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**BIEN***BIEN: Tools for accessing the BIEN database.*

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**Description**

The Botanical Information and Ecology Network(BIEN) R package provides access to the BIEN database as well as useful tools for working with the BIEN data.

**Getting started**

Type vignette("BIEN") to view the vignette, which contains useful information on the BIEN package.

**References**

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**BIEN\_list\_all***Extract a list of all species in the BIEN database.*

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**Description**

BIEN\_list\_all produces a list of all species in the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_list_all(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing a list of all species in the BIEN database.

**See Also**

Other list functions: [BIEN\\_list\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
species_list<-BIEN_list_all()
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_list_country	<i>Extract species list by country</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_list\_country downloads a list of all species within a country or countries from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_list_country(country = NULL, country.code = NULL, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

country	A single country or a vector of countries.
country.code	A single country code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing species list(s) for the specified country or countries.

**Note**

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

**See Also**

Other list functions: [BIEN\\_list\\_all](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_list_country("Canada")
country_vector<-c("Canada","United States")
BIEN_list_country(country_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN\_list\_county      *Extract a species list by county.*

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### Description

BIEN\_list\_county produces a list of all species with geovalidated occurrences falling within specified county or counties.

### Usage

```
BIEN_list_county(country = NULL, state = NULL, county = NULL,
  country.code = NULL, state.code = NULL, county.code = NULL,
  cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

country	A single country or vector of countries
state	A state or vector of states (or other primary political divisions, e.g. provinces).
county	A single county (or other secondary administrative boundary) or vector of counties.
country.code	A single country (or other primary administrative boundary) code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
state.code	A single state/province code, or a vector of states/province codes.
county.code	A single county (or other secondary administrative boundary) code or a vector of county codes equal in length to the vectors of states/province codes and country codes.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

### Value

Dataframe containing species list(s) for the specified states/provinces.

### Note

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

We recommend using country, state, and county rather than codes, since county names have not been fully standardized.

This function requires you supply either 1) a single state and country with one or more counties, or 2) vectors of equal length for each political level.

**See Also**

Other list functions: [BIEN\\_list\\_all](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_list_county("United States", "Michigan", "Kent")
BIEN_list_county(country = "United States", state = "Michigan", county = "Kent")
county_vector<-c("Kent", "Kalamazoo")
BIEN_list_county(country = "United States", state = "Michigan", county = county_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_list\_spatialpolygons

*Extract a list of species within a given spatialpolygons.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_list\_spatialpolygons produces a list of all species with occurrence record falling within a user-supplied SpatialPolygons or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_list_spatialpolygons(spatialpolygons, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

spatialpolygons	An object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame. Note that the object must be in WGS84.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing a list of all species with occurrences in the supplied SpatialPolygons object.

**Note**

We recommend using [readOGR](#) to load spatial data. Other methods may cause problems related to handling holes in polygons.

**See Also**

Other list functions: [BIEN\\_list\\_all](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_ranges_species("Carnegiea gigantea")#saves ranges to the current working directory
shape<-readOGR(dsn = ".",layer = "Carnegiea_gigantea")
#spatialpolygons should be read with readOGR(), see note.
species_list<-BIEN_list_spatialpolygons(spatialpolygons=shape)
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_list_state	<i>Extract a species list by state/province</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_list\_state produces a list of all species with geovalidated occurrences falling within specified state(s) or province(s).

**Usage**

```
BIEN_list_state(country = NULL, country.code = NULL, state = NULL,
  state.code = NULL, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

country	A single country or a vector of countries equal in length to the vector of states/provinces.
country.code	A single country code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
state	A state or vector of states (or other primary political divisions, e.g. provinces).
state.code	A single state/province code, or a vector of states/province codes.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing species list(s) for the specified states/provinces.

**Note**

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

**See Also**

Other list functions: [BIEN\\_list\\_all](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_list\\_spatialpolygons](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_list_state("United States", "Michigan")
state_vector<-c("Michigan", "Arizona")
BIEN_list_state(country="United States", state= state_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_metadata\_citation

*Generate citations for data extracted from BIEN.*

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**Description**

BIEN\_metadata\_citation guides a user through the proper documentation for data downloaded from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_metadata_citation(dataframe = NULL, trait.dataframe = NULL,
  bibtex_file = NULL, acknowledgement_file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`dataframe` A data.frame of occurrence data downloaded from the BIEN R package.  
`trait.dataframe` A data.frame of trait data downloaded from the BIEN R package.  
`bibtex_file` Output file for writing bibtex citations.  
`acknowledgement_file` Output file for writing acknowledgements.

**Value**

A list object containing information needed for data attribution. Full information for herbaria is available at <http://sweetgum.nybg.org/science/ih/>

**See Also**

Other metadata functions: [BIEN\\_metadata\\_database\\_version](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_match\\_data](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_metadata_citation()#If you are referencing the phylogeny or range maps.
Xanthium_data<-BIEN_occurrence_species("Xanthium strumarium")
citations<-BIEN_metadata_citation(dataframe=Xanthium_data)#If you are referencing occurrence data
## End(Not run)
```



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`BIEN_metadata_database_version`*Download the current BIEN database version and release date*

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**Description**

`BIEN_metadata_database_version` downloads the current version number and release date for the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_metadata_database_version(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A data frame containing the current version number and release date for the BIEN database.

**See Also**

Other metadata functions: [BIEN\\_metadata\\_citation](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_match\\_data](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_metadata_database_version()  
## End(Not run)
```

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`BIEN_metadata_list_political_names`*List political divisions and associated geonames codes.*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_metadata_list_political_names` downloads country, state, and county names and associated codes used by BIEN.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_metadata_list_political_names(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing political division names and their associated codes.

**Note**

Political names and codes follow <http://www.geonames.org/>

**See Also**

Other metadata functions: [BIEN\\_metadata\\_citation](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_database\\_version](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_match\\_data](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_metadata_list_political_names()
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_metadata\_match\_data

*Check for differing records between old and new dataframes.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_metadata\_match\_data compares old and new dataframes, and can check whether they are identical or be used to select rows that are unique to the old or new versions.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_metadata_match_data(old, new, return = "identical")
```

**Arguments**

old A dataframe that is to be compared to a (typically) newer dataframe.

new A dataframe that is to be compared to a (typically) older dataframe.

return What information should be returned? Current options are: "identical" (Logical, are the two dataframes identical?), "additions" (numeric, which rows are new?), "deletions" (numeric, which rows are no longer present?), "logical" (logical, which elements of the old dataframe are in the new one?).

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Logical of varying length (depending on choice of "return" parameter)

**Note**

Since comparisons are done by row (except when using return="identical"), this function may fail to flag additions or deletions if they are exact duplicates of existing rows.

**See Also**

Other metadata functions: [BIEN\\_metadata\\_citation](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_database\\_version](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_polit](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
new<-BIEN_occurrence_species("Acer nigrum")
old<-new[-1:-4,]#simulate having an older dataset by removing four rows
BIEN_metadata_match_data(old,new,return="identical")
BIEN_metadata_match_data(old,new,return="additions")
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_box     *Extract species occurrence records by a latitude/longitude bounding box.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_occurrence\_box extracts occurrences records falling within the specific area.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_box(min.lat, max.lat, min.long, max.long, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE,
  natives.only = TRUE, observation.type = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = TRUE, collection.info = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

min.lat	Minimum latitude
max.lat	Maximum latitude
min.long	Minimum longitude
max.long	Maximum longitude
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true

<code>all.taxonomy</code>	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>observation.type</code>	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified area.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
output_test<-
BIEN_occurrence_box(min.lat = 32,max.lat = 33,min.long = -114,max.long = -113,
cultivated = TRUE, only.new.world = FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

---

`BIEN_occurrence_country`

*Extract species occurrence records by country.*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_occurrence_country` extracts occurrences records for the specified country/countries.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_country(country = NULL, country.code = NULL,
  cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE,
  native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE, observation.type = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

country	A single country or a vector of country.
country.code	A single country code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
observation.type	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified country.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_occurrence_country("Cuba")
country_vector<-c("Cuba", "Bahamas")
BIEN_occurrence_country(country_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_county

*Extract species occurrence records by county.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_occurrence\_county extracts occurrences records for the specified county or counties.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_county(country = NULL, state = NULL, county = NULL,
  country.code = NULL, state.code = NULL, county.code = NULL,
  cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE,
  native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE, observation.type = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

country	A single country or vector of countries.
state	A state or vector of states (or other primary political divisions, e.g. provinces).
county	A single county or a vector of counties (or other secondary political division, e.g. parish).
country.code	A single country (or other primary administrative boundary) code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
state.code	A single state/province code, or a vector of states/province codes.
county.code	A single county (or other secondary administrative boundary) code or a vector of county codes equal in length to the vectors of states/province codes and country codes.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.

```

observation.type      Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default
                      value is FALSE.
political.boundaries  Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value
                      is FALSE.
collection.info       Return additional information about collection and identification? The default
                      value is FALSE.
...                  Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

```

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified states/provinces.

**Note**

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

This function requires you supply either 1) a single country with one or more states, or 2) vectors of equal length for each political level.

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
BIEN_occurrence_county("United States","Arizona","Pima")
country_vector<-c("United States","United States")
state_vector<-c("Arizona","Michigan")
county_vector<-c("Pima","Kent")
BIEN_occurrence_county(country=country_vector, state = state_vector, county = county_vector)
## End(Not run)

```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_family

*Extract species occurrences by family.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_occurrence\_family extracts all occurrences for a given family (or families) from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_family(family, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  observation.type = FALSE, all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE,
  natives.only = TRUE, political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

family	A single family or a vector of families.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
observation.type	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified family/families.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_occurrence_family("Theaceae")
family_vector<-c("Theaceae","Ericaceae")
BIEN_occurrence_family(family_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_genus *Extract occurrence data from BIEN for specified genera*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_occurrence\_genus downloads occurrence records for specific genus/genera from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_genus(genus, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  observation.type = FALSE, political.boundaries = FALSE,
  collection.info = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

genus	A single genus, or a vector of genera. Genera should be capitalized.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
observation.type	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified genera.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_occurrence_genus("Abutilon")
genus_vector<-c("Abutilon", "Abronia")
BIEN_occurrence_genus(genus_vector)
BIEN_occurrence_genus(genus = "Abutilon", cultivated = TRUE, only.new.world = FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

---

```
BIEN_occurrence_records_per_species
```

*Count the number of (geoValid) occurrence records for each species in BIEN*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_occurrence_records_per_species` downloads a count of the number of geovalidated occurrence records for each species in the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_records_per_species(species = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>species</code>	A single species, or vector of species. If NULL, the default, it will return counts for all species.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe listing the number of geovalidated occurrence records for each species in the BIEN database.

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
occurrence_counts<-BIEN_occurrence_records_per_species()
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_spatialpolygons

*Extract occurrence data for specified SpatialPolygons or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_occurrence\_spatialpolygons downloads occurrence records falling within a user-specified SpatialPolygons or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_spatialpolygons(spatialpolygons, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE,
  natives.only = TRUE, observation.type = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

spatialpolygons	An object of class SpatialPolygons or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame. Note that the file must be in WGS84.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
observation.type	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified species.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

We recommend using [readOGR](#) to load spatial data

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(rgdal)
BIEN_ranges_species("Carnegieia gigantea")#saves ranges to the current working directory
sp<-readOGR(dsn = ".",layer = "Carnegieia_gigantea")
#SpatialPolygons should be read with readOGR().
species_occurrences<-BIEN_occurrence_spatialpolygons(spatialpolygons=sp)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_species

*Extract occurrence data for specified species from BIEN*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_occurrence\_species downloads occurrence records for specific species from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_occurrence_species(species, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  observation.type = FALSE, political.boundaries = FALSE,
  collection.info = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species, or a vector of species. Genus and species should be separated by a space. Genus should be capitalized.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true

<code>all.taxonomy</code>	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>observation.type</code>	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified species.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_occurrence_species("Abies amabilis")
species_vector<-c("Abies amabilis", "Acer nigrum")
BIEN_occurrence_species(species_vector)
BIEN_occurrence_species(species_vector, all.taxonomy=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_occurrence\_state *Extract species occurrence records by state.*

---

### Description

BIEN\_occurrence\_state extracts occurrences records for the specified state(s).

### Usage

```
BIEN_occurrence_state(country = NULL, state = NULL, country.code = NULL,
  state.code = NULL, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  observation.type = FALSE, political.boundaries = FALSE,
  collection.info = F, ...)
```

### Arguments

country	A single country or vector of countries.
state	A state or vector of states (or other primary political divisions, e.g. provinces).
country.code	A single country (or other primary administrative boundary) code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
state.code	A single state/province code, or a vector of states/province codes.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
observation.type	Return information on type of observation (i.e. specimen vs. plot)? The default value is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

### Value

Dataframe containing occurrence records for the specified states/provinces.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

This function requires you supply either 1) a single country with one or more states, or 2) vectors of equal length for each political level.

**See Also**

Other occurrence functions: [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_county](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_records\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_occurrence\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_occurrence_state("United States", "Rhode Island")
state_vector<-c("Rhode Island", "Maryland")
BIEN_occurrence_state(country="United States", state=state_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_phylogeny\_complete

*Download the complete BIEN phylogenies*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_phylogeny\_complete downloads a specified number of the BIEN phylogeny replicates.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_phylogeny_complete(n_phylogenies = 1, seed = NULL, replicates = NULL,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

n_phylogenies	The number of phylogenies to download. Should be an integer between 1 and 100. Default is 1.
seed	Argument passed to set.seed. Useful for replicating work with random phylogeny sets.
replicates	The specific replicated phylogenies to return. Should be a numeric vector of integers between 1 and 100.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A phylo or multiphylo object containing the specified phylogenies

**Note**

Information on the construction of the BIEN phylogenies is available online at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-2/phylogeny/>

**See Also**

Other phylogeny functions: [BIEN\\_phylogeny\\_conservative](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
phylos<-BIEN_phylogeny_complete(n_phylogenies = 10,seed = 1)  
phylos<-BIEN_phylogeny_complete(replicates = c(1,2,99,100))  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_phylogeny\_conservative

*Download the conservative BIEN phylogeny*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_phylogeny\_conservative downloads the conservative BIEN phylogeny, which only includes species with molecular data available.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_phylogeny_conservative(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A phylo object containing the BIEN conservative phylogeny

**Note**

Information on the construction of the BIEN phylogenies is available online at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-2/phylogeny/>

**See Also**

Other phylogeny functions: [BIEN\\_phylogeny\\_complete](#)



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_phylo<-BIEN_phylogeny_conservative()
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_plot\_country      *Download plot data from specified countries.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_country downloads all plot data from specified countries.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_country(country = NULL, country.code = NULL, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE,
  natives.only = TRUE, political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F,
  all.metadata = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

country	A country or vector of countries.
country.code	A single country code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
all.metadata	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing all data from the specified countries.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_plot_country("Costa Rica")
BIEN_plot_country(c("Costa Rica", "Panama"))
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN_plot_dataset	<i>Download plot data by dataset.</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_dataset downloads all plot data for a given dataset or datasets.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_dataset(dataset, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = FALSE,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	A plot dataset or vector of datasets. See <a href="#">BIEN_plot_metadata</a> for more information on plots.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.

political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
all.metadata	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing all data from the specified dataset.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Datasets and related information can be looked up with [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#)

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_plot_dataset("Gentry Transect Dataset")
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_plot\_datasource *Download plot data from a given datasource.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_datasource downloads all plot data from a given datasource.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_datasource(datasource, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = FALSE,
  ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>datasource</code>	A datasource. See <a href="#">BIEN_plot_list_datasource</a> for options.
<code>cultivated</code>	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
<code>only.new.world</code>	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
<code>all.taxonomy</code>	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>all.metadata</code>	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

### Value

A dataframe containing all data from the specified datasource.

### Note

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

### See Also

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_plot_datasource("SALVIAS")  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_plot\_list\_datasource  
*List available datasources.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_list\_datasource list all plot datasources in the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_list_datasource(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A vector of available datasources.

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_plot_list_datasource()  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_plot\_list\_sampling\_protocols  
*List available sampling protocols.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_list\_sampling\_protocols list all available sampling protocols.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_list_sampling_protocols(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A vector of available sampling protocols.

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_plot_list_sampling_protocols()  
## End(Not run)
```

---

[BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#)      *Download plot metadata*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_plot_metadata` downloads the plot metadata table.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_metadata(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                      Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing plot metadata.

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

Other metadata functions: [BIEN\\_metadata\\_citation](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_database\\_version](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_polit](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_match\\_data](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_plot_metadata()  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN_plot_name	<i>Download plot data by plot name.</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_name downloads all plot data for a set of plot names.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_name(plot.name, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = FALSE,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

plot.name	A plot name or vector of names. See BIEN_plot_metadata for more information on plots.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
all.metadata	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing all data from the specified plot(s).

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Plot names can be looked up with [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#).

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_plot_name("SR-1")
## End(Not run)
```

---

```
BIEN_plot_sampling_protocol
```

*Download plot data using a specified sampling protocol.*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_plot_sampling_protocol` downloads all plot data using a specified sampling protocol.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_sampling_protocol(sampling_protocol, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE,
  natives.only = TRUE, political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F,
  all.metadata = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sampling_protocol</code>	A sampling protocol or vector of sampling protocols. See <a href="#">BIEN_plot_list_sampling_protocols</a> for options.
<code>cultivated</code>	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
<code>only.new.world</code>	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
<code>all.taxonomy</code>	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>all.metadata</code>	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.



**Value**

A dataframe containing all data from the specified datasource.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_state](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_plot_sampling_protocol("Point-intercept")
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_plot_state	<i>Download plot data from specified states/provinces.</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_plot\_state downloads all plot data from specified states/provinces.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_plot_state(country = NULL, state = NULL, country.code = NULL,
  state.code = NULL, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = TRUE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = FALSE,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

country	A single country.
state	A state or vector of states (or other primary political divisions).
country.code	A single country code or a vector of country codes equal in length to the vector of states/province codes.
state.code	A single state/province code, or a vector of states/province codes.
cultivated	Return cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.

<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>all.metadata</code>	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing all data from the specified states.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Political division (or political division code) spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_political\\_names](#) for a list of political divisions and associated codes.

This function requires you supply either 1) a single country with one or states, or 2) vectors of equal length for each political level.

**See Also**

Other plot functions: [BIEN\\_plot\\_country](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_dataset](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_name](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_sampling\\_protocol](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_plot_state(country="United States", state="Colorado")
BIEN_plot_state(country="United States",state= c("Colorado","California"))
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_ranges\_box

*Download range maps that intersect a specified bounding box.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_ranges\_box extracts range maps for a specified bounding box.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_ranges_box(min.lat, max.lat, min.long, max.long, directory = NULL,
  species.names.only = FALSE, return.species.list = TRUE,
  crop.ranges = FALSE, include.gid = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>min.lat</code>	Minimum latitude of the ranges included.
<code>max.lat</code>	Maximum latitude of the ranges included.
<code>min.long</code>	Minimum longitude of the ranges included.
<code>max.long</code>	Maximum longitude of the ranges included.
<code>directory</code>	Directory that range maps should be saved in. If none is specified, range maps will be saved in the current working directory.
<code>species.names.only</code>	Return species names rather than spatial data? Default is FALSE.
<code>return.species.list</code>	Should a species list be returned in addition to downloading range maps? Default is FALSE
<code>crop.ranges</code>	Should the ranges be cropped to the focal area? Default is FALSE.
<code>include.gid</code>	Should the files returned have a unique GID appended to them? This is needed if downloading multiple maps for the same species.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Range maps for all available species within the specified bounding box.

**Note**

Details on the construction of BIEN range maps is available at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-3/>

**See Also**

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_intersect\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_load\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
temp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "BIEN_temp") #Set a working directory
BIEN_ranges_box(42,43,-85,-84,species.names.only = TRUE)
BIEN_ranges_box(42,43,-85,-84,directory = temp_dir)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_ranges\_genus      *Download range maps for given genus.*

---

### Description

BIEN\_ranges\_genus extracts range maps for the specified genera.

### Usage

```
BIEN_ranges_genus(genus, directory = NULL, matched = TRUE,
  match_names_only = FALSE, include.gid = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

genus	A single genus or a vector of genera.
directory	Directory that range maps should be saved in. If none is specified, range maps will be saved in the current working directory.
matched	Return a list of taxa that were downloaded. Default is TRUE.
match_names_only	Check for range maps for the taxa specified without downloading range maps. Default is FALSE.
include.gid	Should the files returned have a unique GID appended to them? This is needed if downloading multiple maps for the same species.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

### Value

Range maps for all available species within the specified genera.

### Note

Details on the construction of BIEN range maps is available at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-3/>

### See Also

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_intersect\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_load\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_species](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(rgdal)
library(maps)
genus_vector<-c("Abies", "Acer")
temp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "BIEN_temp")#Set a working directory
BIEN_ranges_genus(genus_vector)
```

```

BIEN_ranges_genus(genus_vector,match_names_only = TRUE)
BIEN_ranges_genus(genus_vector,temp_dir)#saves ranges to a specified working directory
BIEN_ranges_genus("Abies")
BIEN_ranges_genus("Abies",temp_dir)

#Reading files

Abies_poly<-readOGR(dsn = temp_dir,layer = "Abies_lasiocarpa")

#Plotting files
plot(Abies_poly)#plots the range, but doesn't mean much without any reference
map('world', fill = TRUE, col = "grey")#plots a world map (WGS84 projection), in grey
plot(Abies_poly,col="forest green",add=TRUE) #adds the range of Abies lasiocarpa to the map

#Getting data from the files (currently only species names)
Abies_poly$Species#gives the species name associated with "Abies_poly"
## End(Not run)

```

---

BIEN\_ranges\_intersect\_species

*Download range maps that intersect the range of a given species.*

---

## Description

BIEN\_ranges\_intersect\_species extracts range maps for a specified bounding box.

## Usage

```

BIEN_ranges_intersect_species(species, directory = NULL,
  species.names.only = FALSE, include.focal = TRUE,
  return.species.list = TRUE, include.gid = FALSE, ...)

```

## Arguments

species	Focal species (or a vector of species) for which to extract intersecting ranges.
directory	Directory that range maps should be saved in. If none is specified, range maps will be saved in the current working directory.
species.names.only	Return species names rather than spatial data? Default is FALSE.
include.focal	Should a range for the focal species be downloaded? Default is TRUE.
return.species.list	Should a species list be returned in addition to downloading range maps? Default is FALSE
include.gid	Should the files returned have a unique GID appended to them? This is needed if downloading multiple maps for the same species.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Range maps for all available species that intersect the range of the focal species.

**Note**

Details on the construction of BIEN range maps is available at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-3/>

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**See Also**

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_load\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
temp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "BIEN_temp") #Set a working directory
BIEN_ranges_intersect_species(species = "Carnegiea_gigantea",
directory = temp_dir,include.focal = TRUE)
species_vector<-c("Carnegiea_gigantea","Echinocereus coccineus")
BIEN_ranges_intersect_species(species = species_vector,species.names.only = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN_ranges_list	<i>List available range maps</i>
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---

**Description**

BIEN\_ranges\_list a data.frame containing listing all range maps currently available.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_ranges_list(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A data.frame containing the available species and their associated GIDs.

**See Also**

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_intersect\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_load\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_species](#)

Other metadata functions: [BIEN\\_metadata\\_citation](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_database\\_version](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_list\\_polit](#), [BIEN\\_metadata\\_match\\_data](#), [BIEN\\_plot\\_metadata](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
available_maps<-BIEN_ranges_list()  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_ranges\_load\_species

*Load range maps for specified species.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_ranges\_load\_species returns spatial data for the specified species.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_ranges_load_species(species, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species or a vector of species.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A SpatialPolygonsDataFrame containing range maps for the specified species.

**See Also**

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_intersect\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_spatialpolygons](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(maps)  
species_vector<-c("Abies_lasiocarpa", "Abies_amabilis")  
abies_maps<-BIEN_ranges_load_species(species = species_vector)  
xanthium_strumarium<-BIEN_ranges_load_species(species = "Xanthium strumarium")  
  
#Plotting files  
plot(abies_maps)#plots the spatialpolygons, but doesn't mean much without any reference
```

```
map('world', fill = TRUE, col = "grey")#plots a world map (WGS84 projection), in grey
plot(xanthium_strumarium,col="forest green",add=TRUE) #adds the range of X. strumarium
plot(abies_maps[1,], add = T, col ="light green")
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_ranges\_spatialpolygons

*Download range maps that intersect a user-supplied SpatialPolygons object.*

---

## Description

BIEN\_ranges\_spatialpolygons extracts range maps that intersect a specified SpatialPolygons or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame object.

## Usage

```
BIEN_ranges_spatialpolygons(spatialpolygons, directory = NULL,
  species.names.only = FALSE, return.species.list = TRUE,
  crop.ranges = FALSE, include.gid = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

spatialpolygons	An object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame or SpatialPolygons.
directory	Directory that range maps should be saved in. If none is specified, range maps will be saved in the current working directory.
species.names.only	Return species names rather than spatial data? Default is FALSE.
return.species.list	Should a species list be returned in addition to downloading range maps? Default is FALSE
crop.ranges	Should the ranges be cropped to the focal area? Default is FALSE.
include.gid	Should the files returned have a unique GID appended to them? This is needed if downloading multiple maps for the same species.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

## Value

All range maps that intersect the user-supplied shapefile.

## Note

Details on the construction of BIEN range maps is available at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-3/>

We recommend using [readOGR](#) to load spatial data. Other methods may cause problems related to handling holes in polygons.



**See Also**

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_intersect\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_load\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(rgdal)
BIEN_ranges_species("Carnegiea gigantea")#saves ranges to the current working directory
shape<-readOGR(dsn = ".",layer = "Carnegiea_gigantea")
#spatialpolygons should be read with readOGR(), see note.
BIEN_ranges_spatialpolygons(spatialpolygons = shape)
#Note that this will save many SpatialPolygonsDataFrames to the working directory.

## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_ranges\_species     *Download range maps for given species.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_ranges\_species extracts range maps for the specified species.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_ranges_species(species, directory = NULL, matched = TRUE,
  match_names_only = FALSE, include.gid = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species or a vector of species.
directory	Directory that range maps should be saved in. If none is specified, range maps will be saved in the current working directory.
matched	Return a list of taxa that were downloaded. Default is TRUE.
match_names_only	Check for range maps for the taxa specified without downloading range maps. Default is FALSE.
include.gid	Should the files returned have a unique GID appended to them? This is needed if downloading multiple maps for the same species.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Range maps for specified species.

**Note**

Details on the construction of BIEN range maps is available at <http://bien.nceas.ucsb.edu/bien/biendata/bien-3/>

**See Also**

Other range functions: [BIEN\\_ranges\\_box](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_intersect\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_load\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_ranges\\_spatialpolygons](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(rgdal)
library(maps) #a convenient source of maps
species_vector<-c("Abies_lasiocarpa", "Abies_amabilis")
BIEN_ranges_species(species_vector)
BIEN_ranges_species(species_vector, match_names_only = TRUE)
temp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "BIEN_temp") #Set a working directory
BIEN_ranges_species(species_vector, temp_dir) #saves ranges to a temporary directory
BIEN_ranges_species("Abies_lasiocarpa")
BIEN_ranges_species("Abies_lasiocarpa", temp_dir)

#Reading files

Abies_poly<-readOGR(dsn = temp_dir, layer = "Abies_lasiocarpa")

#Plotting files
plot(Abies_poly) #plots the range, but doesn't mean much without any reference
map('world', fill = TRUE, col = "grey") #plots a world map (WGS84 projection), in grey
plot(Abies_poly, col="forest green", add=TRUE) #adds the range of Abies lasiocarpa to the map

#Getting data from the files (currently only species names)
Abies_poly$Species #gives the species name associated with "Abies_poly"
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_stem\_datasource *Extract stem data for a given datasource from BIEN*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_stem\_datasource downloads occurrence records for specific datasources from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_stem_datasource(datasource, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = F,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>datasource</code>	A single datasource, or a vector of datasources.
<code>cultivated</code>	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
<code>only.new.world</code>	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
<code>all.taxonomy</code>	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>all.metadata</code>	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing stem data for the specified datasource.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Setting either "cultivated" or "native.status" to TRUE will significantly slow the speed of a query.

#' @note For a list of available datasources, use [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_datasource](#).

**See Also**

Other stem functions: [BIEN\\_stem\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_stem_datasource(datasource = "SALVIAS")
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_stem\_family      *Extract stem data for specified families from BIEN*

---

### Description

BIEN\_stem\_family downloads occurrence records for specific families from the BIEN database.

### Usage

```
BIEN_stem_family(family, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = F,
  ...)
```

### Arguments

family	A single family, or a vector of families. Families should be capitalized.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
all.metadata	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

### Value

Dataframe containing stem data for the specified families.

### Note

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Setting either "cultivated" or "native.status" to TRUE will significantly slow the speed of a query.

**See Also**

Other stem functions: [BIEN\\_stem\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_stem_family(family = "Marantaceae")
family_vector<-c("Marantaceae", "Buxaceae")
BIEN_stem_family(family = family_vector)
BIEN_stem_family(family = family_vector, all.taxonomy=TRUE, native.status=T)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_stem\_genus

*Extract stem data for specified genera from BIEN*


---

**Description**

BIEN\_stem\_genus downloads occurrence records for specific genera from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_stem_genus(genus, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = F,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

genus	A single genus, or a vector of genera. Genera should be capitalized.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
all.metadata	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing stem data for the specified genera.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Setting either "cultivated" or "native.status" to TRUE will significantly slow the speed of a query.

**See Also**

Other stem functions: [BIEN\\_stem\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_sampling\\_protocol](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_stem_genus(genus = "Tovomita")
genus_vector<-c("Tovomita", "Myrcia")
BIEN_stem_genus(genus = genus_vector)
BIEN_stem_genus(genus = genus_vector, all.taxonomy=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_stem\_sampling\_protocol

*Download stem data using a specified sampling protocol.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_stem\_sampling\_protocol downloads plot-based stem data using a specified sampling protocol.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_stem_sampling_protocol(sampling_protocol, cultivated = FALSE,
  only.new.world = TRUE, all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE,
  natives.only = TRUE, political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F,
  all.metadata = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

sampling\_protocol

A sampling protocol or vector of sampling protocols. See [BIEN\\_plot\\_list\\_sampling\\_protocols](#) for options.

cultivated

Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.

only.new.world

Return only records from the New World? Default is true

<code>all.taxonomy</code>	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
<code>native.status</code>	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
<code>natives.only</code>	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
<code>political.boundaries</code>	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
<code>collection.info</code>	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
<code>all.metadata</code>	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing all data from the specified sampling protocol.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

**See Also**

Other stem functions: [BIEN\\_stem\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_stem_sampling_protocol("Point-intercept")
## End(Not run)
```

---

`BIEN_stem_species`      *Extract stem data for specified species from BIEN*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_stem_species` downloads occurrence records for specific species from the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_stem_species(species, cultivated = FALSE, only.new.world = TRUE,
  all.taxonomy = FALSE, native.status = FALSE, natives.only = TRUE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, collection.info = F, all.metadata = F,
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species, or a vector of species. Genus and species should be separated by a space. Genus should be capitalized.
cultivated	Return known cultivated records as well? Default is FALSE.
only.new.world	Return only records from the New World? Default is true
all.taxonomy	Return all taxonomic information? This includes the raw data as well as the "scrubbed" data.
native.status	Return information on introduction status? The default value is FALSE. A value of TRUE also returns additional information on introduction status.
natives.only	Exclude detected introduced species? Default is TRUE.
political.boundaries	Return information on political boundaries for an observation? The default value is FALSE.
collection.info	Return additional information about collection and identification? The default value is FALSE.
all.metadata	Should additional plot metadata be returned? Default is FALSE.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing stem data for the specified species.

**Note**

US FIA coordinates have been fuzzed and swapped, for more details see: <https://www.fia.fs.fed.us/tools-data/spatial/Policy/index.php>

Setting either "cultivated" or "native.status" to TRUE will significantly slow the speed of a query.

**See Also**

Other stem functions: [BIEN\\_stem\\_datasource](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_stem\\_sampling\\_protocol](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_stem_species("Abies amabilis")
species_vector<-c("Abies amabilis", "Acer nigrum")
BIEN_stem_species(species_vector)
BIEN_stem_species(species_vector,all.taxonomy=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```



---

BIEN\_taxonomy\_family *Extract taxonomic information for families*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_taxonomy\_family downloads a dataframe of all taxonomic information for given families.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_taxonomy_family(family, ...)
```

**Arguments**

family            A single family or a vector of families.  
...                Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing taxonomic information for the specified families.

**See Also**

Other taxonomy functions: [BIEN\\_taxonomy\\_genus](#), [BIEN\\_taxonomy\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_taxonomy_family("Orchidaceae")  
family_vector<-c("Orchidaceae", "Poaceae")  
BIEN_taxonomy_family(family_vector)  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_taxonomy\_genus *Extract taxonomic information for genera*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_taxonomy\_genus downloads a dataframe of all taxonomic information for given genera.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_taxonomy_genus(genus, ...)
```

**Arguments**

genus            A single genus or a vector of genera.  
...                Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing taxonomic information for the specified genera.

**See Also**

Other taxonomy functions: [BIEN\\_taxonomy\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_taxonomy\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_taxonomy_genus("Acer")  
genus_vector<-c("Acer", "Quercus")  
BIEN_taxonomy_genus(genus_vector)  
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_taxonomy\_species *Extract taxonomic information for species*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_taxonomy\_species downloads a dataframe of all taxonomic information for given species.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_taxonomy_species(species, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species or a vector of species.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Dataframe containing taxonomic information for the specified species.

**See Also**

Other taxonomy functions: [BIEN\\_taxonomy\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_taxonomy\\_genus](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_taxonomy_species("Cannabis sativa")  
species_vector<-c("Acer nigrum", "Cannabis sativa")  
BIEN_taxonomy_species(species_vector)  
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN\_trait\_family      *Download trait data for given families.*

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## Description

BIEN\_trait\_family extracts all trait data for the specified families.

## Usage

```
BIEN_trait_family(family, all.taxonomy = FALSE,  
  political.boundaries = FALSE, source.citation = F, ...)
```

## Arguments

family            A single family or a vector of families.

all.taxonomy      Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.

political.boundaries      Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.

source.citation      Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that [BIEN\\_metadata\\_citation](#) may be more useful.

...                Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

## Value

A dataframe of all data matching the specified families.

## See Also

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_trait_family("Poaceae")  
family_vector<-c("Poaceae", "Orchidaceae")  
BIEN_trait_family(family_vector)  
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_trait_genus	<i>Download trait data for given genera.</i>
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## Description

BIEN\_trait\_genus extracts entries that contain the specified genera.

## Usage

```
BIEN_trait_genus(genus, all.taxonomy = FALSE, political.boundaries = FALSE,  
  source.citation = F, ...)
```

## Arguments

genus	A single genus or a vector of genera.
all.taxonomy	Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.
source.citation	Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that <a href="#">BIEN_metadata_citation</a> may be more useful.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

## Value

A dataframe of all data matching the specified genera.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_trait_genus("Acer")  
genus_vector<-c("Acer", "Abies")  
BIEN_trait_genus(genus_vector)  
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_trait_list	<i>List all available types of trait data</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_list produces a dataframe of all available types of trait data.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_list(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe containing all currently available types of trait data and details on measurement.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
BIEN_trait_list()  
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_trait_mean	<i>Calculates species mean values for a given trait, using Genus or Family level data where Species level data is lacking.</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_mean Estimates species mean values for a given trait, using Genus or Family level data where Species level data is absent.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_mean(species, trait, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species or a vector of species.
trait	A single trait.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe of estimated trait means and associated metadata for the given species.

**Note**

Trait spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#) for a list of traits.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_trait_mean(species=c("Poa annua","Juncus trifidus"),trait="leaf dry mass per leaf fresh mass")
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_trait\_species     *Download trait data for given species.*

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**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_species extracts trait data for the species specified.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_species(species, all.taxonomy = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, source.citation = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species or a vector of species.
all.taxonomy	Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.
source.citation	Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that <a href="#">BIEN_metadata_citation</a> may be more useful.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe of all available trait data for the given species.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_trait_species("Poa annua")
species_vector<-c("Poa annua","Juncus trifidus")
BIEN_trait_species(species_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

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BIEN_trait_trait	<i>Download all measurements of a specific trait(s).</i>
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**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_trait downloads all measurements of the trait(s) specified.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_trait(trait, all.taxonomy = FALSE, political.boundaries = FALSE,
  source.citation = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

trait	A single trait or a vector of traits.
all.taxonomy	Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.
source.citation	Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that <a href="#">BIEN_metadata_citation</a> may be more useful.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe of all available trait data for the given trait(s).

**Note**

Trait spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#) for a list of traits.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_sp](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_trait_trait("whole plant height")
trait_vector<-c("whole plant height", "leaf dry mass per leaf fresh mass")
BIEN_trait_trait(trait_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_trait\_traitbyfamily

*Download trait data for given families and traits.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_traitbyfamily extracts entries that contain the specified families and trait(s).

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_traitbyfamily(family, trait, all.taxonomy = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, source.citation = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

family	A single family or a vector of families.
trait	A single trait or a vector of traits.
all.taxonomy	Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.
source.citation	Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that <a href="#">BIEN_metadata_citation</a> may be more useful.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe of all data matching the specified trait(s) and family/families.



**Note**

Trait spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#) for a list of traits.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_trait_traitbyfamily(trait = "whole plant height", family = "Poaceae")
trait_vector<-c("whole plant height", "leaf fresh mass")
family_vector<-c("Orchidaceae", "Poaceae")
BIEN_trait_traitbyfamily(trait=trait_vector, family=family_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_trait\_traitbygenus

*Download trait data for given genus/genera and trait(s).*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_traitbygenus extracts entries that contain the specified genus/genera and trait(s).

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_traitbygenus(genus, trait, all.taxonomy = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, source.citation = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

genus	A single genus or a vector of genera.
trait	A single trait or a vector of traits.
all.taxonomy	Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.
source.citation	Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that <a href="#">BIEN_metadata_citation</a> may be more useful.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe of all data matching the specified trait(s) and genus/genera.

**Note**

Trait spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#) for a list of traits.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_trait_traitbygenus(trait = "whole plant height", genus = "Carex")
trait_vector<-c("whole plant height", "leaf area")
genus_vector<-c("Carex", "Betula")
BIEN_trait_traitbygenus(trait=trait_vector,genus=genus_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_trait\_traitbyspecies

*Download trait data for given species and trait.*

---

**Description**

BIEN\_trait\_traitbyspecies extracts entries that contain the specified species and trait(s).

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_traitbyspecies(species, trait, all.taxonomy = FALSE,
  political.boundaries = FALSE, source.citation = F, ...)
```

**Arguments**

species	A single species or a vector of species.
trait	A single trait or a vector of traits.
all.taxonomy	Should full taxonomic information and TNRS output be returned? Default is FALSE.
political.boundaries	Should political boundary information (country, state, etc.) be returned? Default is FALSE.
source.citation	Should readable source information be downloaded for each record? Note that <a href="#">BIEN_metadata_citation</a> may be more useful.
...	Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

A dataframe of all data matching the specified trait(s) and species.

**Note**

Trait spelling needs to be exact and case-sensitive, see [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#) for a list of traits.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traits\\_per\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
BIEN_trait_traitbyspecies(trait = "whole plant height", species = "Carex capitata")
trait_vector<-c("whole plant height", "leaf area")
species_vector<-c("Carex capitata", "Betula nana")
BIEN_trait_traitbyspecies(trait=trait_vector,species=species_vector)
## End(Not run)
```

---

BIEN\_trait\_traits\_per\_species

*Count the number of trait observations for each species in the BIEN database*

---

**Description**

`BIEN_trait_traits_per_species` downloads a count of the number of records for each trait for each species in the BIEN database.

**Usage**

```
BIEN_trait_traits_per_species(species = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`species` Optional species or vector of species. If left blank, returns counts for all species.  
`...` Additional arguments passed to internal functions.

**Value**

Returns a dataframe containing the number of trait records for each species in the BIEN database.

**See Also**

Other trait functions: [BIEN\\_trait\\_family](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_list](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_mean](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_species](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyfamily](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbygenus](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_traitbyspecies](#), [BIEN\\_trait\\_trait](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
trait_observation_counts<-BIEN_trait_traits_per_species()  
## End(Not run)
```

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