

Graphic Design with ggplot2

Working with Colors

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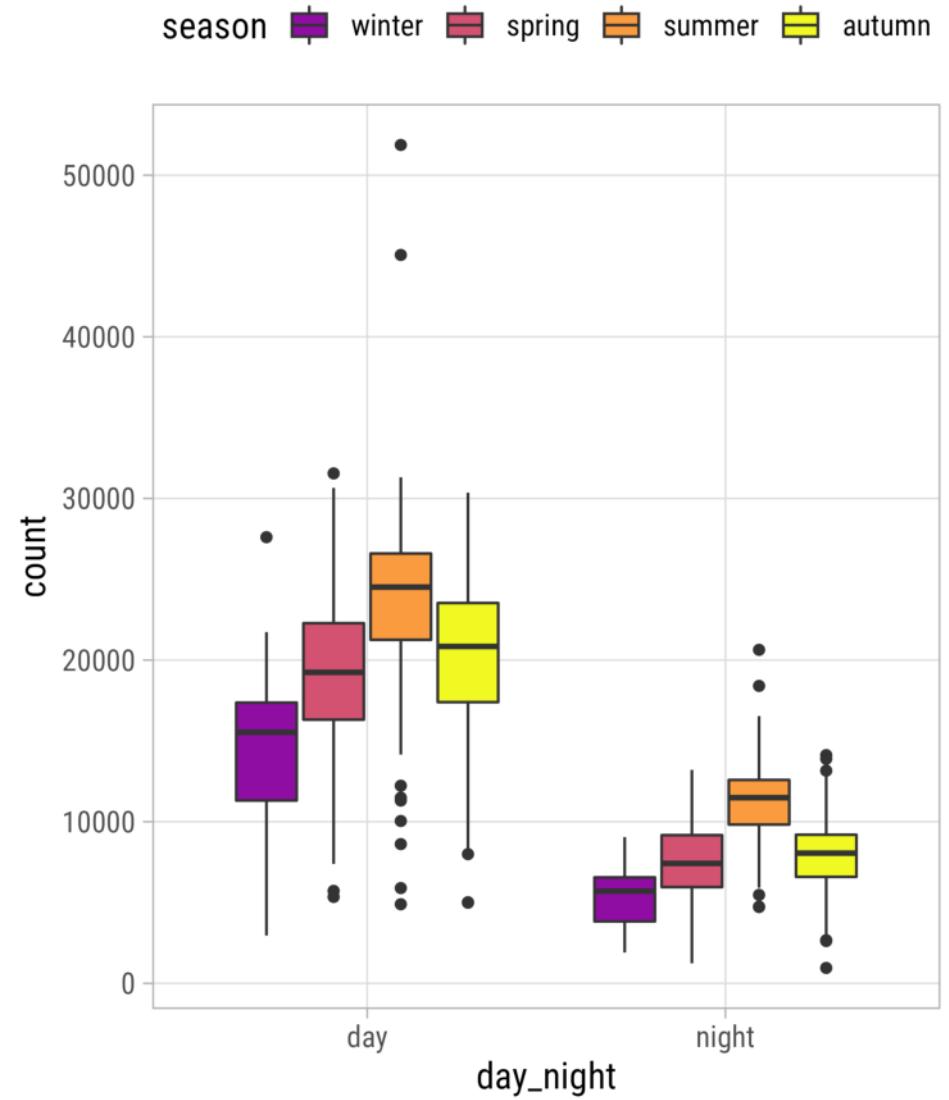
Setup

```
1 library(tidyverse)
2
3 library(tidyverse)
4
5 bikes <- readr::read_csv(
6   here::here("data", "london-bikes-custom.csv"),
7   col_types = "Dcffffillllddddc"
8 )
9
10 bikes$season <- forcats::fct_inorder(bikes$season)
11
12 theme_set(theme_light(base_size = 14, base_family = "Roboto Condensed"))
13
14 theme_update(
15   panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
16   plot.title = element_text(face = "bold"),
17   legend.position = "top",
18   plot.title.position = "plot"
19 )
```

Color Palettes

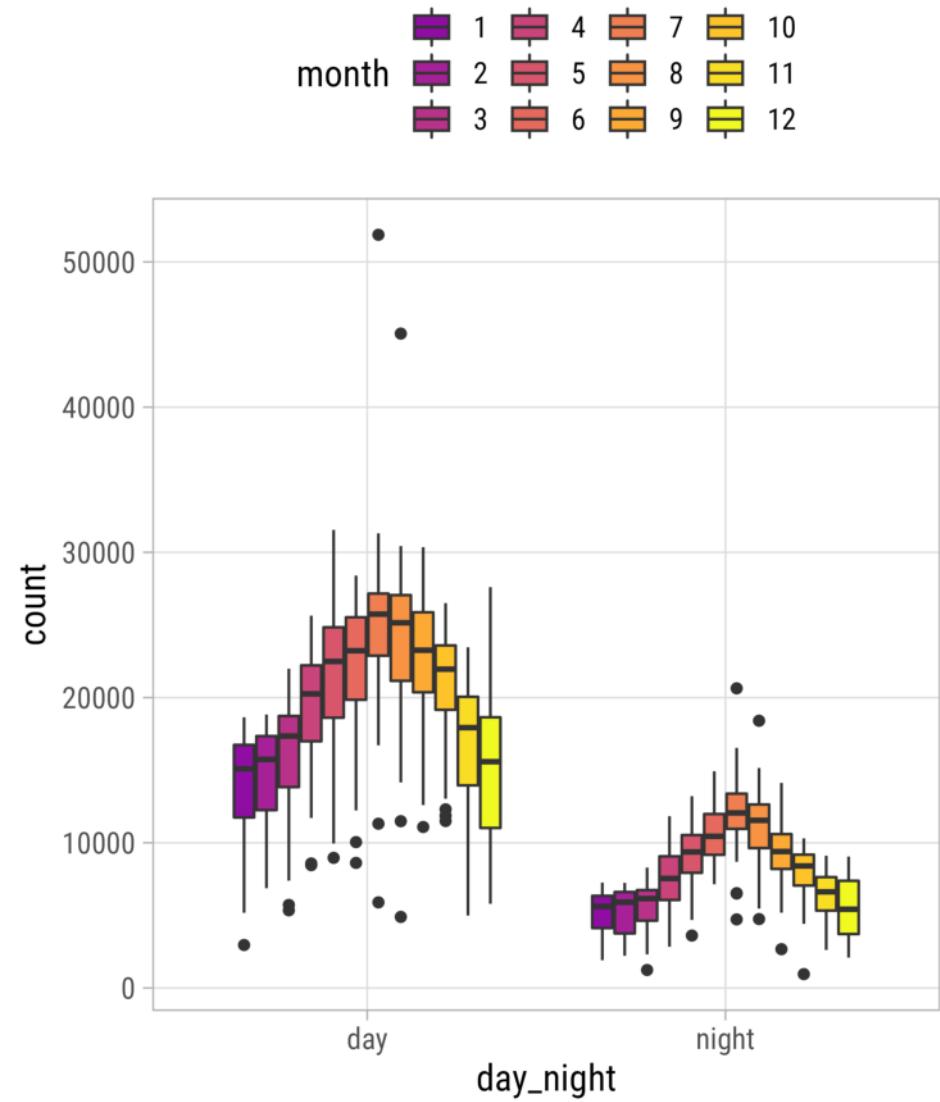
Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Viridis

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count,  
4       fill = season)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_boxplot() +  
7 scale_fill_viridis_d(  
8   option = "plasma",  
9   begin = .3  
10 )
```



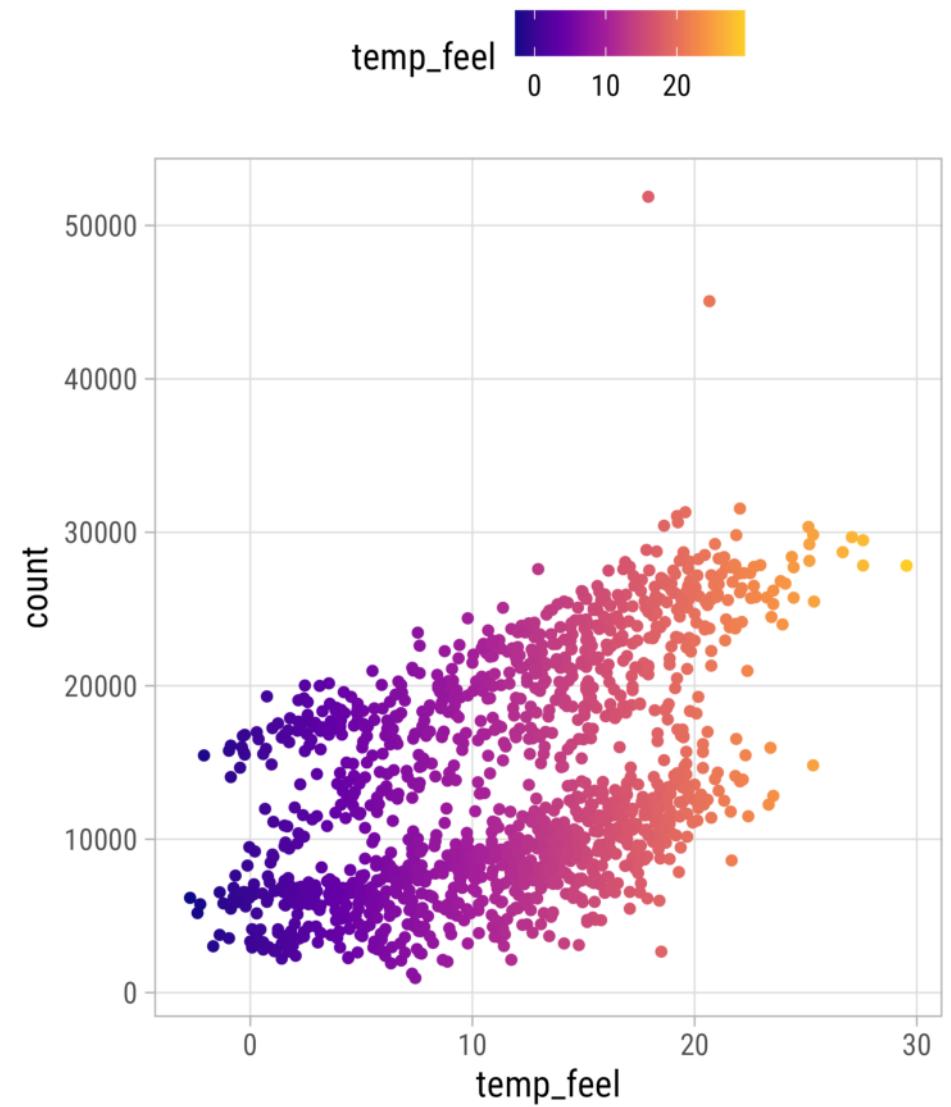
Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Viridis

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count,  
4       fill = month)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_boxplot() +  
7 scale_fill_viridis_d(  
8   option = "plasma",  
9   begin = .3  
10 )
```



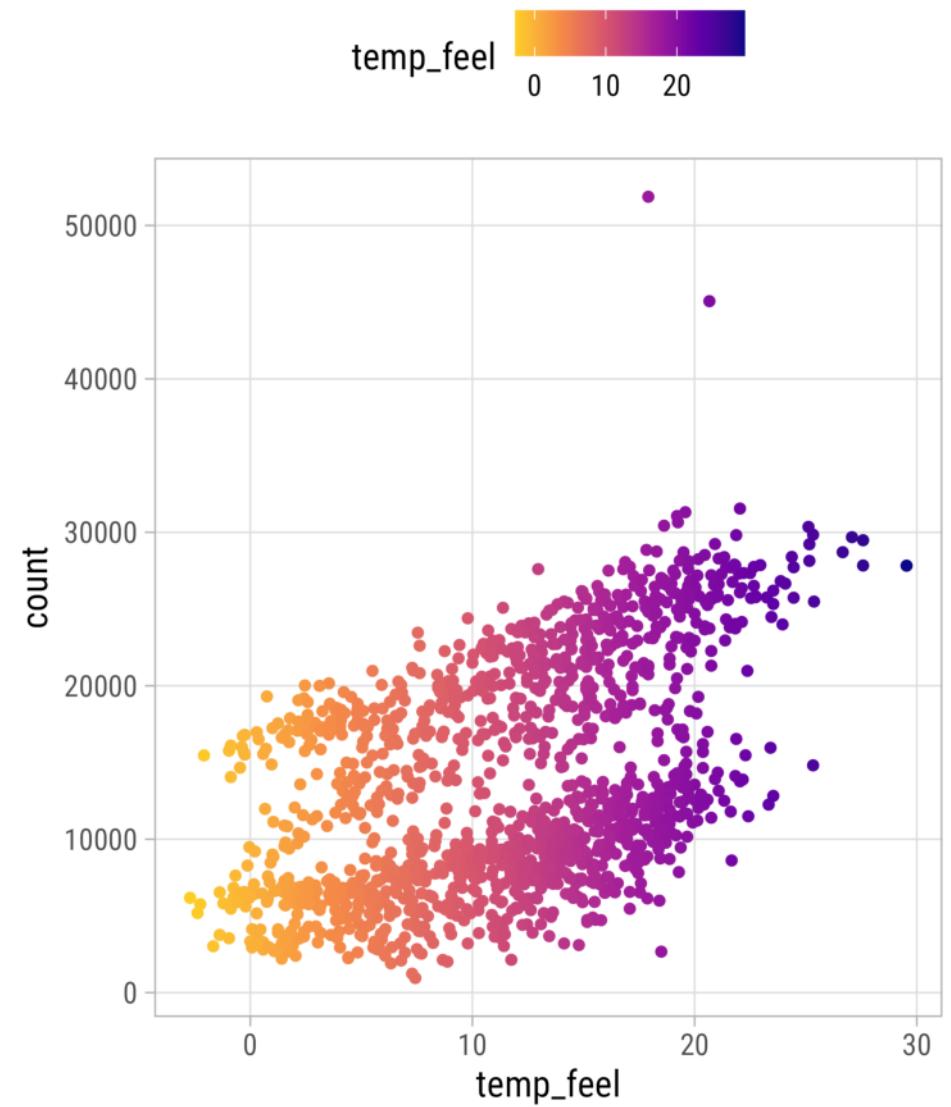
Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Viridis

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_viridis_c(  
8   option = "plasma",  
9   end = .9  
10 )
```



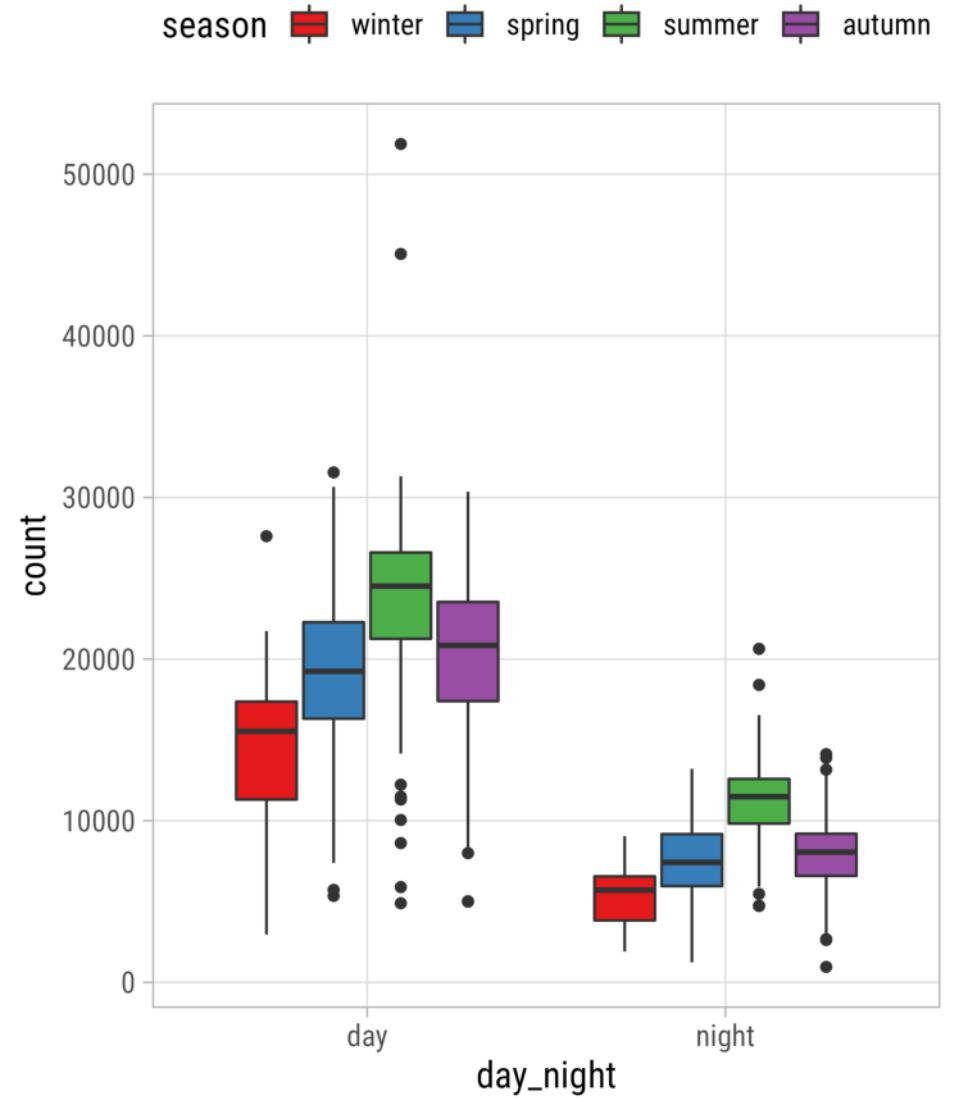
Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Viridis

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_viridis_c(  
8   option = "plasma",  
9   end = .9,  
10  direction = -1  
11 )
```



Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Brewer

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count,  
4       fill = season)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_boxplot() +  
7 scale_fill_brewer(  
8   palette = "Set1"  
9 )
```



Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Brewer

```
1 RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all()
```



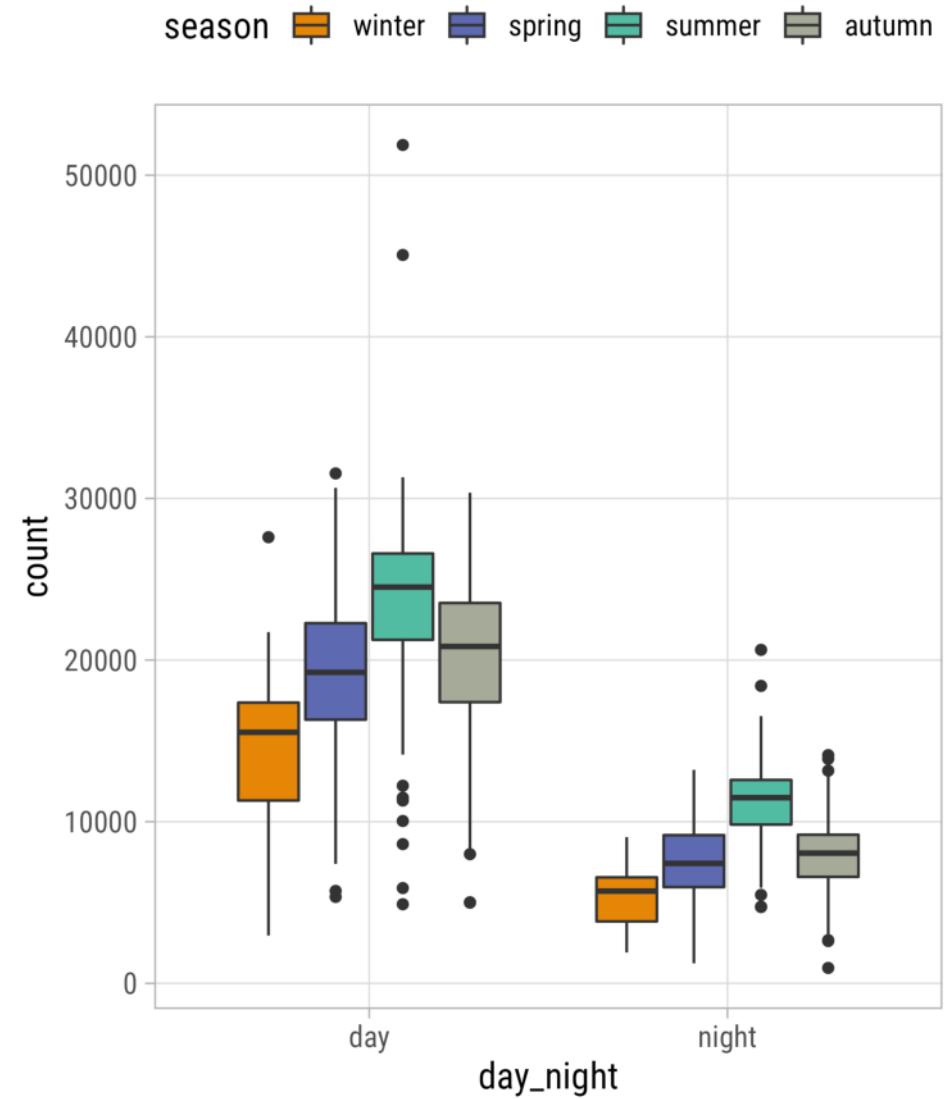
Pre-Defined Color Palettes: Brewer

```
1 RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all(colorblindFriendly = TRUE)
```



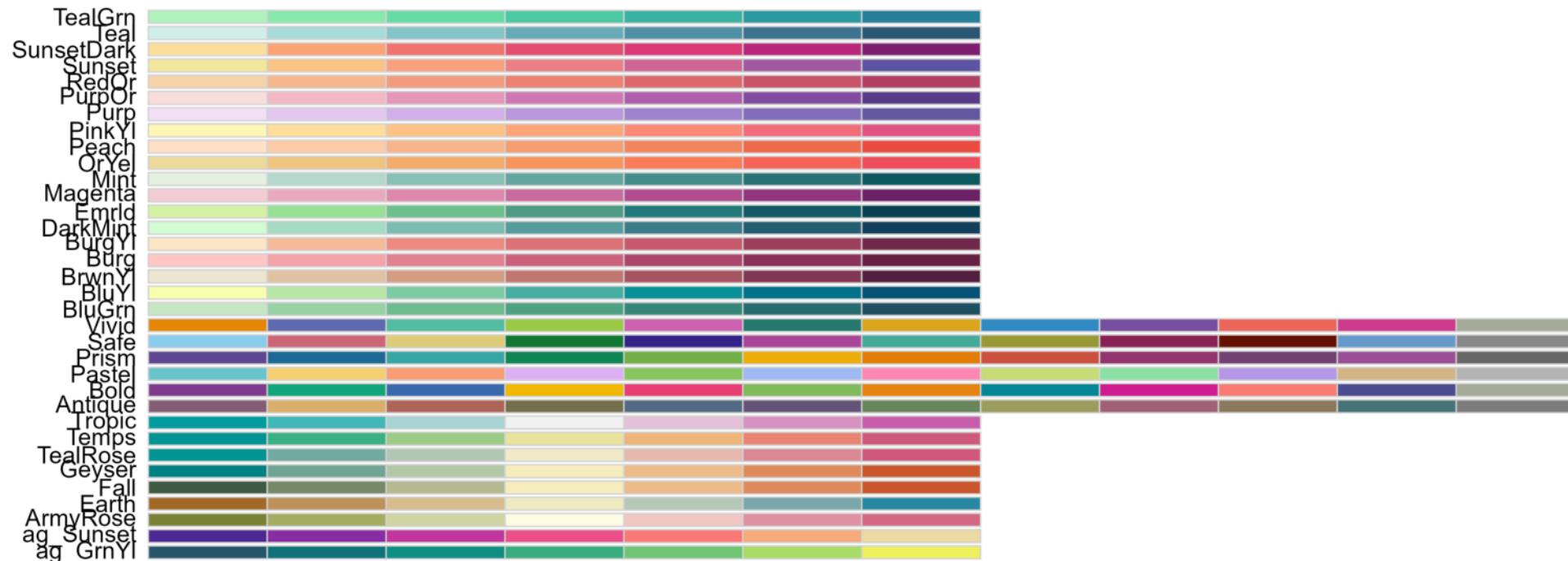
{rcartocolor}

```
1 # install.packages("rcartocolor")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   rcartocolor::scale_fill_carto_d(
10   palette = "Vivid"
11 )
```



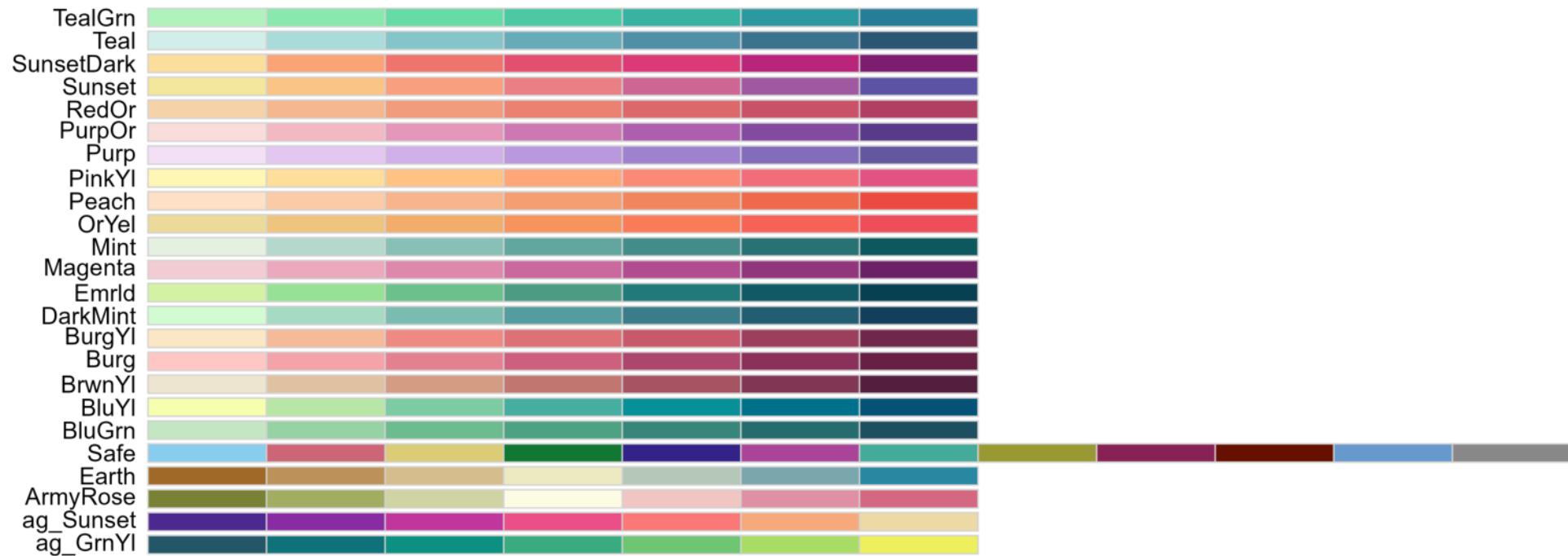
{rcartocolor}

```
1 rcartocolor::display_carto_all()
```



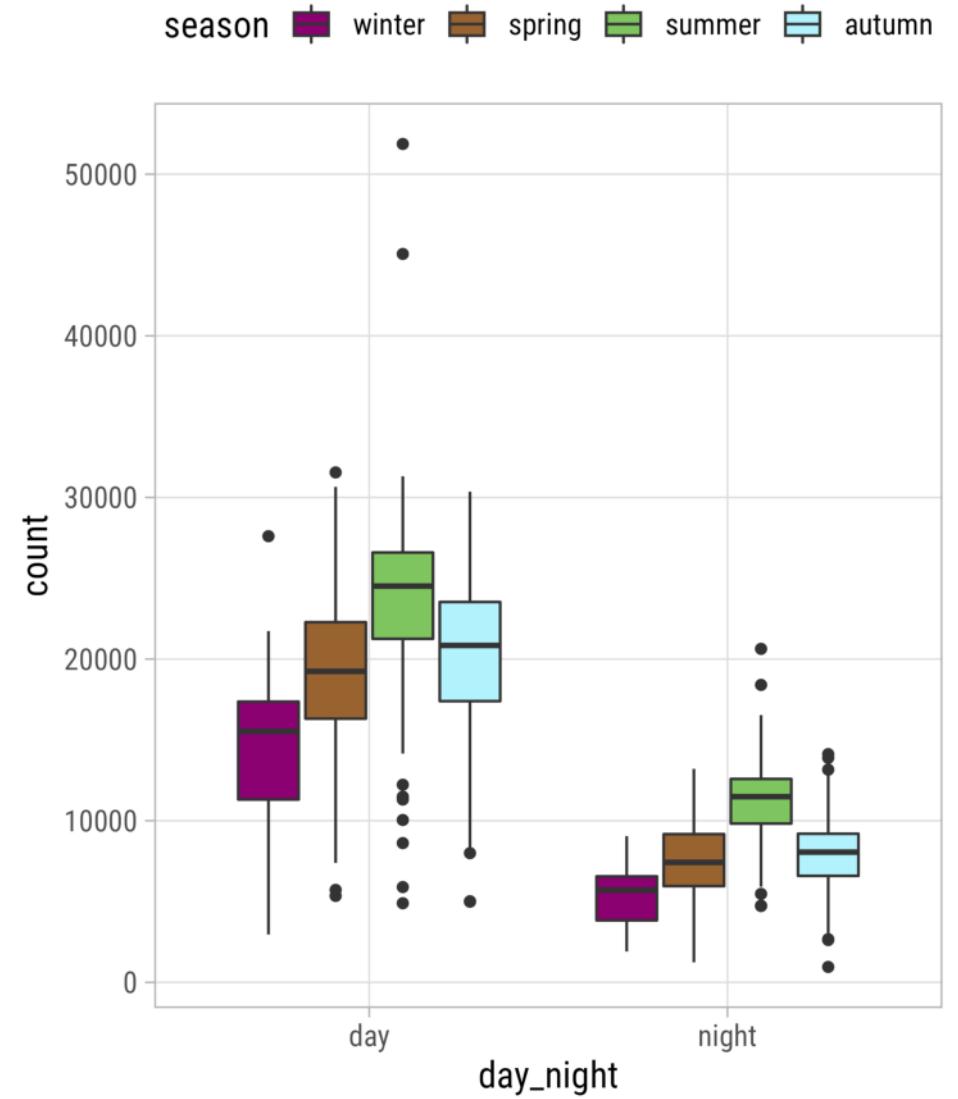
{rcartocolor}

```
1 rcartocolor::display_carto_all(colorblind_friendly = TRUE)
```



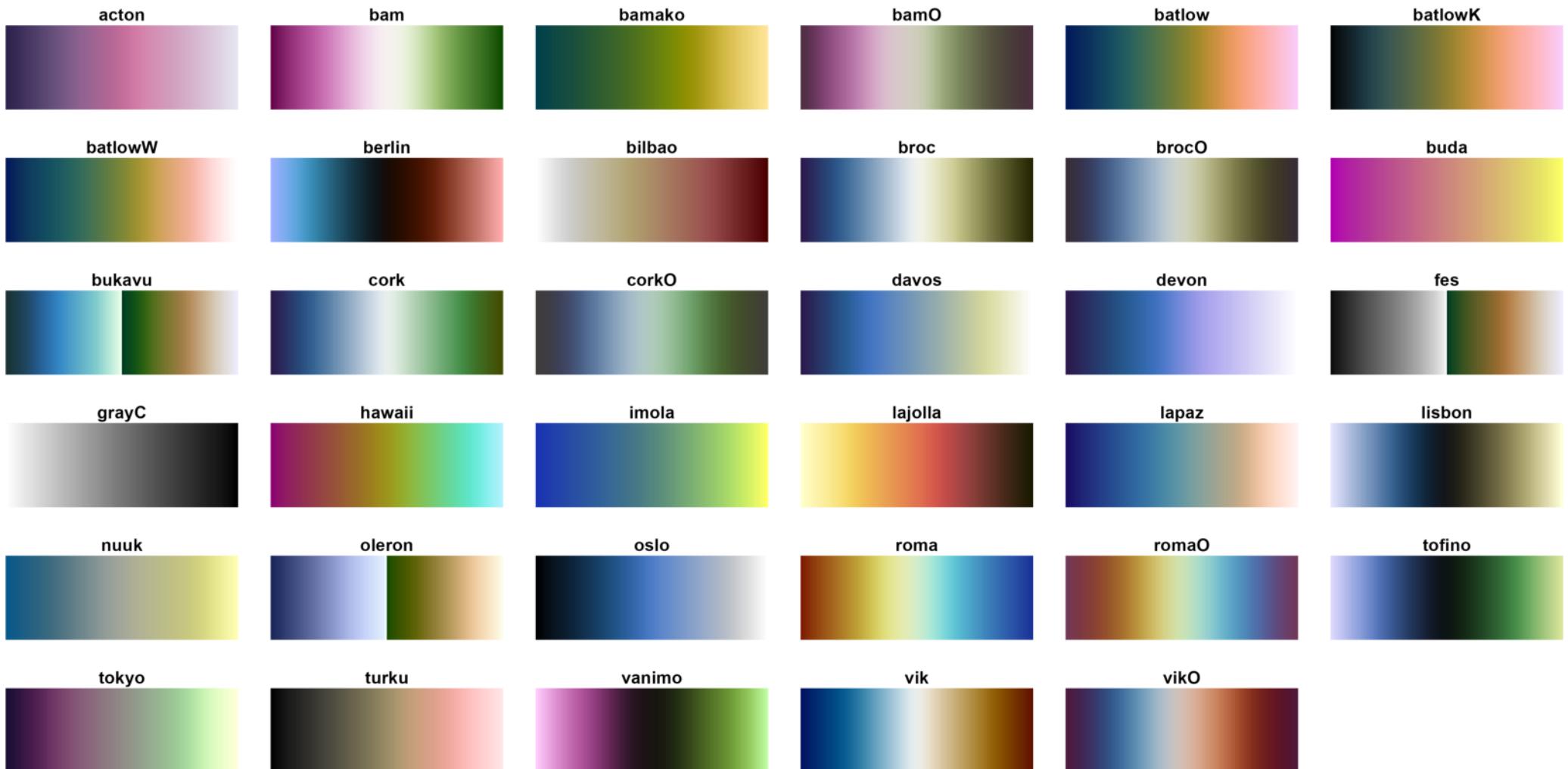
{scico}

```
1 # install.packages("scico")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   scico::scale_fill_scico_d(
10   palette = "hawaii"
11 )
```



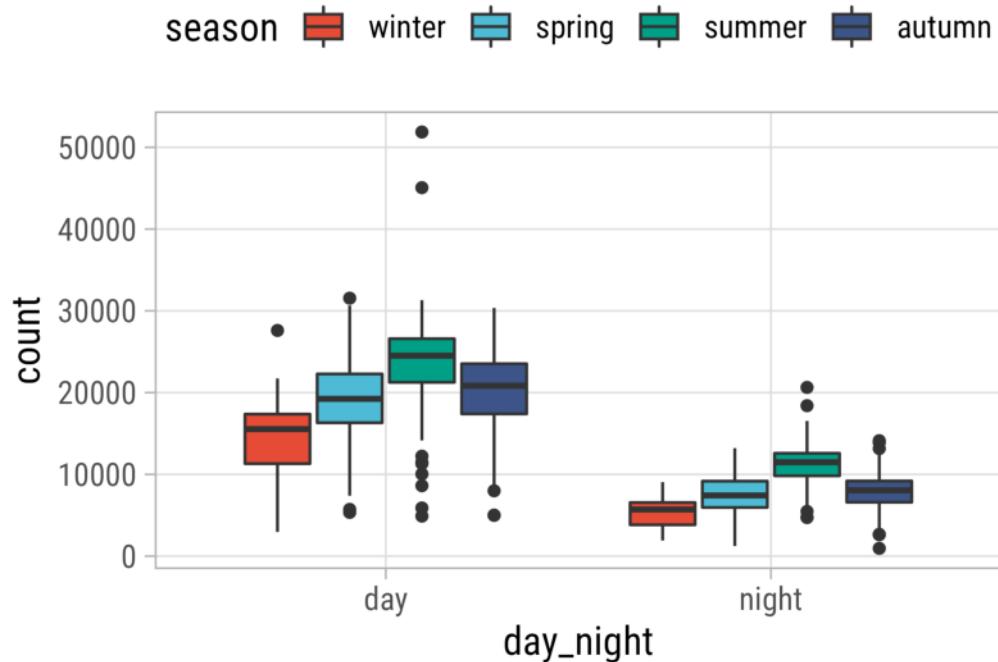
{scico}

```
1 scico::scico_palette_show()
```

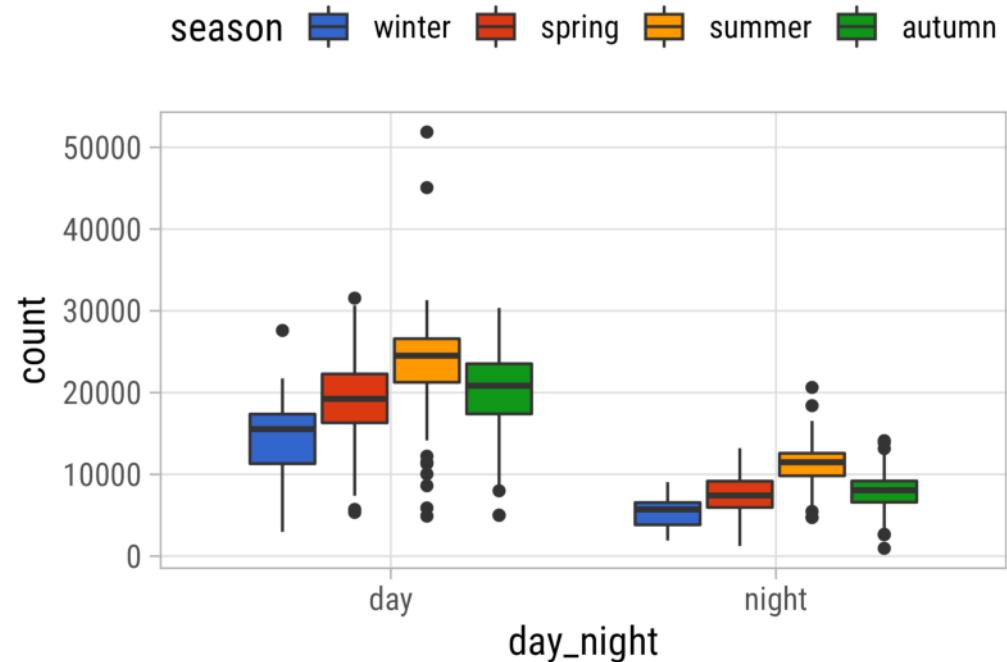


{ggsci} and {ggthemes}

```
1 # install.packages("ggsci")
2 ggplot(
3   bikes,
4   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
5       fill = season)
6 ) +
7 geom_boxplot() +
8 ggsci::scale_fill_npg()
```

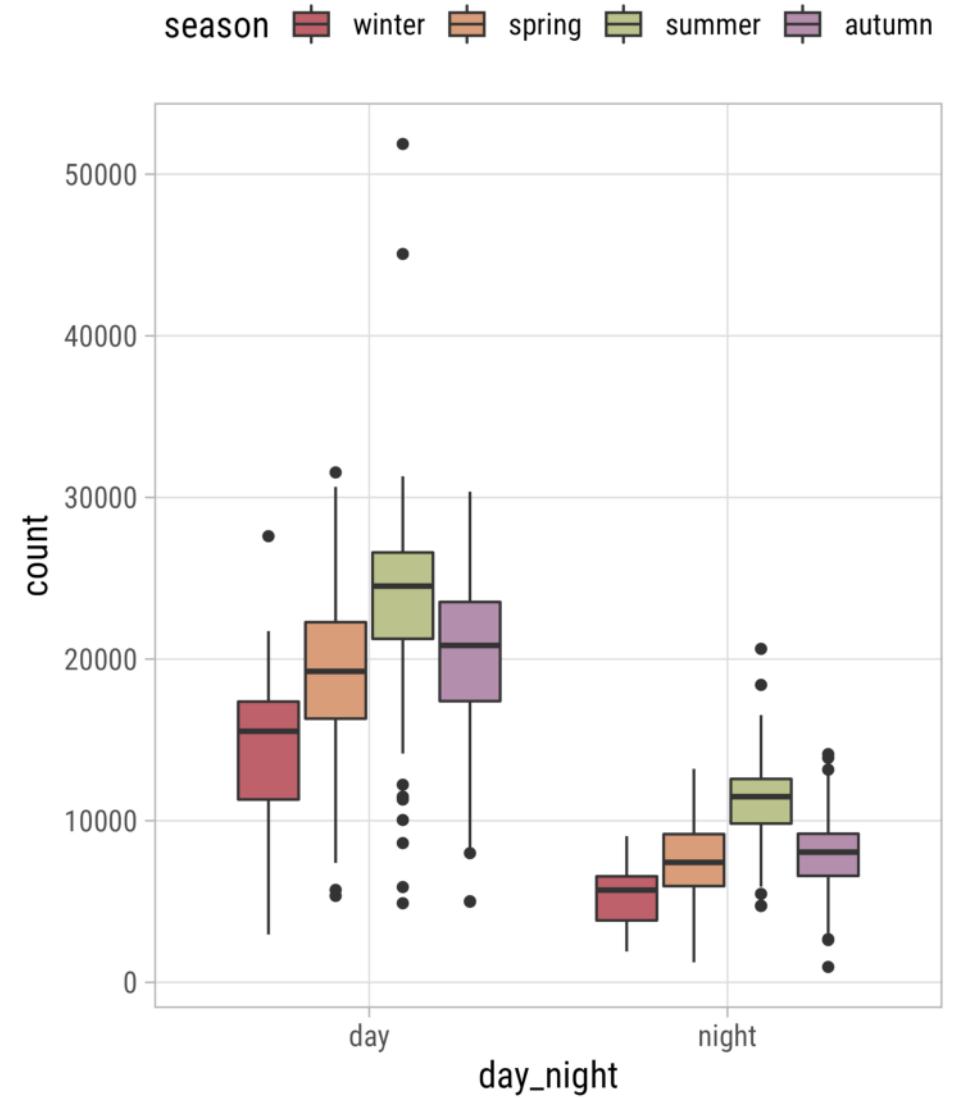


```
1 # install.packages("ggthemes")
2 ggplot(
3   bikes,
4   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
5       fill = season)
6 ) +
7 geom_boxplot() +
8 ggthemes::scale_fill_gdocs()
```



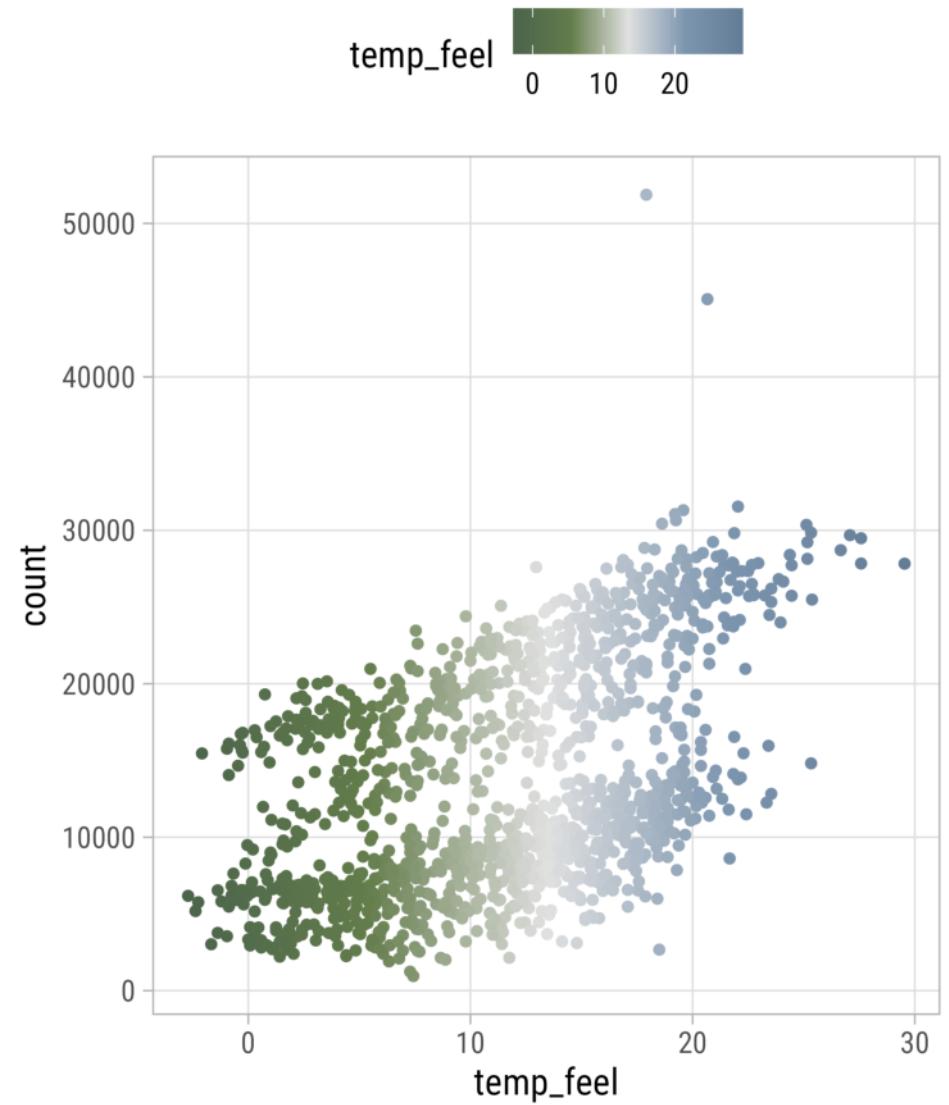
{nord}

```
1 # install.packages("nord")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   nord::scale_fill_nord(
10   palette = "aurora"
11 )
```



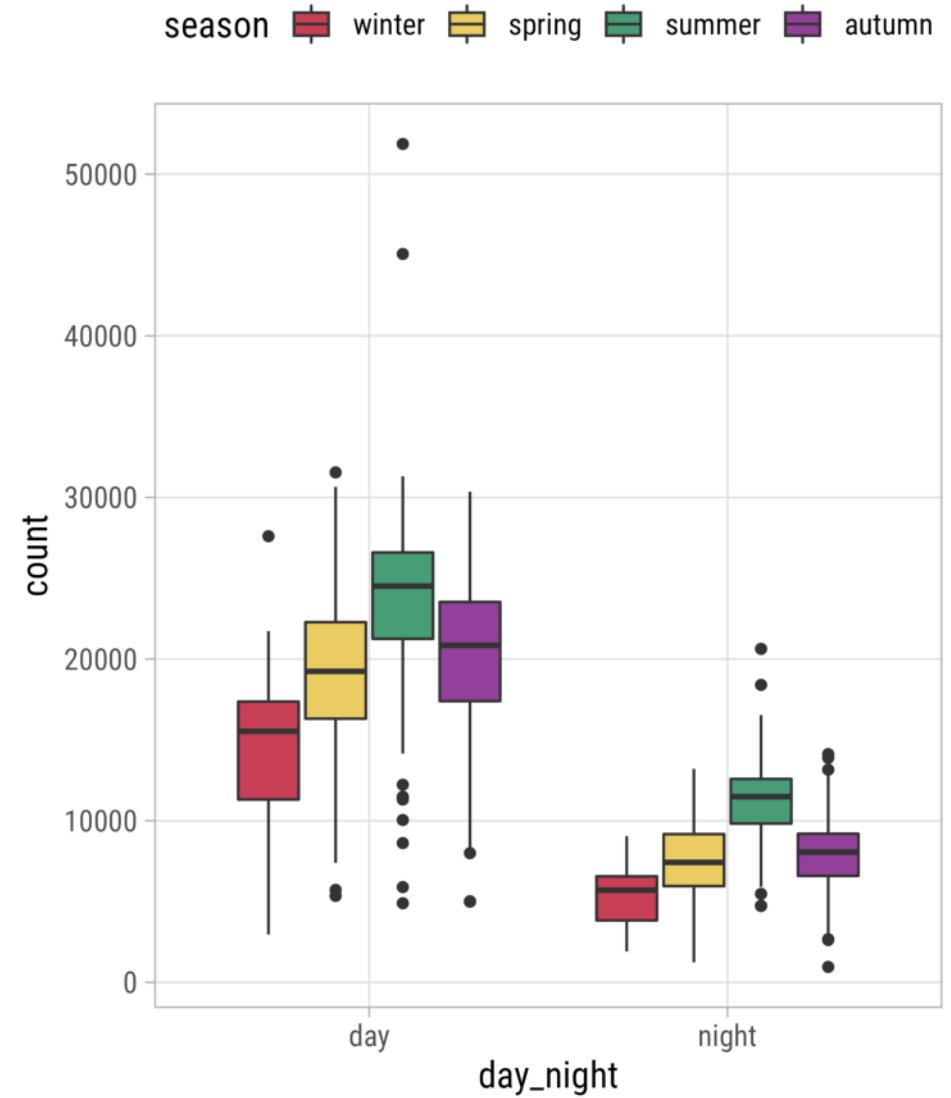
{nord}

```
1 # install.packages("nord")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,
6       color = temp_feel)
7 ) +
8   geom_point() +
9   nord::scale_color_nord(
10   palette = "silver_mine",
11   discrete = FALSE
12 )
```



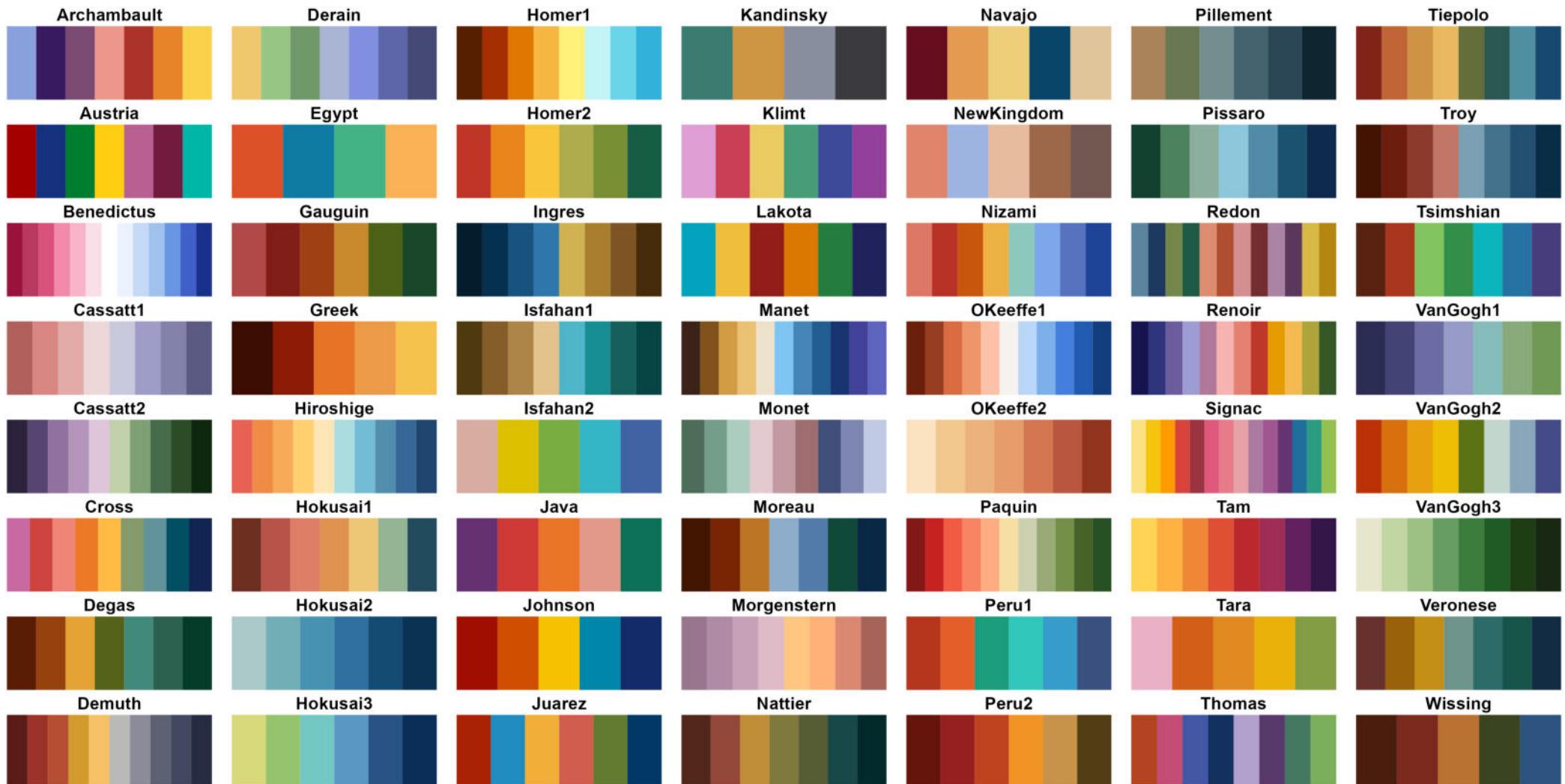
{MetBrewer}

```
1 # install.packages("MetBrewer")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   MetBrewer::scale_fill_met_d(
10   name = "Klimt"
11 )
```



{MetBrewer}

1 MetBrewer::display_all()



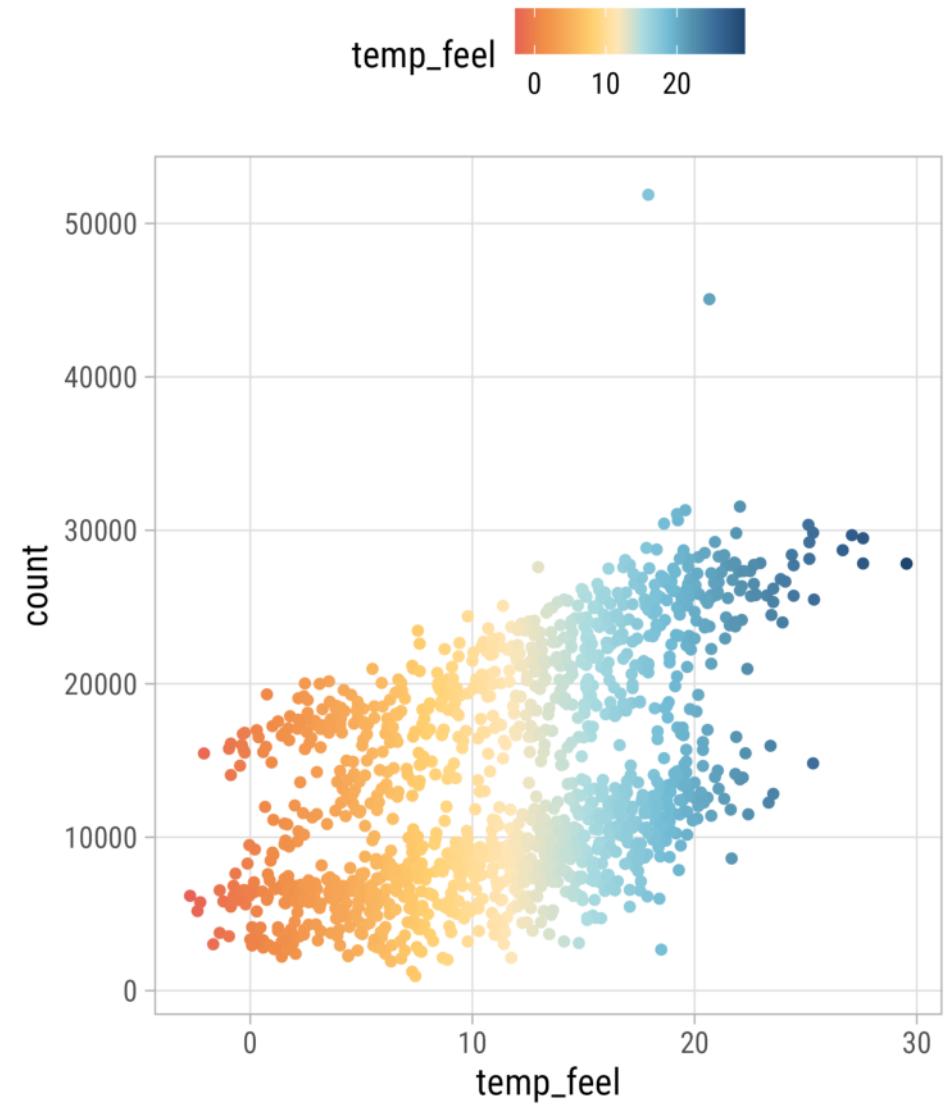
{MetBrewer}

```
1 MetBrewer:::display_all(colorblind_only = TRUE)
```



{MetBrewer}

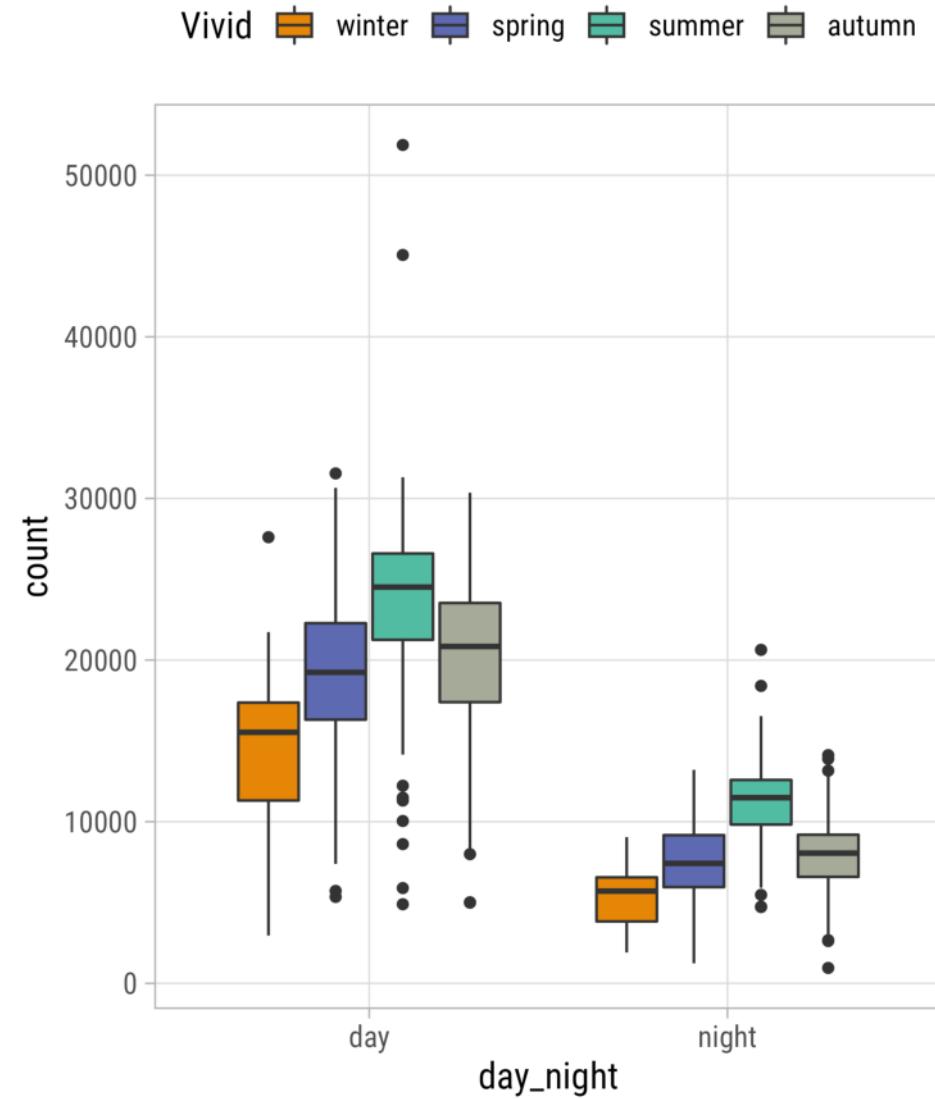
```
1 # install.packages("MetBrewer")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,
6       color = temp_feel)
7 ) +
8   geom_point() +
9   MetBrewer::scale_color_met_c(
10   name = "Hiroshige"
11 )
```



Customize Palettes

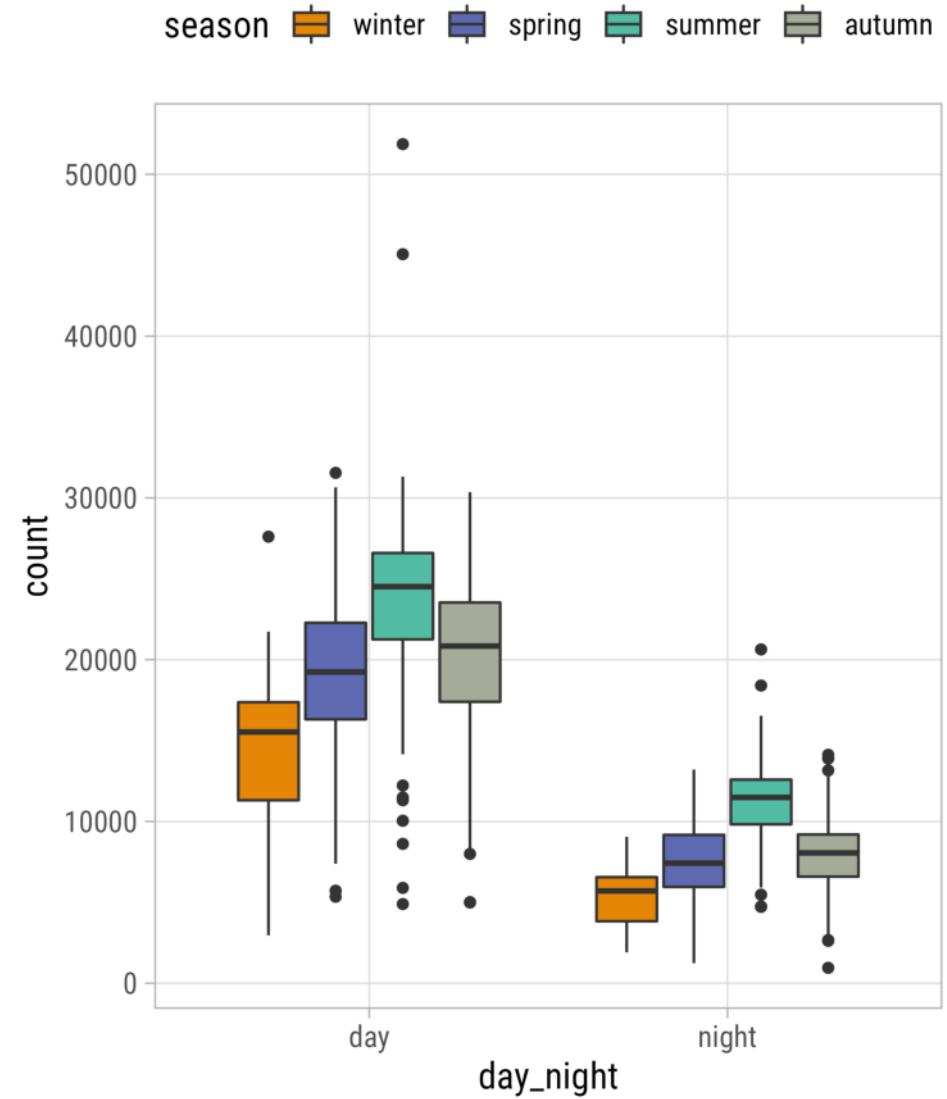
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 library("rcartocolor")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   rcartocolor::scale_fill_carto_d(
10   name = "Vivid"
11 )
```



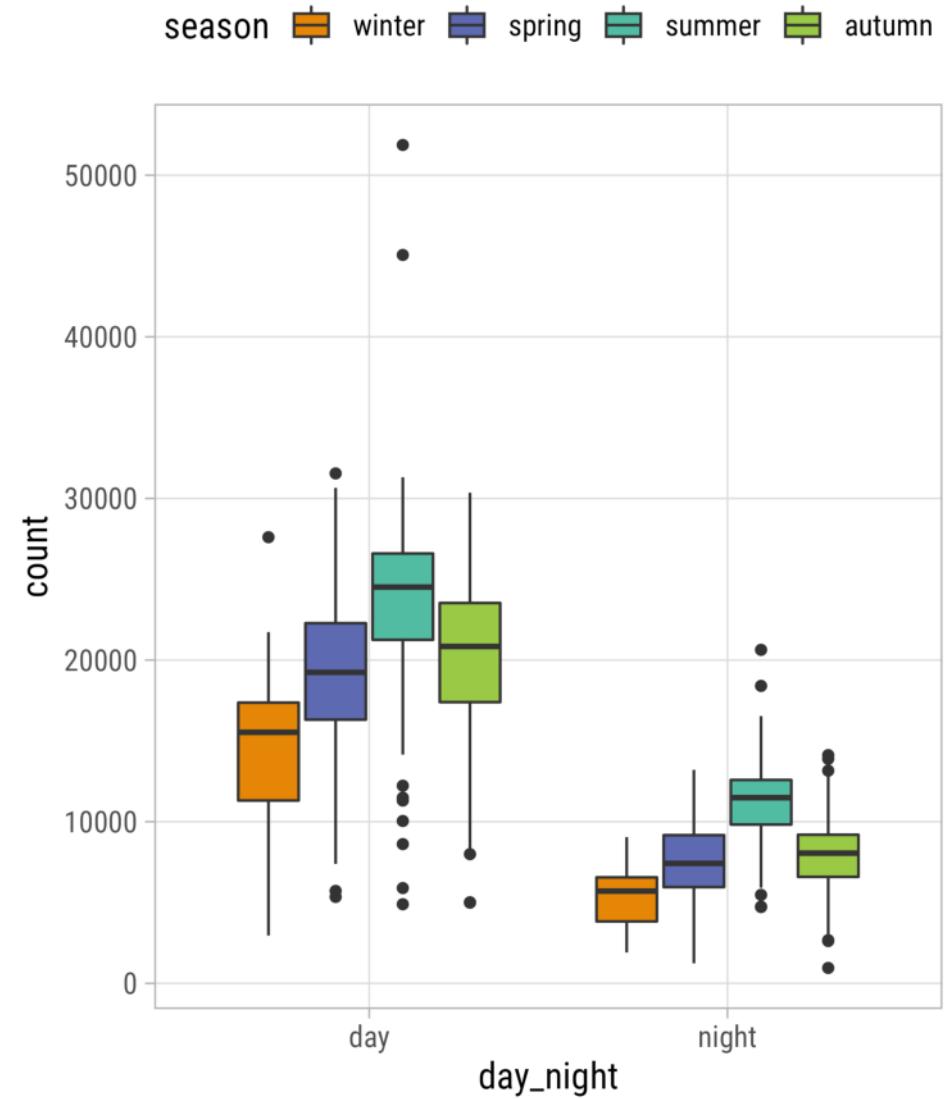
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 library("rcartocolor")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   scale_fill_manual(
10  values = carto_pal(
11    name = "Vivid", n = 4
12 )
13 )
```



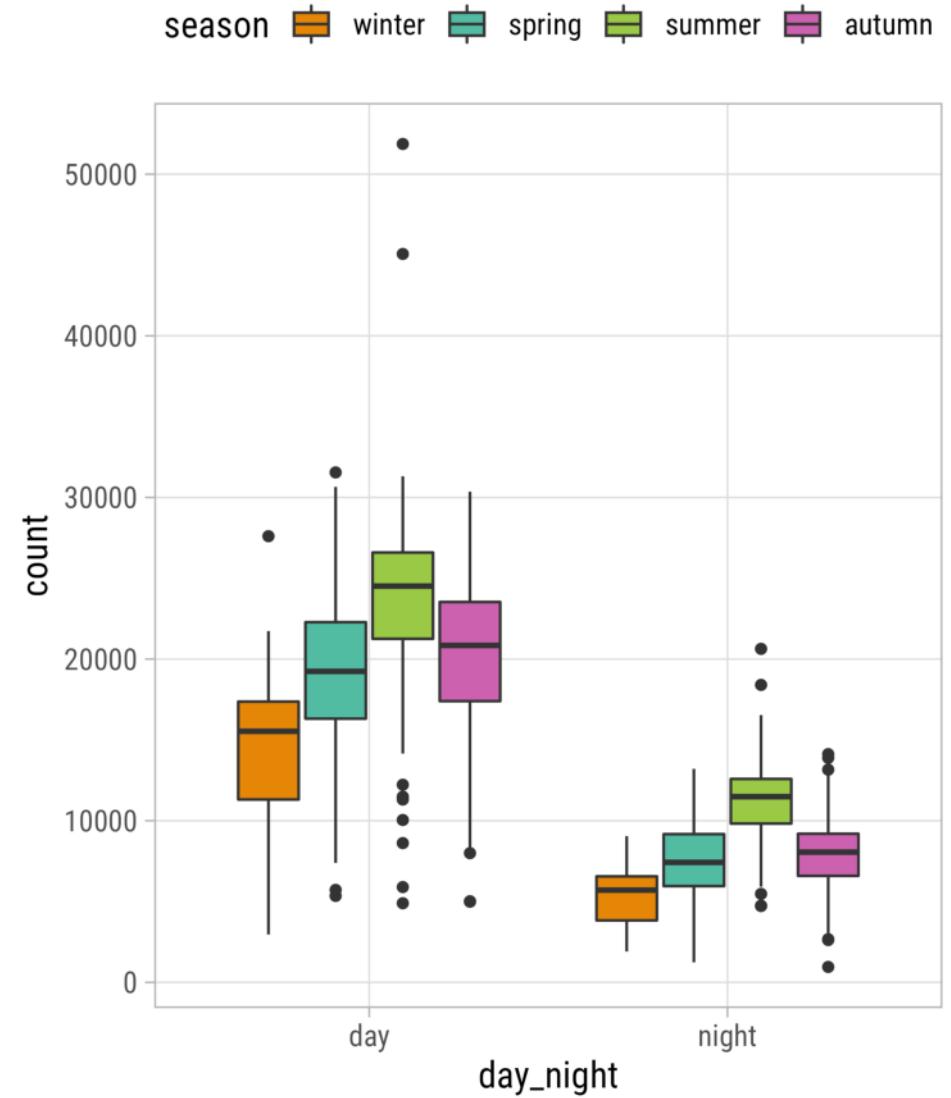
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 library("rcartocolor")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   scale_fill_manual(
10   values = carto_pal(
11     name = "Vivid", n = 5
12 )[1:4]
13 )
```



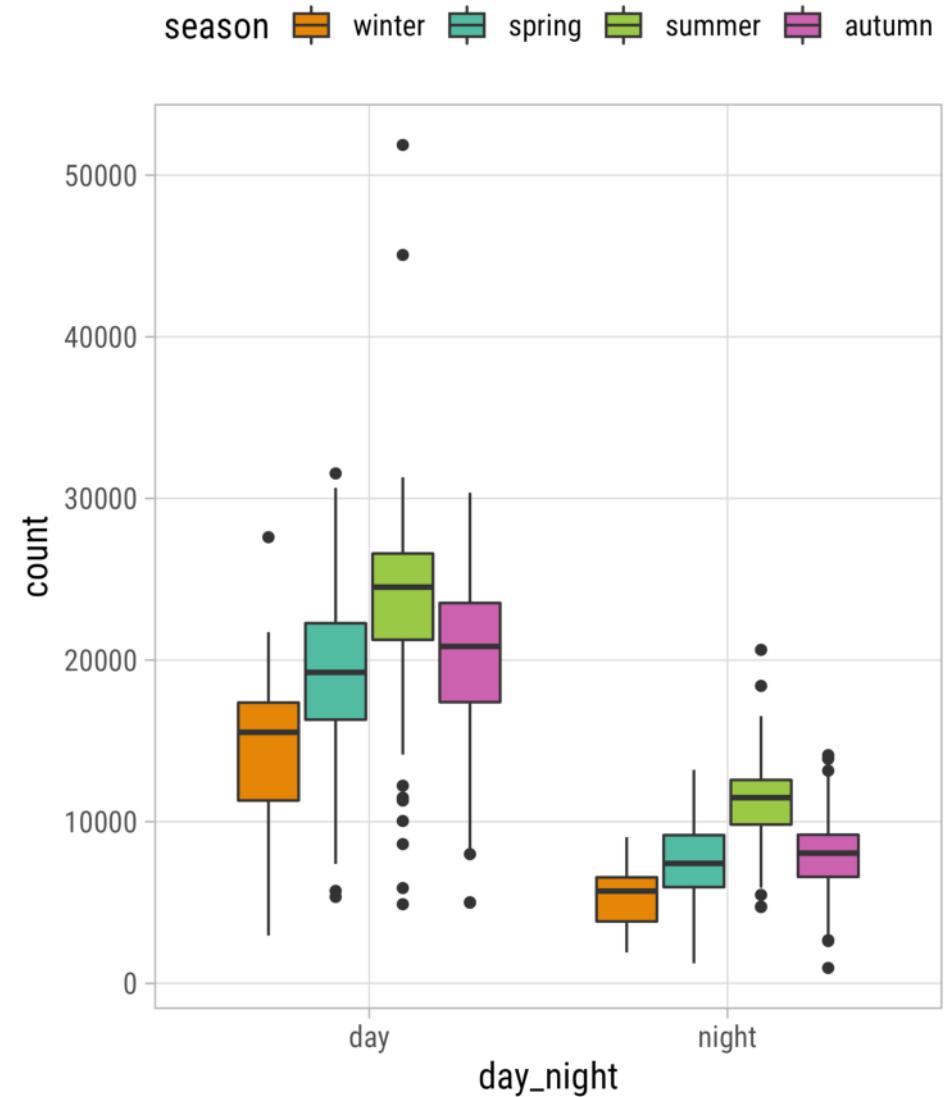
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 library("rcartocolor")
2
3 ggplot(
4   bikes,
5   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
6       fill = season)
7 ) +
8   geom_boxplot() +
9   scale_fill_manual(
10   values = carto_pal(
11     name = "Vivid", n = 6
12   )[c(1, 3:5)]
13 )
```



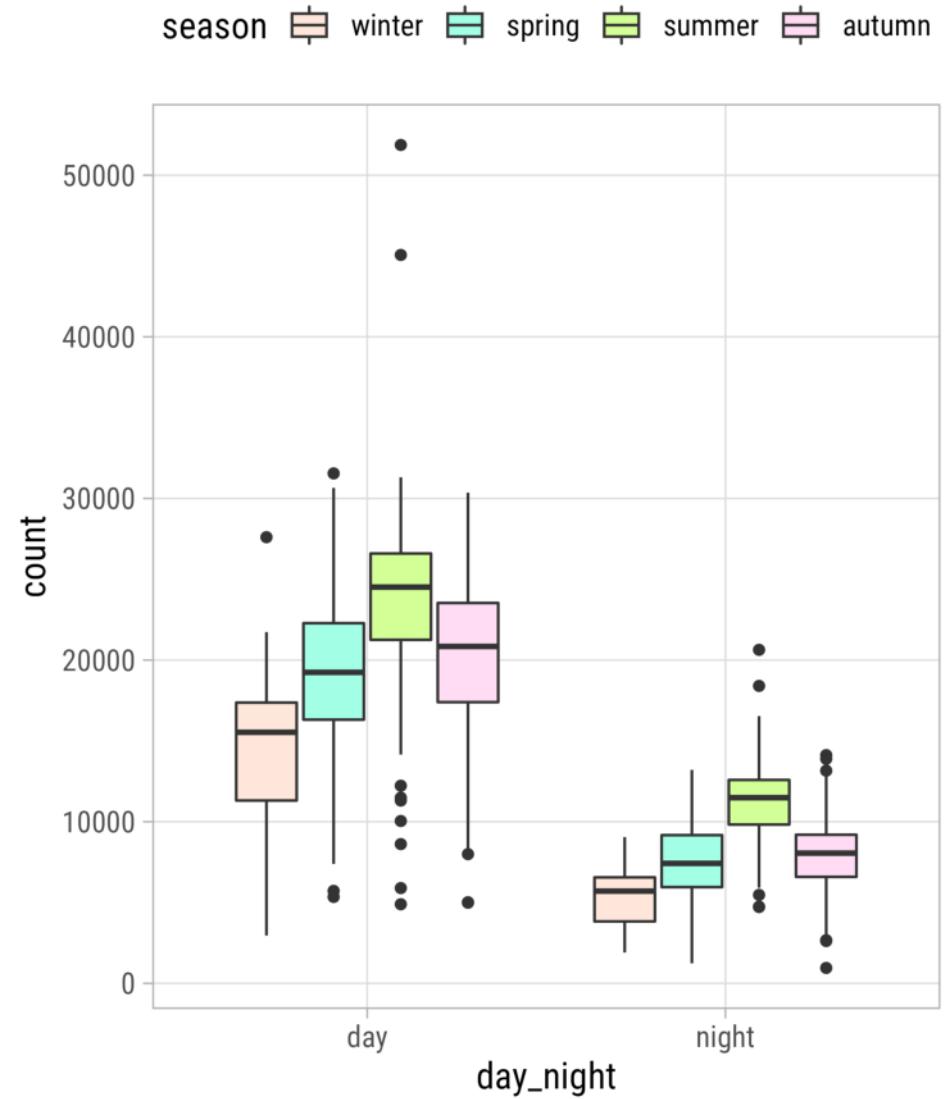
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 carto_custom <-
2   carto_pal(
3     name = "Vivid", n = 6
4   )[c(1, 3:5)]
5
6 ggplot(
7   bikes,
8   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
9       fill = season)
10 ) +
11 geom_boxplot() +
12 scale_fill_manual(
13   values = carto_custom
14 )
```



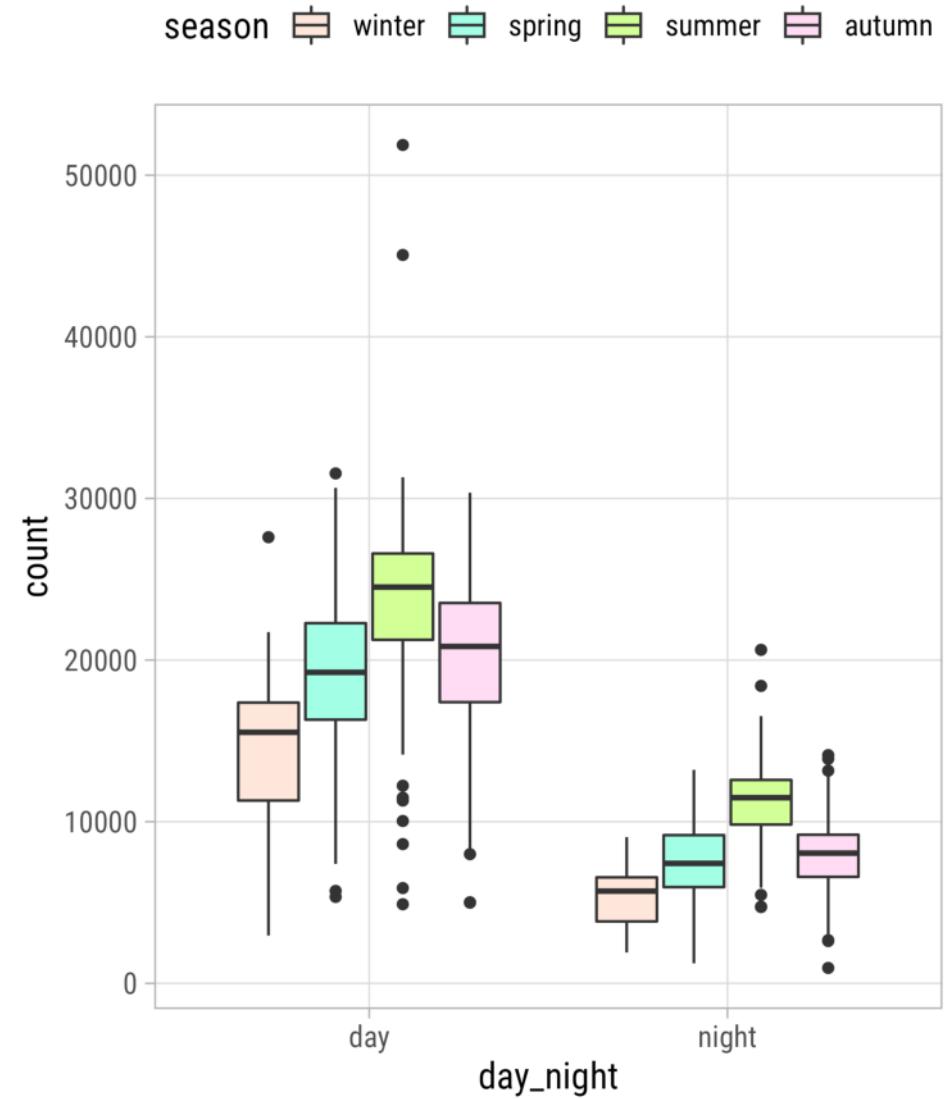
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 # install.packages("colorspace")
2 library(colorspace)
3
4 carto_light <- lighten(carto_custom, .8)
5
6 ggplot(
7   bikes,
8   aes(x = day_night, y = count,
9        fill = season)
10 ) +
11 geom_boxplot() +
12 scale_fill_manual(
13   values = carto_light
14 )
```



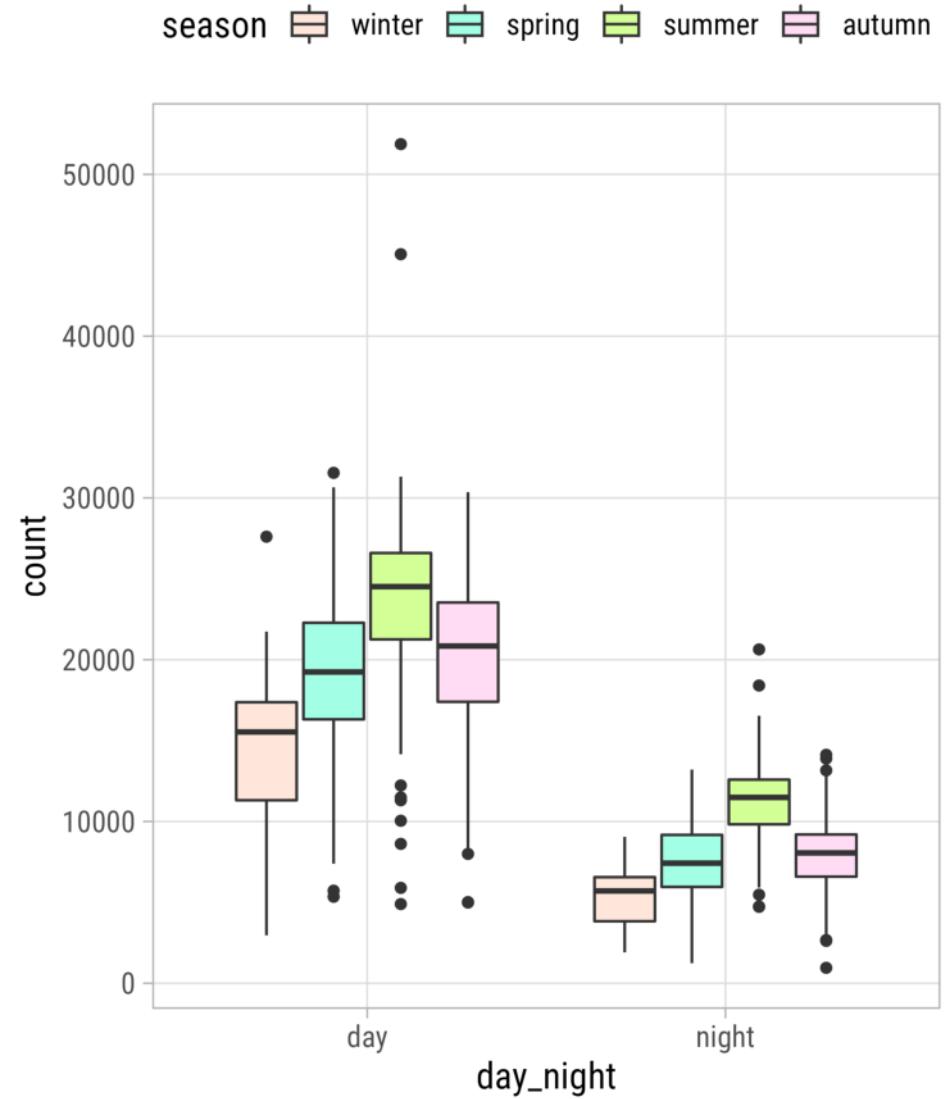
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count)  
4 ) +  
5   geom_boxplot(  
6     aes(fill = season,  
7       fill = after_scale(  
8         lighten(fill, .8)  
9     ))  
10 ) +  
11 scale_fill_manual(  
12   values = carto_custom  
13 )
```



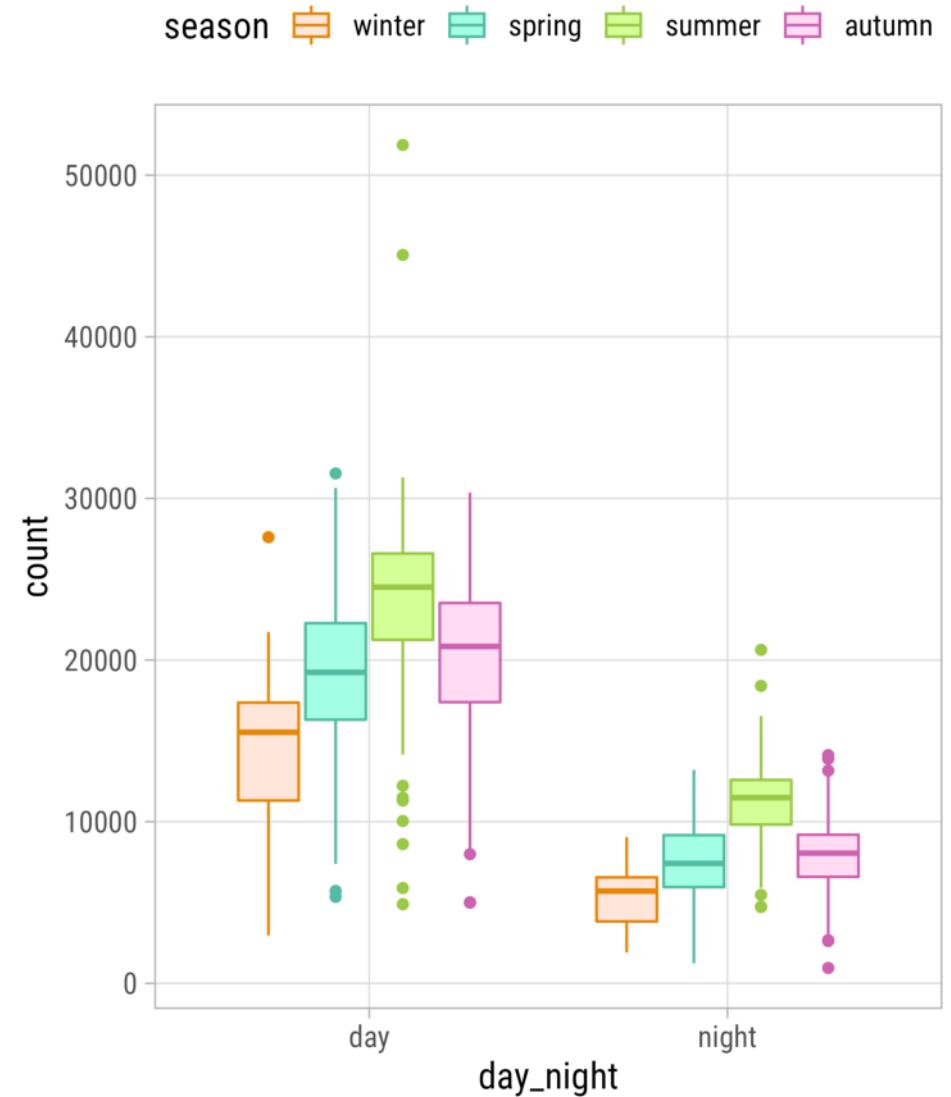
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count)  
4 ) +  
5   geom_boxplot(  
6   aes(  
7     fill = stage(  
8       season,  
9       after_scale =  
10      lighten(fill, .8)  
11    ))  
12  )  
13 ) +  
14 scale_fill_manual(  
15   values = carto_custom  
16 )
```



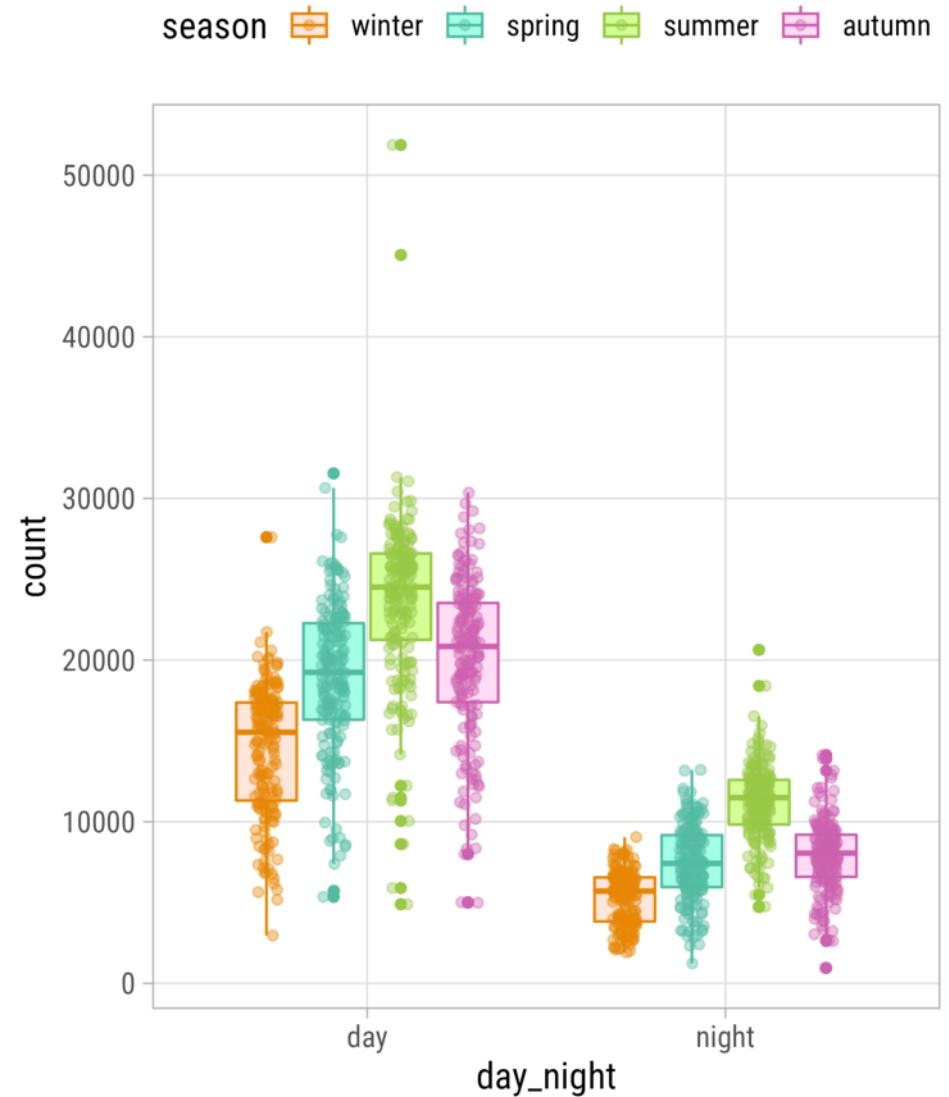
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count)  
4 ) +  
5   geom_boxplot(  
6     aes(color = season,  
7       fill = after_scale(  
8       lighten(color, .8)  
9     ))  
10 ) +  
11 scale_color_manual(  
12   values = carto_custom  
13 )
```



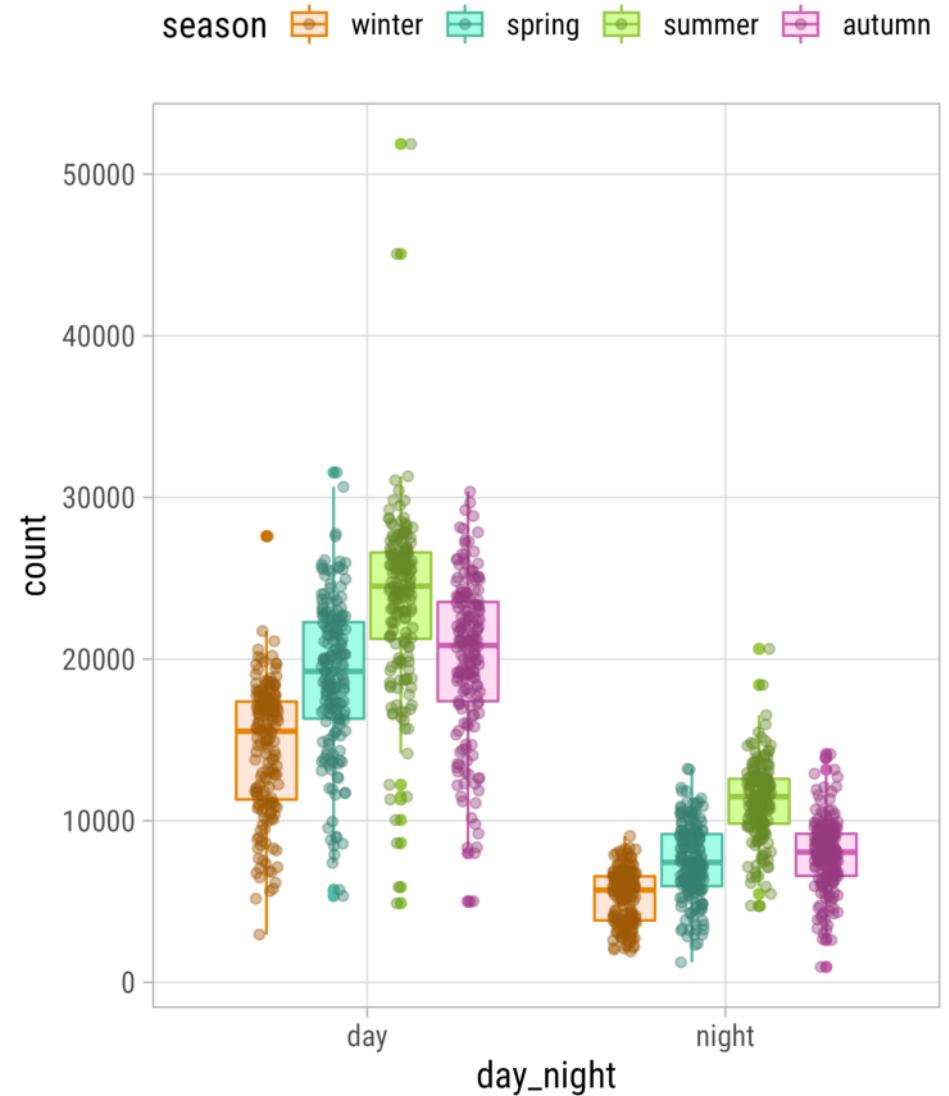
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count)  
4 ) +  
5   geom_boxplot(  
6     aes(color = season,  
7       fill = after_scale(  
8       lighten(color, .8)  
9     ))  
10 ) +  
11   geom_jitter(  
12     aes(color = season),  
13     position = position_jitterdodge(  
14       dodge.width = .75,  
15       jitter.width = .2  
16     ),  
17     alpha = .4  
18 ) +  
19   scale_color_manual(  
20     values = carto_custom  
21 )
```



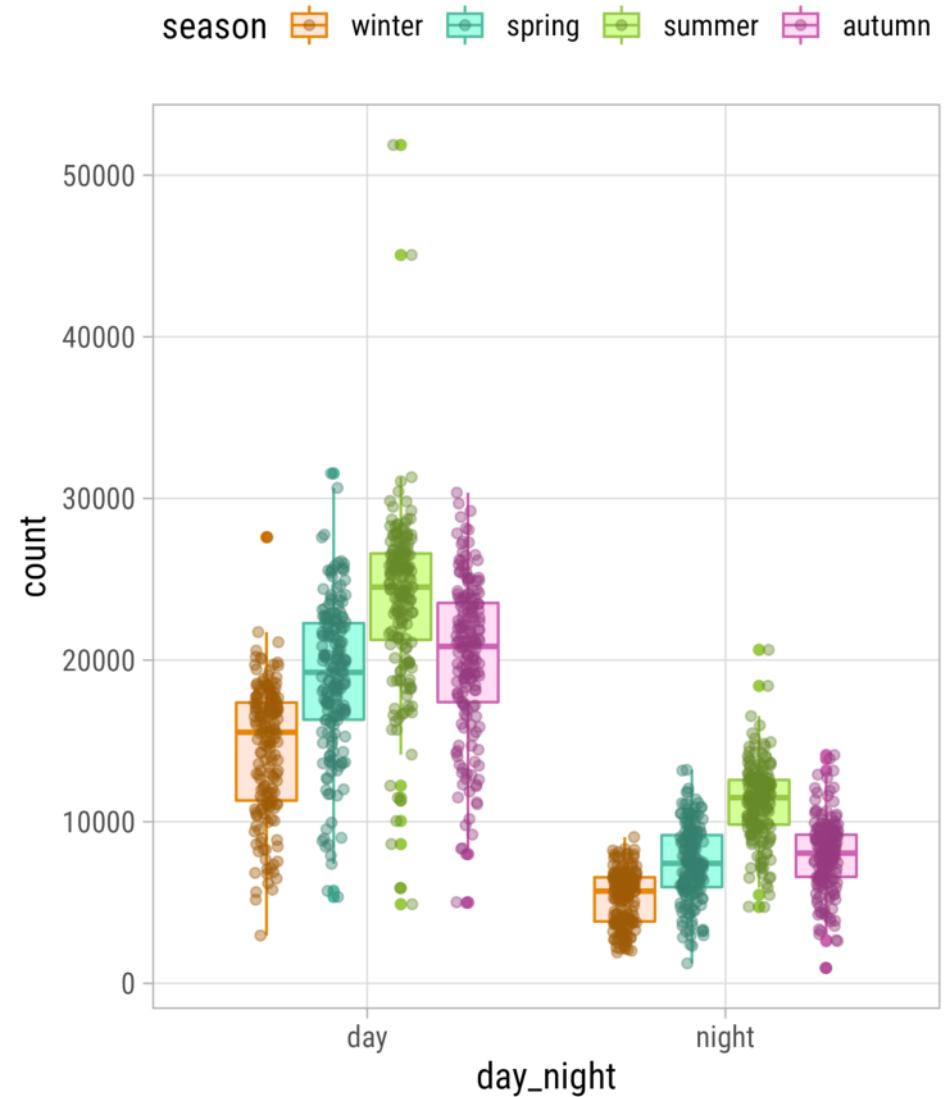
Customize Existing Palettes

```
1 ggplot(
2   bikes,
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count)
4 ) +
5   geom_boxplot(
6     aes(color = season,
7         fill = after_scale(
8           lighten(color, .8)
9         )))
10 ) +
11   geom_jitter(
12     aes(color = season,
13         color = after_scale(
14           darken(color, .3)
15 )),
16     position = position_jitterdodge(
17       dodge.width = .75,
18       jitter.width = .2
19 ),
20     alpha = .4
21 ) +
22   scale_color_manual(
23     values = carto_custom
```



Customize Existing Palettes

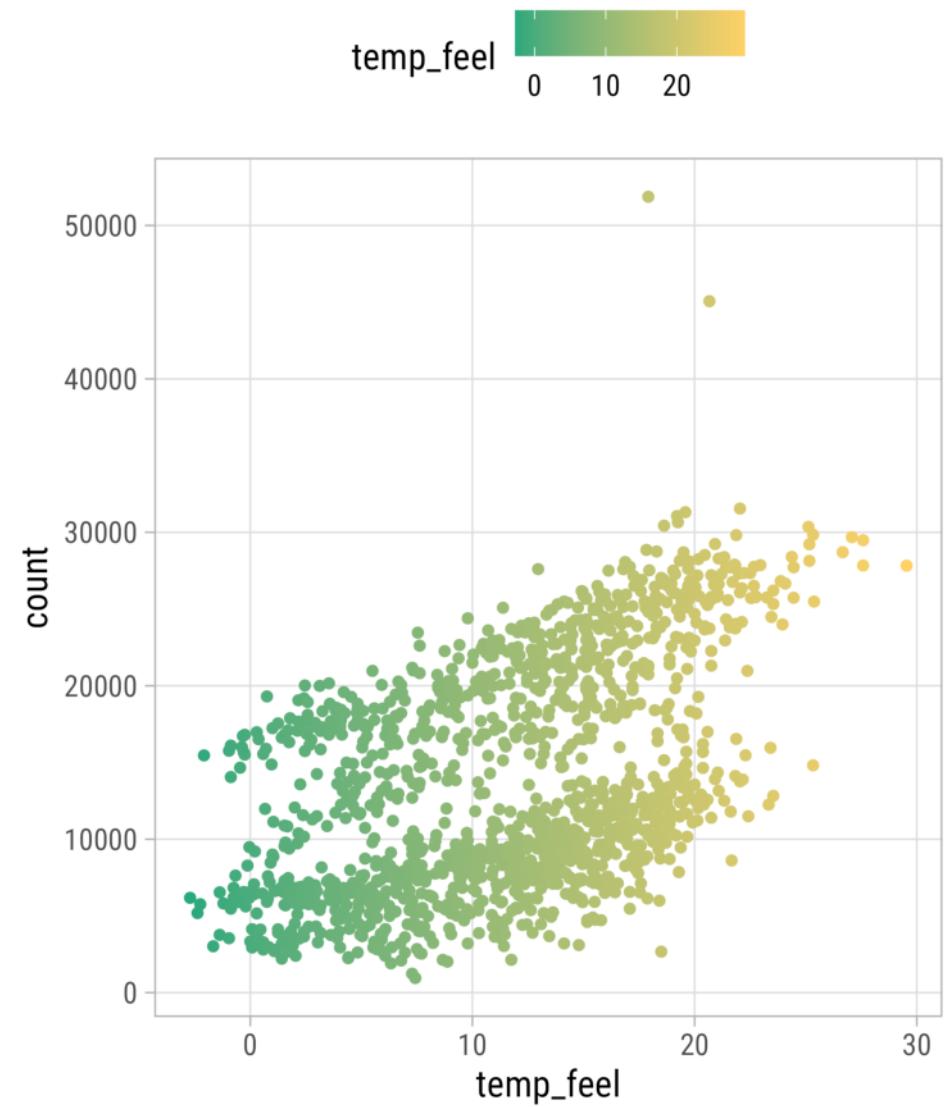
```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count)  
4 ) +  
5   geom_boxplot(  
6     aes(color = season,  
7       fill = after_scale(  
8         lighten(color, .8)  
9       ))  
10 ) +  
11   geom_jitter(  
12     aes(color = season,  
13       color = after_scale(  
14         darken(color, .3)  
15     )),  
16     position = position_jitterdodge(  
17       dodge.width = .75,  
18       jitter.width = .2  
19     ),  
20     alpha = .4  
21 ) +  
22   scale_color_manual(  
23     values = carto_custom
```



Create New Palettes

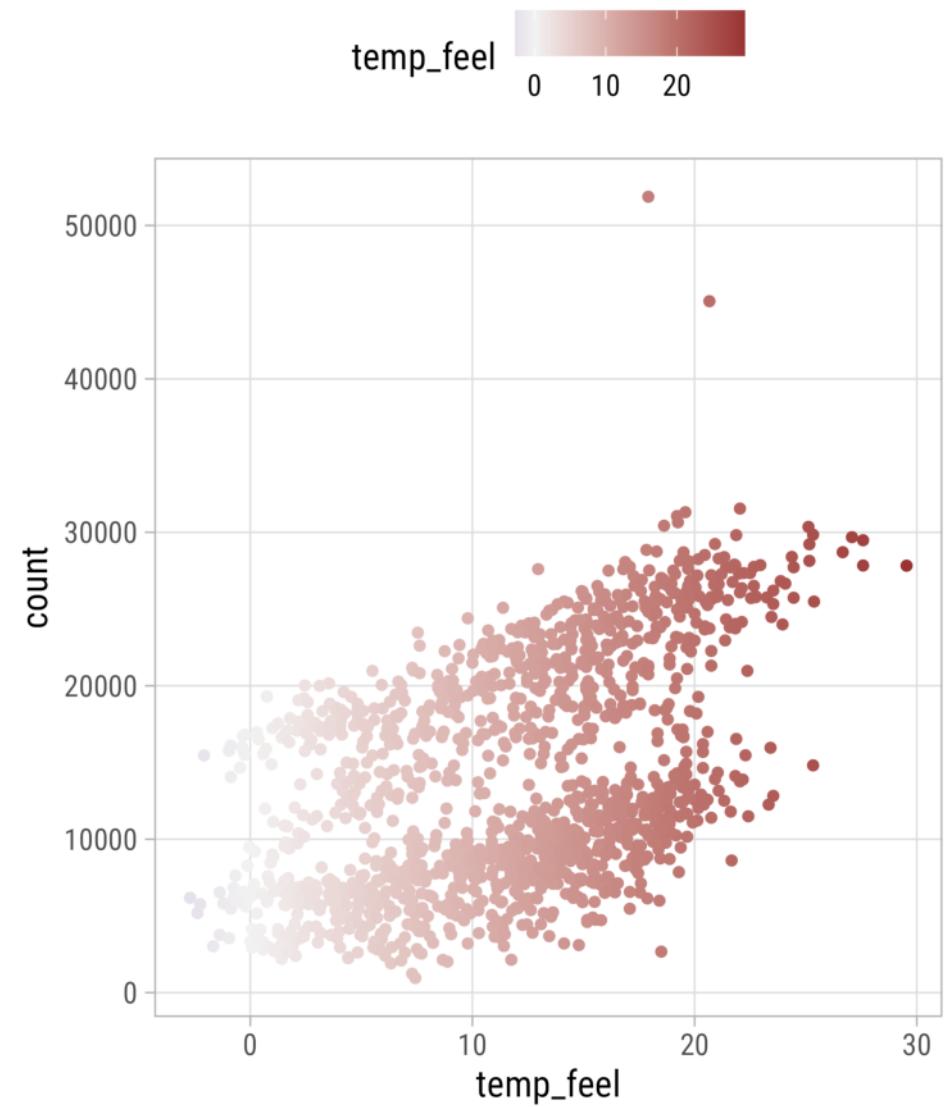
Create Sequential Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_gradient(  
8   low = "#28A87D",  
9   high = "#FFD166"  
10 )
```



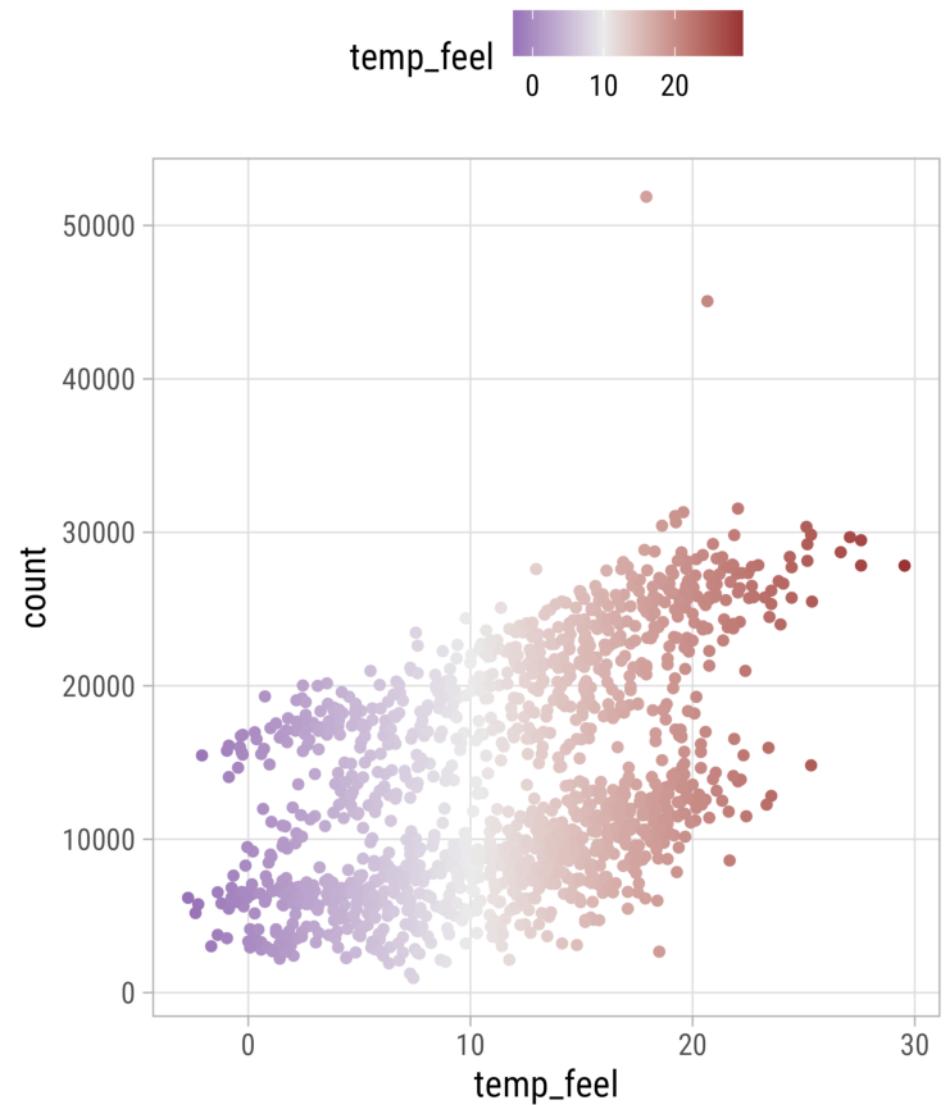
Create Diverging Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_gradient2(  
8   low = "#663399",  
9   high = "#993334",  
10  mid = "grey95"  
11 )
```



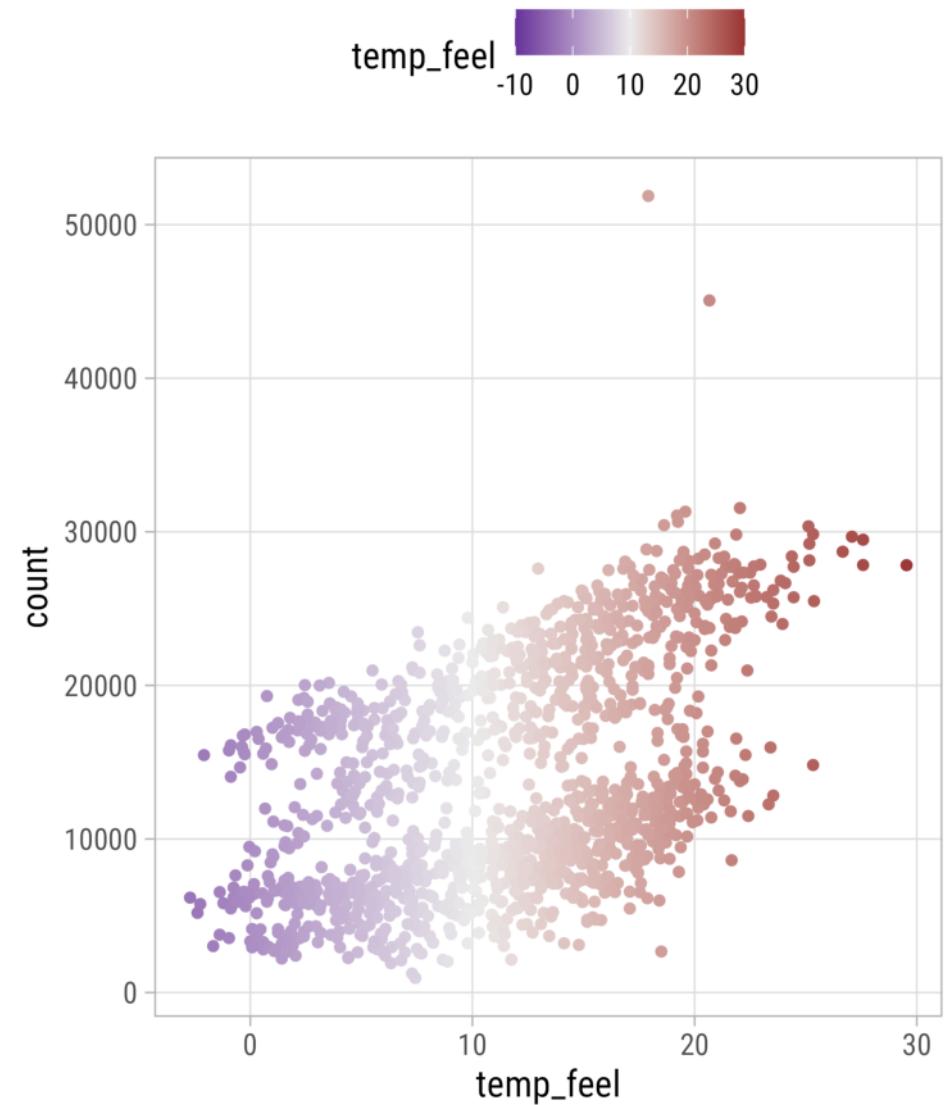
Create Diverging Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_gradient2(  
8   low = "#663399",  
9   high = "#993334",  
10  mid = "grey92",  
11  midpoint = 10  
12 )
```



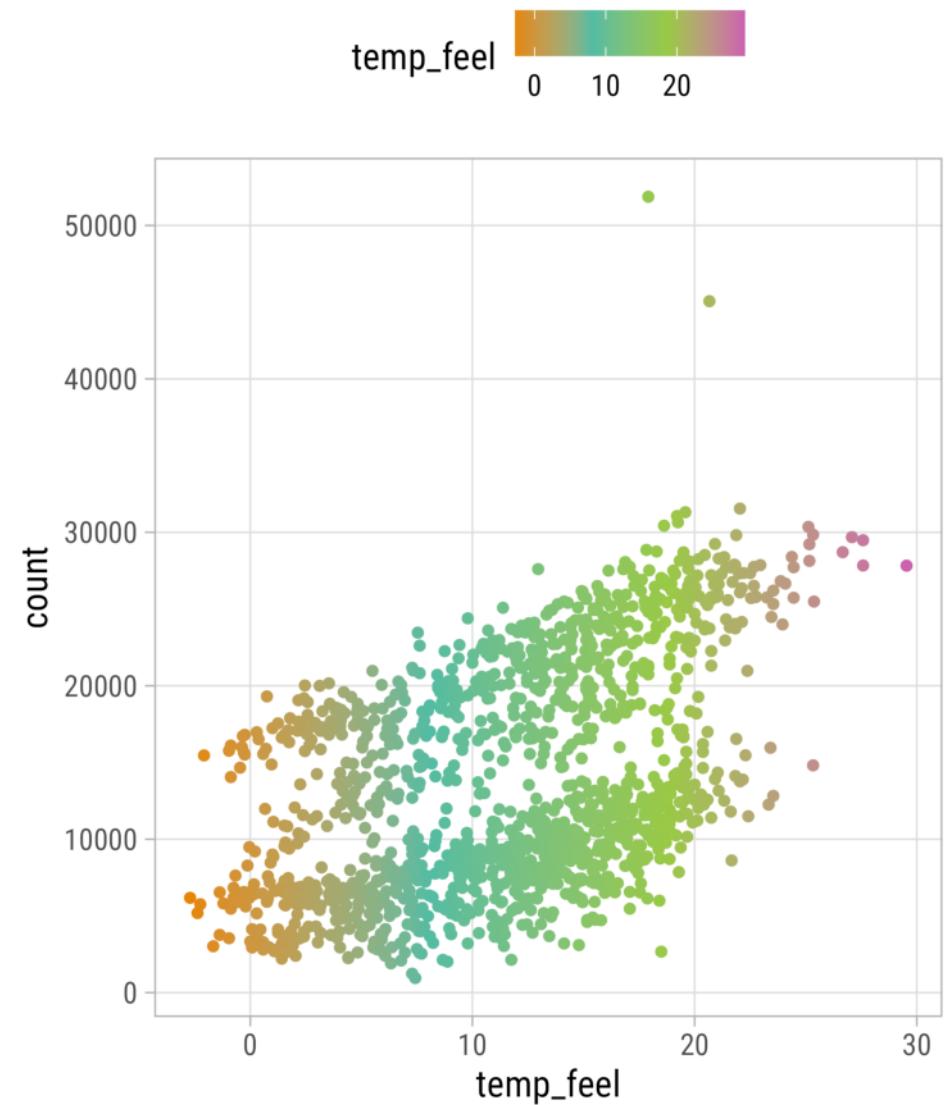
Create Diverging Palettes

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_gradient2(  
8   low = "#663399",  
9   high = "#993334",  
10  mid = "grey92",  
11  midpoint = 10,  
12  limits = c(-10, 30)  
13 )
```



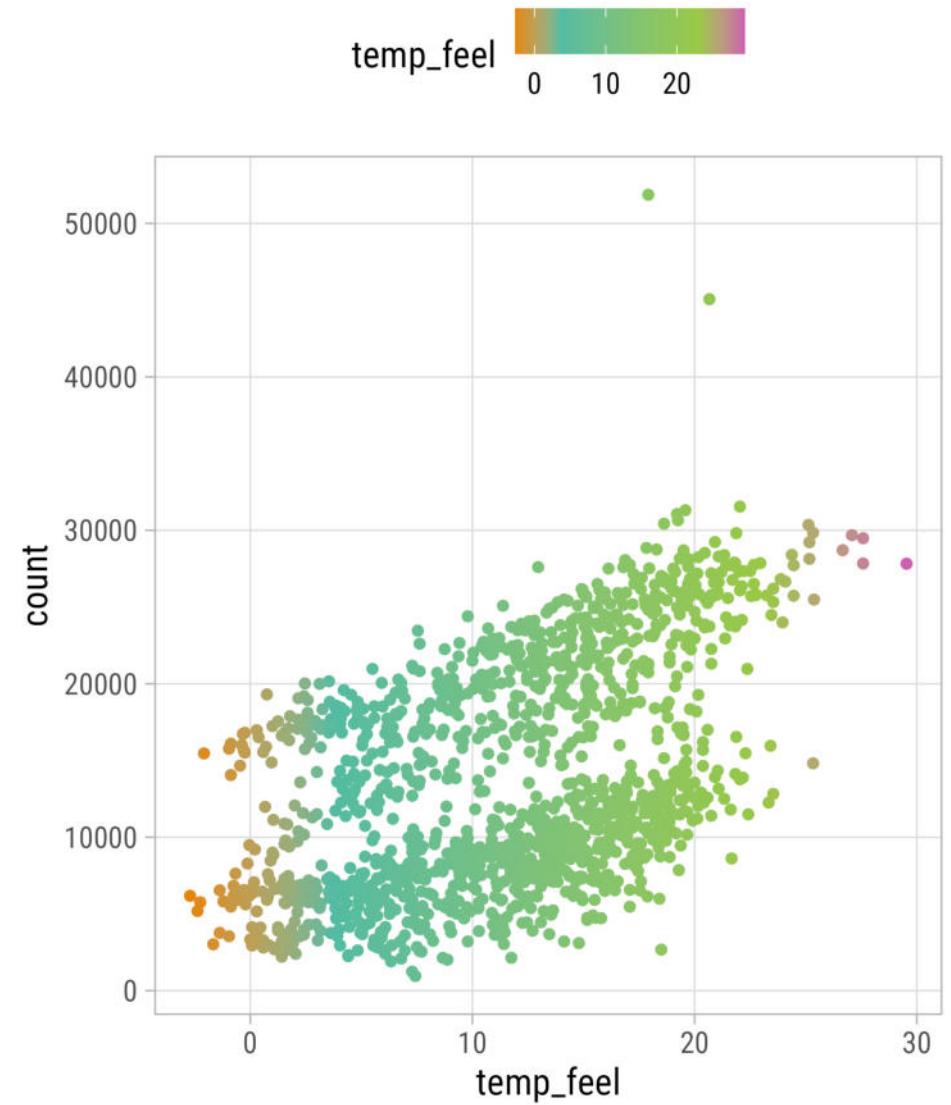
Create Any Palette

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_gradientn(  
8   colors = carto_custom  
9 )
```



Create Any Palette

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_gradientn(  
8   colors = carto_custom,  
9   values = c(0, .2, .8, 1)  
10 )
```



Build Your Own

scale_color|fill_*

()

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF 150 NEGRO FAMILIES IN ATLANTA, GA., U.S.A.



ANNUAL INCOME		ANNUAL EXPENDITURE FOR				
RENT.	FOOD.	CLOTHES.	DIRECT TAXES.	OTHER EXPENSES AND SAVINGS.	THE HIGHER LIFE.	RELIGION.
WELL-TO-DO NEGRO FAMILY FROM BULLETIN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NO. 71.	DIETARY OF WELL-TO-DO NEGRO FAMILY FROM BULLETIN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NO. 71.	CHILDREN	THE STATE TAX RATE IS: 1880-\$ 2.50 PER \$1,000 1885-\$ 3.50 1890-\$ 3.96 1895 \$ 4.56 1899 \$ 5.38 STATE AND COUNTY TAXES RAISE THIS TO \$2 PER \$1,000 IN ATLANTA.	ART	EDUCATION.	SICKNESS
				SAVINGS	AMUSEMENTS.	BOOKS AND PAPERS
				TRAVEL		

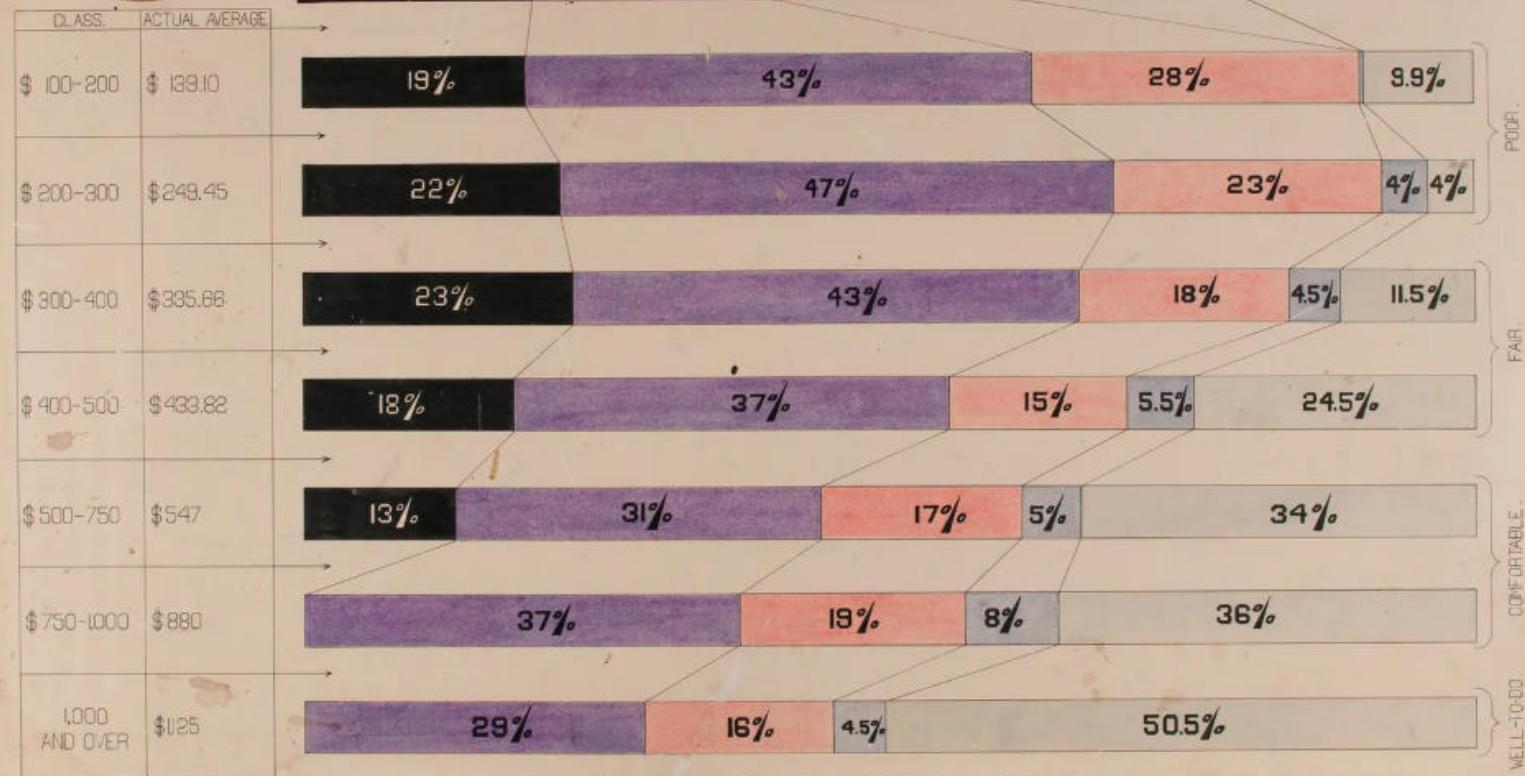


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Black



#000000

Purple



#582F6C

Violet



#94679C

Pink



#EF849F

Soft Red



#F4B7A7

Ice Blue



#C8D6F9

Pale Grey



#E4E4E4

Build Your Own scale_color|fill_*

```
1 dubois_colors <- function(...) {  
2   dubois_cols <- c(  
3     'black' = "#000000",  
4     'purple' = "#582f6c",  
5     'violet' = "#94679c",  
6     'pink' = "#ef849f",  
7     'softred' = "#f4b7a7",  
8     'iceblue' = "#bccbf3",  
9     'palegrey' = "#e4e4e4"  
10    )  
11  
12   cols <- c(...)  
13  
14   if (is.null(cols))  
15     return (dubois_cols)  
16  
17   dubois_cols[cols]  
18 }  
19
```

```
black      pink    softred   iceblue  
"#000000" "#ef849f" "#f4b7a7" "#bccbf3"
```

Build Your Own `scale_color|fill_*_d()`

```
1 dubois_pal_d <- function(palette = "default", reverse = FALSE) {  
2   function(n) {  
3     if(n > 5) stop('Palettes only contains 5 colors')  
4  
5     if (palette == "default") { pal <- dubois_colors("black", "violet", "softred", "iceblue", "paleg  
6     if (palette == "dark") { pal <- dubois_colors(1:5)[1:n] }  
7     if (palette == "light") { pal <- dubois_colors(3:7)[1:n] }  
8  
9     pal <- unname(pal)  
10  
11    if (reverse) rev(pal) else pal  
12  }  
13}  
14  
15 dubois_pal_d()(3)
```

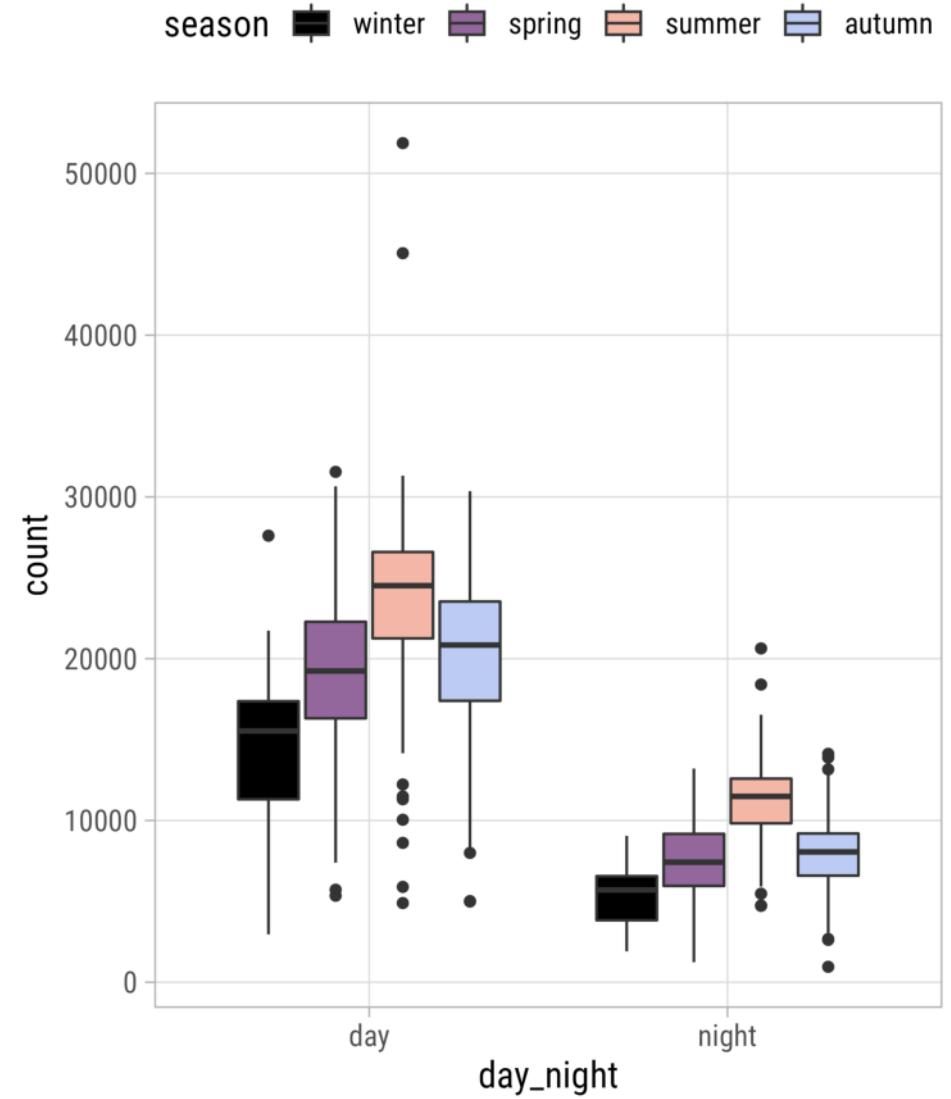
```
[1] "#000000" "#94679C" "#f4b7a7"
```

Build Your Own `scale_fill|color_*_d()`

```
1 scale_color_dubois_d <- function(palette = "default", reverse = FALSE, ...) {  
2   if (!palette %in% c("default", "dark", "light")) stop('Palette should be "default", "dark" or "light"  
3  
4   pal <- dubois_pal_d(palette = palette, reverse = reverse)  
5  
6   ggplot2::discrete_scale("colour", paste0("dubois_", palette), palette = pal, ...)  
7 }  
8  
9 scale_fill_dubois_d <- function(palette = "default", reverse = FALSE, ...) {  
10  if (!palette %in% c("default", "dark", "light")) stop('Palette should be "default", "dark" or "light"  
11  
12  pal <- dubois_pal_d(palette = palette, reverse = reverse)  
13  
14  ggplot2::discrete_scale("fill", paste0("dubois_", palette), palette = pal, ...)  
15 }
```

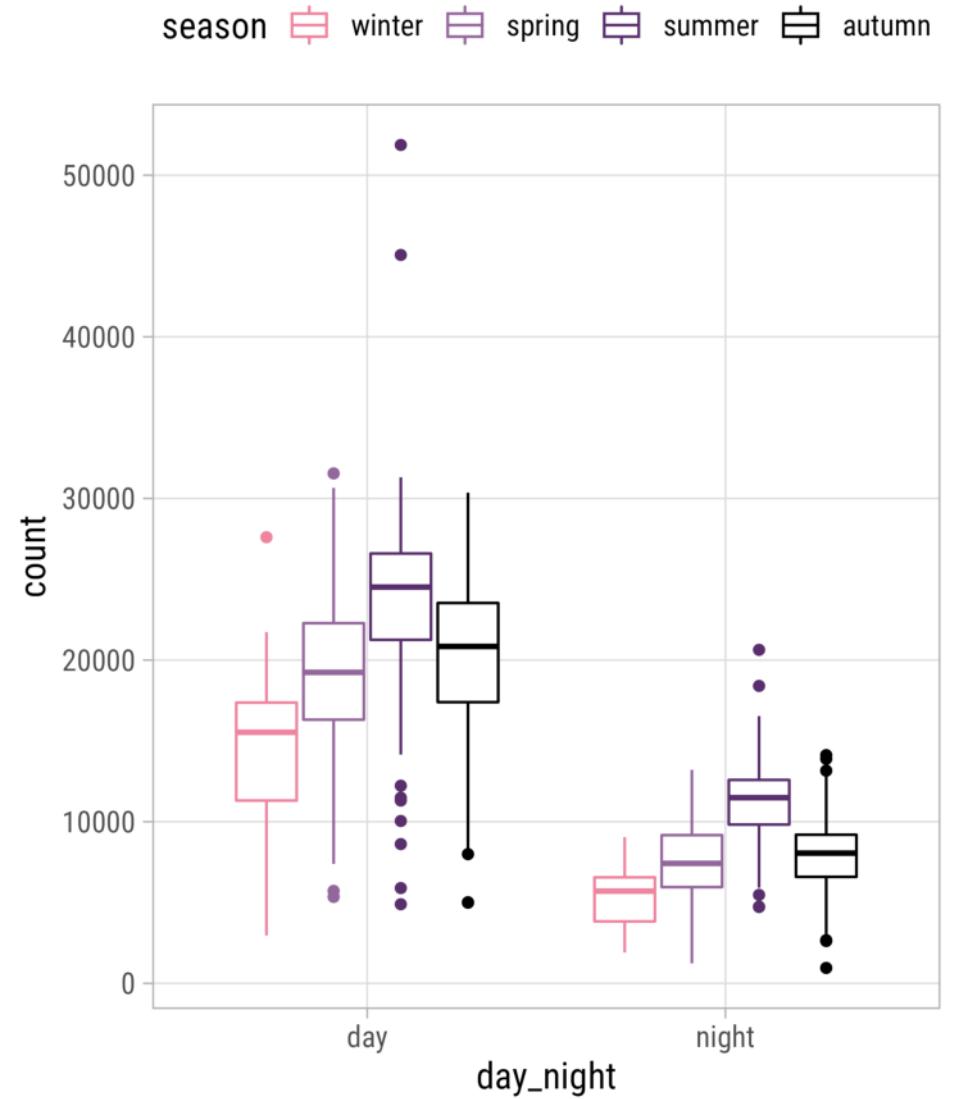
Use Your Own `scale_fill_*_d()`

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count,  
4       fill = season)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_boxplot() +  
7 scale_fill_dubois_d()
```



Use Your Own scale_color_*_d()

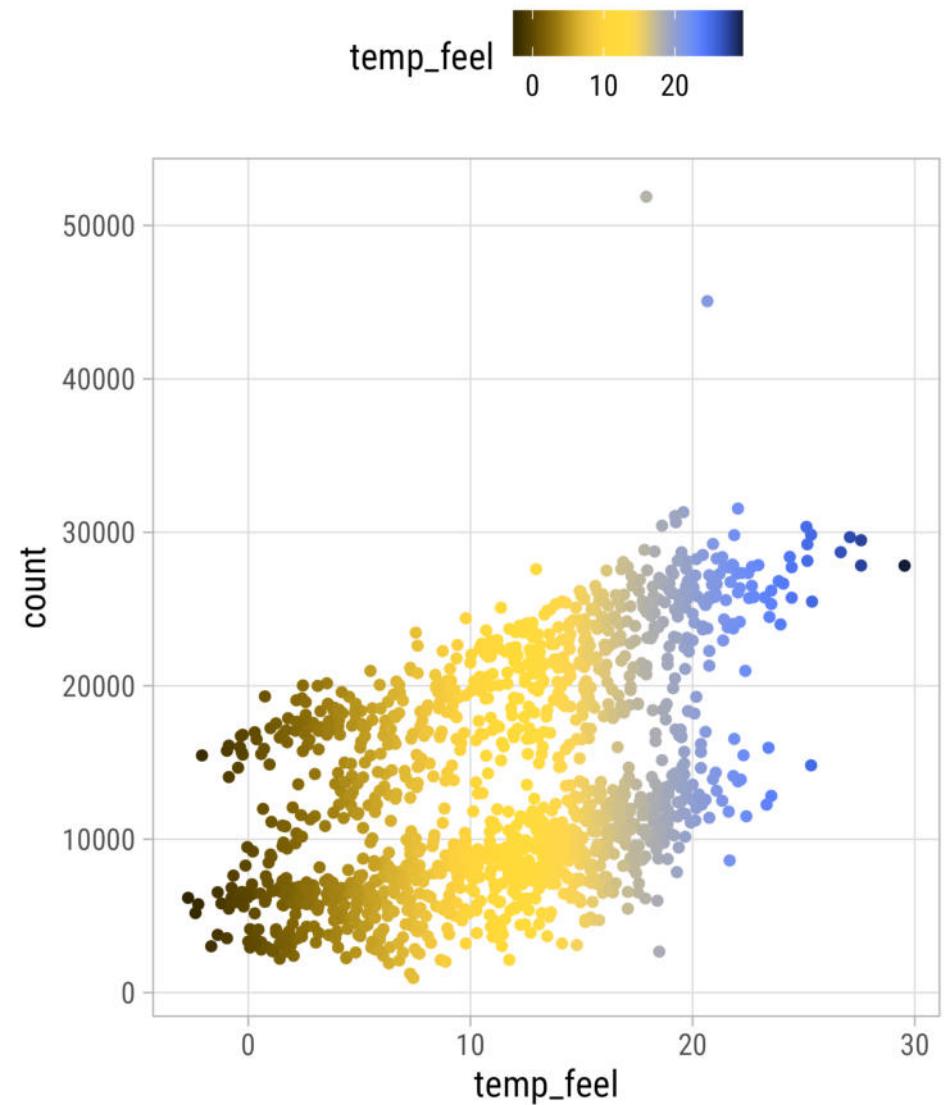
```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = day_night, y = count,  
4       color = season)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_boxplot() +  
7 scale_color_dubois_d(  
8   palette = "dark",  
9   reverse = TRUE  
10 )
```



Test Your Palettes

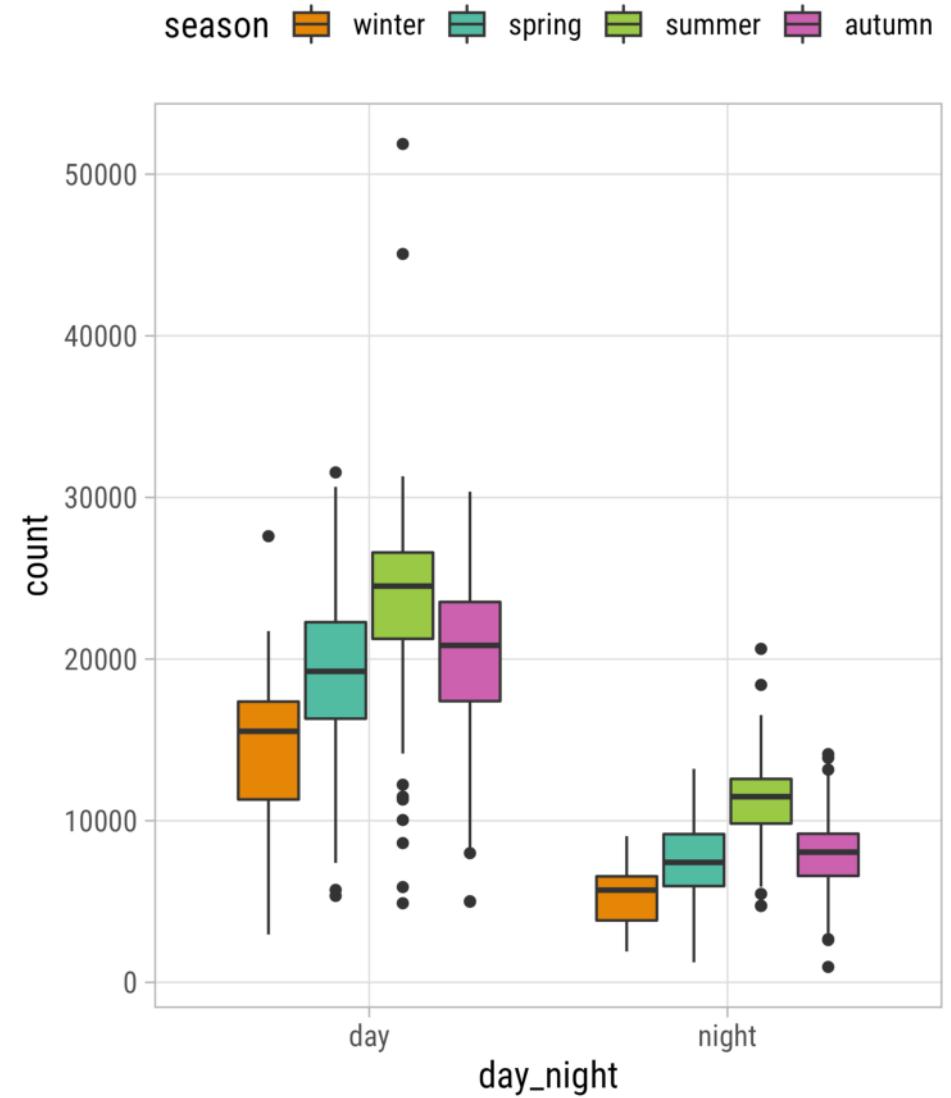
Emulate CVD

```
1 deut <-
2   colorspace::deutan(
3     viridis::turbo(
4       n = 100, direction = -1
5     )
6   )
7
8 ggplot(
9   bikes,
10  aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,
11    color = temp_feel)
12 ) +
13 geom_point() +
14 scale_color_gradientn(
15   colors = deut
16 )
```



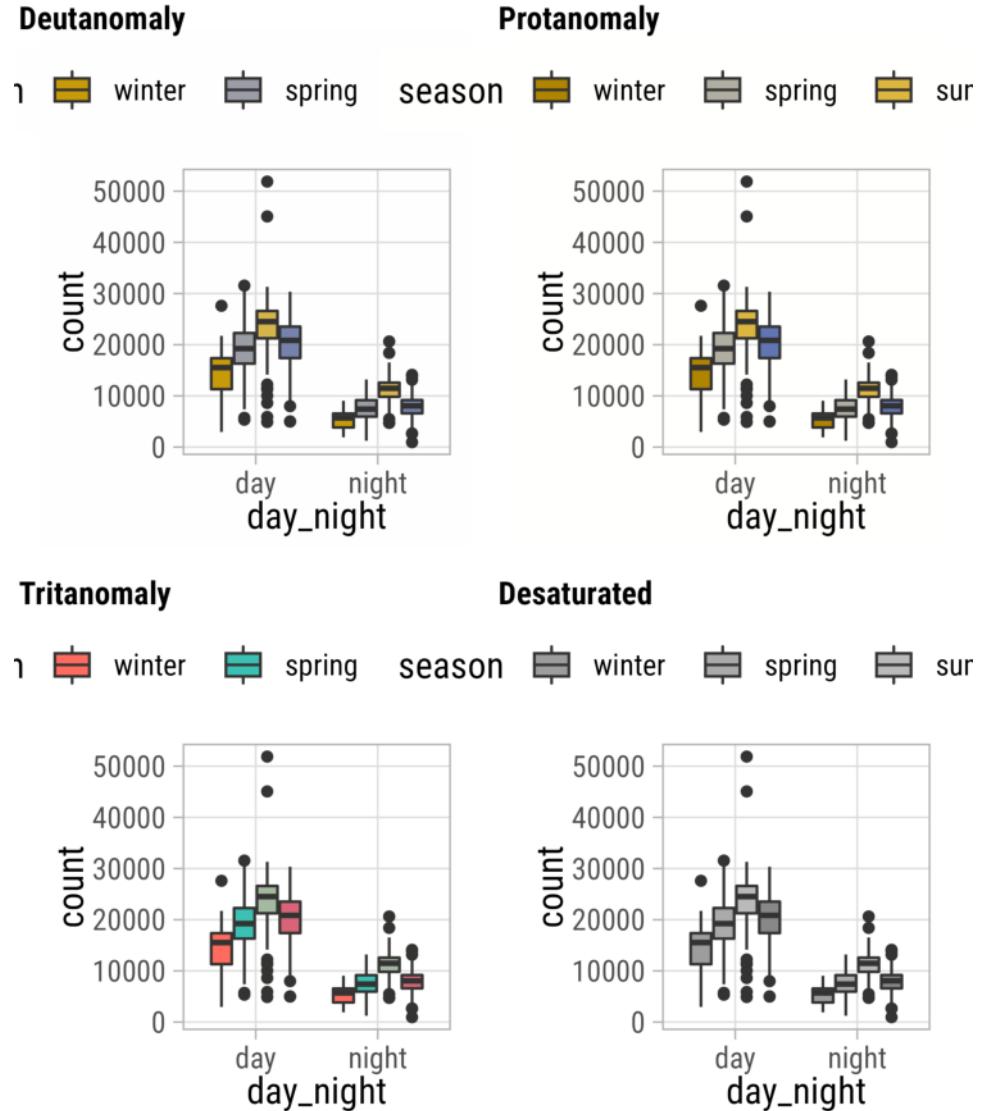
Emulate CVD

```
1 g <-  
2   ggplot(  
3     bikes,  
4     aes(x = day_night, y = count,  
5           fill = season)  
6   ) +  
7   geom_boxplot() +  
8   scale_fill_manual(  
9     values = carto_custom  
10    )  
11  
12 g
```



Emulate CVD

```
1 # devtools::install_github(  
2 #   "clauswilke/colorblindr"  
3 # )  
4  
5 colorblindr::cvd_grid(g)
```

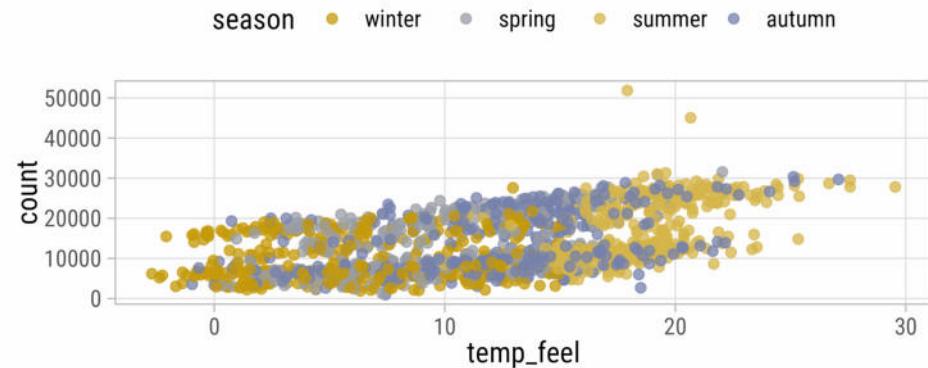


Emulate CVD

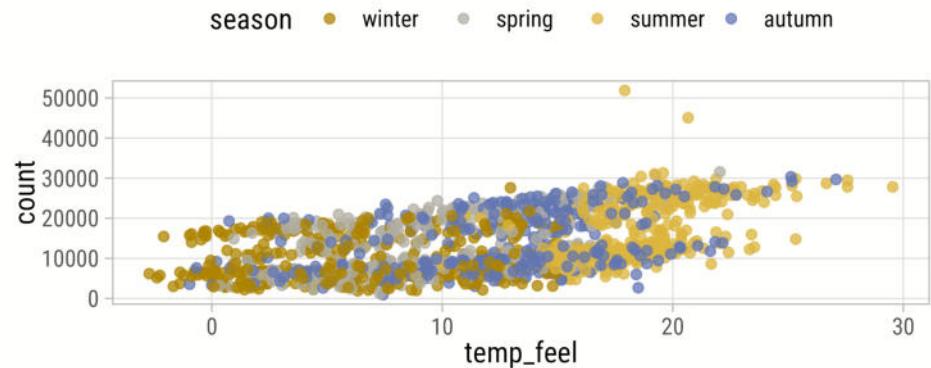
Emulate CVD

```
1 # devtools::install_github("clauswilke/colorblindr")
2
3 colorblindr::cvd_grid(g2)
```

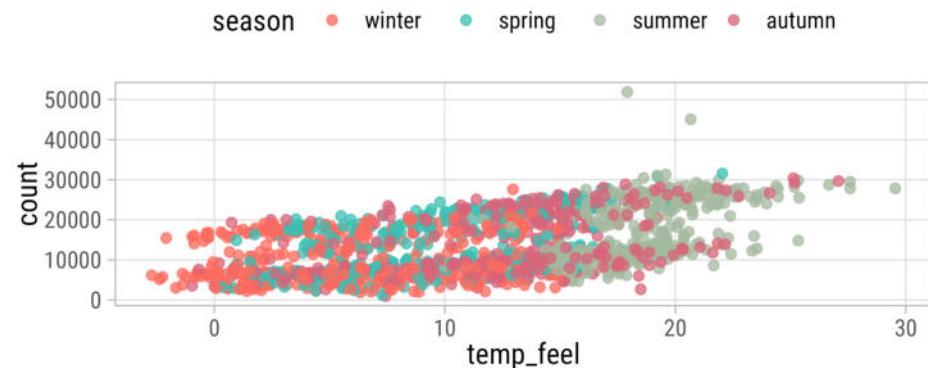
Deutanomaly



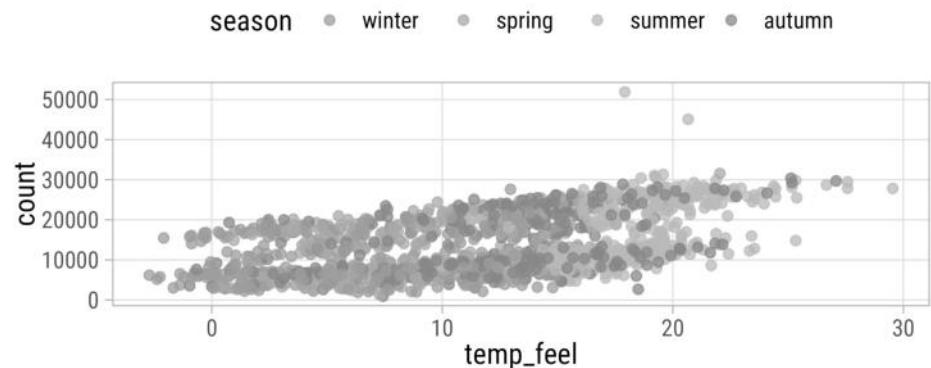
Protanomaly



Tritanomaly



Desaturated

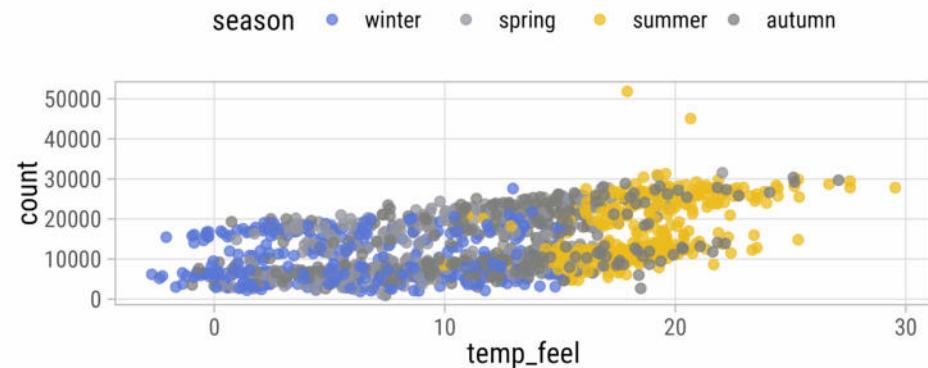


Emulate CVD

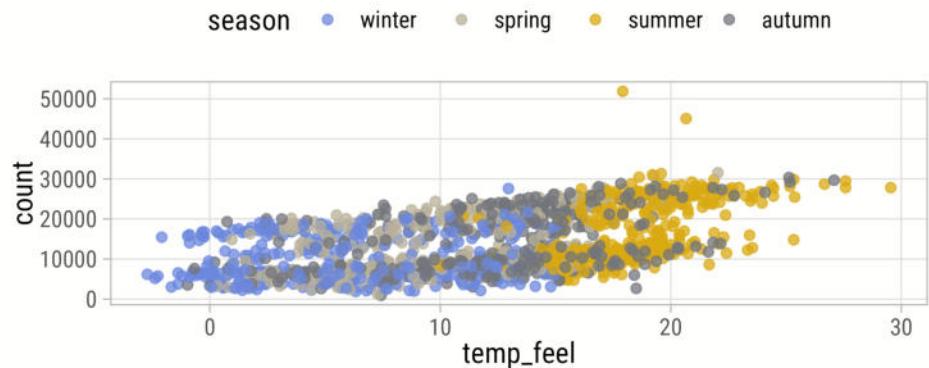
Emulate CVD

```
1 # devtools::install_github("clauswilke/colorblindr")
2
3 colorblindr::cvd_grid(g3)
```

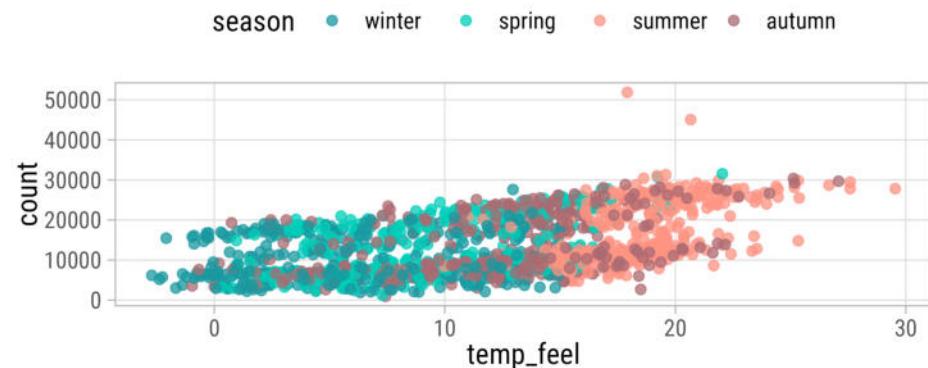
Deutanomaly



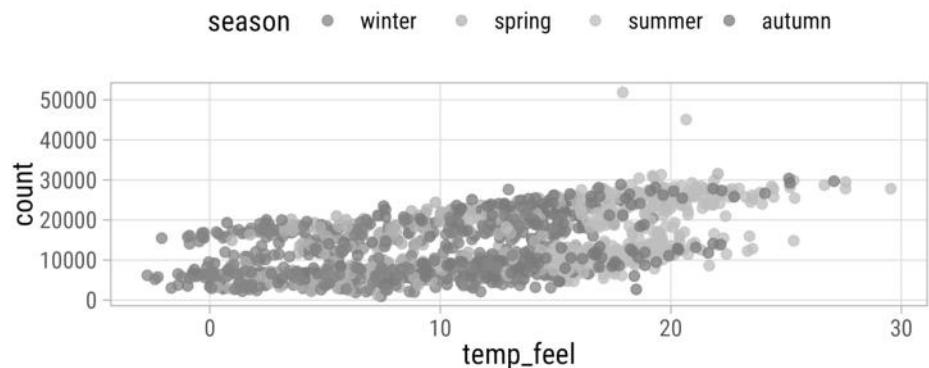
Protanomaly



Tritanomaly



Desaturated



Recap

- use **categorical** palettes for **qualitative** data
 - e.g. `scale_*_discrete()` and `scale_*_manual()` for custom options
 - e.g. `scale_*_viridis_d` and `scale_*_brewer()` for pre-defined options
- use **sequential or diverging** palettes for **quantitative** data
 - e.g. `scale_*_gradient()` or `scale_*_gradient2()` for custom options
 - e.g. `scale_*_viridis_c` and `scale_*_distiller()` for pre-defined options
- various packages provide palettes incl. `scale_*` components
 - e.g. `{rcartocolors}`, `{scico}`, `{ggsci}`, `{ggthemes}`, `{nord}`
- those and even more packages return palettes as vectors
 - modify and supply them to `scale_*_manual()` and `scale_*_gradientn()`
- use **after_scale** to modify and recycle color scales

Exercise

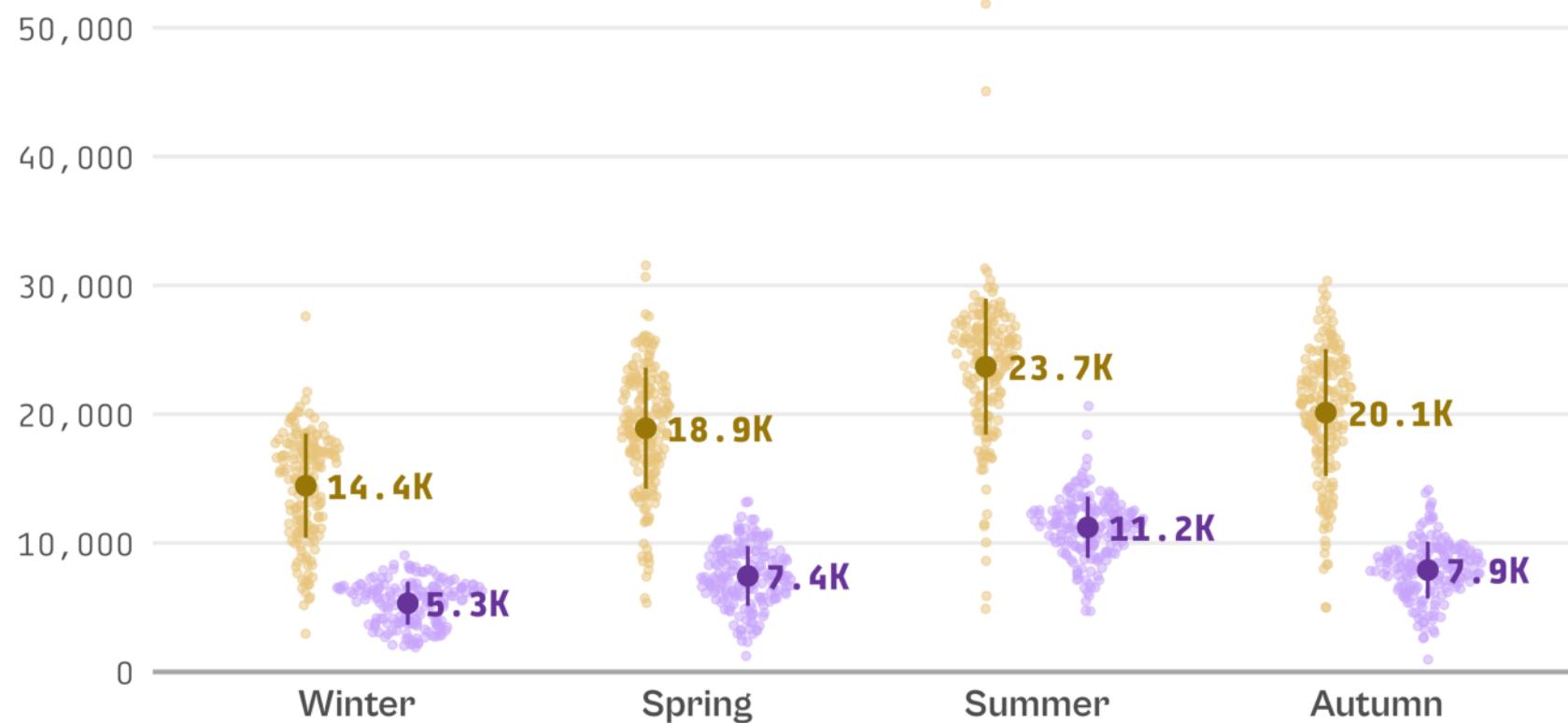
Exercise

- Create a similar visualization as close as possible:

Reported bike shares in London during day and night times

TfL bike sharing data from 2015 to 2016 per season and time of day.

Errorbars show the mean \pm standard deviation.

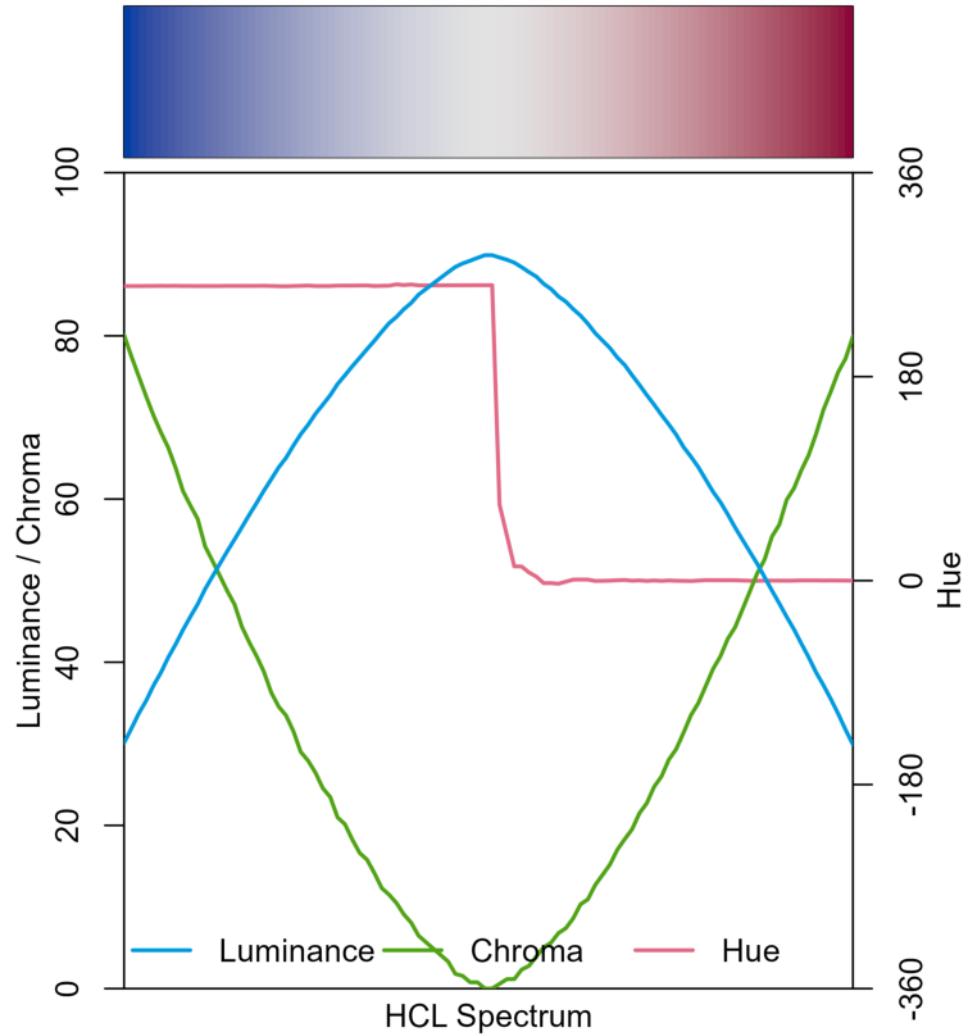


Appendix

HCL Spectrum

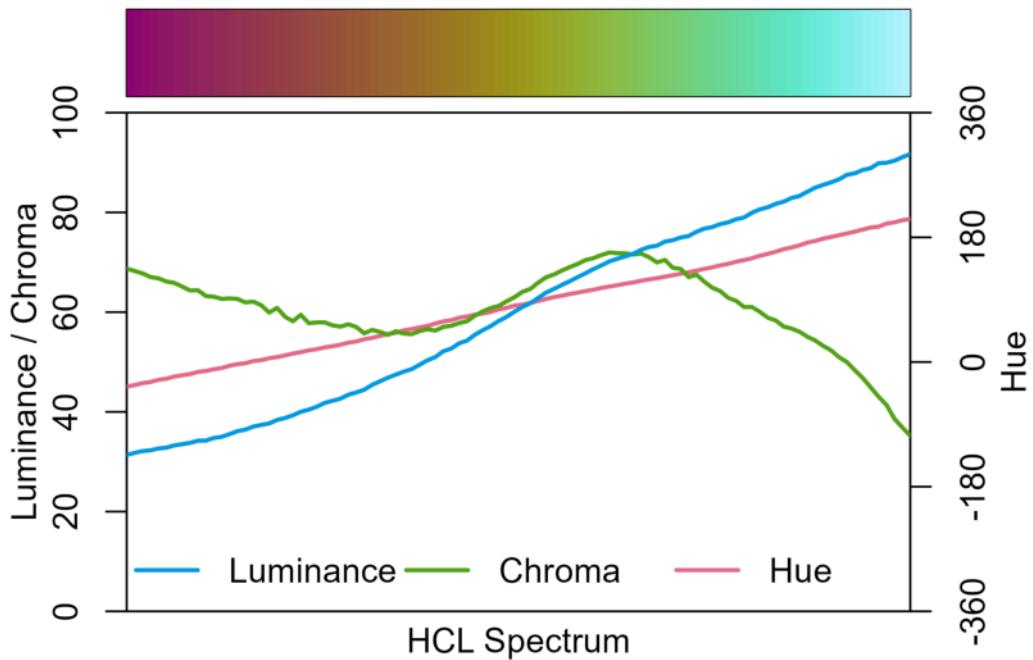
Evaluate HCL Spectrum

```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   colorspace::diverging_hcl(  
3     n = 100, palette = "Blue-Red"  
4   )  
5 )
```

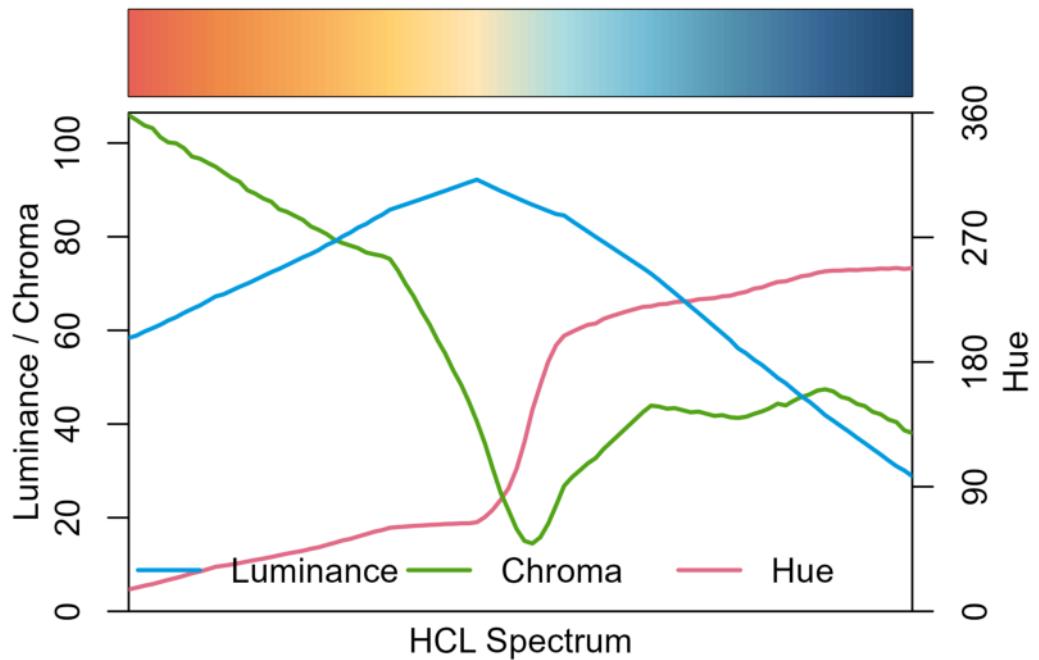


Evaluate HCL Spectrum

```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   scico::scico(  
3     n = 100, palette = "hawaii"  
4   )  
5 )
```

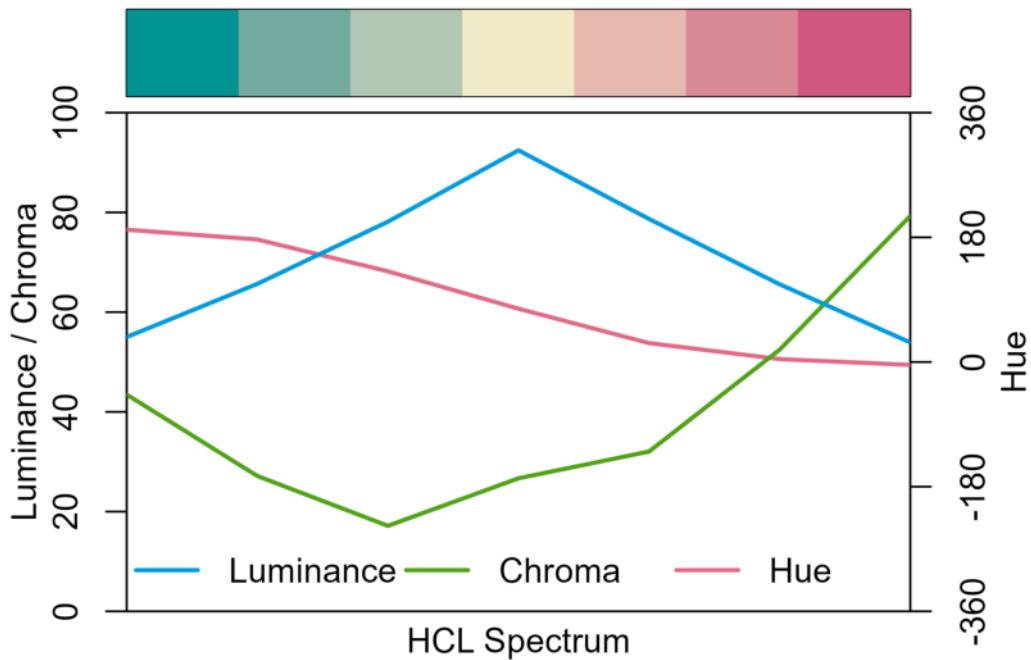


```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   MetBrewer::met.brewer(  
3     n = 100, name = "Hiroshige"  
4   )  
5 )
```

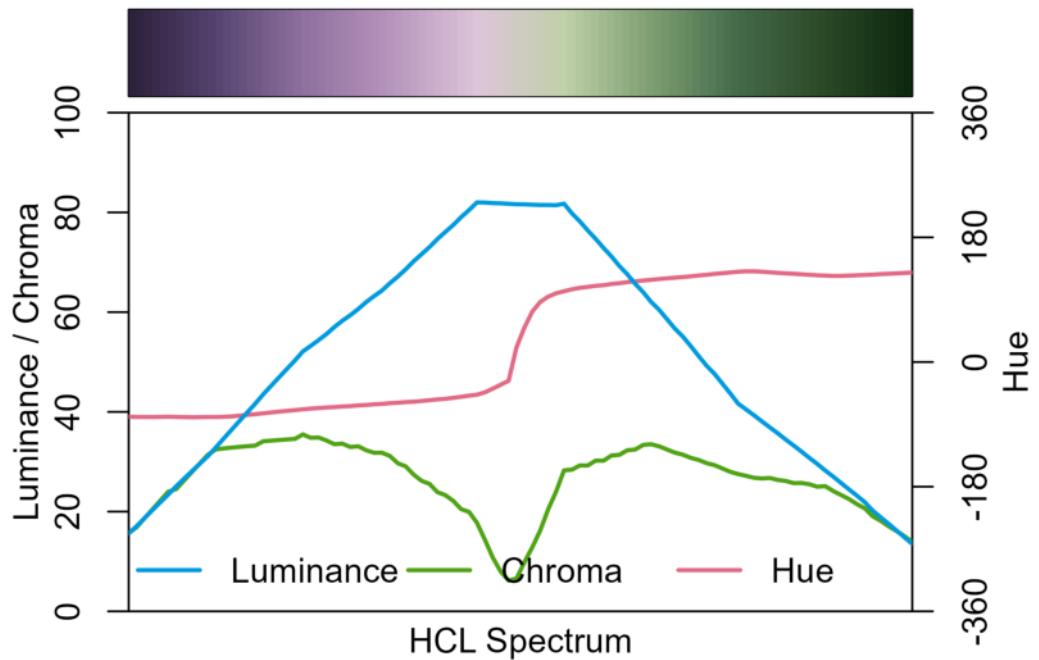


Evaluate HCL Spectrum

```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   rcartocolor::carto_pal(  
3     n = 7, name = "TealRose"  
4   )  
5 )
```

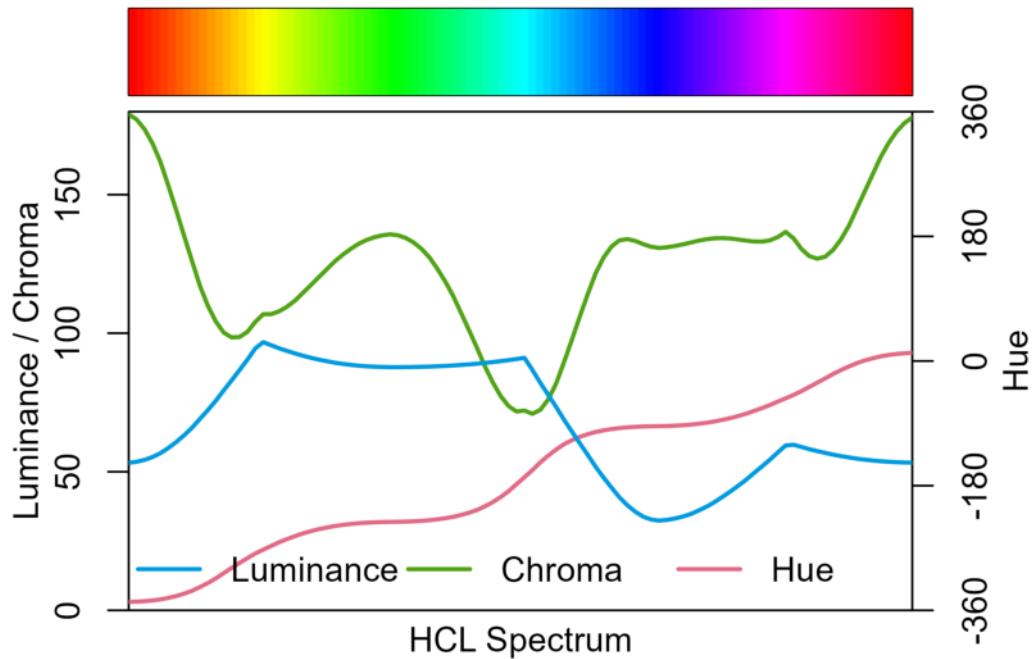


```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   MetBrewer::met.brewer(  
3     n = 100, name = "Cassatt2"  
4   )  
5 )
```

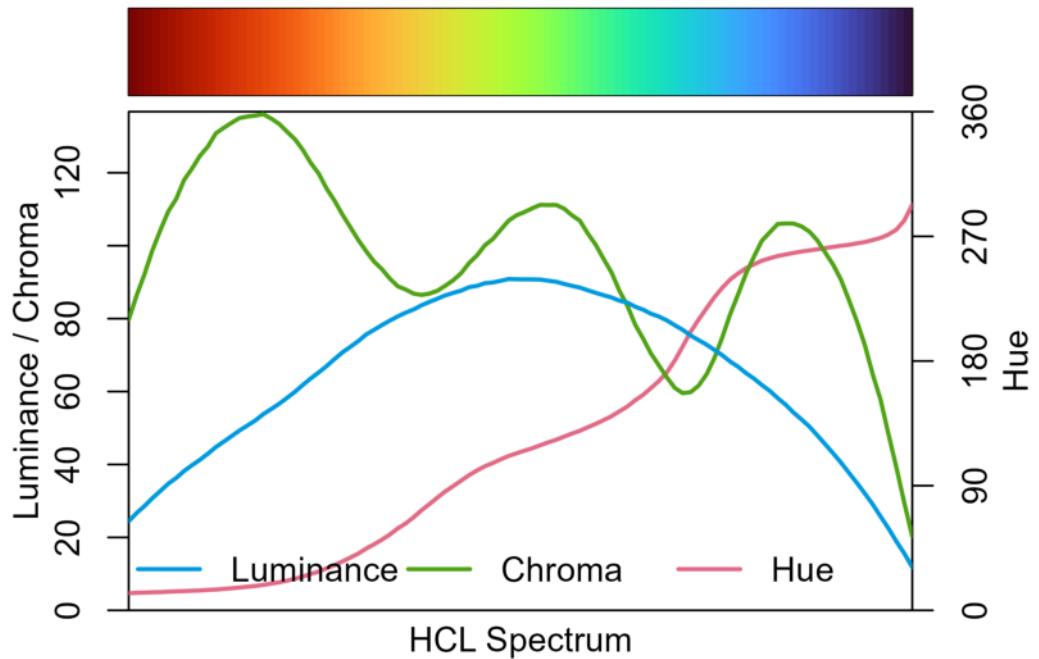


Evaluate HCL Spectrum

```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   rainbow(  
3     n = 100  
4   )  
5 )
```



```
1 colorspace::specplot(  
2   viridis::turbo(  
3     n = 100, direction = -1  
4   )  
5 )
```



Build Your Own `scale_color|fill_*_c()`

```
1 dubois_pal_c <- function(palette = "dark", reverse = FALSE, ...) {  
2   dubois_palettes <- list(  
3     'dark'     = dubois_colors("black", "purple", "violet", "pink"),  
4     'light'    = dubois_colors("purple", "violet", "pink", "palered")  
5   )  
6  
7   pal <- dubois_palettes[[palette]]  
8   pal <- unname(pal)  
9  
10  if (reverse) pal <- rev(pal)  
11  
12  grDevices::colorRampPalette(pal, ...)  
13}  
14  
15 dubois_pal_c(palette = "light", reverse = TRUE)(3)
```

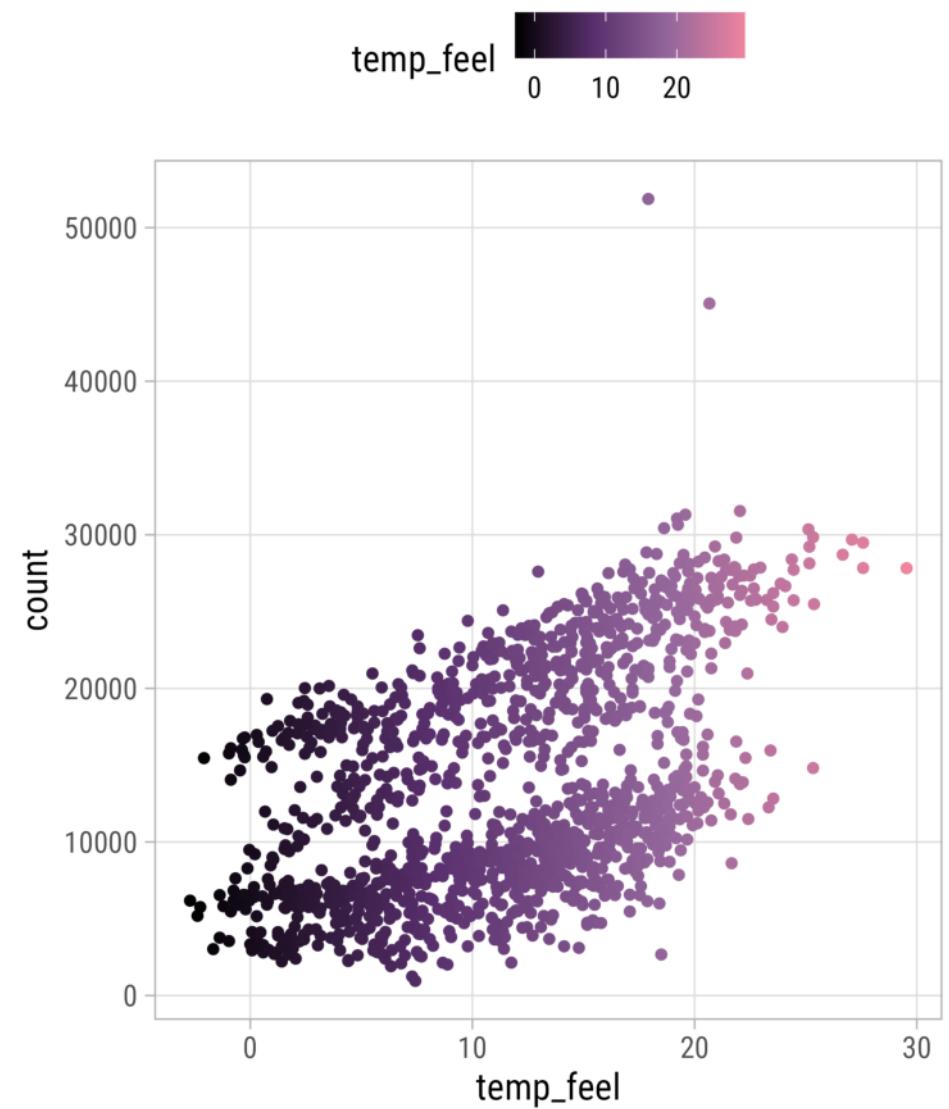
```
[1] "#FFFFFF" "#C1759D" "#582F6C"
```

Build Your Own `scale_color|fill_*_c()`

```
1 scale_fill_dubois_c <- function(palette = "dark", reverse = FALSE, ...) {  
2   if (!palette %in% c("dark", "light")) stop('Palette should be "dark" or "light".')  
3  
4   pal <- dubois_pal_c(palette = palette, reverse = reverse)  
5  
6   ggplot2:::scale_fill_gradientn(colours = pal(256), ...)  
7 }  
8  
9 scale_color_dubois_c <- function(palette = "dark", reverse = FALSE, ...) {  
10  if (!palette %in% c("dark", "light")) stop('Palette should be "dark" or "light".')  
11  
12  pal <- dubois_pal_c(palette = palette, reverse = reverse)  
13  
14  ggplot2:::scale_color_gradientn(colours = pal(256), ...)  
15 }
```

Use Your Own scale_color|fill_*_c()

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_dubois_c()
```



Use Your Own scale_color|fill_*_c()

```
1 ggplot(  
2   bikes,  
3   aes(x = temp_feel, y = count,  
4       color = temp_feel)  
5 ) +  
6 geom_point() +  
7 scale_color_dubois_c(  
8   palette = "light",  
9   reverse = TRUE  
10 )
```

