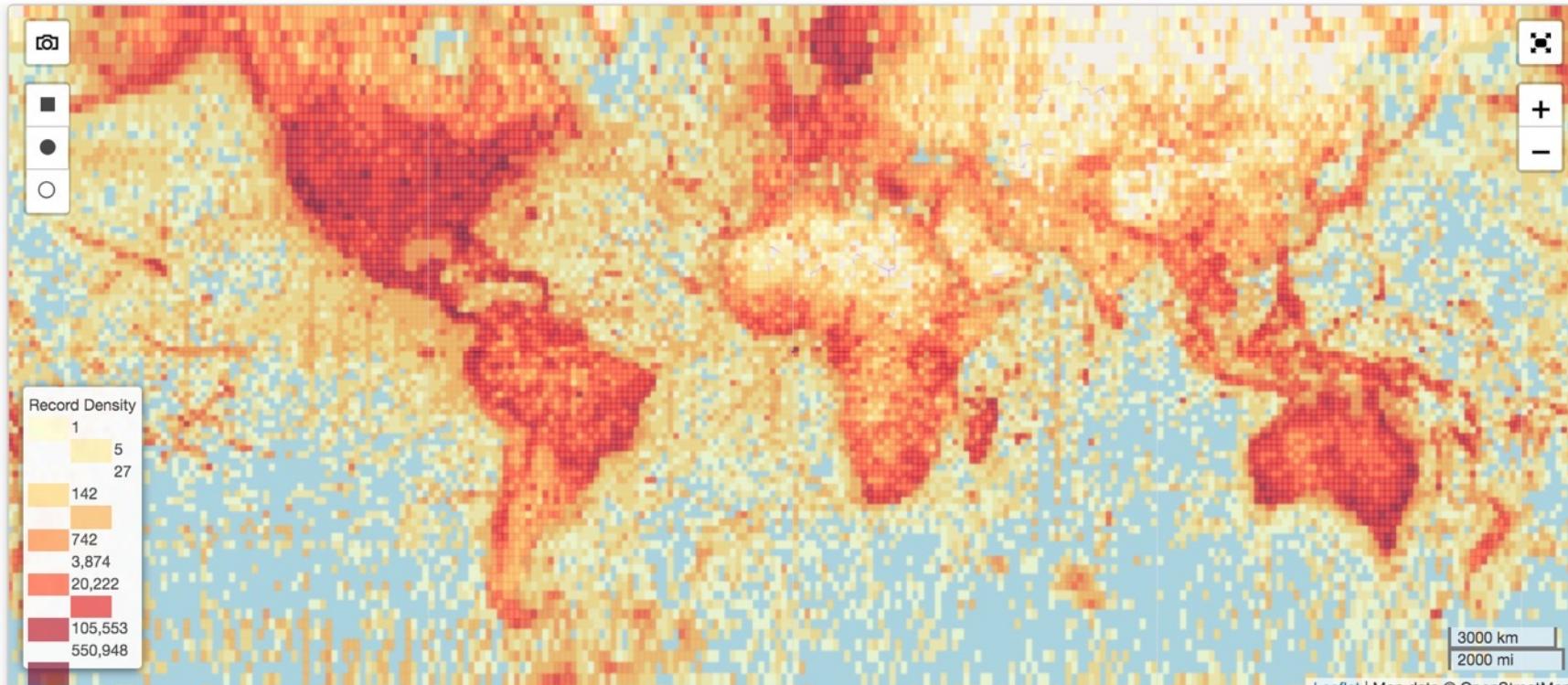
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Red Maple

Acer rubrum



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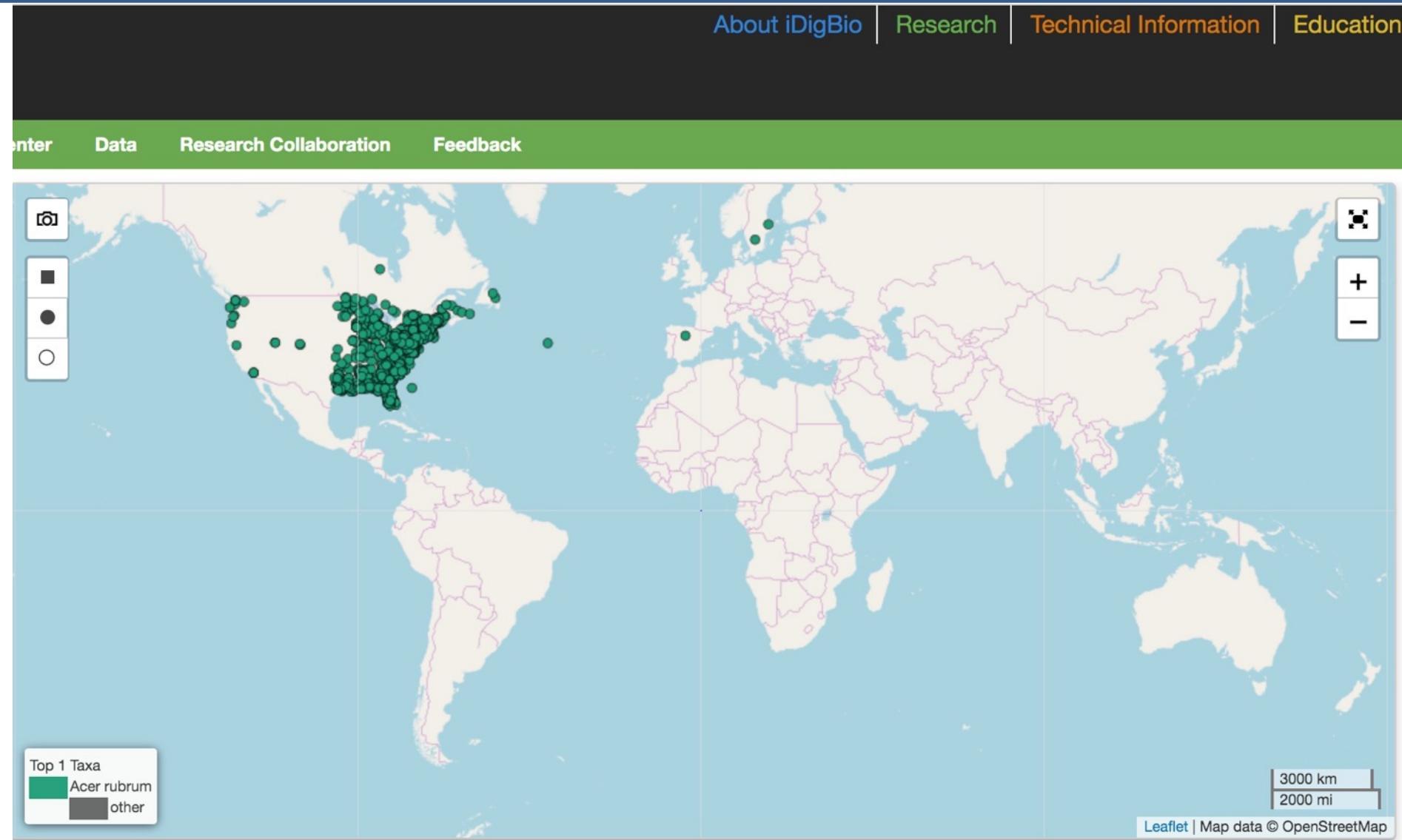
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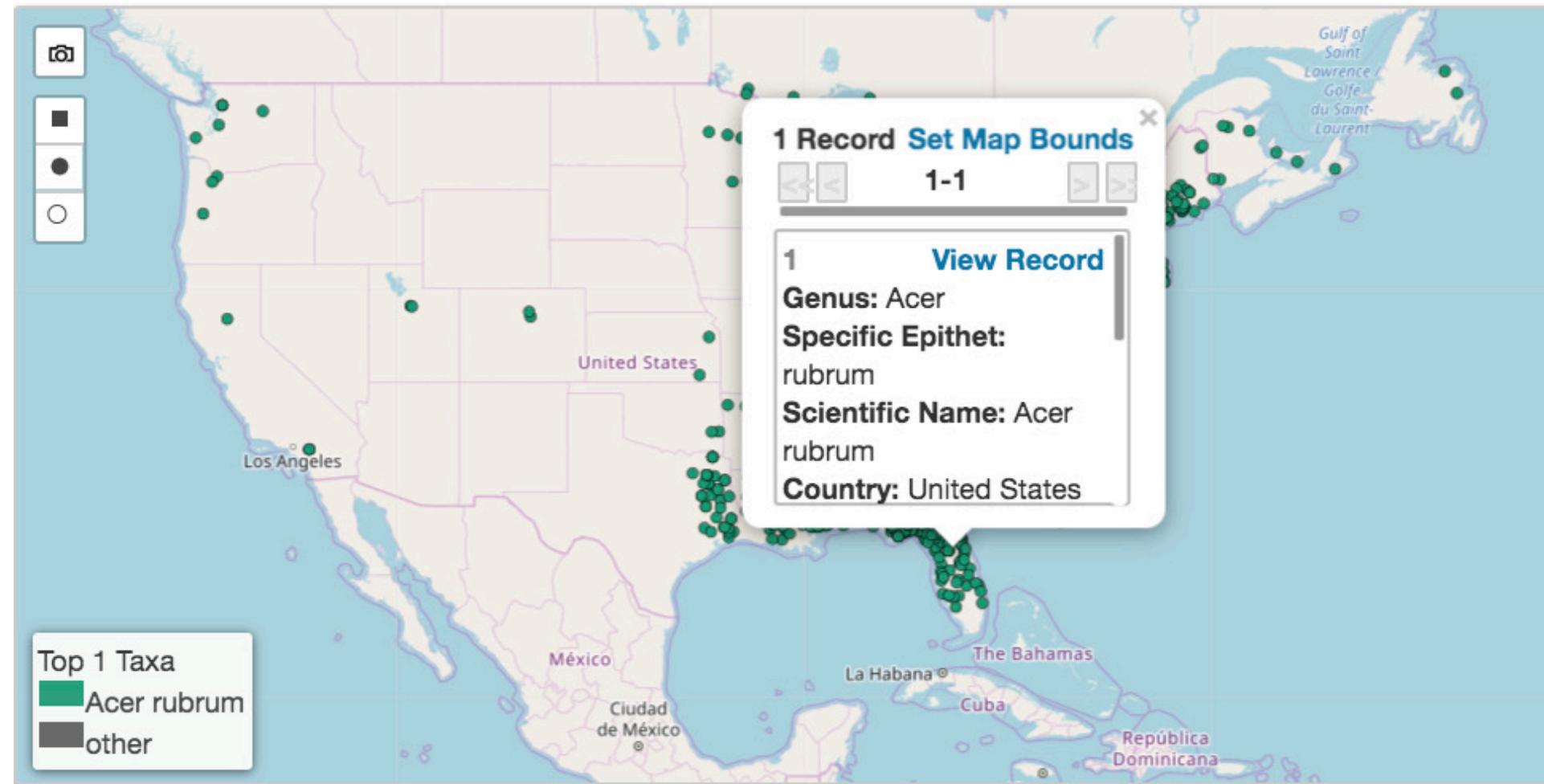
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Search the iDigBio Portal – Results



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Specimen Record

Plantae > Tracheophyta > Magnoliopsida > Sapindales > Sapindaceae

Acer rubrum Linnaeus

From Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium at Florida State University

Continent	North America	Institution Code	Fsu
Country	United States	Collection Code	Fsu
State/Province	Florida	Catalog Number	000002503
County/Parish	Marion	Collected By	Cecil R Slaughter
Locality	Adjacent To Orange Creek Along The Putnam And Marion County Line; At The End Of Nw 77th Tr Road; 1 Mile Nw Of Sr 308.		
Latitude	29.49254800000003	Date Collected	2001-03-15
Longitude	-82.04131472		

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A map of the southeastern United States and parts of Mexico and Central America. A blue dot marks the collection locality in Jacksonville, Florida. A tooltip box appears over the dot with the text "click or hover to WAKE". The map includes state/province boundaries and major cities like Phoenix, Tucson, Ciudad Juárez, Dallas, Austin, Houston, Baton Rouge, Atlanta, and Miami. The Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean are labeled. A legend in the top left corner shows zoom controls (+/-) and a location pin icon.

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Media

A small, square thumbnail image showing a herbarium specimen of a plant, likely Acer rubrum, with several leaves attached to a stem.

From Recordset

Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium at Florida State University

<http://herbarium.bio.fsu.edu/>

The logo of the Florida State University Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium, featuring a circular emblem with a plant motif and the text "Florida State University" and "Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium".

Florida State University's Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium is a museum-quality collection of over 220,000 plant and microalgae specimens. These document the distribution and natural variation of the 2,400 species of flowering plants, ferns, conifers, and cycads found in northern Florida—one of North America's biodiversity hotspots—and the microalgae of Florida's Gulf and Atlantic coasts. Each plant specimen is carefully identified, pressed, dried, and mounted to archival standards, with accompanying data on where and when it was collected. The specimens are a valued resource to local, state, national, and international biologists studying plant and microalgae systematics, ecology, evolution, biogeography, conservation biology, anatomy, and morphology. New specimens are added to the collection each week. As of May 2014, the collection includes all specimens from Stetson University's Herbarium (DLF). In August 2003, Austin Mast became the new director of the herbarium. Though now retired, Loran Anderson remains active in the herbarium. The current curator is Chris Buddenhagen. In August of 2003 the Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium set up a digital imaging system and SQL database. Currently 79,705 of our 220,000+ specimens have been entered into the herbarium's database. In late 2010, Tall Timbers Research Station's Herbarium began serving specimen data and images on this site as well. Currently, data and images for 10,344 of Tall Timbers Research Station's 10,000+ herbarium specimens are being served. Specimen images and data from both institution's can be searched by following the database links on our menu or by clicking here.

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Media Record

Plantae > Tracheophyta > Magnoliopsida > Sapindales > Sapindaceae

Acer rubrum Linnaeus [view specimen record](#)

From Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium at Florida State University



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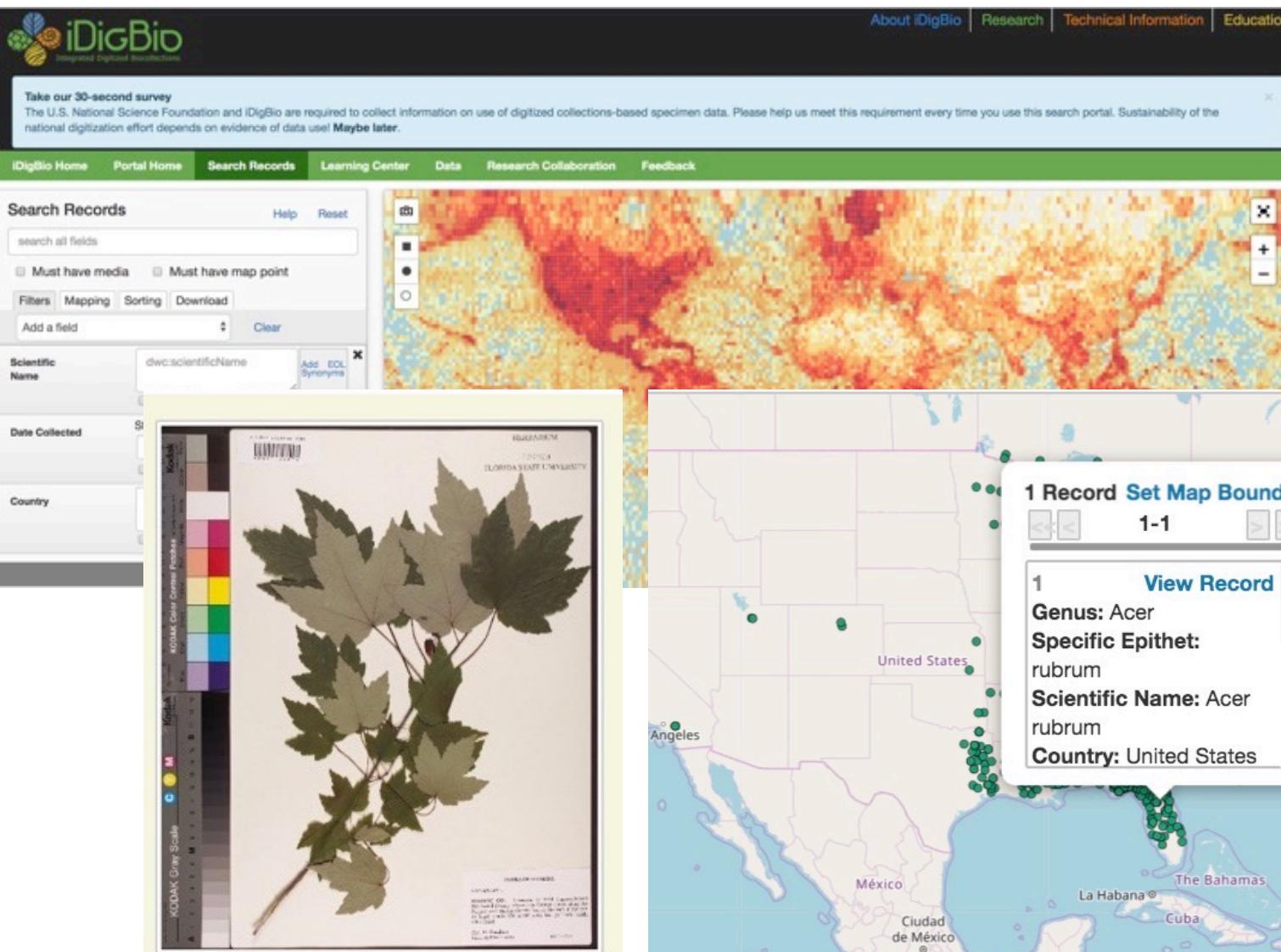
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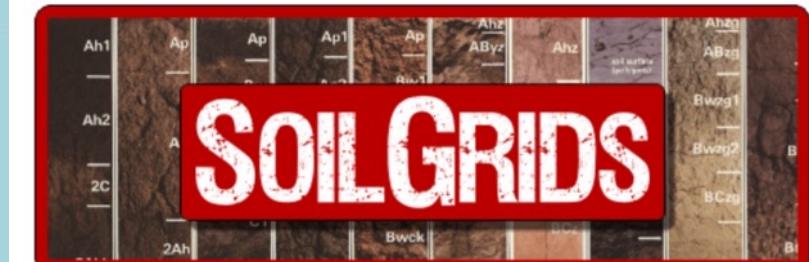
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Each Location has associated Ecological Information



Temperature
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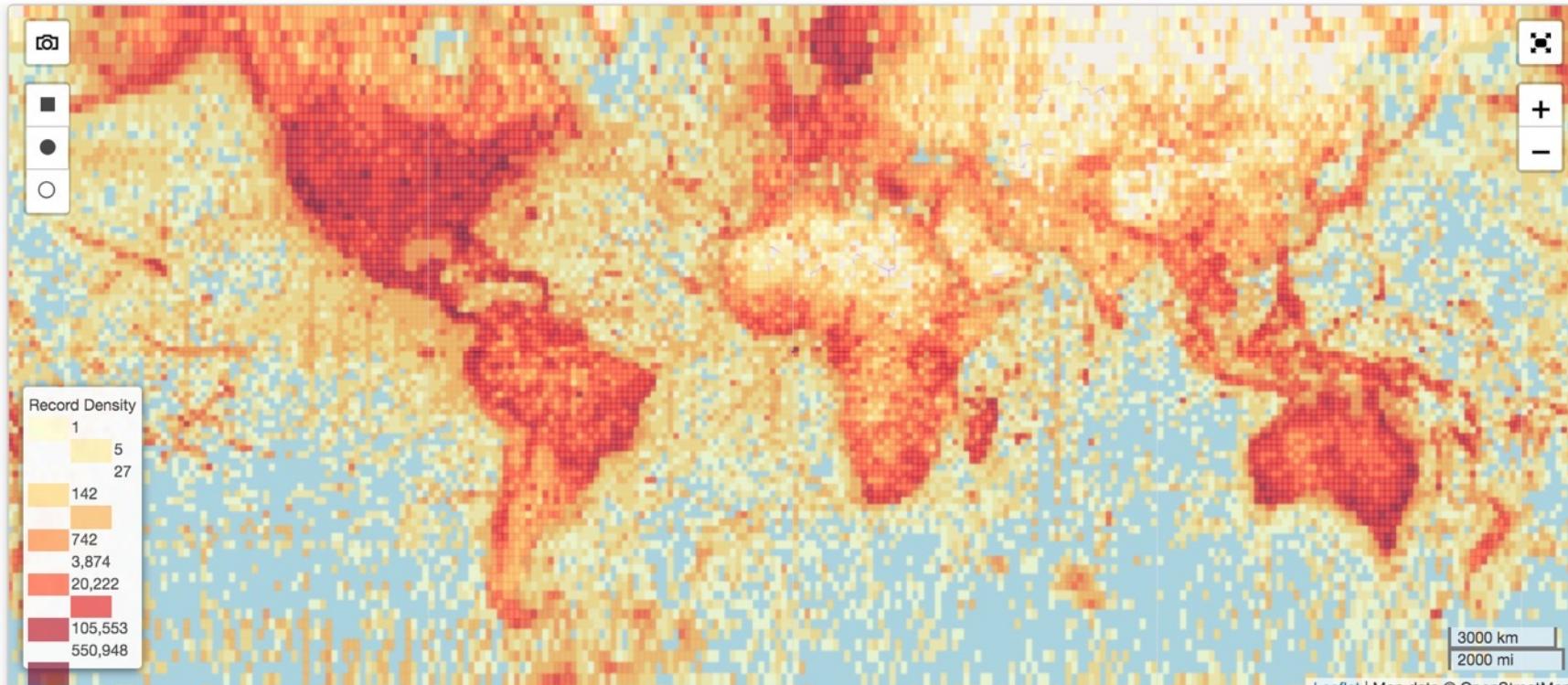
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Scientific Name Acer rubrum Add EOL Synonyms

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Family dwc:family Add EOL Synonyms

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Top 1 Taxa Acer rubrum other

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Total: 2,532

List Labels Media Recordsets

Family	Scientific Name	Date Collected	Country	Institution Code	Basis of Record	Columns
Sapindaceae	Acer rubrum	1841-04-14	United States	PH	PreservedSpecimen	view
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Sapindaceae	Acer rubrum	1857/1858	USA	YPM	PreservedSpecimen	view

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Geopoint is present. Scientific Name = Acer rubrum. ▼ ↻

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Geopoint is present. Scientific Name ...	 Click To Download
Geopoint is present. Genus = Rhexia....	pending

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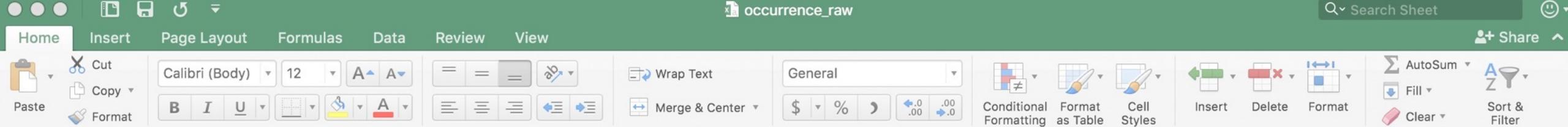
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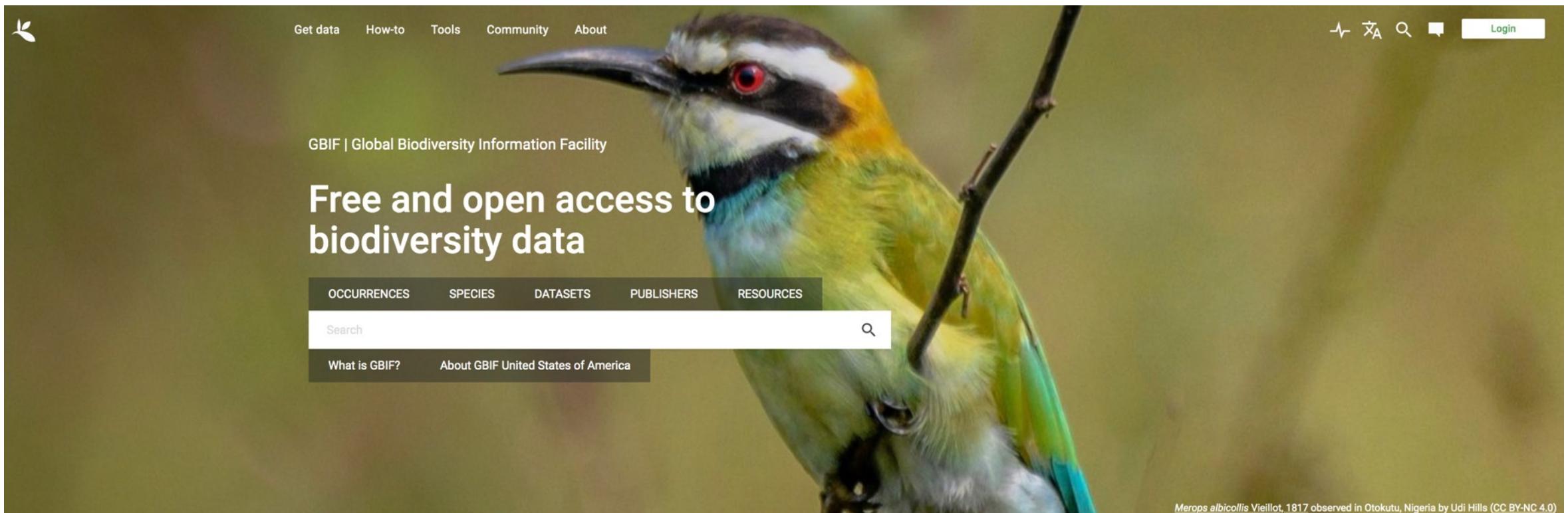
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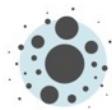
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Merops albicollis Vieillot, 1817 observed in Otokutu, Nigeria by Udi Hills (CC BY-NC 4.0)



2,169,156,841

Occurrence records



69,336

Datasets



1,835

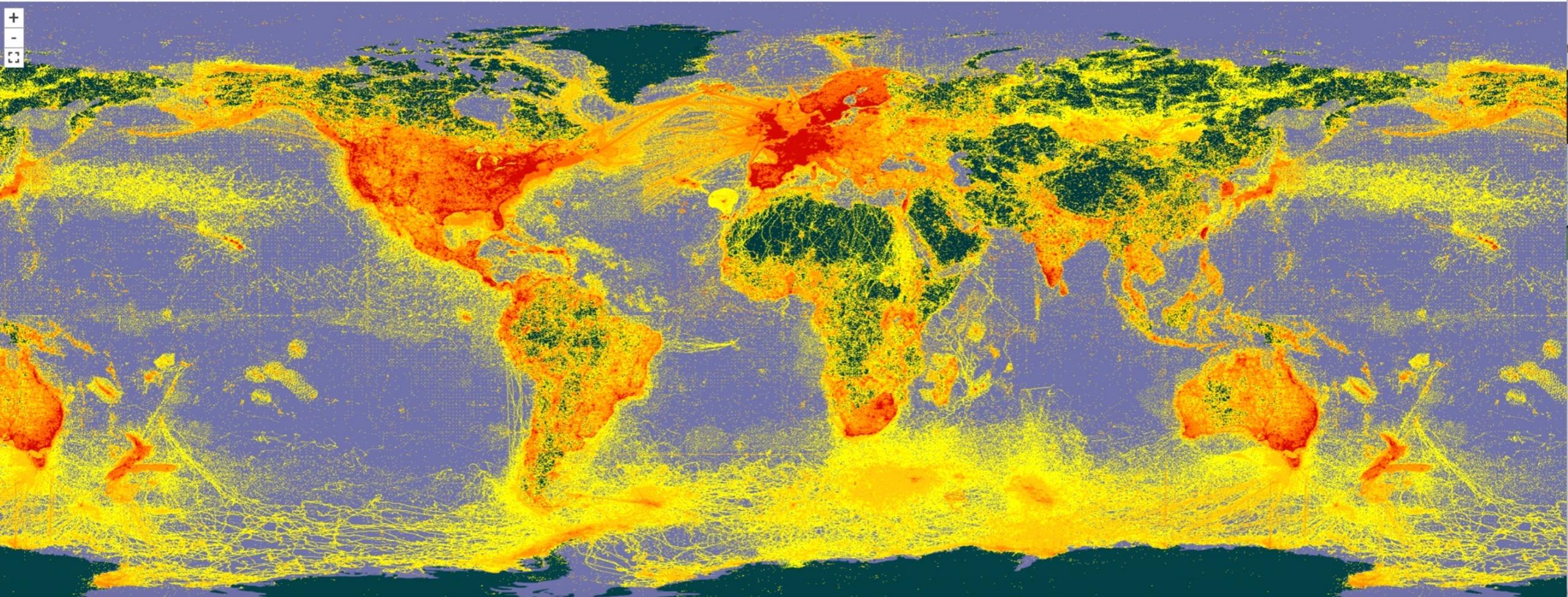
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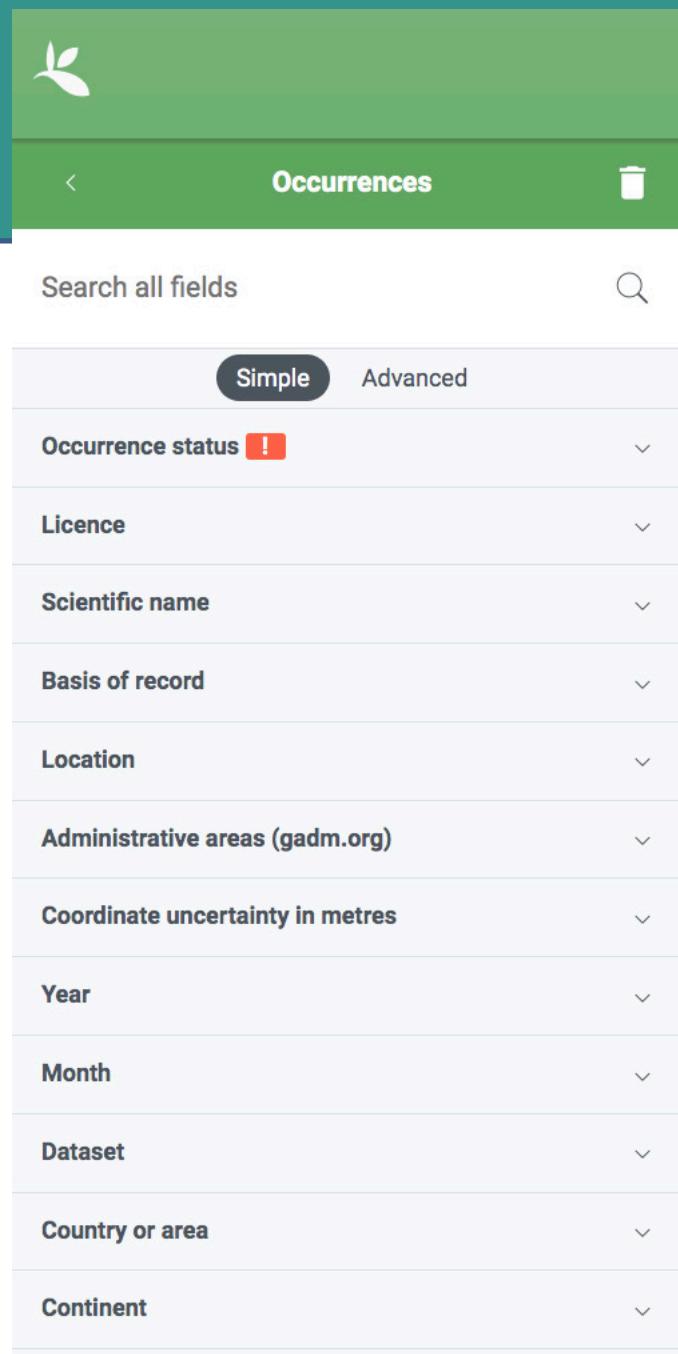
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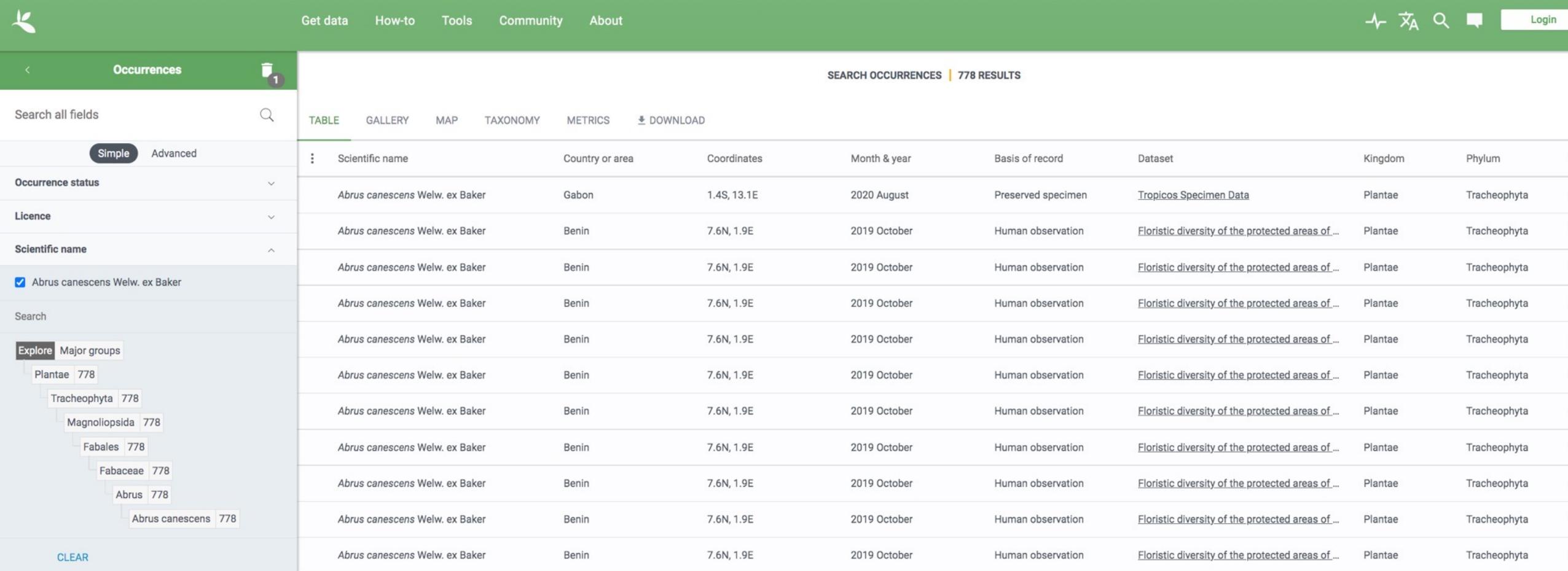
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***Abrus canescens* Welw. ex Baker**

Observed in Benin

Plantae > Tracheophyta > Magnoliopsida > Fabales > Fabaceae > *Abrus*

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Species: [Abrus canescens](#) Welw. ex Baker
Location: Benin
Basis of record: Human observation

Event ID: FOREST_MK_WM_14_10_2019
Dataset: Floristic diversity of the protected areas of Mont Kouffé and Wari Maro in the n...
Publisher: Laboratoire d'Ecologie Appliquée/Université d'Abomey-Calavi (LEA/UAC)

The map displays the coastline and inland regions of West Africa, specifically focusing on the countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, and the Central African Republic. A blue marker indicates the location of the occurrence in Benin. The map includes a legend for roads and rivers, and a scale bar.

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Occurrence			
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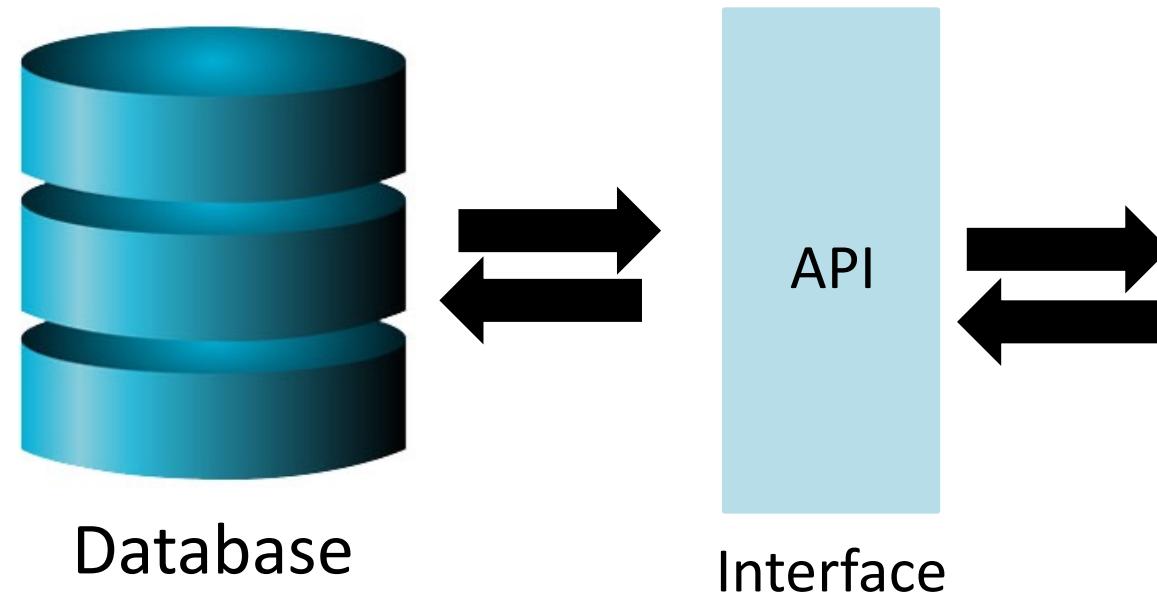
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Other Options for Data Downloads

API = Application Programming Interface

- Allows users to interact with a system



Other Options for Data Downloads: APIs



The iDigBio logo features three stylized icons representing different types of biological specimens: a blue leaf, a green flower, and a yellow shell. To the right of the icons, the word "iDigBio" is written in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below "iDigBio", the words "Integrated Digitized Biocollections" are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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API Summary

<https://api.gbif.org/v1/>

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The GBIF API is a RESTful JSON based API. The base URL for v1 you should use is: <https://api.gbif.org/v1/>

The API should be considered stable, as should this accompanying documentation. It is also available with HTTPS. Please report any issues you find with either the API itself or the documentation using the "feedback" button on the top right.

API Sections

The API is split into logical sections to ease understanding:

- Registry:** Provides means to create, edit, update and search for information about the datasets, organizations (e.g. data publishers), networks and the means to access them (technical endpoints). The Registry is indexed in the GBIF data portal, but as a shared API may also be used for other initiatives.
- Species:** Provides services to discover and access information about species and higher taxa, and utility services for interpreting names and looking up the identifiers and complete scientific names used in the GBIF data portal.
- Occurrence:** Provides access to occurrence information crawled and indexed by GBIF and search services to do real time paged search and asynchronous download services to do large batch downloads.
- Maps:** Provides simple services to show the maps of GBIF mobilized content on other sites.
- News:** Provides services to stream useful information such as papers published using GBIF mobilized content for various themes.

Communication

You can sign up to the [GBIF API users mailing list](#) to post your questions, and to keep informed about the API. We will announce new versions and scheduled maintenance downtimes before they happen.

You can also post questions to the [GBIF Community Forum](#) or using the feedback button at the top of the page.

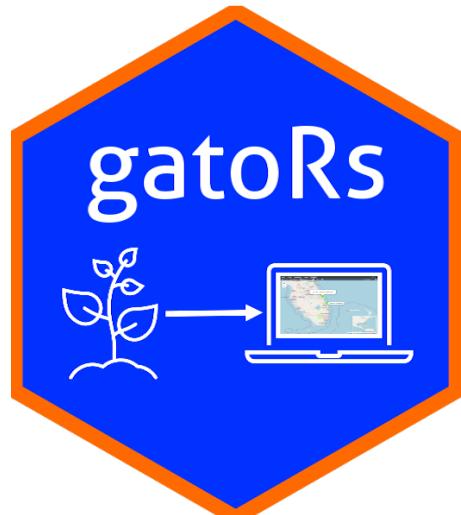
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Common operations

The following details common cross-cutting parameters used in the API

Other Options for Data Downloads: R packages

- `ridigbio`
- `rbif`
- `spocc`: Interface to Species Occurrence Data Sources
- `gatoRs`: geographic and taxonomic occurrence R-based scrubbing



Patten et al., APPS, submitted