

Mobilizing New England vascular plant data to track environmental change

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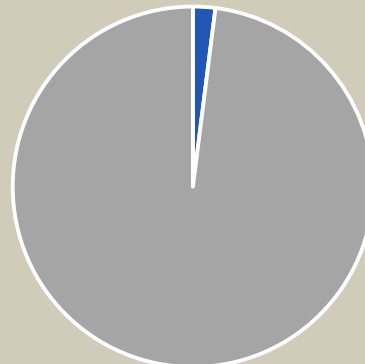
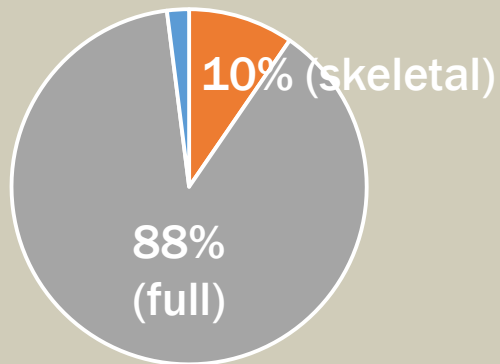


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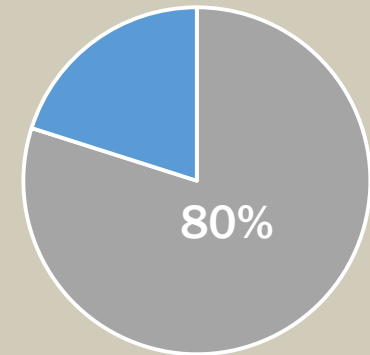


PROGRESS

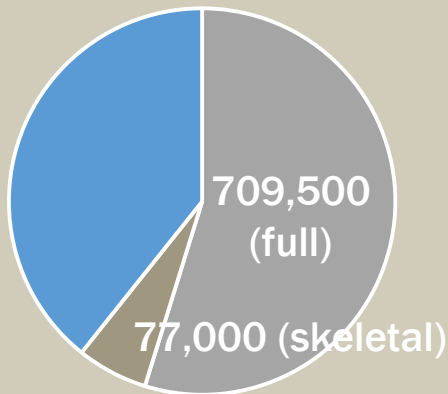
98% New England specimens complete
Occurrences Images



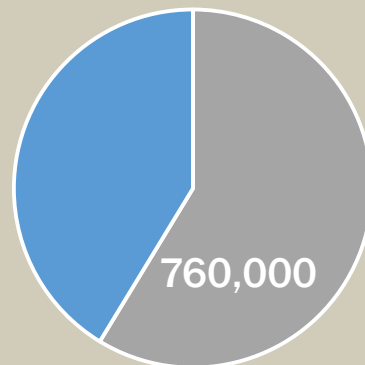
Georeferencing



Occurrence Records



Images



\$1.80 per specimen
(\$1.07)

1.3 million records/images

DATA MANAGEMENT & ACCESS

- All images on CyVerse (iPlant)
- Digitizing institutions data managed in authoritative database
 - some are collecting/managing data via an intermediary application
- Smaller partner institutions are managing data directly in Symbiota
- All project data mobilized through CNH portal (Symbiota)
 - data imported via rdf/XML, direct push from Specify, spreadsheets
 - additional data capture in Symbiota
 - 90% in portal
- Project data shared with iDigBio
 - DwC-A ingest from Symbiota, IPT
 - 90% in iDigBio portal

RESEARCH USE

- **Data demographics**

- Assessing fine-scale sampling bias in herbarium specimens
- Assessing additional patterns

- **Papers**

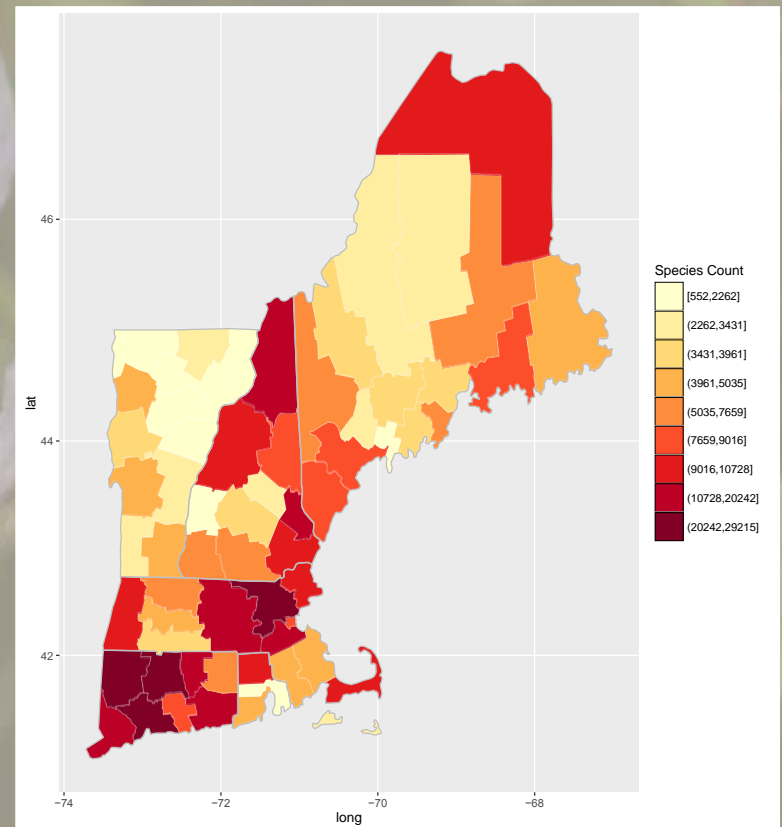
Bellemare, J., & Deeg, C. (2015)

Spalink, D. et al. (2016)

Gallinant, A. et al. (in prep)

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- **Phenology scoring**



MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT

- Collaborators managing activities at their institutions
 - mostly in contact with lead via email
 - some face-to-face site visits
- Lead institution manages overall project
 - monitors upload of images to CyVerse
 - monitors import of data into the portal
 - monitors upload to iDigBio
- Yearly in person meetings
- Portal managed under umbrella of CNH
 - Steering committee with individuals from member institutions
 - Member institutions committed to maintain portal (contribute staff member time)

LESSONS

- Fail early and fail often
 - Software/hardware/workflow development, execution, etc.
- Don't reinvent the wheel
 - lot's of great software, workflows, and expertise out there – use it

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