

Visualizing Biodiversity Information using Wikidata and Scholia

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■■■ Introduction to Wikidata

Wikidata in words

- ◆ the edit button of the semantic web
- ◆ the database that anyone can edit
- ◆ free to use
- ◆ integrated with Wikipedia and its sister sites
- ◆ Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable (FAIR)
- ◆ hosts open data
- ◆ runs on free and open-source software
- ◆ multilingual
- ◆ global community
- ◆ used by all major search engines
- ◆ celebrates its [10th birthday](#) next week

◆ <https://wikidata.org>

Wikidata in numbers

- ◆ 100 million [items](#)
 - ◆ [3.6 million taxa](#)
 - ◆ [Rubus idaeus \(Q12252383\)](#)
- ◆ 11000 [properties](#)
 - ◆ [parent taxon \(P171\)](#)
 - ◆ [iNaturalist taxon ID \(P3151\)](#)
- ◆ [14 billion triples](#)
 - ◆ [Q12252383](#) [P3151](#) [54436](#)
 - ◆ [100s of queries per second](#)
- ◆ 700 thousand [lexemes](#)
 - ◆ [малина \(L52834\)](#)
- ◆ 300 [schemas](#)
 - ◆ [taxon treatment \(E291\)](#)
- ◆ [23 thousand monthly contributors](#)
 - ◆ [mostly humans, 300 bots](#)
 - ◆ [100s of edits per minute](#)
- ◆ hundreds of [languages](#)

Introduction to Wikidata

Template:Taxonomy properties

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Taxonomy properties	
Basic	taxon name · taxon rank · parent taxon · is an individual of taxon
Qualifiers	taxon author · ex taxon author · year of taxon publication · incertae sedis · nomenclatural status · original spelling · gender of a scientific name of a genus
Optional	IUCN conservation status · taxon range map image · endemic to · taxonomic type · botanist author abbreviation · temporal range start · temporal range end · author citation (zoology) · basionym · replaced synonym (for nom. nov.) · found in taxon · Code of nomenclature · original combination · taxon synonym · parent of this hybrid, breed, or cultivar · natural product of taxon · this taxon is source of · taxon common name · this zoological name is coordinate with · host · NatureServe conservation status · type locality (biology) · NZTCS conservation status · type host
Databases	IPNI author ID · IUCN taxon ID · NCBI taxonomy ID · BHL page ID · ITIS TSN · Encyclopedia of Life ID · BioLib taxon ID · Fossilworks taxon ID · GBIF taxon ID · WoRMS-ID for taxa · FishBase species ID · MSW ID · Tropicos ID · IPNI plant ID · MycoBank taxon name ID · PlantList-ID · ICTV virus ID · AlgaeBase URL · Index Fungorum ID · GRIN URL · Flora of North America taxon ID · VASCAN ID · ZooBank ID for name or act · Flora of China ID · Watson & Dallwitz family ID · USDA PLANTS ID · GrassBase ID · Fauna Europaea ID · Dyntaxa ID · conifers.org ID · LPSN URL · Plazi ID · Avibase ID · African Plant Database ID · CITES Species+ ID · Xeno-canto species ID · Panarctic Flora ID · Species Profile and Threats Database ID · BugGuide taxon ID · New Zealand Organisms Register ID · Index Hepaticarum ID · Australasian Pollen and Spore Atlas Code · ARKive ID · BacDive ID · EPPO Code · ButMoth ID · LeplIndex ID · Catalogue of Life in Taiwan ID · Internet Bird Collection species ID · Flora of Australia ID (old) · FloraBase ID · Plantarium ID · NSW Flora ID · iNaturalist taxon ID · TAXREF ID · NBN System Key · World Spider Catalog ID · Vlinderschichting-ID · Butterflies and Moths of North America ID · Nederlandse Soortenregister ID · Calflora ID · eBird taxon ID · Euring number · WCSPP ID · Aranearae Spider ID · BOLD Systems taxon ID · Wildflowers of Israel ID · Flora of Israel Online plant ID · ADW taxon ID · PalDat plant ID · Titan ID · CNPS ID · PfaF ID · FOIH taxon ID · ABA bird ID · BTO five-letter code · Guide to North American Birds ID · uBio ID · Ecocrop ID · MONA ID · BTO Birds of Britain ID · Fauna Europaea New ID · Phasmida Species File ID · CONABIO ID · Amphibians of India ID · AmphibiaWeb Species ID · Plants of the World online ID · IRMNG ID · GONIAT taxon ID · Tree of Life Web Project ID · BirdLife taxon ID · AntWeb ID · Amphibian Species of the World ID · Tierstimmarchiv ID · The Reptile Database ID · Global Invasive Species Database ID · Invasive Species Compendium Dataset ID · Lepidoptera of Belgium ID · VicFlora ID · NT Flora ID · APNI ID · Center for Biological Diversity ID · SealifeBase ID · Hymenoptera Online taxon ID · Oiseaux.net ID · Hypericum MySpecies ID · ECOS ID · CMS ID · Plant Finder ID · C.V. 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References	See also: Wikidata:WikiProject Taxonomy ; Wikidata property related to taxa (Q18609040)

■■■ Introduction to Scholia

- ◆ Scholia homepage
- ◆ <https://scholia.toolforge.org/>

Profiles

Denny Vrandečić

View the researcher profile for the Semantic Web researcher Denny Vrandečić. It shows his papers, co-authors, etc.

Technical University of Denmark

View the profile for an organization: People associated with the organization, their publications, the co-author patterns, etc.

NeuroImage

View information about a venue, e.g., a scientific journal or scientific conference. Here, the *NeuroImage* journal, its recently published papers, authors, topics, citation pattern, etc.

Public Library of Science

View information about a publisher, here *Public Library of Science*, with, e.g., the journals it publishes.

COVID-19

View information about the authors or journals publishing on *COVID-19*.

Zika virus

View information about the authors or journals publishing on *Zika virus*.

Combinations

Scholia can show multiple items together.

Technical University of Denmark and University College London

Compare two or more organizations. Here a comparison between two universities with collaborating researchers, number of publications and citations.

Tim Berners-Lee, James Hendler and Ruben Verborgh

Compare three Semantic Web researchers.

University of Costa Rica and snakebites

Explore what people affiliated with this institution have published on the topic.

University of Melbourne and ggplot2

Explore what people affiliated with this institution have published using this open-source data visualization software.

Redirects

If you know the external identifier of a concept, then Scholia can make a lookup based on it:

twitter/utafrith

Look up by Twitter username @utafrith. This will identify the London-based researcher Uta Frith and redirect to her Scholia page.

twitter/mitpress

Redirect also works for organizations, here MIT Press

orcid/0000-0002-5494-8126

Lookup 0000-0002-5494-8126 that is identifying Carol Greider.

github/vedina

Redirect via GitHub username, here @vedina to Nina Jeliazkova.

doi/10.1186/S13321-016-0161-3

Redirect via a DOI.

viaf/59976288

Redirect via VIAF identifier, here to Ben Feringa

■■■ Introduction to Scholia

Scholarly profiles via parametrized predefined SPARQL queries

- ◆ Multiple types of profiles
 - ◊ e.g. <https://scholia.toolforge.org/topic/Q943313>
 - ◆ topic profile for seed dispersal (Q943313)
 - ◊ e.g. <https://scholia.toolforge.org/taxon/Q28557>
 - ◆ taxon profile for Phragmites australis (Q28557)
 - ◊ genes, pathways, journals, events, organizations, awards, locations, countries, ...
- ◆ Each profile type has
 - ◊ multiple panels based on predefined SPARQL queries parametrized with item ID
 - ◆ e.g. <https://scholia.toolforge.org/software/Q1659584#coused>
 - co-used resources on the software profile for ImageJ (Q1659584)
 - ◊ a curation page facilitating community review and curation
 - ◆ e.g. <https://scholia.toolforge.org/author/Q21389271/curation>
 - author curation page for Pavel Stoev (Q21389271)

■■■ Visualizations

- ◆ types
 - ◊ tables, bar charts, scatter plots, graphs, timelines, maps, image grids ...
 - ◊ one or several items of the same kind
- ◆ data sources
 - ◊ mostly directly from Wikidata Query Service, with some customization
 - ◊ some additional sources, e.g. Wikipedia, Wikisource, Wembedder
- ◆ navigation
 - ◊ some interactive sorting and filtering
 - ◊ rich links between profile types
 - ◊ redirects based on various identifiers, e.g.
 - ◆ <https://scholia.toolforge.org/github/Daniel-Mietchen>
 - ◊ link from each visualization to
 - ◆ underlying SPARQL query in the Wikidata Query Service
 - ◆ underlying unparametrized SPARQL query template on GitHub

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- ◆ Table of contents for a **topic** profile

Visualizations

◆ taxon profile for Phragmites australis

This screenshot shows the detailed taxon profile for Phragmites australis (Q28857) on the BiGG database. It includes sections for Identifiers, Descriptions, Parent Taxa, Genomes, Proteome, Metabolome, and Modules. A network graph at the bottom visualizes metabolic interactions.

This screenshot shows the software profile for ImageJ (Q28860). It includes sections for Descriptions, Authors, Dependencies, and Dependent software. A network graph at the bottom visualizes dependencies.

◆ author curation page for Pavel Stoev

This screenshot shows the author curation page for Pavel Stoev (Q2319827). It includes sections for Descriptions, Author name string to be resolved, Missing author terms, Authors of works using the software, Authors of works with missing topics, and Authors with missing topics. A network graph at the bottom visualizes author relationships.



■■■ Visualizations

- ◆ zooming in: sample panel in the work profile for “[Ctenosciara alexanderkoenigi sp. n. \(Diptera: Sciaridae\), an exotic invader in Germany?](#)”

Supports the following statement(s)

Statements in Wikidata supported by references to this work. Only a maximum of around 2000 statements are shown.

Reload

Search:

Item	Property	Value	Unit
ZFMK-TIS-2527968	instance of	type specimen	
ZFMK-TIS-2527968	location of discovery	Museum Koenig	
ZFMK-TIS-2527968	subject has role	holotype	
Ctenosciara alexanderkoenigi	taxon name	Ctenosciara alexanderkoenigi	

[Wikidata Query Service](#)

[work: statements.sparql](#)

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 entries



Outlook



Challenges

- ◆ Wikidata
 - ◊ is incomplete
 - ◊ has lots of inconsistencies
 - ◊ changing constantly, including in terms of its data models
 - ◊ is not necessarily straightforward to navigate
- ◆ Scholia can
 - ◊ help explore Wikidata
 - ◊ identify highlights and gaps
 - ◊ be extended to other graphs
 - ◊ provide additional profile types



Opportunities

- ◆ Wikidata
 - ◊ provides a framework for scalable collaborative curation & [citizen science](#)
 - ◊ is increasingly integrated with [open science](#) & [open GLAM](#) workflows
 - ◊ is sustainably funded and can assist in [making life sciences data more FAIR](#)
 - ◊ has an active community and robust infrastructure
 - ◊ can be fixed if someone takes the initiative
 - ◊ can help highlight issues in other databases
 - ◊ can make systematic reviews reproducible





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