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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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NatureCounts.ca
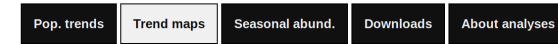
Online repository

- 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
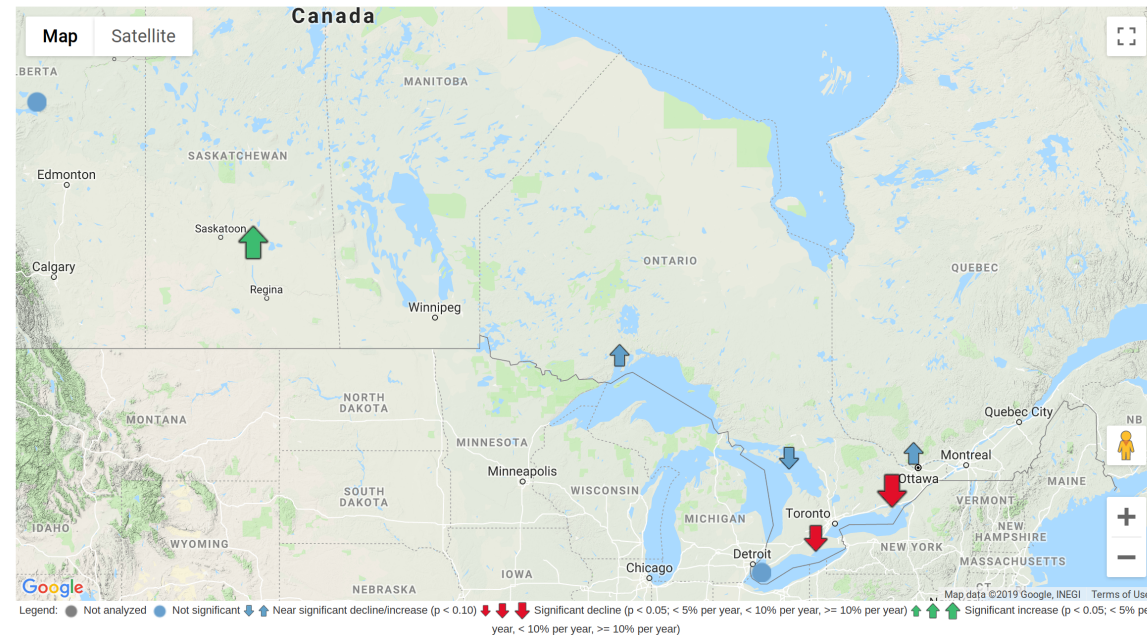
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R package

- Access raw data (dataframe, database)
- Access metadata (species taxonomy, etc.)
- Data formating (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

```r
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")
```

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Support (Tutorials, Examples)
https://birdstudiescanada.github.io/naturecounts/