

# Digitized Data in Biodiversity Research

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>1600 natural history collections  
in the US alone  
1-2 billion specimens  
in the US  
3-4 billion specimens  
worldwide

# Collections: The Library of Life



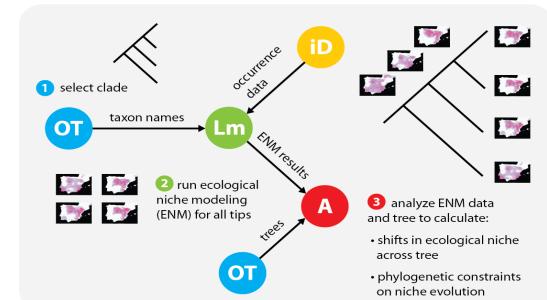
# What Can We Do with Specimen Data?

- Monitor shifts in biodiversity through time
- Track invasive species
- Ecological Niche/Species Distribution Modeling
- Track phenological shifts
- Integrate with evolutionary history
- Past movements and climate change
- Landscape genetics



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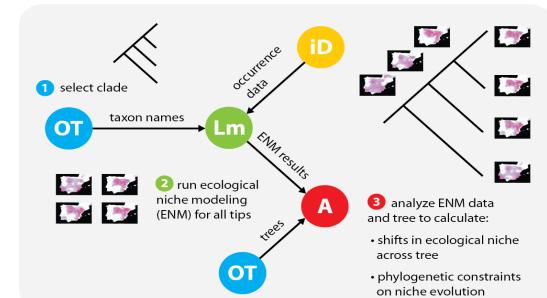


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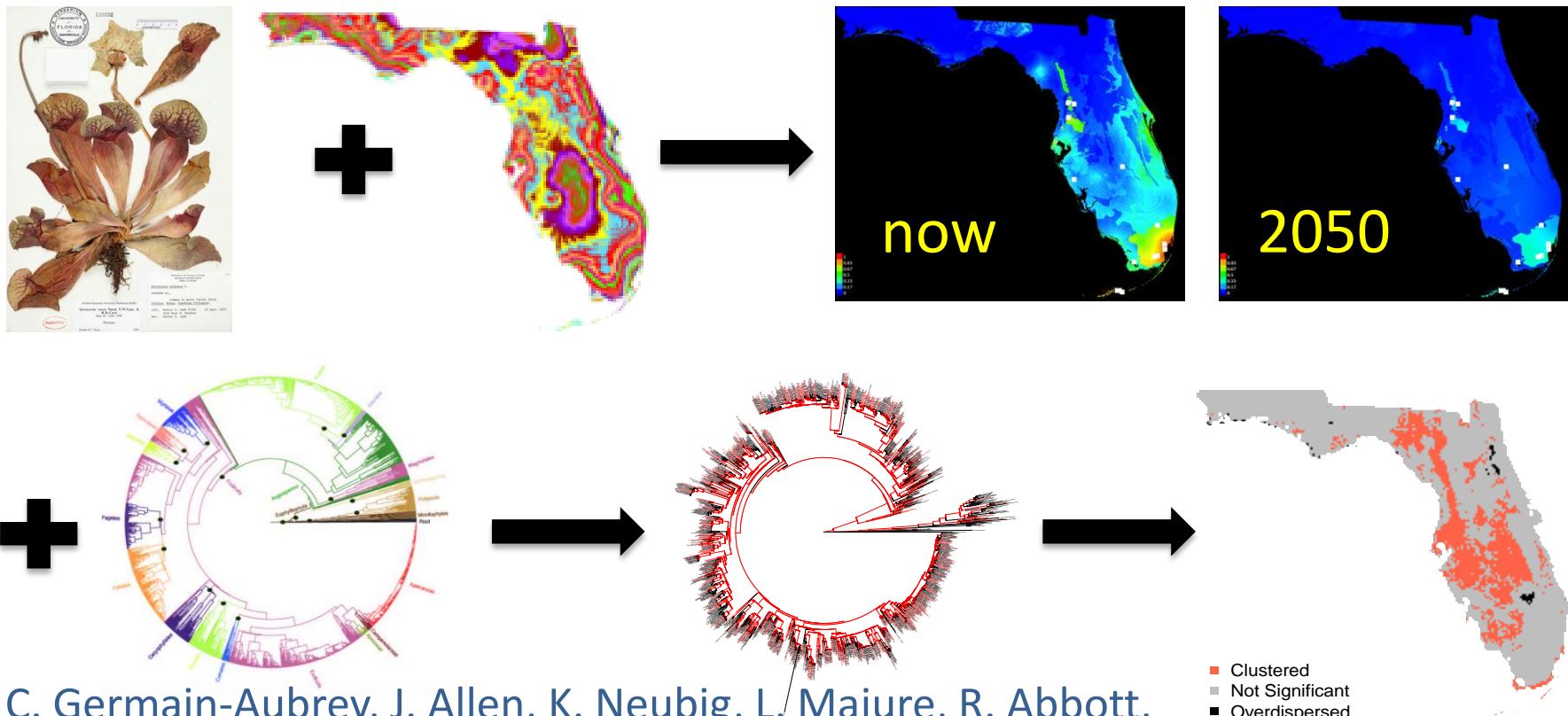


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- Further development of methods



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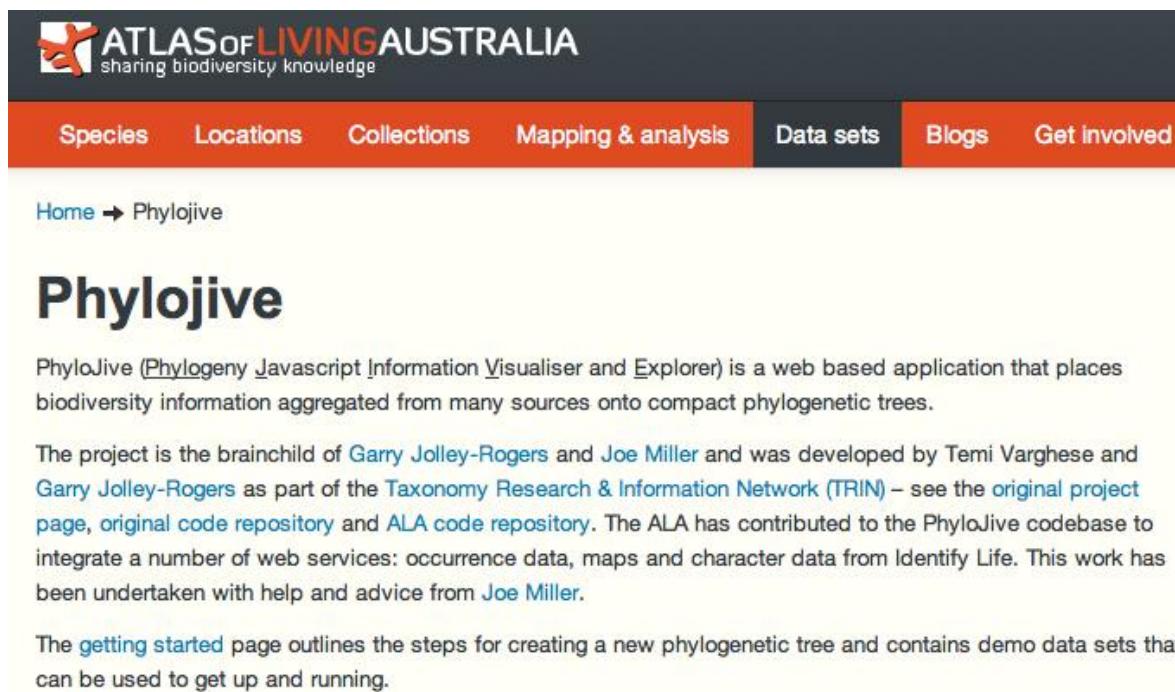
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# PhyloJIVE

Links biodiversity data to trees

Joe Miller & Garry Jolley-Rogers

[phylojive.ala.org.au/](http://phylojive.ala.org.au/)



The screenshot shows the ATLAS of LIVING AUSTRALIA homepage with a navigation bar at the top. The navigation bar includes links for Species, Locations, Collections, Mapping & analysis, Data sets, Blogs, and Get involved. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail indicates the user is at Home → Phylojive. The main content area features a large heading "Phylojive". A paragraph below the heading explains what PhyloJive is: "PhyloJive (Phylogeny Javascript Information Visualiser and Explorer) is a web based application that places biodiversity information aggregated from many sources onto compact phylogenetic trees." Another paragraph provides more details about the project's development: "The project is the brainchild of [Garry Jolley-Rogers](#) and [Joe Miller](#) and was developed by Temi Varghese and Garry Jolley-Rogers as part of the [Taxonomy Research & Information Network \(TRIN\)](#) – see the [original project page](#), [original code repository](#) and [ALA code repository](#). The ALA has contributed to the PhyloJive codebase to integrate a number of web services: occurrence data, maps and character data from Identify Life. This work has been undertaken with help and advice from [Joe Miller](#)." At the bottom, a link to the "getting started" page is mentioned.



*A. buxifolia*

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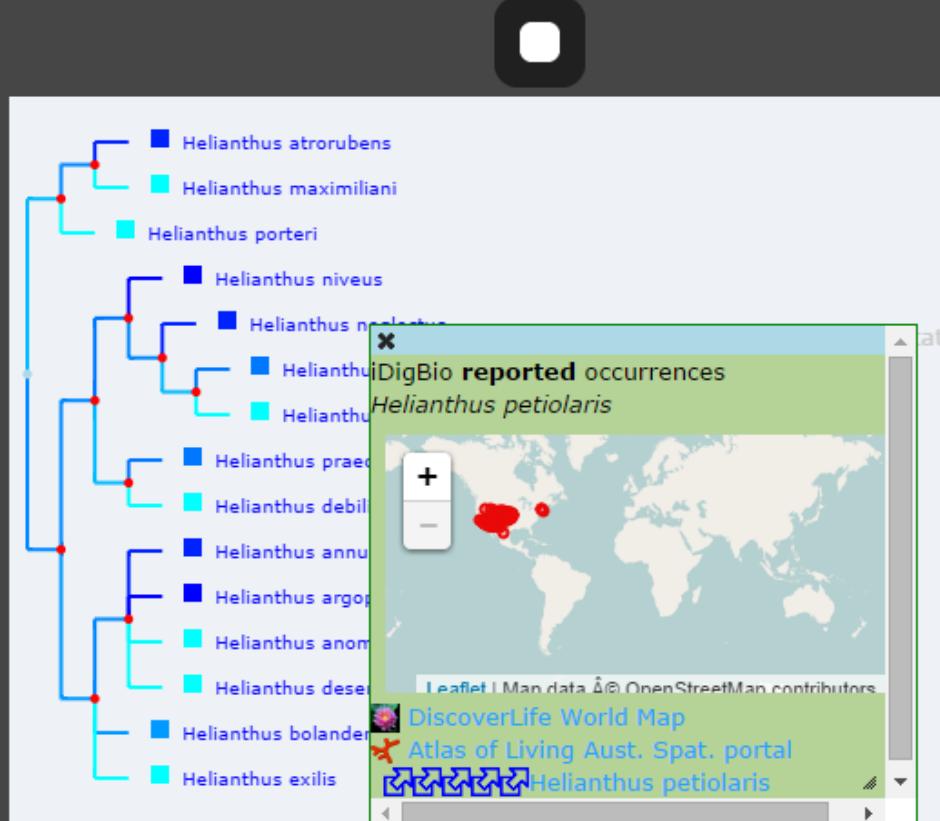
# PhyloJIVE instance in iDigBio

[iDigBio Portal](#)   [PhyloJIVE Home](#)   [OpenTree](#) ▾   [Sample Trees](#)   [Tutorial](#)   [Research Tools](#)

**Existing Tree: Helianthus**  
 Helianthus tree by Joe Miller  
 Select another tree:  
 Helianthus

- Click the top button to get the navigation aid
- Click nodes to get maps and external services
- Try choosing characters (if available) to plot on the tree;
- Align-names feature; search; set-root; rotate, etc.

[Create New Tree](#)

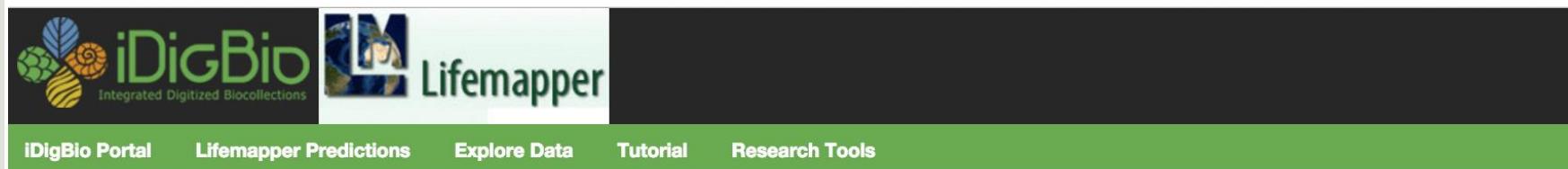


The image shows a phylogenetic tree for the genus *Helianthus*. The tree is rooted at the bottom and branches upwards, with each node colored either blue or cyan. A callout window is open over the tree, titled "iDigBio reported occurrences" for *Helianthus petiolaris*. The callout displays a world map with red dots indicating the species' distribution, zoom controls (+/-), and several external links: "Leaflet.js Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors", "DiscoverLife World Map", "Atlas of Living Aust. Spat. portal", and a link to "Helianthus petiolaris". The status of the callout is shown as "done".

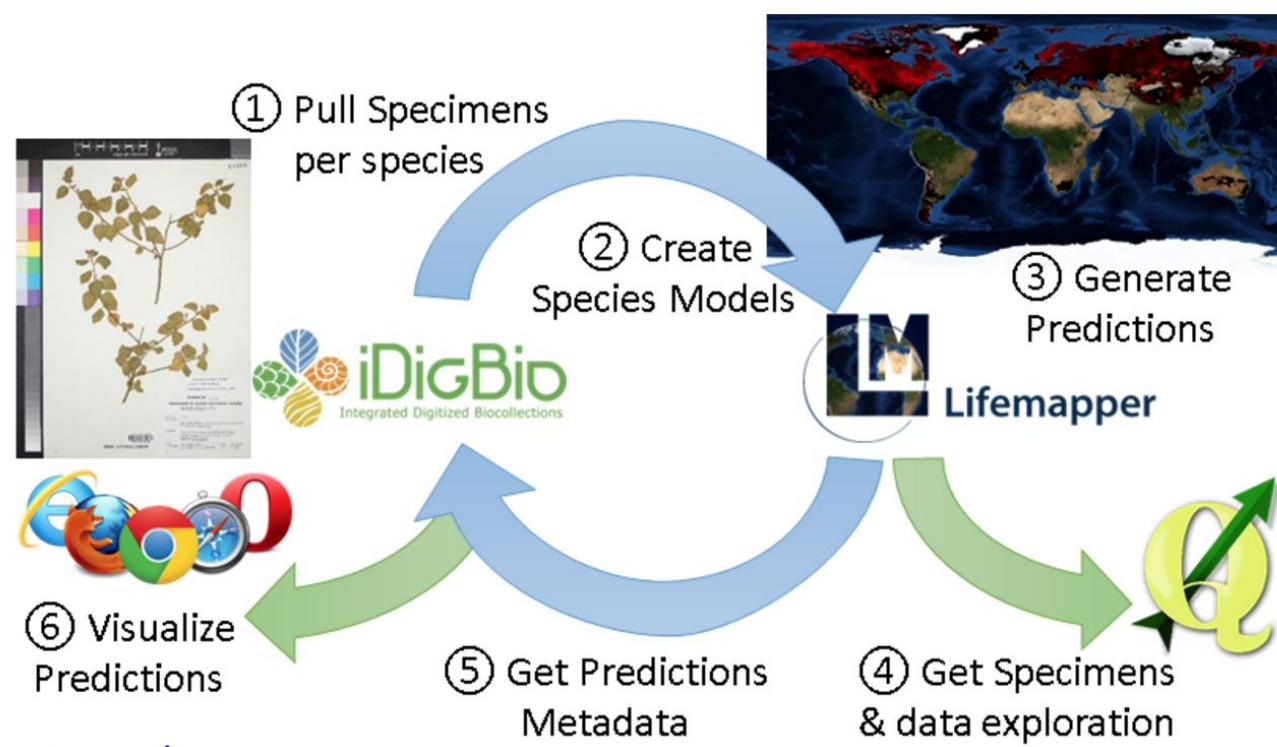
- Developed by Garry Jolley-Rogers, Joe Miller, and Temi Varghese
- Integrates biodiversity data with phylogeny
- <http://phylojive.acis.ufl.edu/>

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# iDigBio – Lifemapper Instance

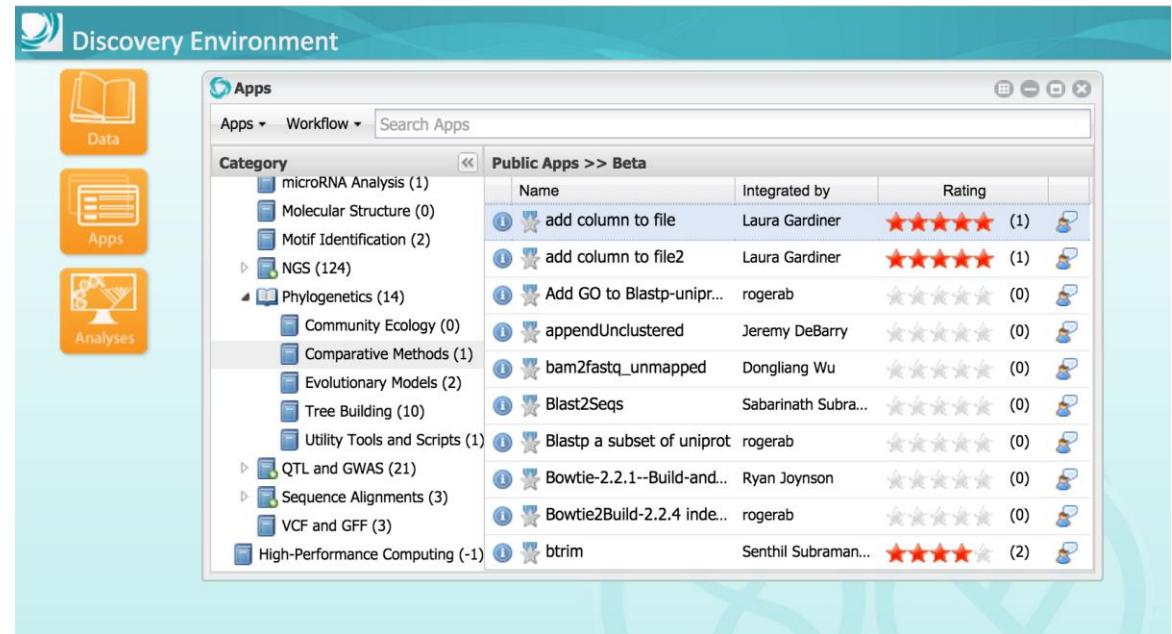


iDigBio-Lifemapper workflow



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The screenshot shows the Discovery Environment interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Data, Apps, and Analyses. The main area is titled "Discovery Environment" and has a sub-header "Apps". Below that is a search bar labeled "Search Apps". A tree view on the left lists categories: microRNA Analysis (1), Molecular Structure (0), Motif Identification (2), NGS (124), Phylogenetics (14), Community Ecology (0), Comparative Methods (1), Evolutionary Models (2), Tree Building (10), Utility Tools and Scripts (1), QTL and GWAS (21), Sequence Alignments (3), VCF and GFF (3), and High-Performance Computing (-1). To the right is a table titled "Public Apps >> Beta". The table has columns for Name, Integrated by, and Rating. It lists 15 applications, each with a star rating and a download link icon.

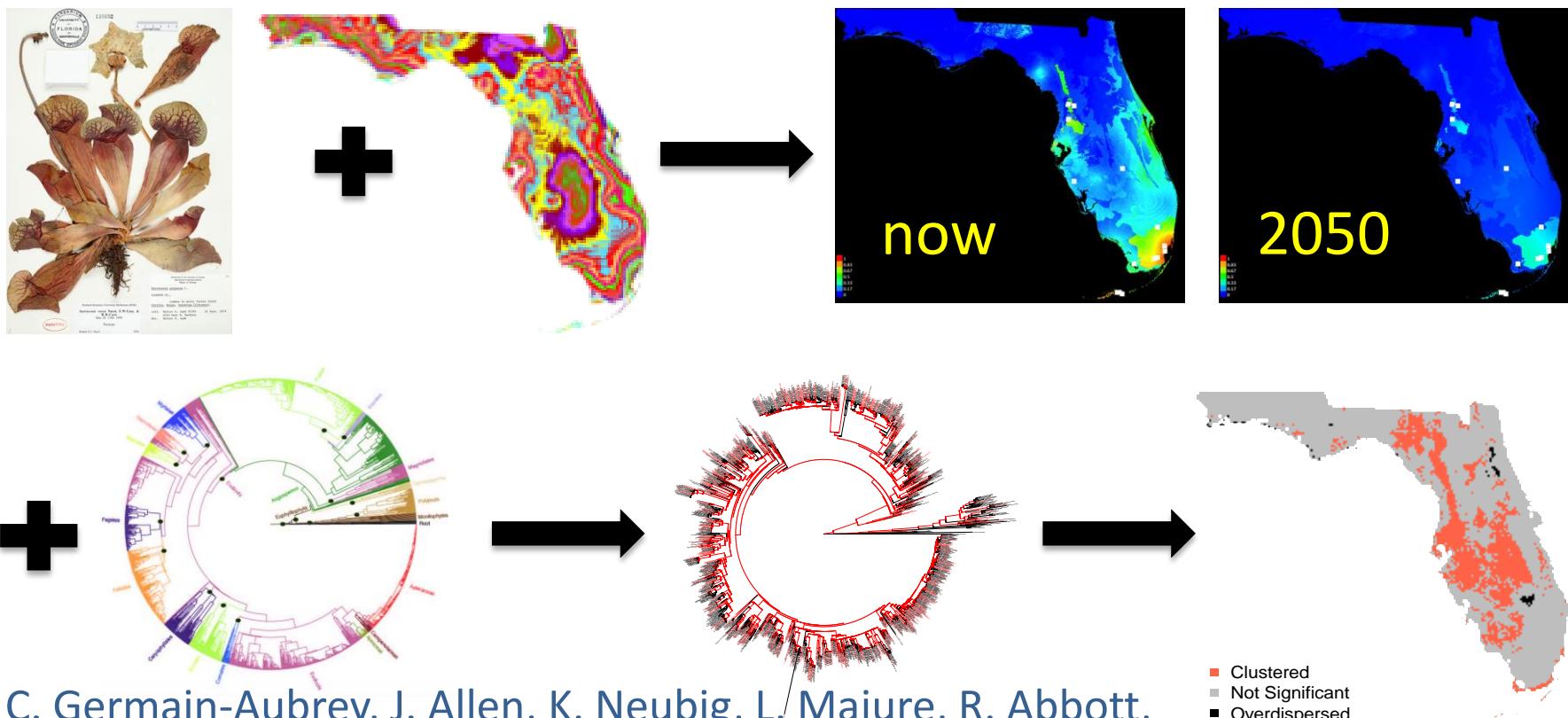
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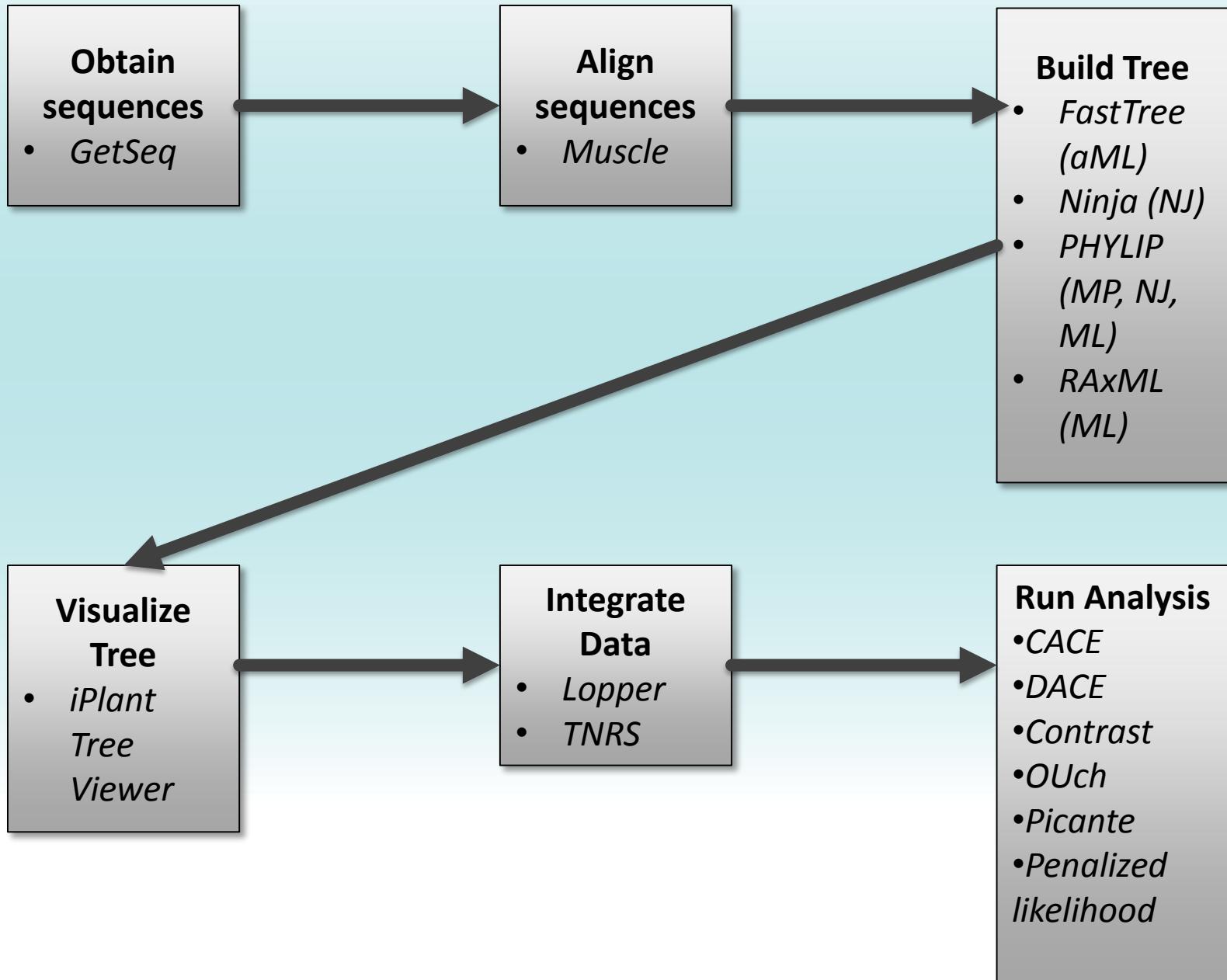
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- Toward a Biodiversity Workbench



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 Manage Data

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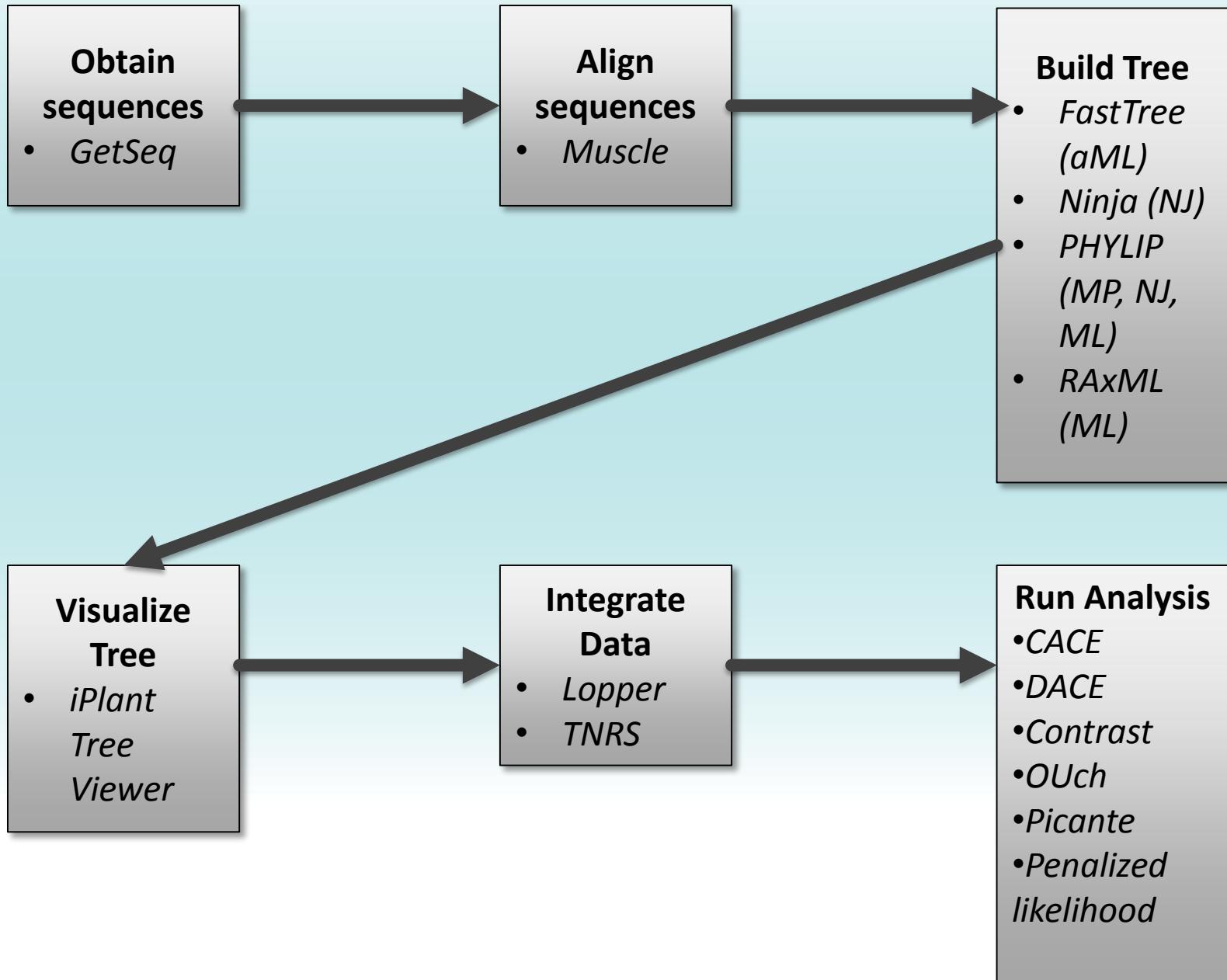
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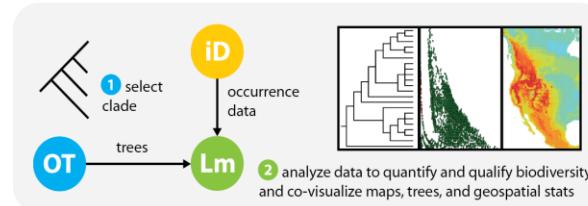
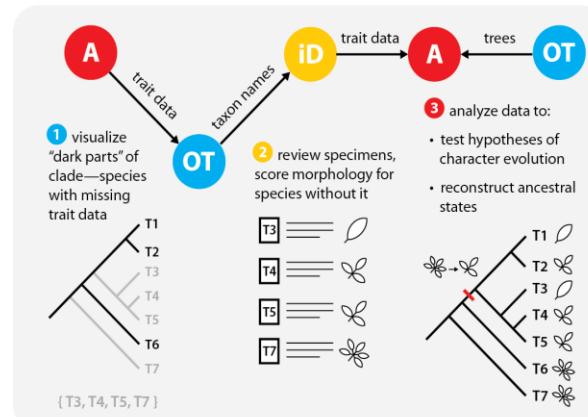
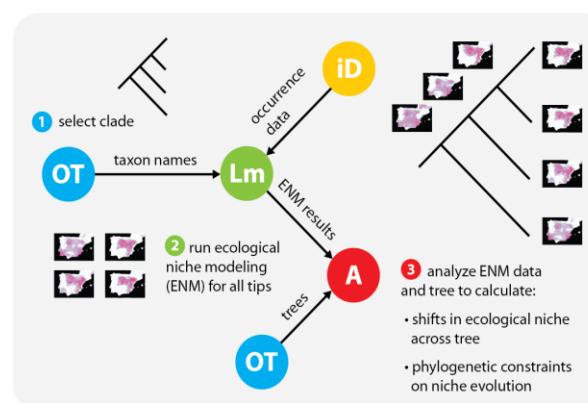
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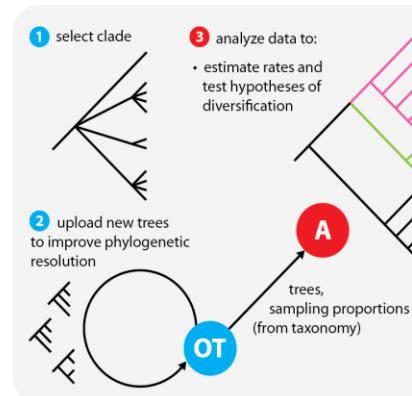
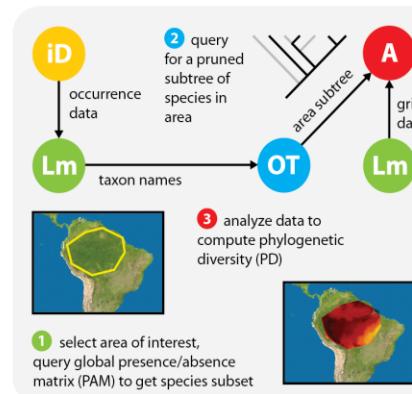


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## EXAMPLE WORKFLOWS:



## RESOURCES:



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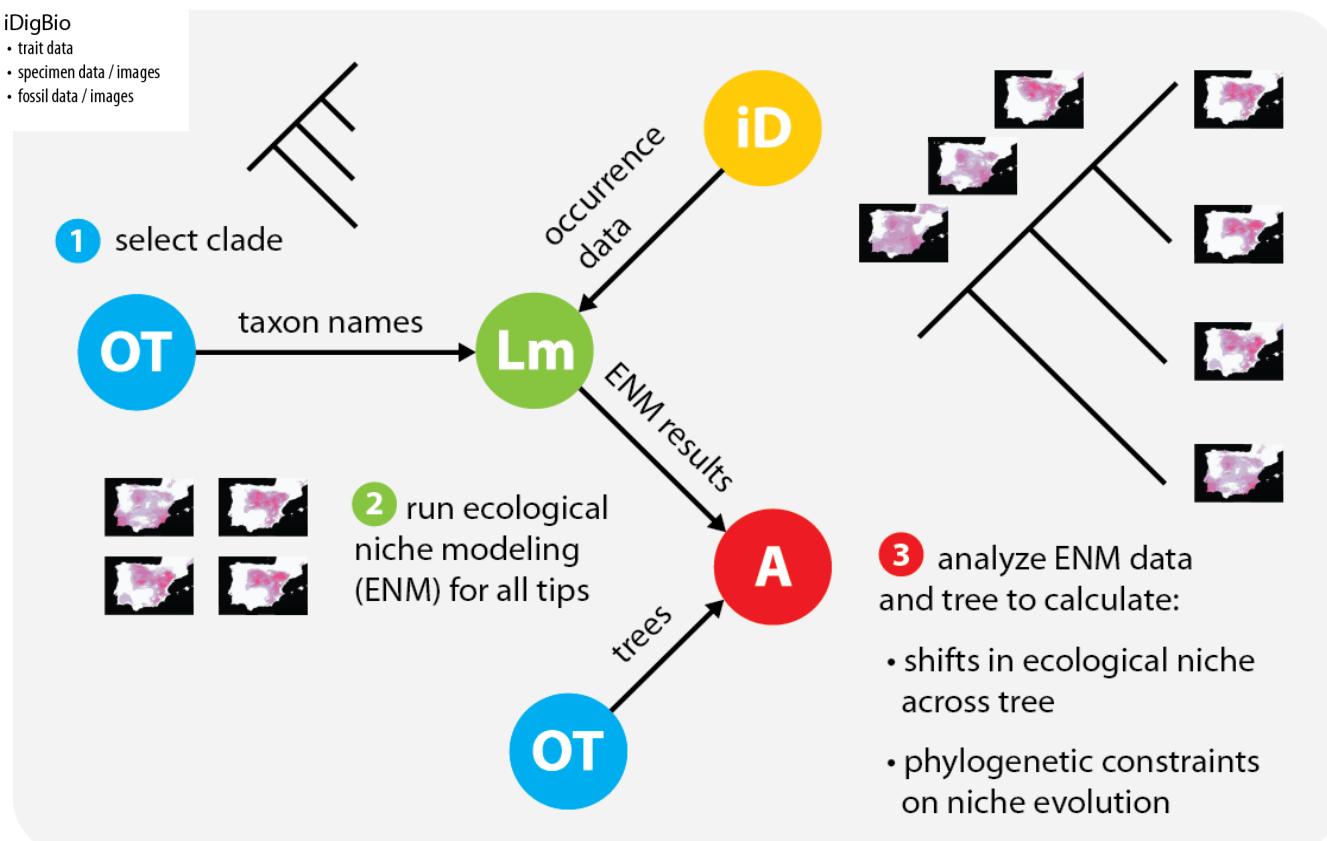
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**iD** iDigBio  
 • trait data  
 • specimen data / images  
 • fossil data / images



# Connecting Trees, Specimens, Tools



ABI Innovation: BiotaPhy Project

Connecting resources

to enable large-scale biodiversity analyses

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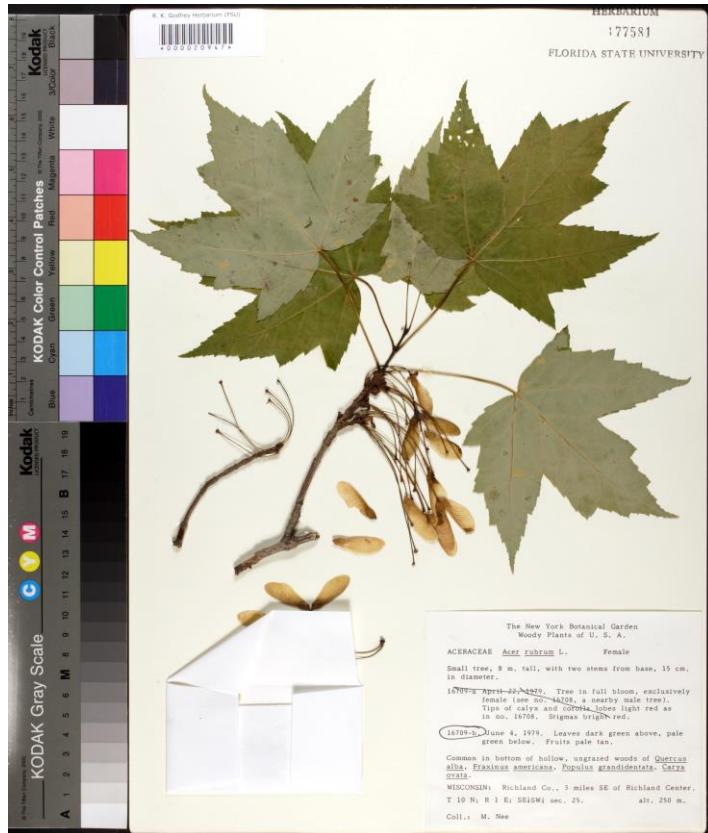
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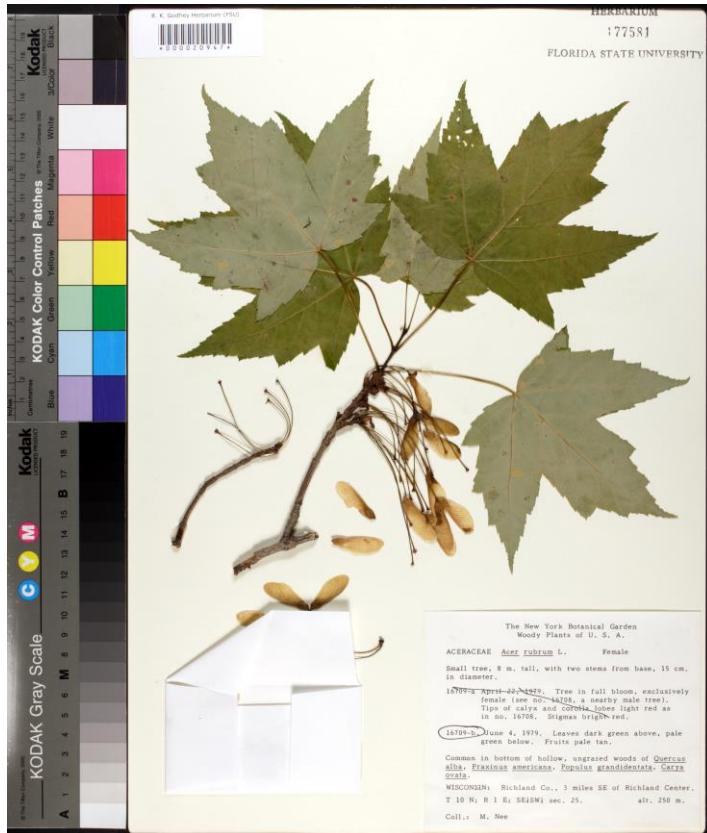
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**Computer Science/Image Analysis**

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**Community input: topics, volunteers**

# Many Uses for Specimen Data in Research

- Connections to other resources, e.g. GenBank
- Ecological Niche/Species Distribution Modeling
- Integration with phylogeny, e.g. PhyloJIVE
- Complex integration of phylogeny, specimens, ENM, other heterogeneous data
- Images as sources of traits for ecological studies
- Others???
- *Discussions: Research Tool Development*  
*Data Use in Research and Education*
- *Research Applications Working Group*

# Thank you!



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