

How do we know what grows where?

- inventories and surveys
 - natural areas, preserves, state forests, private properties
 - development permits
- herbarium/museum specimens
 - collectors often target specific places or taxa
 - records of what, where, when, and by whom

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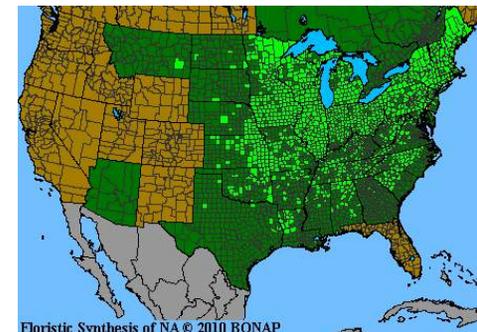
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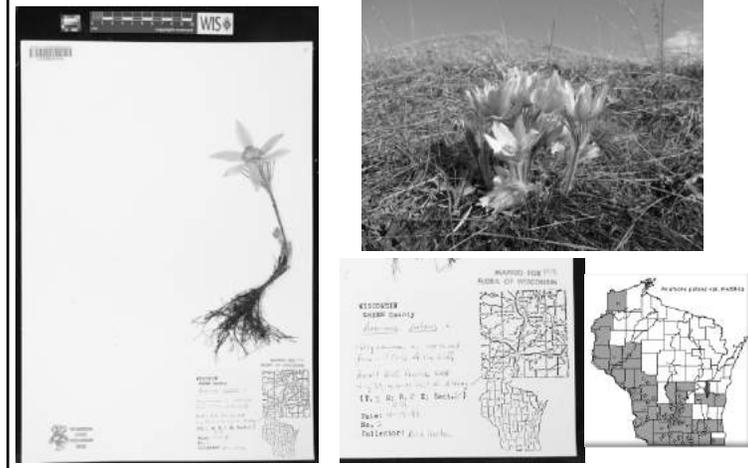
Who manages these data?



Benefits of Digitization

- Preservation of rare/fragile specimens
- Easier to query a database than physical collections (e.g., WISFLORA)
- Efficient data sharing
- Collation yields powerful data repositories

Digitization of Distribution Data



Examples of data repositories

1. Wisconsin Flora – more on this later
2. North America Digital Flora
3. Biota of North America Project
4. Global Biodiversity Information Facility

North America Digital Flora

- Pros:
 - Great for generating species lists
 - Can query by species, attribute, or geography
 - Incorporates interesting GIS layers
- Cons:
 - Limited to wetland species
 - Geography search lacks precision

BONAP

- Pros:
 - Comprehensive of NA diversity
 - Great, easy to use distribution maps
- Cons:
 - Can't query the data
 - Can't download data
 - North America only
 - Poor resolution in Canada

GBIF

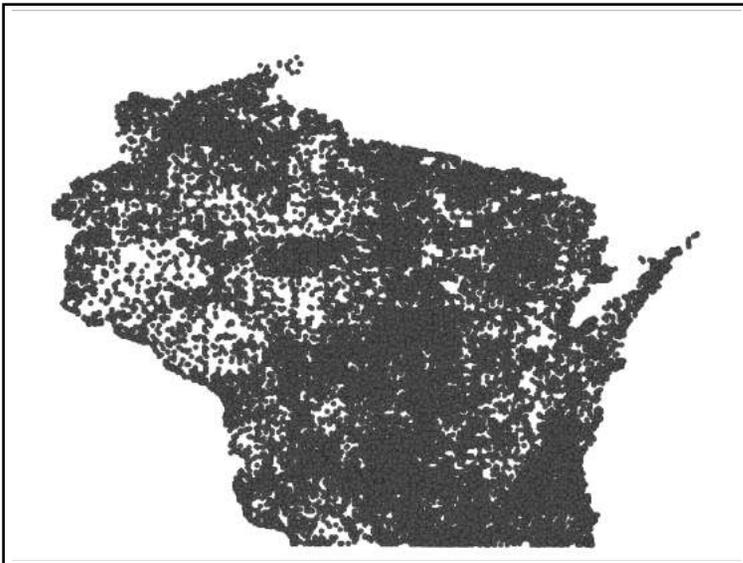
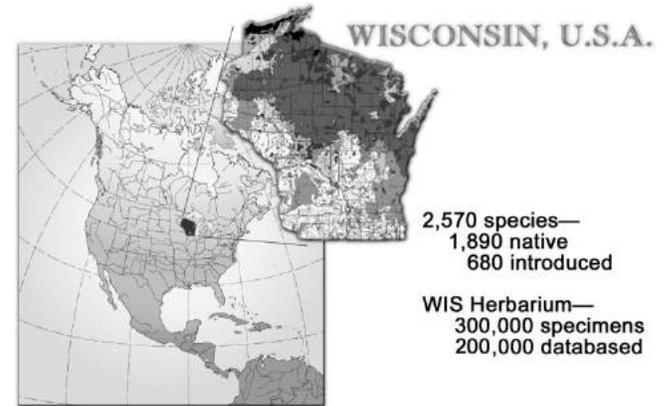
- Pros
 - Global data of plants, animals, fungi
 - Database is fully searchable
 - Data are downloadable
- Cons
 - Data are incomplete (WIS not in yet)
 - Some records are suspect

What can you do with these data?

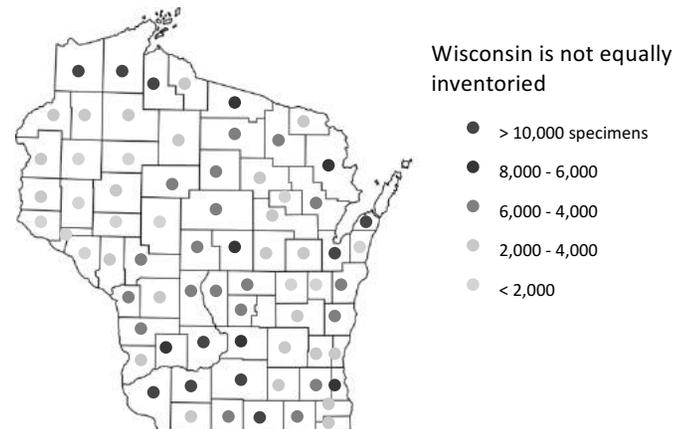
- Test biogeographic patterns in Wisconsin
- Historical biogeography
- Characterize species distributions
- Obtain species “climatic envelope”
- Identify areas exhibiting high levels of endemism
- Predict responses to global climate change
- Track and predict spread of invasive species

All without spending \$1

Wisconsin Flora Mapping Project

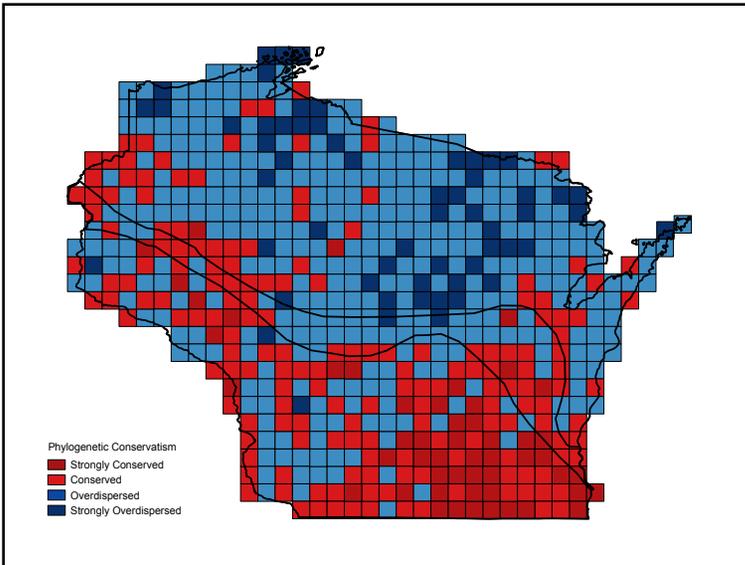
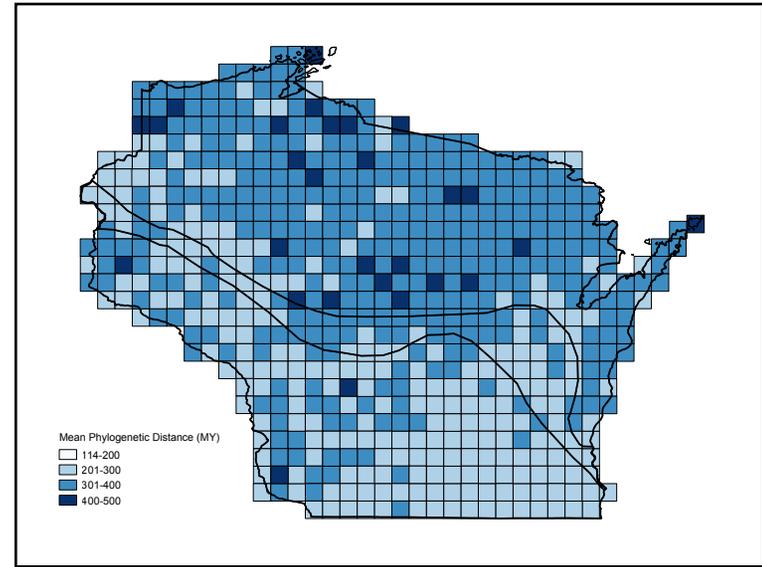
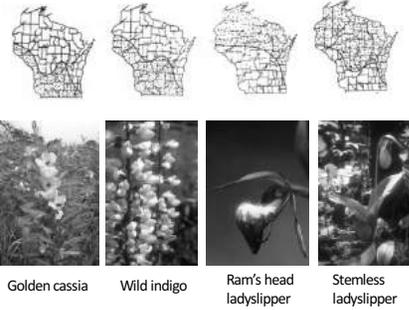
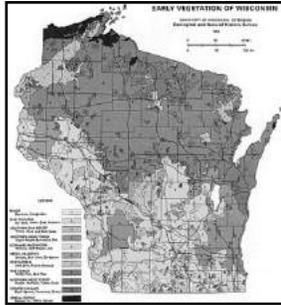


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The tension zone separating the two provinces is based on the upper and lower limits of the southern and northern species, respectively.



Historical Biogeography

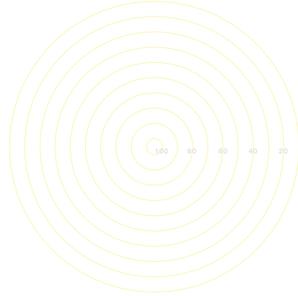
- If you wanted, you could build a phylogeny of 300,000 organisms using 187 billion base pairs from Genbank



e.g., family Cyperaceae (sedges, bulrushes) – Spalink et al. 2016

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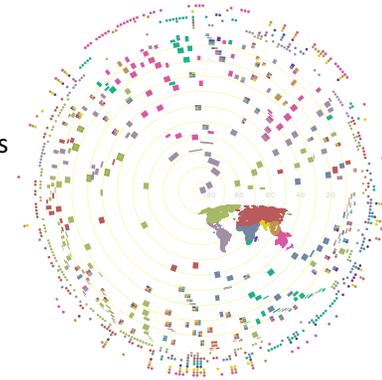
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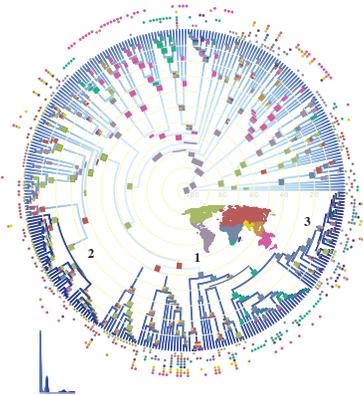
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 - Reconstruct areas inhabited by ancestors
 - Measure rates of diversification
 - Track evolution of morphological traits across time and space



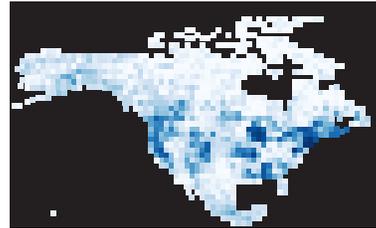
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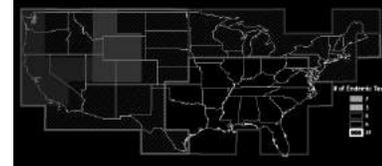
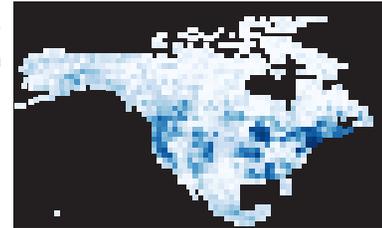
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 - Identify species rich areas
 - Define regions with high levels of rare or endemic taxa



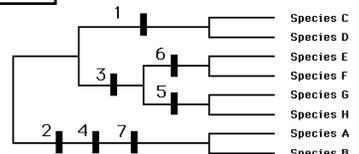
Data from GBIF, analyzed in QGIS and PAUP* - available in systematics lab

Parsimony Analysis of Endemicity (PAE)

Parsimony: typically used in phylogenetics...

Species
Characters

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Species A	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Species B	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Species C	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Species D	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Species E	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Species F	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Species G	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Species H	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



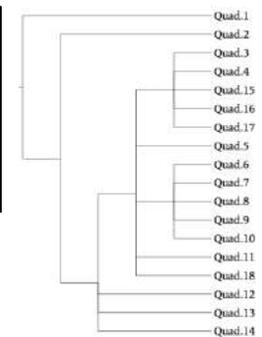
Example dataset from SR Downie

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...but, can be applied to PAE

	Species A	Species B	Species C	Species D	Species E	Species F	Species G	Species H
Area 1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Area 2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Area 3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Area 4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Area 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area 6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Area 7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Area 8	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
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Area 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area 12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Area 14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area 15	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
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where geographic Areas are treated as taxa, and the presence/absence of the species serve as Characters



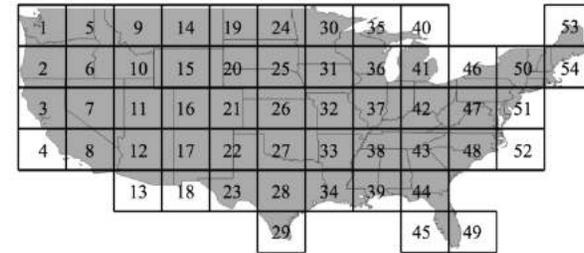
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Step 1: Get distributional data of all species in N Am



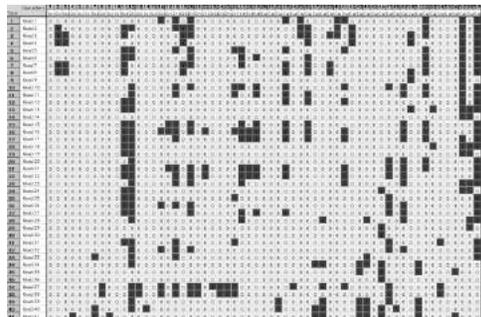
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Step 2: Define geographic region and divide into quadrats



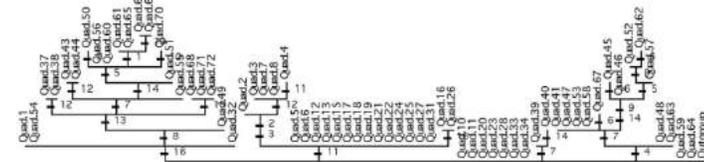
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Step 3: Construct data matrix: absence = 0, presence = 1



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Step 4: Conduct parsimony analysis



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Step 5: Find clades consisting of 2+ endemic taxa with congruent distributions.



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Scirpus longii

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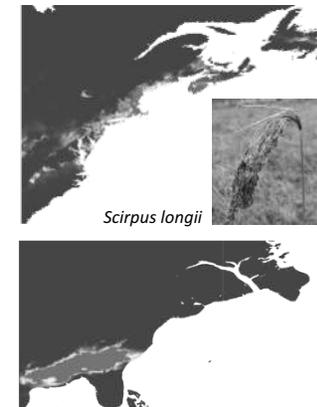


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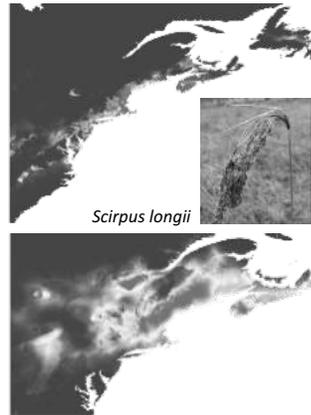


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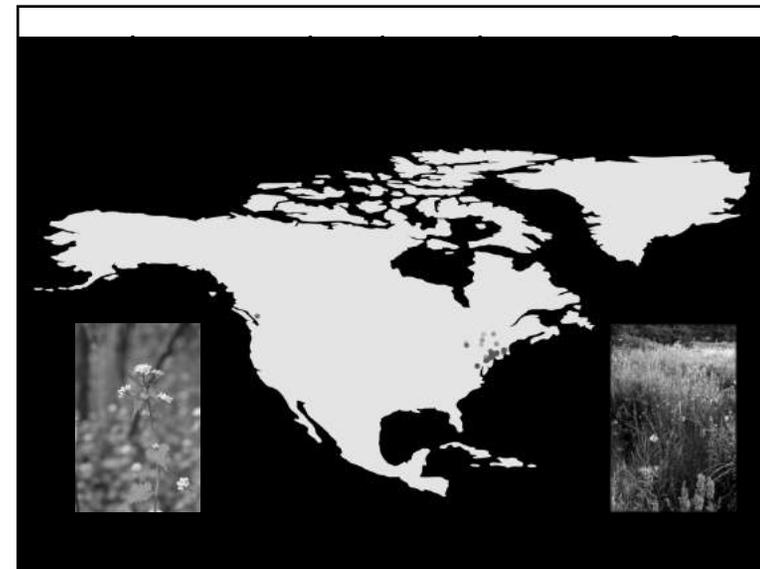
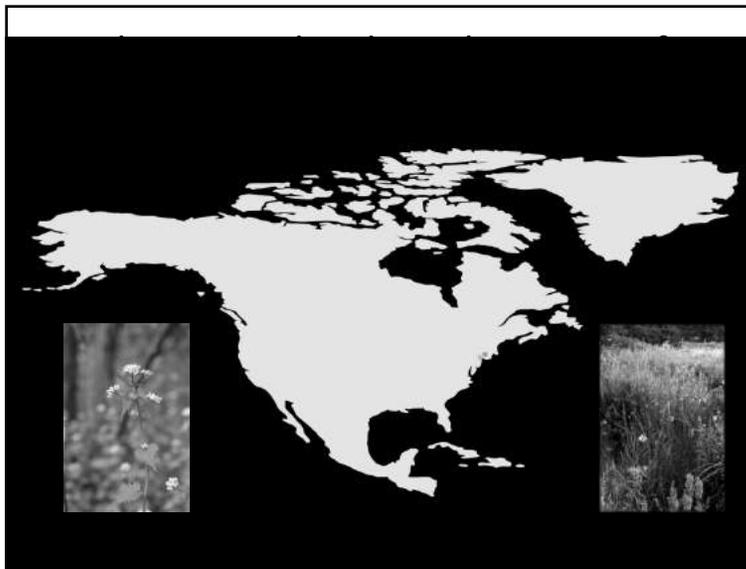
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 - Predict species distributions in 50 years

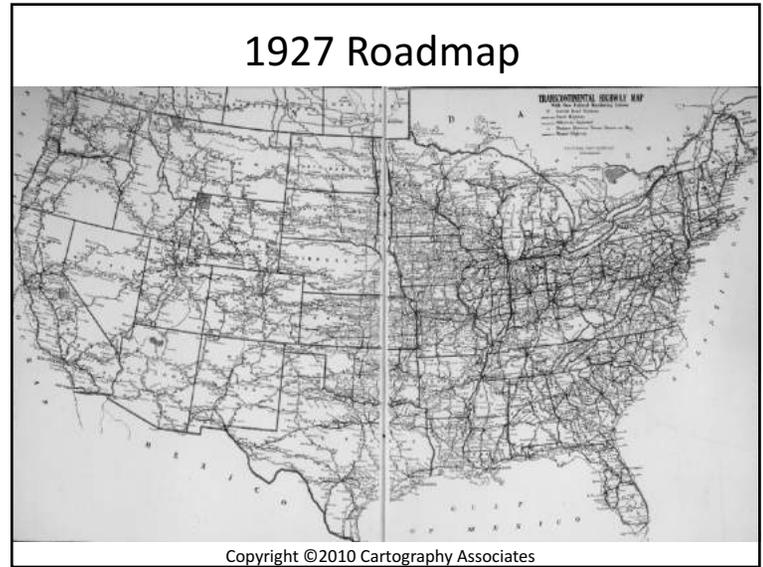
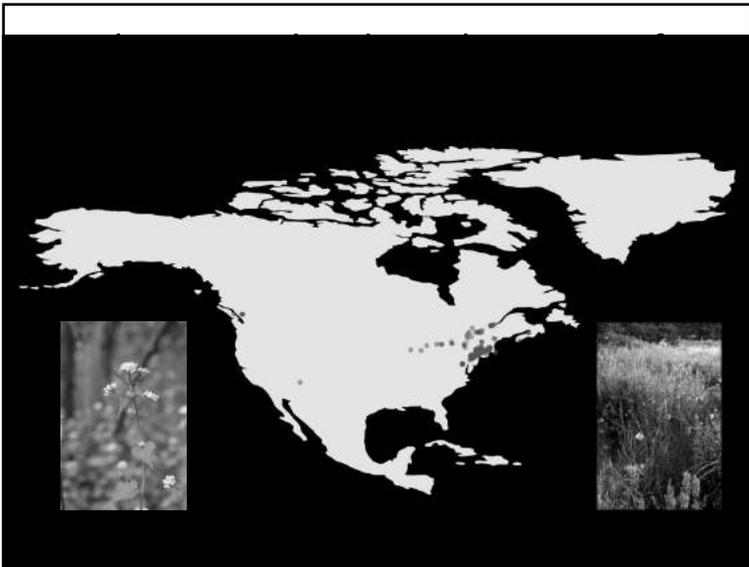
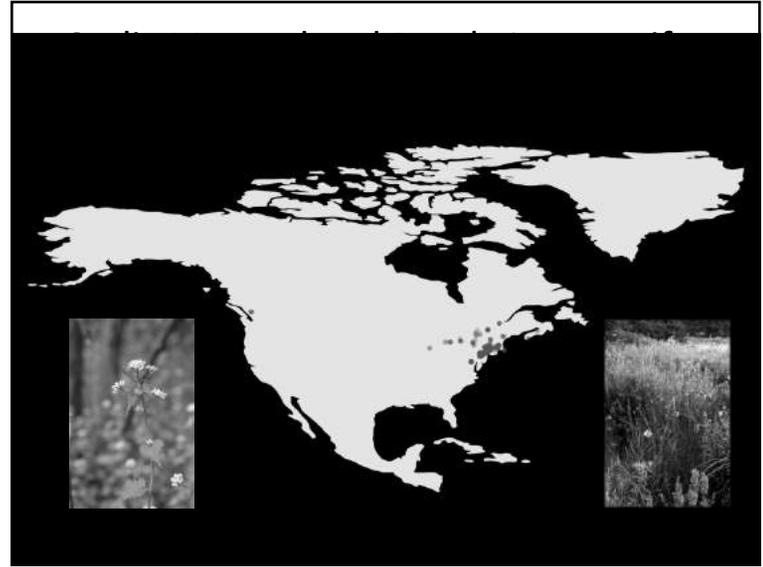
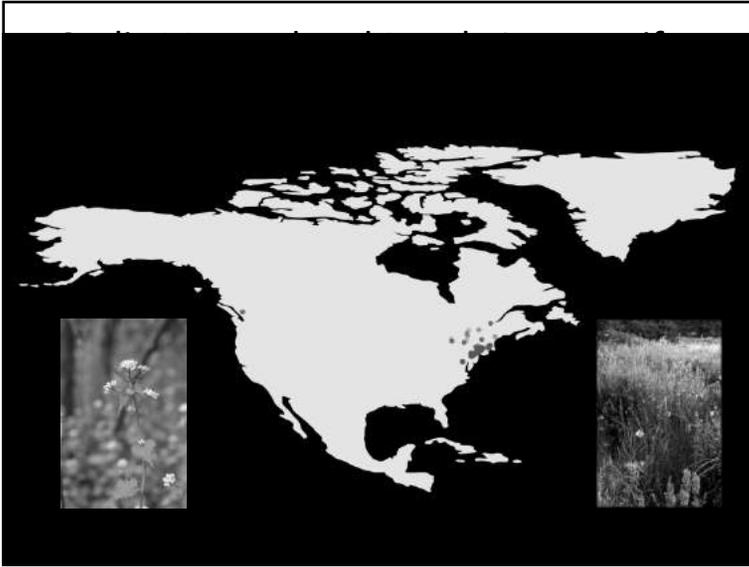


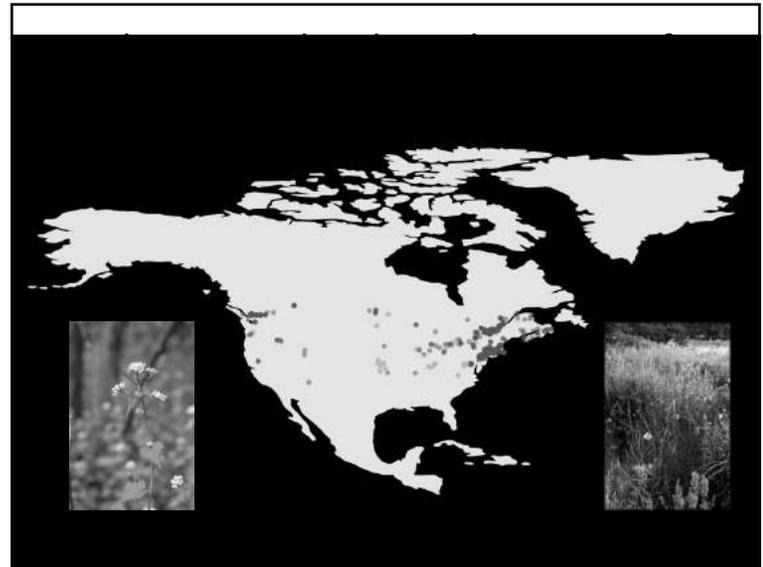
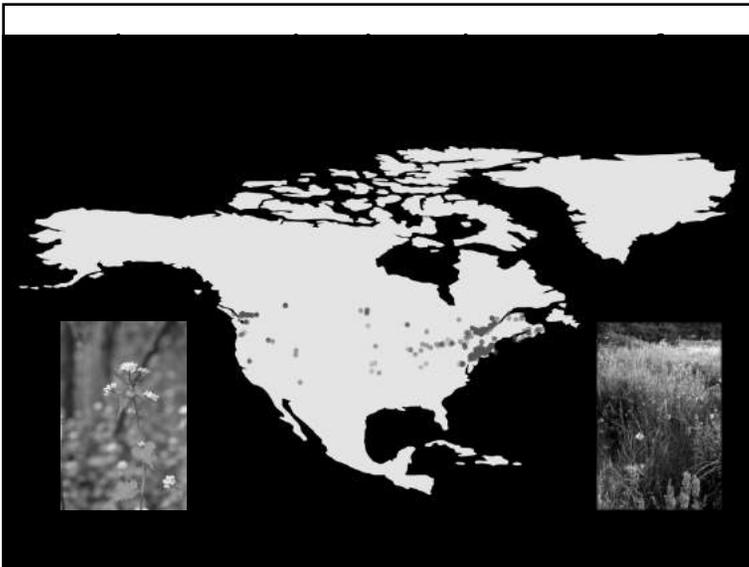
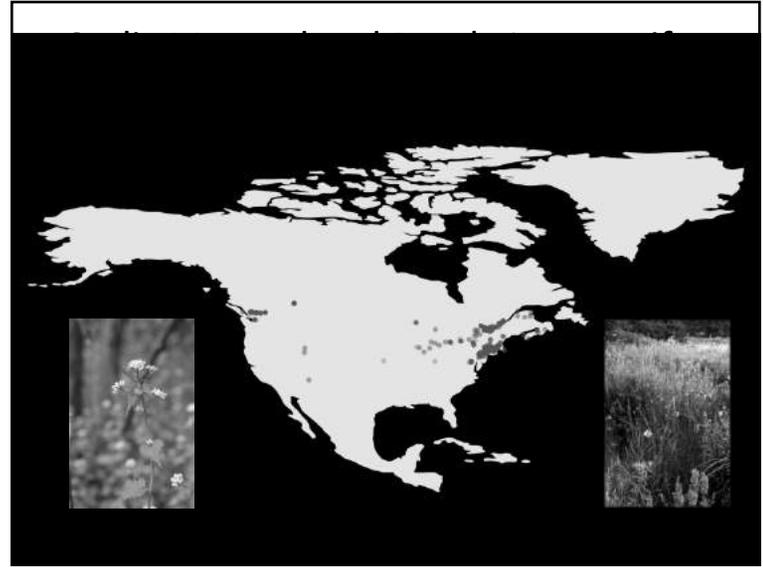
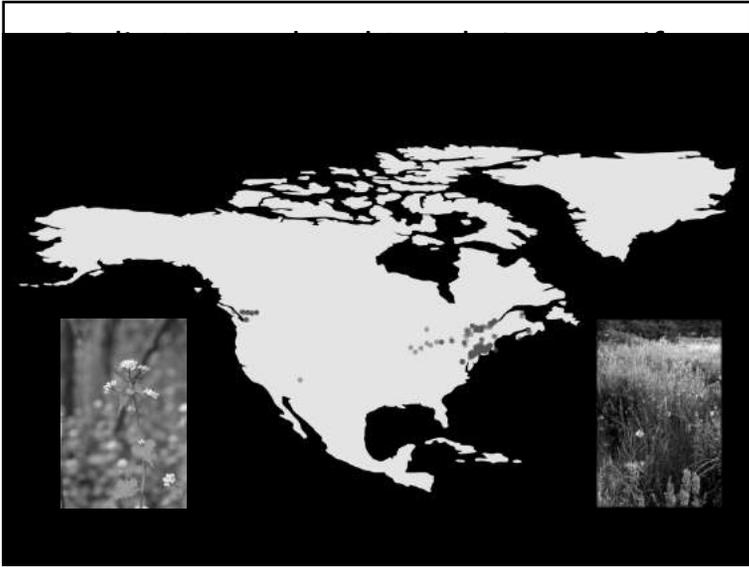
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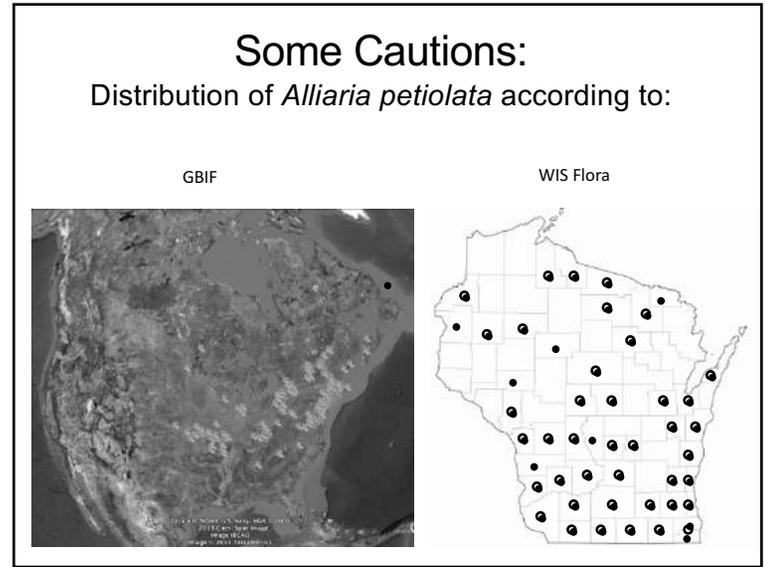
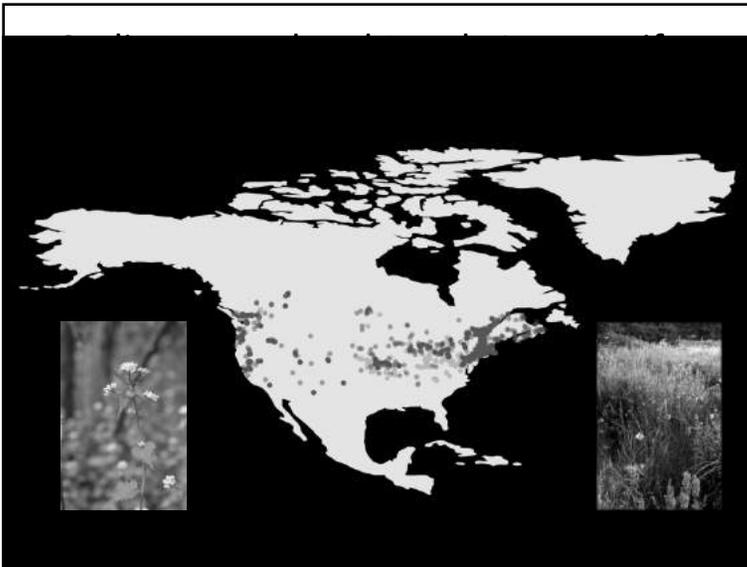
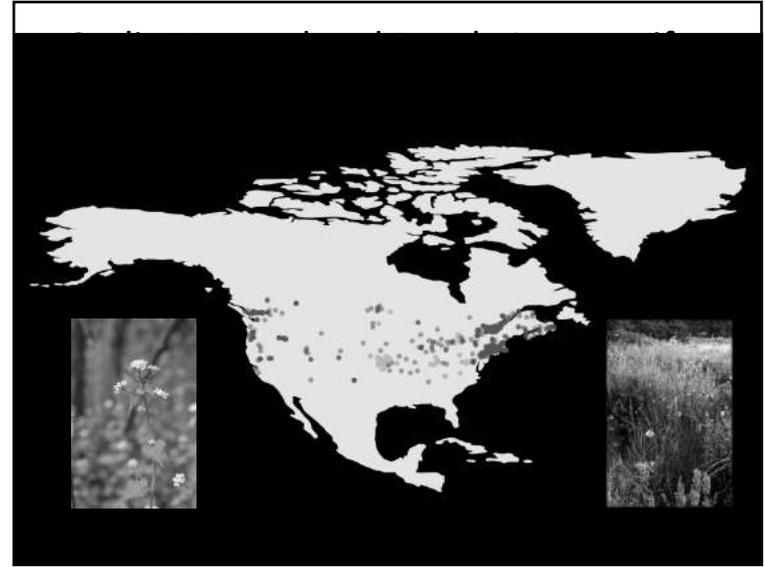
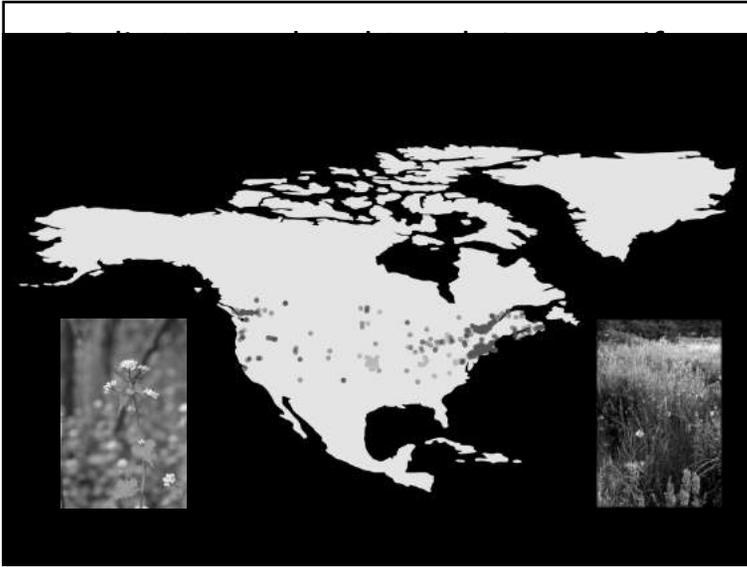
Track spread of invasive species

- Where did they originate?
- When did they get here?
- Where are they going?



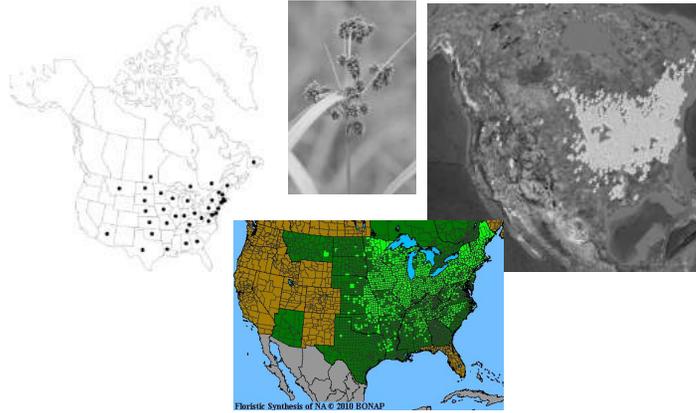






Some Cautions:

How do these maps of the distribution of *Scirpus atrovirens* differ? Why do they differ?



Additional Resources

- panbiogeography analysis ([martitracks](#))
- simulate origin and spread of species ([biogeosim](#))
- forecast species distributions ([biomod](#))
- spatial analysis of diversity ([biodiverse](#))
- list of free phylogenetic software [here](#)
- simulate historical island biogeography ([shiba](#))
- spatial analysis in macroecology ([SAM](#))
- predict and analyze distributions ([GARP](#))