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# Description

Given a set of points in space and (optionally) time, define a regular grid with given dimensions, and return the grid cell index for each point.

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## Usage

```
assign_to_grid(
  points,
  coords = NULL,
  is_lonlat = FALSE,
  res,
  jitter_grid = TRUE,
  grid_definition = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

points data frame; points with spatial coordinates x and y, and an optional time coordi-

nate t.

coords character; names of the spatial and temporal coordinates in the input dataframe.

Only provide these names if you want to overwrite the default coordinate names: c("x", "y", "t") or c("longitude", "latitude", "t") if is\_lonlat = TRUE.

is\_lonlat logical; if the points are in unprojected, lon-lat coordinates. In this case, the

input data frame should have columns "longitude" and "latitude" and the points will be projected to an equal area Eckert IV CRS prior to grid assignment.

res numeric; resolution of the grid in the x, y, and t dimensions, respectively. If

only 2 dimensions are provided, a space only grid will be generated. The units of res are the same as the coordinates in the input data unless is\_lonlat is true

in which case the x and y resolution should be provided in meters.

jitter\_grid logical; whether to jitter the location of the origin of the grid to introduce some

randomness.

grid\_definition

list; object defining the grid via the origin and resolution components. To assign multiple sets of points to exactly the same grid, assign\_to\_grid() returns a data frame with a grid\_definition attribute that can be passed to subsequent calls to assign\_to\_grid(). res and jitter are ignored if grid\_definition is provided.

#### Value

Data frame with the indices of the space-only and spacetime grid cells. This data frame will have a grid\_definition attribute that can be used to reconstruct the grid.

```
set.seed(1)
# generate some example points
points_xyt <- data.frame(x = runif(100), y = runif(100), t = rnorm(100))
# assign to grid
cells <- assign_to_grid(points_xyt, res = c(0.1, 0.1, 0.5))
# assign a second set of points to the same grid</pre>
```

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calculate\_mcc\_f1

Calculate MCC and F1 score

### **Description**

Given binary observed and predicted response, estimate Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC) and the F1 score.

# Usage

```
calculate_mcc_f1(observed, predicted)
```

# **Arguments**

observed logical or 0/1; the observed binary response.

predicted logical or 0/1; the predicted binary response. This will typically need to be

generated by applying a threshold to the continuous predicted response.

## Value

A list with two elements: mcc and f1.

```
obs <- c(rep(1L, 1000L), rep(0L, 10000L))
pred <- c(rbeta(300L, 12, 2), rbeta(700L, 3, 4), rbeta(10000L, 2, 3))
calculate_mcc_f1(obs > 0, pred > 0.5)
```

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date\_to\_st\_week

Get the Status and Trends week that a date falls into

# **Description**

Get the Status and Trends week that a date falls into

## Usage

```
date_to_st_week(dates, version = 2022)
```

## **Arguments**

dates

a vector of dates.

version

One of 2021 for the date scheme used for the 2021 and prior data releases or 2022 for the date scheme used in the 2022 and subsequent releases. Default is

2022.

### Value

An integer vector of weeks numbers from 1-52.

# **Examples**

```
\label{eq:def-one-of-operator} d <- as. Date(c("2016-04-08", "2018-12-31", "2014-01-01", "2018-09-04")) \\ date_to_st_week(d)
```

ebirdst\_data\_dir

Path to eBird Status and Trends data download directory

### **Description**

Identify and return the path to the default download directory for eBird Status and Trends data products. This directory can be defined by setting the environment variable EBIRDST\_DATA\_DIR, otherwise the directory returned by tools::R\_user\_dir("ebirdst", which = "data") will be used.

#### **Usage**

```
ebirdst_data_dir()
```

#### Value

The path to the data download directory.

```
ebirdst_data_dir()
```

```
ebirdst_download_data_coverage
```

Download eBird Status and Trends Data Coverage Products

# **Description**

In addition to the species-specific data products, the eBird Status data products include two products providing estimates of weekly data coverage at 3 km spatial resolution: site selection probability and spatial coverage. This function downloads these data products in raster GeoTIFF format.

# Usage

```
ebirdst_download_data_coverage(
  path = ebirdst_data_dir(),
  pattern = NULL,
  dry_run = FALSE,
  force = FALSE,
  show_progress = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

path	character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst_data_dir().
pattern	character; regular expression pattern to supply to <a href="str_detect">str_detect</a> () to filter files to download. This filter will be applied in addition to any of the download_ arguments. Note that some files are mandatory and will always be downloaded.
dry_run	logical; whether to do a dry run, just listing files that will be downloaded. This can be useful when testing the use of pattern to filter the files to download.
force	logical; if the data have already been downloaded, should a fresh copy be downloaded anyway.
show_progress	logical; whether to print download progress information.

## Value

Path to the folder containing the downloaded data coverage products.

```
## Not run:
# download all data coverage products
ebirdst_download_data_coverage()
```

```
# download just the spatial coverage products
ebirdst_download_data_coverage(pattern = "spatial-coverage")

# download a single week of data coverage products
ebirdst_download_data_coverage(pattern = "01-04")

# download all weeks in april
ebirdst_download_data_coverage(pattern = "04-")

## End(Not run)
```

ebirdst\_download\_status

Download eBird Status Data Products

### **Description**

Download eBird Status Data Products for a single species, or for an example species. Downloading Status and Trends data requires an access key, consult set\_ebirdst\_access\_key() for instructions on how to obtain and store this key. The example data consist of the results for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker subset to Michigan and are much smaller than the full dataset, making these data quicker to download and process. Only the low resolution (27 km) data are available for the example data. In addition, the example data are accessible without an access key.

#### Usage

```
ebirdst_download_status(
  species,
  path = ebirdst_data_dir(),
  download_abundance = TRUE,
  download_occurrence = FALSE,
  download_count = FALSE,
  download_ranges = FALSE,
  download_regional = FALSE,
  download_pis = FALSE,
  download_ppms = FALSE,
  download_all = FALSE,
  pattern = NULL,
  dry_run = FALSE,
  force = FALSE,
  show_progress = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

species

character; a single species given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset, use "yebsap-example".

path character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed

in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data

directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

download\_abundance

whether to download estimates of abundance and proportion of population.

download\_occurrence

logical; whether to download estimates of occurrence.

download\_count logical; whether to download estimates of count.

download\_ranges

logical; whether to download the range polygons.

download\_regional

logical; whether to download the regional summary stats, e.g. percent of popu-

lation in regions.

download\_pis logical; whether to download spatial estimates of predictor importance.

download\_ppms logical; whether to download spatial predictive performance metrics.

download\_all logical; download all files in the data package. Equivalent to setting all the

download\_ arguments to TRUE.

pattern character; regular expression pattern to supply to str\_detect() to filter files to

download. This filter will be applied in addition to any of the download\_ arguments. Note that some files are mandatory and will always be downloaded.

dry\_run logical; whether to do a dry run, just listing files that will be downloaded. This

can be useful when testing the use of pattern to filter the files to download.

force logical; if the data have already been downloaded, should a fresh copy be down-

loaded anyway.

show\_progress logical; whether to print download progress information.

#### **Details**

The complete data package for each species contains a large number of files, all of which are cataloged in the vignettes. Most users will only require a small subset of these files, so by default this function only downloads the most commonly used files: GeoTIFFs providing estimate of relative abundance and proportion of population. For those interested in additional data products, the arguments starting with download\_ control the download of these other products. The pattern argument provides even finer grained control over what gets downloaded.

#### Value

Path to the folder containing the downloaded data package for the given species. If dry\_run = TRUE a list of files to download will be returned.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
```

# download the example data

ebirdst\_download\_trends

Download eBird Trends Data Products

## **Description**

Download eBird Trends Data Products for set of species, or for an example species. Downloading Status and Trends data requires an access key, consult set\_ebirdst\_access\_key() for instructions on how to obtain and store this key. The example data consist of the results for Yellow-bellied Sapsucker subset to Michigan and are much smaller than the full dataset, making these data quicker to download and process. The example data are accessible without an access key.

## Usage

```
ebirdst_download_trends(
   species,
   path = ebirdst_data_dir(),
   force = FALSE,
   show_progress = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

species

character; one or more species given as scientific names, common names or sixletter species codes (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species can be viewed in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package; species with trends estimates are indicated by the has\_trends column. To access the example dataset, use "yebsap-example".

path

character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

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force logical; if the data have already been downloaded, should a fresh copy be down-

loaded anyway.

show\_progress logical; whether to print download progress information.

#### Value

Character vector of paths to the folders containing the downloaded data packages for the given species. The trends data will be in the trends/ subdirectory.

# Examples

```
## Not run:
# download the example data
ebirdst_download_trends("yebsap-example")

# download the data package for wood thrush
ebirdst_download_trends("woothr")

# multiple species can be downloaded at once
ebirdst_download_trends(c("Sage Thrasher", "Abert's Towhee"))
## End(Not run)
```

ebirdst\_palettes

eBird Status and Trends color palettes for mapping

# **Description**

Generate the color palettes used for the eBird Status and Trends relative abundance and trends maps.

## Usage

```
ebirdst_palettes(
   n,
   type = c("weekly", "breeding", "nonbreeding", "migration", "prebreeding_migration",
        "postbreeding_migration", "year_round", "trends")
)
```

## **Arguments**

n integer; the number of colors to be in the palette.

type character; the type of color palette: "weekly" for the weekly relative abundance,

"trends" for trends color palette, and a season name for the seasonal relative abundance. Note that for trends a diverging palette is returned, while all other

palettes are sequential.

## Value

A character vector of hex color codes.

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## **Examples**

```
# breeding season color palette
ebirdst_palettes(10, type = "breeding")
```

ebirdst\_predictors

eBird Status and Trends predictor variables

## Description

A data frame of the predictors used in the eBird Status and Trends models. These include effort variables (e.g. distance traveled, number of observers, etc.) in addition to variables describing the environment (e.g. elevation, land cover, water cover, etc.). The environmental variables are derived by summarizing remotely sensed datasets (described in ebirdst\_predictor\_descriptions) over a 3 km diameter neighborhood around each checklist. For categorical datasets, two variables are generated for each class describing the percent cover (pland) and edge density (ed).

### Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 150 rows and 4 columns:

- predictor: predictor name.
- dataset: dataset name, which can be cross referenced in ebirdst\_predictor\_descriptions for further details.
- class: class number or name for categorical variables.
- label: descriptive labels for each predictor variable.

ebirdst\_predictor\_descriptions

eBird Status and Trends predictors descriptions

## **Description**

Details on the eBird Status and Trends predictor variables or, for variables all derived from the same dataset, details on the dataset.

# Usage

```
ebirdst_predictor_descriptions
```

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 37 rows and 4 columns

- dataset: dataset name.
- predictor: predictor name or, if multiple variables are derived from this dataset, the pattern used to generate the names.
- description: detailed description of the dataset or variable.
- reference: a reference to consult for further information on the dataset.

ebirdst\_runs

Data frame of species with eBird Status and Trends Data Products

## **Description**

A dataset listing the species for which eBird Status and Trends Data Products are available, with additional information relevant to both the Status and Trends results for each species.

### Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 29 variables:

- species\_code: alphanumeric eBird species code uniquely identifying the species
- scientific\_name: scientific name.
- common\_name: English common name.
- is\_resident: classifies this species a resident or a migrant.
- breeding\_quality: breeding season quality.
- breeding\_start: breeding season start date.
- breeding\_end: breeding season start date.
- nonbreeding\_quality: non-breeding season quality.
- nonbreeding\_start: non-breeding season start date.
- nonbreeding\_end: non-breeding season start date.
- postbreeding\_migration\_quality: post-breeding season quality.
- postbreeding\_migration\_start: post-breeding season start date.
- postbreeding\_migration\_end: post-breeding season start date.
- prebreeding\_migration\_quality: pre-breeding season quality.
- prebreeding\_migration\_start: pre-breeding season start date.
- prebreeding\_migration\_end: pre-breeding season start date.

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- resident\_quality: resident quality.
- resident\_start: for resident species, the year-round start date.
- resident\_end: for resident species, the year-round end date.
- status\_version\_year: the release version of the Status data products.
- has\_trends: whether or not this species has trends estimates.
- trends\_season: season that the trend was estimated for: breeding, nonbreeding, or resident.
- trends\_region: the geographic region that the trend model was run for. Note that broadly distributed species (e.g. Barn Swallow) will only have trend estimates for a regional subset of their full range.
- trends\_start\_year: start year of the trend time period.
- trends\_end\_year: end year of the trend time period.
- trends\_start\_date: start date (MM-DD format) of the season for which the trend was estimated.
- trends\_end\_date: end date (MM-DD format) of the season for which the trend was estimated.
- rsquared: R-squared value comparing the actual and estimated trends from the simulations.
- beta0: the intercept of a linear model fitting actual vs. estimated trends (actual ~ estimated) for the simulations. Positive values of beta0 indicate that the models are systematically *underestimating* the simulated trend for this species.
- trends\_version\_year: the release version of the Trends data products.

#### **Details**

For the Status Data Products, the dates defining the boundaries of the seasons are provided in additional to a quality rating from 0-3 for each season. These dates and quality ratings are assigned through a process of expert review. expert review. Note that missing dates imply that a season failed expert review for that species within that season.

Trends Data Products are only available for a subset of species, indicated by the has\_trends variable, and for each species the trends is estimated for a single season. The two predictive performance metrics (rsquared and beta0) are based on a comparison of actual and estimated percent per year trends for a suite of simulations (see Fink et al. 2023 for further details). The trends regions are defined as follows:

- · aus\_nz: Australia and New Zealand
- iberia: Spain and Portugal
- india\_se\_asia: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, and Philippines
- japan: Japan
- north\_america: North America including Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, but excluding Nunavut, North West Territories, and Hawaii
- south\_africa: South Africa, Lesotho, and Eswatini
- south\_america: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay
- taiwan: Taiwan
- turkey\_plus: Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Palestine, Greece, Armenia, and Georgia

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ebirdst\_version

eBird Status and Trends Data Products version

# **Description**

Identify the version of the eBird Status and Trends Data Products that this version of the R package works with. Versions are defined by the year that all model estimates are made for.

# Usage

```
ebirdst_version()
```

#### Value

A list with three components: status\_version\_year is the version year for the eBird Status Data Products, trends\_version\_year is the version year for the eBird Trends Data Products, release\_year is the year this version of the data were released.

# **Examples**

```
ebirdst_version()
```

get\_species

Get eBird species code for a set of species

# Description

Give a vector of species codes, common names, and/or scientific names, return a vector of 6-letter eBird species codes. This function will only look up codes for species for which eBird Status and Trends results exist.

### Usage

```
get_species(x)
```

# **Arguments**

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character; vector of species codes, common names, and/or scientific names.

#### Value

A character vector of eBird species codes.

```
get_species(c("Black-capped Chickadee", "Poecile gambeli", "carchi"))
```

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get\_species\_path

Get the path to the data package for a given species

#### **Description**

This helper function can be used to get the path to a data package for a given species.

# Usage

```
get_species_path(
  species,
  path = ebirdst_data_dir(),
  dataset = c("status", "trends"),
  check_downloaded = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

species character; a single species given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter

species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset, use

"yebsap-example".

path character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed

in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data

directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

dataset character; whether the path to the Status or Trends data products should be re-

turned.

check\_downloaded

logical; raise an error if no data have been downloaded for this species.

#### Value

The path to the data package directory.

```
## Not run:
# get the path
path <- get_species_path("yebsap-example")

# get the path to the full data package for yellow-bellied sapsucker
# common name, scientific name, or species code can be used
path <- get_species_path("Yellow-bellied Sapsucker")
path <- get_species_path("Sphyrapicus varius")
path <- get_species_path("yebsap")</pre>
```

grid\_sample

```
## End(Not run)
```

grid\_sample

Spatiotemporal grid sampling of observation data

# Description

Sample observation data on a spacetime grid to reduce spatiotemporal bias.

# Usage

```
grid_sample(
  coords = c("longitude", "latitude", "day_of_year"),
  is_lonlat = TRUE,
  res = c(3000, 3000, 7),
  jitter_grid = TRUE,
  sample_size_per_cell = 1,
  cell_sample_prop = 0.75,
  keep_cell_id = FALSE,
  grid_definition = NULL
)
grid_sample_stratified(
  coords = c("longitude", "latitude", "day_of_year"),
  is_lonlat = TRUE,
  unified_grid = FALSE,
  keep_cell_id = FALSE,
  by_year = TRUE,
  case_control = TRUE,
  obs_column = "obs",
  sample_by = NULL,
 min_detection_probability = 0,
 maximum_ss = NULL,
  jitter_columns = NULL,
  jitter_sd = 0.1,
)
```

## **Arguments**

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data frame; observations to sample, including at least the columns defining the location in space and time. Additional columns can be included such as features that will later be used in model training.

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coords character; names of the spatial and temporal coordinates. By default the spatial

spatial coordinates should be longitude and latitude, and temporal coordi-

nate should be day\_of\_year.

is\_lonlat logical; if the points are in unprojected, lon-lat coordinates. In this case, the

points will be projected to an equal area Eckert IV CRS prior to grid assignment.

res numeric; resolution of the spatiotemporal grid in the x, y, and time dimensions.

Unprojected locations are projected to an equal area coordinate system prior to sampling, and resolution should therefore be provided in units of meters. The temporal resolution should be in the native units of the time coordinate in the

input data frame, typically it will be a number of days.

jitter\_grid logical; whether to jitter the location of the origin of the grid to introduce some

randomness.

sample\_size\_per\_cell

integer; number of observations to sample from each grid cell.

cell\_sample\_prop

proportion (0-1]; if less than 1, only this proportion of cells will be randomly

selected for sampling.

keep\_cell\_id logical; whether to retain a unique cell identifier, stored in column named .cell\_id.

grid\_definition

list defining the spatiotemporal sampling grid as returned by assign\_to\_grid()

in the form of an attribute of the returned data frame.

unified\_grid logical; whether a single, unified spatiotemporal sampling grid should be defined

and used for all observations in x or a different grid should be used for each

stratum.

by\_year logical; whether the sampling should be done by year, i.e. sampling N observa-

tions per grid cell per year, rather than across years, i.e. N observations per grid cell regardless of year. If using sampling by year, the input data frame x must

have a year column.

case\_control logical; whether to apply case control sampling whereby presence and absence

are sampled independently.

obs\_column character; if case\_control = TRUE, this is the name of the column in x that

defines detection (obs\_column > 0) and non-detection (obs\_column == 0).

sample\_by character; additional columns in x to stratify sampling by. For example, if a

landscape has many small islands (defined by an island variable) and we wish

to sample from each independently, use sample\_by = "island".

min\_detection\_probability

proportion [0-1); the minimum detection probability in the final dataset. If case\_control = TRUE, and the proportion of detections in the grid sampled dataset is below this level, then additional detections will be added via grid sampling the detections from the input dataset until at least this proportion of detections appears in the final dataset. This will typically result in duplication of some observations in the final dataset. To turn this off this feature use

min\_detection\_probability = 0.

maximum\_ss integer; the maximum sample size in the final dataset. If the grid sampling yields more than this number of observations, maximum\_ss observations will be se-

lected randomly from the full set. Note that this subsampling will be performed

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in such a way that all levels of each strata will have at least one observation within the final dataset, and therefore it is not truly randomly sampling.

jitter\_columns character; if detections are oversampled to achieve the minimum detection probability, some observations will be duplicated, and it can be desirable to slightly "jitter" the values of model training features for these duplicated observations. This argument defines the column names in x that will be jittered.

jitter\_sd numeric; strength of the jittering in units of standard deviations, see jitter\_columns. additional arguments defining the spatiotemporal grid; passed to grid\_sample().

#### **Details**

grid\_sample\_stratified() performs stratified case control sampling, independently sampling
from strata defined by, for example, year and detection/non-detection. Within each stratum, grid\_sample()
is used to sample the observations on a spatiotemporal grid. In addition, if case control sampling is
turned on, the detections are oversampled to increase the frequency of detections in the dataset.

The sampling grid is defined, and assignment of locations to cells occurs, in assign\_to\_grid(). Consult the help for that function for further details on how the grid is generated and locations are assigned. Note that by providing 2-element vectors to both coords and res the time component of the grid can be ignored and spatial-only subsampling is performed.

#### Value

A data frame of the spatiotemporally sampled data.

```
set.seed(1)
# generate some example observations
n obs <- 10000
checklists <- data.frame(longitude = rnorm(n_obs, sd = 0.1),
                          latitude = rnorm(n_obs, sd = 0.1),
                          day_of_year = sample.int(28, n_obs, replace = TRUE),
                          year = NA_integer_,
                          obs = rpois(n_obs, lambda = 0.1),
                          forest_cover = runif(n_obs),
                          island = as.integer(runif(n_obs) > 0.95))
# add a year column, giving more data to recent years
checklists$year <- sample(seq(2016, 2020), size = n_obs, replace = TRUE,</pre>
                           prob = seq(0.3, 0.7, length.out = 5))
# create several rare islands
checklists$island[sample.int(nrow(checklists), 9)] <- 2:10</pre>
# basic spatiotemporal grid sampling
sampled <- grid_sample(checklists)</pre>
# plot original data and grid sampled data
par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plot(checklists[, c("longitude", "latitude")],
     pch = 19, cex = 0.3, col = "#00000033",
```

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```
axes = FALSE)
points(sampled[, c("longitude", "latitude")],
       pch = 19, cex = 0.3, col = "red")
# case control sampling stratified by year and island
# return a maximum of 1000 checklists
sampled_cc <- grid_sample_stratified(checklists, sample_by = "island",</pre>
                                     maximum_ss = 1000)
# case control sampling increases the prevalence of detections
mean(checklists$obs > 0)
mean(sampled\$obs > 0)
mean(sampled_cc$obs > 0)
# stratifying by island ensures all levels are retained, even rare ones
table(checklists$island)
# normal grid sampling loses rare island levels
table(sampled$island)
# stratified grid sampling retain at least one observation from each level
table(sampled_cc$island)
```

load\_config

Load eBird Status Data Products configuration file

## Description

Load the configuration file for an eBird Status run. This configuration file is mostly for internal use and contains a variety of parameters used in the modeling process.

#### Usage

```
load_config(species, path = ebirdst_data_dir())
```

## **Arguments**

species

character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset\_use "yebsap-example"

dataset, use "yebsap-example".

path

character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

#### Value

A list with the run configuration parameters.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example")
# load configuration parameters
p <- load_config("yebsap-example")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

load\_data\_coverage

Load eBird Status and Trends Data Coverage Products

## **Description**

The data coverage products are packaged as individual GeoTIFF files for each product for each week of the year. This function loads one of the available data products for one or more weeks into R as a SpatRaster object. Note that data must be downloaded using ebirdst\_download\_data\_coverage() prior to loading it using this function.

## Usage

```
load_data_coverage(
  product = c("spatial-coverage", "selection-probability"),
  weeks = NULL,
  path = ebirdst_data_dir()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

product character; data coverage raster product to load: spatial coverage or site selection

probability.

weeks character; one or more weeks (expressed in "MM-DD" format) to load the raster

layers for. If this argument is not specified, all downloaded weeks will be loaded. Note that these rasters are quite large so it's recommended to only load a

small number of weeks of data at the same time.

path character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed

in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data

directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

## **Details**

In addition to the species-specific data products, the eBird Status data products include two products providing estimates of weekly data coverage at 3 km spatial resolution:

- spatial-coverage: a spatially smoothed estimate of the proportion of the area that was covered by eBird checklists for the given week.
- selection-probability: a modeled estimate of the probability that the given location and habitat was sampled by eBird data in the given week.

#### Value

A SpatRaster with between 1 and 52 layers for the given product for the given weeks, where the layer names are the dates (YYYY-MM-DD format) of the midpoint of each week.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_data_coverage()

# load a single week of site selection probability data
load_data_coverage("selection-probability", weeks = "01-04")

# load all weeks of spatial coverage data
load_data_coverage("spatial-coverage", weeks = c("01-04", "01-11"))

## End(Not run)
```

load\_fac\_map\_parameters

Load full annual cycle map parameters

#### **Description**

Get the map parameters used on the eBird Status and Trends website to optimally display the full annual cycle data. This includes bins for the abundance data, a projection, and an extent to map. The extent is the spatial extent of non-zero data across the full annual cycle and the projection is optimized for this extent.

#### **Usage**

```
load_fac_map_parameters(species, path = ebirdst_data_dir())
```

## **Arguments**

species

character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the <a href="mailto:ebirdst\_runs">ebirdst\_runs</a> data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset, use "yebsap-example".

path

character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

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#### Value

A list containing elements:

- custom\_projection: a custom projection optimized for the given species' full annual cycle
- fa\_extent: a SpatExtent object storing the spatial extent of non-zero data for the given species in the custom projection
- res: a numeric vector with 2 elements giving the target resolution of raster in the custom projection
- fa\_extent\_projected: the extent in projected (Equal Earth) coordinates
- weekly\_bins/weekly\_labels: weekly abundance bins and labels for the full annual cycle
- seasonal\_bins/'seasonal\_labels: seasonal abundance bins and labels for the full annual cycle

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example")
# load configuration parameters
load_fac_map_parameters(path)
## End(Not run)
```

load\_pi

Load predictor importance (PI) rasters

## Description

The eBird Status models estimate the relative importance of each of the core environmental predictor used in the model (i.e. the % land and water cover variables). These predictor importance (PI) data are converted to ranks (with a rank of 1 being the most important) relative to the full suite of environmental predictors. The ranks are summarized to a 27 km resolution raster grid for each predictor, where the cell values are the average across all models in the ensemble contributing to that cell. These data are available in raster format provided download\_pis = TRUE was used when calling ebirdst\_download\_status(). PI estimates are available separately for both the occurrence and count sub-model and only the 30 most important predictors are distributed. Use list\_available\_pis() to see which predictors have PI data.

# Usage

```
load_pi(
   species,
   predictor,
   response = c("occurrence", "count"),
   path = ebirdst_data_dir()
)

list_available_pis(species, path = ebirdst_data_dir())
```

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# **Arguments**

character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset, use "yebsap-example".

predictor character; the predictor that the PI data should be loaded for. The list of predictor

character; the predictor that the PI data should be loaded for. The list of predictors that PI data are available for varies by species, use list\_available\_pis()

to get the list for a given species.

response character; the model (occurrence or count) that the PI data should be loaded for.

path character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed

in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data

directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

#### Value

A SpatRaster object with the PI ranks for the given predictor. For migrants, the estimates are weekly and the raster will have 52 layers, where the layer names are the dates (MM-DD format) of the midpoint of each week. For residents, a single year round layer is returned.

list\_available\_pis() returns a data frame listing the top 30 predictors for which PI rasters can be loaded. In addition to the predictor names, the mean range-wide rank (rank\_mean) is given as well as the integer rank (rank) relative to the full suite of predictors (environmental and effort).

#### **Functions**

• list\_available\_pis(): list the predictors that have PI information for this species.

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example", download_pis = TRUE)

# identify the top predictor
top_preds <- list_available_pis("yebsap-example")
print(top_preds[1, ])

# load predictor importance raster of top predictor for occurrence
load_pi("yebsap-example", top_preds$predictor[1])

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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Load predictive performance metric (PPM) rasters

## **Description**

eBird Status models are evaluated against a test set of eBird data not used during model training and a suite of predictive performance metrics (PPMs) are calculated. The PPMs for each base model are summarized to a 27 km resolution raster grid, where the cell values are the average across all models in the ensemble contributing to that cell. These data are available in raster format provided download\_ppms = TRUE was used when calling ebirdst\_download\_status().

#### Usage

```
load_ppm(
   species,
   ppm = c("binary_f1", "binary_mcc", "binary_prevalence", "occ_bernoulli_dev",
        "occ_bin_spearman", "occ_brier", "occ_pr_auc", "occ_pr_auc_gt_prev",
        "occ_pr_auc_normalized", "count_log_pearson", "count_mae", "count_poisson_dev",
        "count_rmse", "count_spearman", "abd_log_pearson", "abd_mae", "abd_poisson_dev",
        "abd_rmse", "abd_spearman"),
        path = ebirdst_data_dir()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

species

character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset, use "yebsap-example".

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character; the name of a single metric to load data for. See Details for definitions of each metric.

path

character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

#### **Details**

Nineteen predictive performance metrics are provided:

- binary\_f1: F1-score comparing the model predictions converted to binary with the observed detection/non-detection for the test checklists.
- binary\_mcc: Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC) comparing the model predictions converted to binary with the observed detection/non-detection for the test checklists.
- binary\_prevalence: the observed detection probability after spatiotemporal subsampling.

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 occ\_bernoulli\_dev: proportion of Bernoulli deviance explained comparing the predicted occurrence with the observed detection/non-detection for the test checklists.

- occ\_bin\_spearman: test observations are binned by predicted encounter rate with bin widths
  of 0.05, then the mean observed prevalence and predicted encounter rate are calculated within
  bins. This metric is the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient comparing the observed and
  predicted binned mean values.
- occ\_brier: the Brier score is the mean squared difference between predicted encounter rate and observed detection/non-detection.
- occ\_pr\_auc: the area on the precision-recall curve (PR AUC) generated by comparing the predicted encounter rate with the observed detection/non-detection for the test checklists.
- occ\_pr\_auc\_gt\_prev: the proportion of the ensemble for which the PR AUC is greater than
  observed prevalence, which indicates that the model is performing better than random guessing.
- occ\_pr\_auc\_normalized: the PR AUC normalized to account for class imbalance so that a value of 0 represents performance equal to random guessing and a value of 1 represents perfect classification.
- count\_log\_pearson: Pearson correlation coefficient comparing the logarithm of the predicted count with the logarithm of the observed count for the subset of test checklists on which the species was detected.
- count\_mae: the mean absolute error (MAE) comparing the observed and predicted counts for the subset of test checklists on which the species was detected.
- count\_poisson\_dev: proportion of Poisson deviance explained, comparing the observed and predicted counts for the subset of test checklists on which the species was detected.
- count\_rmse: route mean squared error (RMSE) comparing the observed and predicted counts for the subset of test checklists on which the species was detected.
- count\_spearman: Spearman's rank correlation coefficient comparing the observed and predicted counts for the subset of test checklists on which the species was detected.
- abd\_log\_pearson: Pearson correlation coefficient comparing the logarithm of the predicted relative abundance with the logarithm of the observed count for the full set of test checklists.
- abd\_mae: the mean absolute error (MAE) comparing the observed counts and predicted relative abundance for the full set of test checklists.
- abd\_poisson\_dev: proportion of Poisson deviance explained, comparing the predicted relative abundance with the observed count for the full set of test checklists.
- abd\_rmse: root mean squared error comparing the predicted relative abundance with the observed count for the full set of test checklists.
- abd\_spearman: Spearman's rank correlation coefficient comparing the predicted relative abundance with the observed count for the full set of test checklists.

# Value

A SpatRaster object with the PPM data. For migrants, rasters are weekly with 52 layers, where the layer names are the dates (MM-DD format) of the midpoint of each week. For residents, a single year round layer is returned.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example", download_ppms = TRUE)
# load area under the precision-recall curve PPM raster
load_ppm("yebsap-example", ppm = "binary_pr_auc")
## End(Not run)
```

load\_ranges

Load seasonal eBird Status and Trends range polygons

# **Description**

Range polygons are defined as the boundaries of non-zero seasonal relative abundance estimates, which are then (optionally) smoothed to produce more aesthetically pleasing polygons using the smoothr package.

# Usage

```
load_ranges(
  species,
  resolution = c("9km", "27km"),
  smoothed = TRUE,
  path = ebirdst_data_dir()
)
```

### **Arguments**

species character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name

or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example

dataset, use "yebsap-example".

resolution character; the raster resolution from which the range polygons were derived.

smoothed logical; whether smoothed or unsmoothed ranges should be loaded.

path character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed

in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data

directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

## Value

An sf update containing the seasonal range boundaries, with each season provided as a different feature.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example")

# load smoothed ranges
# note that only 27 km data are provided for the example data
ranges <- load_ranges("yebsap-example", resolution = "27km")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

load raster

Load eBird Status Data Products raster data

#### **Description**

Each of the eBird Status raster products is packaged as a GeoTIFF file representing predictions on a regular grid. The core products are occurrence, count, relative abundance, and proportion of population. This function loads one of the available data products into R as a SpatRaster object. Note that data must be downloaded using ebirdst\_download\_status() prior to loading it using this function.

## Usage

```
load_raster(
  species,
  product = c("abundance", "count", "occurrence", "proportion-population"),
  period = c("weekly", "seasonal", "full-year"),
  metric = NULL,
  resolution = c("3km", "9km", "27km"),
  path = ebirdst_data_dir()
)
```

## Arguments

species character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name

or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example

dataset, use "yebsap-example".

product character; eBird Status raster product to load: occurrence, count, relative abun-

dance, or proportion of population. See Details for a detailed explanation of

each of these products.

period character; temporal period of the estimation. The eBird Status models make

predictions for each week of the year; however, as a convenience, data are also

provided summarized at the seasonal or annual ("full-year") level.

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metric

character; by default, the weekly products provide estimates of the median value (metric = "median") and the summarized products are the cell-wise mean across the weeks within the season (metric = "mean"). However, additional variants exist for some of the products. For the weekly relative abundance, confidence intervals are provided: specify metric = "lower" to get the 10th quantile or metric = "upper" to get the 90th quantile. For the seasonal and annual products, the cell-wise maximum values across weeks can be obtained with metric = "max".

resolution

character; the resolution of the raster data to load. The default is to load the native 3 km resolution data; however, for some applications 9 km or 27 km data may be suitable.

path

character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

#### **Details**

The core eBird Status data products provide weekly estimates across a regular spatial grid. They are packaged as rasters with 52 layers, each corresponding to estimates for a week of the year, and we refer to them as "cubes" (e.g. the "relative abundance cube"). All estimates are the median expected value for a standard 2 km, 1 hour eBird Traveling Count by an expert eBird observer at the optimal time of day and for optimal weather conditions to observe the given species. These products are:

- occurrence: the expected probability (0-1) of occurrence of a species.
- count: the expected count of a species, conditional on its occurrence at the given location.
- abundance: the expected relative abundance of a species, computed as the product of the probability of occurrence and the count conditional on occurrence.
- proportion-population: the proportion of the total relative abundance within each cell. This is a derived product calculated by dividing each cell value in the relative abundance raster by the total abundance summed across all cells.

In addition to these weekly data cubes, this function provides access to data summarized over different periods. Seasonal cubes are produced by taking the cell-wise mean or max across the weeks within each season. The boundary dates for each season are species specific and are available in ebirdst\_runs, and if a season failed review no associated layer will be included in the cube. In addition, full-year summaries provide the mean or max across all weeks of the year that fall within a season that passed review. Note that this is not necessarily all 52 weeks of the year. For example, if the estimates for the non-breeding season failed expert review for a given species, the full-year summary for that species will not include the weeks that would fall within the non-breeding season.

# Value

For the weekly cubes, a SpatRaster with 52 layers for the given product, where the layer names are the dates (YYYY-MM-DD format) of the midpoint of each week. Seasonal cubes will have up to four layers named with the corresponding season. The full-year products will have a single layer.

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example")
# weekly relative abundance
# note that only 27 km data are available for the example data
abd_weekly <- load_raster("yebsap-example", "abundance", resolution = "27km")
# the weeks for each layer are stored in the layer names
names(abd_weekly)
# they can be converted to date objects with as.Date
as.Date(names(abd_weekly))
# max seasonal abundance
abd_seasonal <- load_raster("yebsap-example", "abundance",</pre>
                            period = "seasonal", metric = "max",
                            resolution = "27km")
# available seasons in stack
names(abd_seasonal)
# subset to just breeding season abundance
abd_seasonal[["breeding"]]
## End(Not run)
```

load\_regional\_stats

Load regional summary statistics

## Description

Load seasonal summary statistics for regions consisting of countries and states/provinces.

## Usage

```
load_regional_stats(species, path = ebirdst_data_dir())
```

### **Arguments**

species

character; the species to load data for, given as a scientific name, common name or six-letter species code (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species is in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package. To download the example dataset, use "yebsap-example".

path

character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

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#### Value

A data frame containing regional summary statistics with columns:

- species\_code: alphanumeric eBird species code.
- region\_type: country for countries or state for states, provinces, or other sub-national regions.
- region\_code: alphanumeric code for the region.
- region\_name: English name of the region.
- continent\_code: alphanumeric code for continent that this region belongs to.
- continent\_name: name of the continent that this region belongs to.
- season: name of the season that the summary statistics were calculated for.
- abundance\_mean: mean relative abundance in the region.
- total\_pop\_percent: proportion of the seasonal modeled population falling within the region.
- range\_percent\_occupied: the proportion of the region occupied by the species during the given season.
- range\_total\_percent: the proportion of the species seasonal range falling within the region.
- range\_days\_occupation: number of days of the season that the region was occupied by this species.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example data if hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_status("yebsap-example")

# load configuration parameters
regional <- load_regional_stats("yebsap-example")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

load\_trends

Load eBird Trends estimates for a set of species

# Description

Load the relative abundance trend estimates for a single species or a set of species. Trends are estimated on a 27 km by 27 km grid for a single season per species (breeding, non-breeding, or resident). Note that data must be downloaded using <code>ebirdst\_download\_trends()</code> prior to loading it using this function.

## Usage

```
load_trends(species, fold_estimates = FALSE, path = ebirdst_data_dir())
```

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## Arguments

species character; one or more species given as scientific names, common names or six-

letter species codes (e.g. "woothr"). The full list of valid species can be viewed in the ebirdst\_runs data frame included in this package; species with trends estimates are indicated by the has\_trends column. To access the example dataset,

use "yebsap-example".

fold\_estimates logical; by default, the trends summarized across the 100-fold ensemble are

returned; however, by setting fold\_estimates = TRUE the individual fold-level

estimates are returned.

path character; directory to download the data to. All downloaded files will be placed

in a sub-directory of this directory named for the data version year, e.g. "2020" for the 2020 Status Data Products. Each species' data package will then appear in a directory named with the eBird species code. Defaults to a persistent data

directory, which can be found by calling ebirdst\_data\_dir().

#### **Details**

The trends in relative abundance are estimated using a double machine learning model. To quantify uncertainty, an ensemble of 100 estimates is made at each location, each based on a random subsample of eBird data. The estimated trend is the median across the ensemble, and the 80% confidence intervals are the lower 10th and upper 90th percentiles across the ensemble. To access estimates from the individual folds making up the ensemble use fold\_estimates = TRUE. These fold-level estimates can be used to quantify uncertainty, for example, when calculating the trend for a given region. For further details on the methodology used to estimate trends consult Fink et al. 2023.

#### Value

A data frame containing the trends estimates for a set of species. The following columns are included:

- species\_code: the alphanumeric eBird species code uniquely identifying the species.
- season: season that the trend was estimated for: breeding, non-breeding, or resident.
- start\_year/end\_year: the start and end years of the trend time period.
- start\_date/end\_date: the start and end dates (MM-DD format) of the season for which the trend was estimated.
- srd\_id: unique integer identifier for the grid cell.
- longitude/latitude: longitude and latitude of the grid cell center.
- abd: relative abundance estimate for the middle of the trend time period (e.g. 2014 for a 2007-2021 trend).
- abd\_ppy: the median estimated percent per year change in relative abundance.
- abd\_ppy\_lower/abd\_ppy\_upper: the 80% confidence interval for the estimated percent per year change in relative abundance.
- abd\_ppy\_nonzero: a logical (TRUE/FALSE) value indicating if the 80% confidence limits overlap zero (FALSE) or don't overlap zero (TRUE)

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• abd\_trend: the median estimated cumulative change in relative abundance over the trend time period.

• abd\_trend\_lower/abd\_trend\_upper: the 80% confidence interval for the estimated cumulative change in relative abundance over the trend time period.

If fold\_estimates = TRUE, a data frame of fold-level trend estimates is returned with the following columns:

- species\_code: the alphanumeric eBird species code uniquely identifying the species.
- season: season that the trend was estimated for: breeding, non-breeding, or resident.
- srd\_id: unique integer identifier for the grid cell.
- abd: relative abundance estimate for the middle of the trend time period (e.g. 2014 for a 2007-2021 trend).
- abd\_ppy: the estimated percent per year change in relative abundance.

#### References

Fink, D., Johnston, A., Strimas-Mackey, M., Auer, T., Hochachka, W. M., Ligocki, S., Oldham Jaromczyk, L., Robinson, O., Wood, C., Kelling, S., & Rodewald, A. D. (2023). A Double machine learning trend model for citizen science data. Methods in Ecology and Evolution, 00, 1–14. https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14186

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example trends data if it hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_trends("yebsap-example")

# load trends
trends <- load_trends("yebsap-example")

# load fold-level estimates
trends_folds <- load_trends("yebsap-example", fold_estimates = TRUE)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

rasterize\_trends

Convert eBird Trends Data Products to raster format

# **Description**

The eBird trends data are stored in a tabular format, where each row gives the trend estimate for a single cell in a 27 km x 27 km equal area grid. For many applications, an explicitly spatial format is more useful. This function uses the cell center coordinates to convert the tabular trend estimates to raster format in terra SpatRaster format.

### Usage

```
rasterize_trends(
   trends,
   layers = c("abd_ppy", "abd_ppy_lower", "abd_ppy_upper"),
   trim = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

trends data frame; trends data for a single species as returned by load\_trends().

layers character; column names in the trends data frame to rasterize. These columns

will become layers in the raster that is created.

trim logical; flag indicating if the returned raster should be trimmed to remove outer

rows and columns that are NA. If trim = FALSE the returned raster will have a global extent, which can be useful if rasters will be combined across species

with different ranges.

#### Value

A SpatRaster object.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# download example trends data if it hasn't already been downloaded
ebirdst_download_trends("yebsap-example")

# load trends
trends <- load_trends("yebsap-example")

# rasterize percent per year trend
rasterize_trends(trends, "abd_ppy")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

```
set_ebirdst_access_key
```

Store the eBird Status and Trends access key

# **Description**

Accessing eBird Status and Trends data requires an access key, which can be obtained by visiting https://ebird.org/st/request. This key must be stored as the environment variable EBIRDST\_KEY in order for ebirdst\_download\_status() and ebirdst\_download\_trends() to use it. The easiest approach is to store the key in your .Renviron file so it can always be accessed in your R sessions. Use this function to set EBIRDST\_KEY in your .Renviron file provided that it is located in the standard location in your home directory. It is also possible to manually edit the .Renviron file. The access key is specific to you and should never be shared or made publicly accessible.

# Usage

```
set_ebirdst_access_key(key, overwrite = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

key character; API key obtained by filling out the form at https://ebird.org/st/request.
overwrite logical; should the existing EBIRDST\_KEY be overwritten if it has already been

# set in .Renviron.

# Value

Edits .Renviron, then returns the path to this file invisibly.

```
## Not run:
# save the api key, replace XXXXXX with your actual key
set_ebirdst_access_key("XXXXXX")
## End(Not run)
```

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