# Package 'clootl'

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**Title** Fetch and Explore the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Open Tree of Life Avian Phylogeny

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LazyData true

LazyDataCompression xz

**Description** Fetches the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Open Tree of Life (clootl) tree in a specified taxonomy. Optionally prune it to a given set of study taxa. Provide a recommended citation list for the studies that informed the extracted tree. Tree generated as described in McTavish et al. (2024) <doi:10.1101/2024.05.20.595017>.

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A complex data store used in the package.

### **Description**

Taxonomy files and phylogenies.

## Usage

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compress="xz")

#### **Format**

List of csv files and Newick and Nexus phylogenies

#### **Details**

```
clootl data = list()
fullTree2021 <- treeGet("1.4","2021", data_path="~/projects/otapi/AvesData") fullTree2022 <- treeGet("1.4","2022",
data_path="~/projects/otapi/AvesData") fullTree2023 <- treeGet("1.4","2023", data_path="~/projects/otapi/AvesData")
clootl_data$trees$Aves_1.4$summary.trees$year2021 <- fullTree2021 clootl_data$trees$Aves_1.4$summary.trees$year202
<- fullTree2022 clootl_data$trees$Aves_1.4$summary.trees$year2023 <- fullTree2023</p>
clootl_data$versions <- c('1.2','1.3','1.4') tax2021 <- taxonomyGet(2021, data_path="~/projects/otapi/AvesData")
tax2022 <- taxonomyGet(2022, data_path="~/projects/otapi/AvesData") tax2023 <- taxonomyGet(2023,
data_path="~/projects/otapi/AvesData")
clootl data$taxonomy.files$Year2021 <- tax2021 clootl data$taxonomy.files$Year2022 <- tax2022
clootl_data$taxonomy.files$Year2023 <- tax2023
clootl_data$tax_years <- c("2021", "2022", "2023") annot_filename <- "~/projects/otapi/AvesData/Tree_versions/Aves_1.4/O
all_nodes <- jsonlite::fromJSON(txt=annot_filename)
clootl_data$trees$Aves_1.4$annotations <- all_nodes</pre>
This part pre-processes all citations for studies in the tree so we don't need to do any API calls later.
studies <-c() for (inputs in all_nodes$source_id_map) studies<-c(studies, inputs$study_id) studies
<- unique(studies) study_info <- clootl:::api_studies_lookup(studies)</pre>
clootl_data$study_info <- study_info save(clootl_data, file="~/projects/otapi/clootl/data/clootl_data.rda",
```

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#### Source

https://github.com/eliotmiller/clootl

extractTree

Extract a tree from the complete Avian Phylogeny for a set of species

## **Description**

Extract a tree from the complete Avian Phylogeny for a set of species

## Usage

```
extractTree(
  species = "all_species",
  label_type = "scientific",
  taxonomy_year = 2023,
  version = "1.4",
  data_path = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

version

species A character vector either of scientific names (directly as they come out of the

eBird taxonomy, i.e. without underscores) or of six-letter eBird species codes. Any elements of the species vector that do not match a species-level taxon in the specified eBird taxonomy will result in an error. Default is set to "all\_species".

label\_type Either "scientific" or "code". Default is set to "scientific".

taxonomy\_year The eBird taxonomy year the tree should be output in. Current options include

2021, 2022, and 2023. Both numeric and character inputs are acceptable here. Any value aside from these years will result in an error. Default is set 2023.

Any value aside from these years will result in an error. Default is set 2025.

The desired version of the tree. Default to the most recent version of the tree. Other versions available are '1.2','1.3','1.4', and can be passed as a character

string or as numeric.

data\_path Default to FALSE, it will look for a path containing the bird tree. If the tree

has not been downloaded yet using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will load the default tree using utils::data() as long as version and taxonomy\_year are empty or match the default version. If the tree has been downloaded using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will read the tree file corresponding to the version

and taxonomy\_year provided and load it as a phylo object.

#### **Details**

This function first ensures that the requested output species overlap with species-level taxa in the requested eBird taxonomy. If they do not, the function will error out. The onus is on the user to ensure the requested taxa are valid. This is critical to ensure no unexpected analysis hiccups later—you don't want to find out many steps later that your dataset doesn't match your phylogeny. The

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eBird database is currently (as of Mar 2025) in 2024 taxonomy. Trees available in 2024 taxonomy will be available by June 2025. The 2025 taxonomy will be released to the public in October or November 2025. The intention is to release a tree in 2025 taxonomy concurrently with the publication of the taxonomy itself.

#### Value

A phylogeny of the specified taxa in the specified eBird taxonomy version and clootl tree version.

#### Author(s)

Eliot Miller, Luna Sanchez Reyes, Emily Jane McTavish

## **Examples**

getCitations

Get the DOIs and quantify the contribution of published studies

## **Description**

Standing on the shoulders of giants

## Usage

```
getCitations(tree, version = "1.4", data_path = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

tree A phylogeny obtained from extractTree (see details).

version The desired version of the tree. Default to the most recent version of the tree.

Other versions available are '0.1','1.0','1.2','1.3','1.4' and can be passed as a

character string or as numeric.

data\_path Default to FALSE, it will look for a path containing the bird tree. If the tree has

not been downloaded yet using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will load the default tree using utils::data() and version and taxonomy\_year will be ignored??
If the tree has been downloaded using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will read the tree file corresponding to the version and taxonomy\_year provided and load it

as a phylo object.

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#### **Details**

Importantly: an internet connection is required for this function to work, as it relies on Open Tree of Life APIs. The function will determine what proportion of nodes in your phylogeny (possibly but not necessarily pruned to a set of study taxa) are supported by each study that goes into creating the final clootl tree. In any resulting publication, you should always cite the clootl tree, and you should also "always" cite all the trees/DOIs that contributed to your phylogeny. That said, we are well aware of citation and word count limits that plague modern publishing, and for this reason we quantify the contribution of each study; depending on your phylogeny, it is very possible that one or two studies contributed the majority of information. Currently, this function assumes your output tree matches the taxonomy of the corresponding tree on the OpenTree server. Since the function is actually using the named internal nodes for the API query, and these should not be lost between tree versions and taxonomies, this should not matter, but this has not yet been tested.

#### Value

A dataframe of the percent of internal nodes supported by a given study, as well as the DOI of that study. The proportion of taxa in the tree supported by taxonomic addition only is included in the dataframe.

## Author(s)

Eliot Miller, Emily Jane McTavish

#### **Examples**

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## **Description**

Pull down full AvesData repository to a working directory

### Usage

```
get_avesdata_repo(path, overwrite = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

path Path to download data zipfile to, and where it will be unpacked. To download

into your working directory, use "."

overwrite Default to FALSE. Will not redownload the data by default if path exists, unless

overwrite=TRUE

#### Value

No return value, called to download the Aves Data repository.

sampleTrees Extract a cloud of trees from the complete Avian Phylogeny for a set of species

## **Description**

Extract a cloud of trees from the complete Avian Phylogeny for a set of species

## Usage

```
sampleTrees(
  species = "all_species",
  label_type = "scientific",
  taxonomy_year = 2023,
  version = "1.4",
  count = 100,
  data_path = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

species A character vector either of scientific names (directly as they come out of the

eBird taxonomy, i.e. without underscores) or of six-letter eBird species codes. Any elements of the species vector that do not match a species-level taxon in the specified eBird taxonomy will result in an error. Default is set to "all\_species".

label\_type Either "scientific" or "code". Default is set to "scientific".

taxonomy\_year The eBird taxonomy year the tree should be output in. Current options include

2021, 2022, and 2023. Both numeric and character inputs are acceptable here. Any value aside from these years will result in an error. Default is set 2023.

version The desired version of the tree. Default to the most recent version of the tree.

Other versions available are '1.2', '1.3', '1.4', and can be passed as a character

string or as numeric.

count Work in progress, can only sample 100 for now. Eventually: The desired number

of sampled trees.

data\_path Default to FALSE, it will look for a path containing the bird tree. If the tree

has been downloaded using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will read the tree file corresponding to the version and taxonomy\_year provided and load it as a

phylo object.

#### **Details**

This function first ensures that the requested output species overlap with species-level taxa in the requested eBird taxonomy. If they do not, the function will error out. The onus is on the user to ensure the requested taxa are valid. This is critical to ensure no unexpected analysis hiccups later—you don't want to find out many steps later that your dataset doesn't match your phylogeny. The eBird database is currently (as of Mar 2025) in 2024 taxonomy. Trees available in 2024 taxonomy will be available by June 2025. The 2025 taxonomy will be released to the public in October or November 2025. The intention is to release a tree in 2025 taxonomy concurrently with the publication of the taxonomy itself.

#### Value

A set of phylogenies determined in count of the specified taxa in the specified eBird taxonomy version and clootl tree version.

## Author(s)

Eliot Miller, Luna Sanchez Reyes, Emily Jane McTavish

## **Examples**

```
set_avesdata_repo_path
```

Set path to Aves Data folder already somewhere on your computer Based on https://github.com/CornellLabofOrnithology/auk/blob/main/R/auk-set-ebd-path.r

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## **Description**

Set path to Aves Data folder already somewhere on your computer Based on https://github.com/CornellLabofOrnithology/aukset-ebd-path.r

## Usage

```
set_avesdata_repo_path(path, overwrite = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

path A character vector with the path to the Aves Data folder.

overwrite Boolean, default to FALSE, does not overwrite an existing Aves Data folder. Set

to TRUE to overwrite.

### Value

No return value, called to set the path to the Aves Data folder.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
set_avesdata_repo_path("/home/ejmctavish/AvesData")
## End(Not run)
```

taxonomyGet

Load a bird taxonomy into the R environment

## **Description**

taxonomyGet either reads a taxonomy file and loads it as a data frame, or loads the default taxonomy data object.

## Usage

```
taxonomyGet(taxonomy_year, data_path = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

taxonomy\_year The eBird taxonomy year the tree should be output in. Current options include

2021, 2022, and 2023. Both numeric and character inputs are acceptable here. Any value aside from these years will result in an error. Default is set 2023.

data\_path Default to FALSE, it will look for a path containing the bird taxonomy. If the

taxonomy has not been downloaded yet using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will load the default taxonomy using utils::data() as long as taxonomy\_year as empty or matches the default version. If the taxonomy has been downloaded using get\_avesdata\_repo(), it will read the taxonomy file corresponding to the year given in taxonomy\_year and load it as a data frame object.

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## **Details**

This will return a data object that has the taxonomy of the requested year.

## Value

A data.frame with 17 columns of taxonomic information: order, species code, taxon concept, common name, scientific name, family, OpenTree Taxonomy data, etc.

treeGet

Load a bird tree into the R environment

## Description

treeGet either reads a tree file and loads it as a phylo object, or loads the default tree data object.

## Usage

```
treeGet(version, taxonomy_year, data_path = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

version	The desired version of the tree. Default to the most recent version of the tree. Other versions available are '1.2','1.3','1.4', and can be passed as a character string or as numeric.
taxonomy_year	The eBird taxonomy year the tree should be output in. Current options include 2021, 2022, and 2023. Both numeric and character inputs are acceptable here. Any value aside from these years will result in an error. Default is set 2023.
data_path	Default to FALSE, it will look for a path containing the bird tree. If the tree has not been downloaded yet using get_avesdata_repo(), it will load the default tree using utils::data() and version and taxonomy_year will be ignored?? If the tree has been downloaded using get_avesdata_repo(), it will read the tree file corresponding to the version and taxonomy_year provided and load it as a phylo object.

## **Details**

This will return a data object that has the requested tree.

## Value

A phylo object with the requested version and taxonomy.

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