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naturecounts

a new R package to access standardized data on plant and animal populations

<https://github.com/BirdStudiesCanada/naturecounts>

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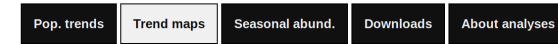
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Online repository

- Data stored in a standardized format
- 128 million occurrence records (>400 sources)
- 12,000 dataset requests
- 2.3 billion total record requests by 1850 users

Goals

1. Safely archive data
2. Facilitate data entry into repository
3. Facilitate data access
4. Develop tools for exploration, analysis, interpretation, and decision support

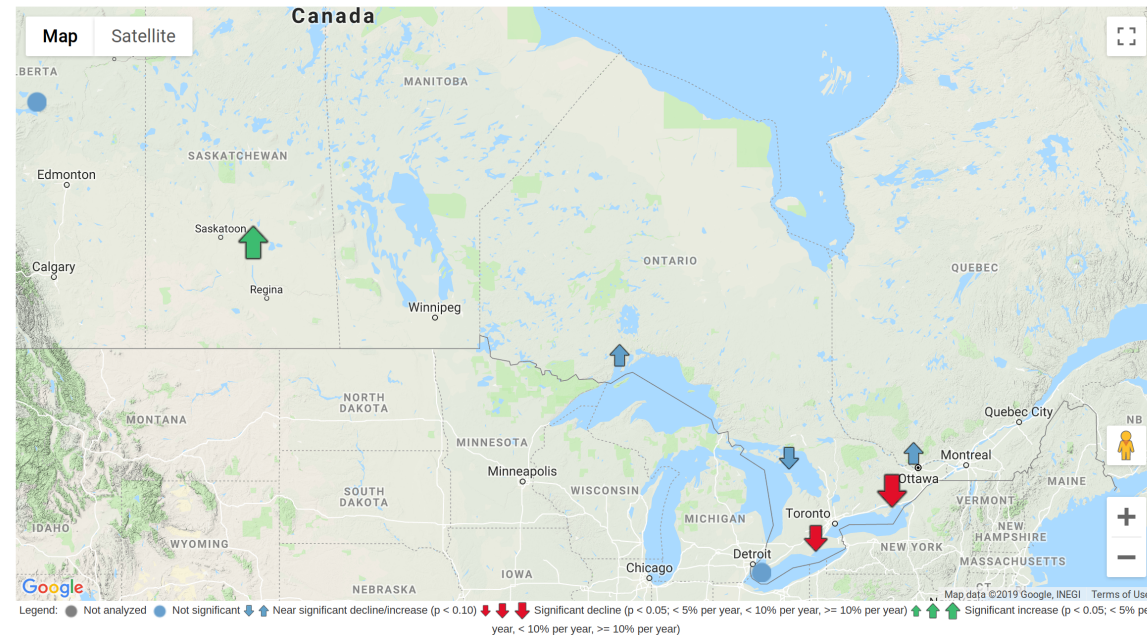


Change project: Canadian Migration Monitoring Network ▾

Species: White-crowned Sparrow ▾ Season: Spring ▾ Go

The **Trend Maps** tool allows you to produce a map showing regional population trends for a selected species and season. Trends are calculated using the same period among sites (usually **the 10 most recent years available**). Only sites or regions with sufficient data are presented. To see more details about the trend at a site or region, simply click on a symbol. For more information about maps, [click here](#).

Download as a [Google Earth](#) file



R package

- Access raw data (dataframe, database)
- Access metadata (species taxonomy, etc.)
- Data formatting (dates, zero-fill)
- Quick and reproducible

Users

- Sign up on NatureCounts.ca (basic access)
- Request access to other datasets

Development Status

- **Download tools:** Alpha
- **Data tools:** In Development

Basic Usage

```
library(naturecounts)

# Find species id
species_search(name = "Northern Cardinal")

# Download to dataframe
cardinals <- nc_data_dl(species = 19360,
                        username = "sample")

# Download to SQLite Database
cardinals <- nc_data_dl(species = 19360,
                        sql_db = "cardinals",
                        username = "sample")
```

Package Source

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Support (Tutorials, Examples)

<https://birdstudiescanada.github.io/naturecounts/>