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## Package options

`finbif_api_url` Character. The base url of the API to query. Default: "<https://api.laji.fi>"

`finbif_api_version` Character. The API version to use. Default: "v0"

`finbif_allow_query` Logical. Should remote API queries be allowed. Default: TRUE

`finbif_use_cache` Logical. Should API queries be cached. Default: TRUE

`finbif_cache_path` Character. The path to the directory where to store cached API queries. If unset (the default) in memory caching is used.

`finbif_tz` Character. The timezone used by finbif functions that compute dates and times. Default: `Sys.timezone()`

`finbif_locale` Character. One of the supported two-letter ISO 639-1 language codes. Current supported languages are English, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, and Sámi (Northern). By default, the system settings are used to set this option if they are set to one of the supported languages, otherwise English is used.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/luomus/finbif>
- <https://luomus.github.io/finbif/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/luomus/finbif/issues>

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```
as.data.frame.finbif_records
      Coerce a finbif_records* object to a data.frame
```

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## Description

Converts the result of a FinBIF query to a `data.frame`.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'finbif_records'
as.data.frame(x, ..., locale = getOption("finbif_locale"))

## S3 method for class 'finbif_records_list'
as.data.frame(x, ..., locale = getOption("finbif_locale"), quiet = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>finbif_records*</code> object.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments. Not used.
<code>locale</code>	Character. A locale to use for columns with localised data.
<code>quiet</code>	Logical. If TRUE (default) suppress progress indicator of conversion.

## Value

A `data.frame`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# Download the latest records from FinBIF
# and convert to a `data.frame`
resp <- finbif_records()
df <- as.data.frame(resp)

## End(Not run)
```

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breaks_xy	<i>Create XY Breakpoints</i>
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**Description**

Creates sets of equally spaced breakpoints for XY coordinate data.

**Usage**

```
breaks_xy(bbox, size)
```

**Arguments**

bbox	Numeric vector. A vector of points of the form, <code>c(xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax)</code> giving the outer limits of the breakpoints when expanded to nearest multiple of size.
size	Numeric. The size of the cells between the breakpoints.

**Value**

A list with two components:

- x The X dimension breakpoints.
- y The Y dimension breakpoints.

**Examples**

```
breaks_xy(c(5, -45, 67, 100), 10)
```

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caching	<i>Caching FinBIF downloads</i>
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**Description**

Working with cached data from FinBIF.

**Turning caching off**

By default, local caching of most FinBIF API requests is turned on. Any request made using the same arguments will only request data from FinBIF in the first instance and subsequent requests will use the local cache while it exists. This will increase the speed of repeated requests and save bandwidth and computation for the FinBIF server. Caching can be turned off temporarily by setting the `cache = FALSE` in the requesting function.

Setting `options(finbif_use_cache = FALSE)` will turn off caching for the current session.

### Using filesystem caching

By default cached requests are stored in memory. This can be changed by setting the file path for the current session with `options(finbif_cache_path = "path/to/cache")`.

### Clearing the cache

The cache files can be deleted with `finbif_clear_cache()`.

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filters

*Filtering FinBIF records*

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### Description

Filters available for FinBIF records and occurrence data.

### Taxa

Filters related to taxa include:

- `taxon_id` Character vector. FinBIF taxon IDs. The functions `finbif_check_taxa()` and `finbif_taxa()` can be used to search for taxon IDs.
- `taxon_name` Character vector. Filter based on taxon names (scientific or common) rather than IDs. If the specified taxa are not found in the FinBIF taxonomy then matches are attempted with the occurrence record names as originally supplied verbatim.
- `quality_controlled_det` Logical. If TRUE (default) use quality controlled taxonomic determinations. Or, if FALSE use the originally recorded taxonomic determinations.
- `subtaxa` Logical. If TRUE (default) return records of all taxa belonging to specified taxa. Or, if FALSE only return records for exact matches to the specified taxa (e.g., if a genus is specified, do not return records of the species belonging to the genus, return records of individuals identified as that genus only and not identified to a lower taxonomic level).
- `invalid_taxa` Logical. If TRUE (default) return records for taxa not found in the FinBIF taxonomic database as well as taxa that are in the FinBIF database. Or, if FALSE limit records to only those of taxa found in the FinBIF database.
- `informal_group` Character vector. Filter by informal taxonomic groups. Only including informal groups linked to the recorded taxa in the FinBIF database. Use the function `finbif_informal_groups()` to see the informal taxonomic groups available in FinBIF.
- `informal_group_reported` Character vector. Filter by informal taxonomic groups including groups reported directly with the record and those linked to the recorded taxa in the FinBIF database. Use the function `finbif_informal_groups()` to see the informal taxonomic groups available in FinBIF.
- `administrative_status` Character vector. Filter by administrative status code. Use the function `finbif_metadata()` to see administrative statuses and codes.
- `red_list_status` Character vector. Filter by IUCN red list status code. Use the function `finbif_metadata()` to see red list statuses and codes.

- `primary_habitat` Character vector or named list of character vectors. Filter by primary habitat code. Use the function `finbif_metadata()` to see habitat (sub)types and codes for taxa in the FinBIF database. Habitat type/subtypes can be refined further by indicating habitat qualifiers with a named list of character vectors where the names are habitat (sub)type codes and the elements of the character vector are the habitat qualifier codes. Use the function `finbif_metadata()` to see habitat qualifiers and codes. The records returned will be of taxa whose primary habitat is considered to be the (sub)habitat/habitat qualifier combination supplied.
- `primary_secondary_habitat` Character or named list of character vectors. As above, except the records returned will be of taxa whose primary or secondary habitat is considered to be the combination supplied.
- `finnish_occurrence_status` Character vector. Filter by Finnish occurrence status of taxa. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see the possible occurrence statuses of taxa.
- `finnish_occurrence_status_neg` Character vector. Negation of the above. Selecting a status will filter out rather than include records with the selected status.
- `finnish` Logical. If TRUE, limit records to taxa thought to occur in Finland. Or if FALSE limit to taxa not thought to occur in Finland. If unspecified (default) return records of all taxa.
- `invasive` Logical. If TRUE, limit records to invasive taxa. Or if FALSE limit to non-invasive taxa. If unspecified (default) return records of invasive and non-invasive taxa.
- `taxon_rank` Character vector. Filter by taxonomic rank. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see the taxonomic ranks available. Records returned will be limited to the specified ranks and not include records of lower taxonomic levels.

## Location

Filters related to location of record include:

- `locality` Character vector. Filter by name of locality. Will first try to match strings to the countries, provinces, and municipalities (see below) in FinBIF, if none of these locality types match exactly then will return records with verbatim locality matches in the original records.
- `country` Character vector. Filter by country. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see country names and ISO codes (2 and 3 character) used in FinBIF.
- `province` Character vector. Filter by province. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see province names and codes.
- `municipality` Character vector. Filter by municipality. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see municipality names.
- `bird_assoc_area` Character vector. Filter by BirdLife Finland association area. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see association names and codes.
- `coordinates` Coordinates. A character vector or list of coordinate data. Must be length 3 to 4 (e.g., `list(lat = c(60.4, 61), lon = c(22, 22.5), system = "wgs84", ratio = 1)`). The first element is minimum and maximum latitude and the second minimum and maximum longitude (or can be minimums only). The third element is the coordinate system; either one of "wgs84", "euref" or "kkj". The optional fourth element is a positive value less than 1. When 1, the coverage area of the returned records will be completely within the box bound by the coordinates values. Values less than 1 requires the returned record's coverage to overlap with the bounding box in that proportion. When using the system "kkj" the coordinates

will be coerced to integers with units inferred from the number of integer digits (7 digits equals km's, 6 equals 10km's, etc.). If coordinate maximums are not specified they will be assumed to be one unit above the minimums (e.g., `c(666,333,"kkj")` is equivalent to `list(c(6660000,6670000),c(3330000,3340000),"kkj")`).

- `coordinates_center` Coordinates. A character vector or list of coordinate data. Must be of length 3. The first two elements are latitude and longitude and third is the coordinate system (currently only "wgs84" is implemented). Records returned will be those for which the center point exactly matches that which is specified.
- `coordinates_cell_{1k|10k|50k|100k}` Coordinates. A vector of coordinate data (lat, lon). Filter by grid cell at scale \*. Where \* is 1, 10, 50 or 100. The coordinates specify the southeast corner of the cell. Coordinates system is uniform "kkj" (also known as "ykj").
- `coordinates_cell_{1k|10k|50k|100k}_center` Coordinates. As above, except coordinates indicate center of grid cell.
- `coordinates_source` Character. Filter by source of coordinates. Currently accepted values are "reported\_value" (coordinates were recorded at time of observation) and "finnish\_municipality" (coordinates were derived and observer only recorded municipality).
- `coordinates_uncertainty_max` Integer. Filter by maximum uncertainty of coordinates (i.e., `coordinates_uncertainty_max = 100` will return records that are accurate to 100m).

## Time

Filters related to time of record include:

- `date_range_ymd` Dates. An [Interval](#) object or a vector of one to two [Date](#) objects (begin and end dates) or objects that are coercible to the [Date](#) class by `as_date`. When supplying dates as strings, the day or month-and-day can be omitted (e.g., "2001-04" or "2001"). Note however, that when omitting day, only "-" is allowed to separate year and month, and months must be in two-digit/leading zero form. If the begin or end dates are partial date strings they will be interpreted as the first or last day of the month or year (e.g., `c(2001,2003)` is equivalent to `c("2001-01-01","2003-12-12")`). If a single date is supplied as a partial date string then all records that fall within that month or year will be returned (e.g., `c("2001-01")` is equivalent to `c("2001-01-01","2001-01-31")`). Use empty strings for the begin or end date to specify open-ended date ranges (e.g., `c("2000-01-01","")` for all dates from the turn of the century).
- `date_range_ym` Dates. As above, but days (if supplied) will be ignored.
- `date_range_d` Integer vector. Filter by day of the year (e.g., 1 to 366). If begin or end date is omitted then it is interpreted as the first or last day of the year.
- `date_range_md` Character vector. Filter by month and day of the year (e.g., "01-01" to "12-31"). If begin or end date is omitted then it is interpreted as the first or last day of the year.
- `{first|last}_import_date_{min|max}` Date. Filter by date record was imported/modified. Either a [Date](#) object or object that is coercible to the [Date](#) class by `as_date`, or the number of seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00.00 UTC (the so-called UNIX epoch). Note that this means that specifying a year, such as 2019, without a month and day will be interpreted as 2019 seconds after midnight on Jan 1, 1970 and not the year 2019.



## Quality

Filters related to quality of record:

- `quality_issues` Character. Filter by the presence of record quality issues. One of "without\_issues", "with\_issues" or "both". Issues include any quality issues with the record, the event, or the document. The default is "without\_issues" unless filtering by record, event or document ID or record annotation status.
- `requires_verification` Logical. Show only records requiring verification (TRUE) or not requiring verification (FALSE).
- `collection_quality` Character vector. Filter by one or more collection quality types. Must be one of "professional", "hobbyist" or "amateur".
- `record_reliability` Character vector. Filter by the reliability of the record. Must be one or more of "reliable", "unassessed" or "unreliable". Default is `c("reliable", "unassessed")`.
- `record_quality` Character vector. Filter by the quality of the record. Must be one or more of "expert\_verified", "community\_verified", "unassessed", "uncertain", or "erroneous".

## Misc

Other filters:

- `keywords` Character vector. Filter by keywords.
- `collection` Character vector or `finbif_collections()` data.frame. Filter by collection. If a character vector can refer to collection ID, collection name (in English) or abbreviated name. Use `finbif_collections()` to see list of collections and metadata. Can also use the results of a call to `finbif_collections()` directly to filter records.
- `subcollections` Logical. If TRUE (default) include the subcollections of the collections specified. If FALSE do not include subcollections.
- `not_collection` Character vector or `finbif_collections()` data.frame. As for collection, but result will be the negation of the specified collections.
- `source` Character vector. Filter by information system data source. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see data source IDs names and descriptions.
- `record_basis` Character vector. Filter by basis of record. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see list of record bases.
- `superrecord_basis` Character vector. Filter by superset of record basis. One or more of "human\_observation", "machine\_observation", or "specimen".
- `life_stage` Character vector. Filter by organism life stage. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see list of organism life stages.
- `sex` Character vector. Filter by organism sex and sex-related category name or code. Use `finbif_metadata()` to see list of organism sexes and sex-related categories and codes. If "male" or "female" is specified then records returned will be those with sex specified as male or female respectively and those records where the corresponding `{male|female}_abundance > 1`.
- `event_id` Character. Filter by event (list of records, etc.) ID.
- `document_id` Character. Filter by the document (collection of events) ID of occurrences.

- `record_id` Character.
- `individual_id` Character. Filter by individual (an individual organism) ID.
- `abundance_min` Integer. Filter by the minimum number of individual organisms in the record.
- `abundance_max` Integer. Filter by the maximum number of individual organisms in the record.
- `type_specimen` Logical. Filter by whether or not the record is a type specimen.
- `wild_status` Character. Filter by "wildness" status of records. One or more of "wild", "non\_wild" or "unknown". Default is `c("wild", "unknown")`.
- `is_breeding_location` Logical. Filter by whether or not the occurrence is recorded at a known breeding location.
- `has_document_media` Logical. Filter by whether there is media (images, video, audio, etc.) associated with the records' document.
- `has_event_media` Logical. Filter by whether there is media (images, video, audio, etc.) associated with the records' event.
- `has_record_media` Logical. Filter by whether there is media (images, video, audio, etc.) associated with the record.
- `has_media` Logical. Filter by whether there is any media (images, video, audio, etc.) associated with the record, its document or its event.
- `event_observer_name` Character. Filter by observer name.
- `event_observer_id` Integer. Filter by observer ID.
- `restriction_reason` Character vector. Filter by reason data has security restrictions. See `finbif_metadata()` for a list of reasons data may have security restrictions.
- `restriction_level` Character vector. Filter by data restriction level. See `finbif_metadata()` for a list of the levels of data restrictions.
- `restricted` Logical. Filter records by whether any data restrictions are in place (TRUE) or not (FALSE).
- `annotated` Logical. Filter records that do (TRUE) or do not (FALSE) have annotations.
- `unidentified` Logical. Filter by whether the record has been identified to species level and linked to the FinBIF taxon database (FALSE) or has not been identified to species level reliably and linked to the taxon database (TRUE).
- `taxon_census` Character vector. Return records belonging to surveys or censuses of a given taxon or taxonomic group. Specify the taxonomic group with a FinBIF taxon ID. Use `finbif_check_taxa()` to find taxon IDs.
- `{record|event|document}_fact` Character vector. Filter by record, event or document facts. Facts are key-value pairs of the form "`<fact>=<value>`". Value can be omitted in which case all records with any value recorded for the specified fact will be returned.
- `has_sample` Logical. Record includes a sample or samples (e.g., a DNA sample or preparation).

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finbif_check_taxa	<i>Check FinBIF taxa</i>
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### Description

Check that taxa are in the FinBIF database.

### Usage

```
finbif_check_taxa(taxa, cache = getOption("finbif_use_cache"))
```

### Arguments

taxa	Character (or list of named character) vector(s). If a list each vector can have the name of a taxonomic rank (genus, species, etc.). The elements of the vectors should be the taxa to check.
cache	Logical. Use cached data.

### Value

An object of class `finbif_taxa`. A list with the same form as `taxa`.

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Check a scientific name  
finbif_check_taxa("Cygnus cygnus")  
  
# Check a common name  
finbif_check_taxa("Whooper swan")  
  
# Check a genus  
finbif_check_taxa("Cygnus")  
  
# Check a list of taxa  
finbif_check_taxa(  
  list(  
    species = c("Cygnus cygnus", "Ursus arctos"),  
    genus   = "Betula"  
  )  
)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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```
finbif_clear_cache    Clear cache
```

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**Description**

Remove cached API requests from FinBIF.

**Usage**

```
finbif_clear_cache()
```

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

finbif_clear_cache()

## End(Not run)
```

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```
finbif_collections    FinBIF collections
```

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**Description**

Get information on collections in the FinBIF database.

**Usage**

```
finbif_collections(
  filter,
  select,
  subcollections = TRUE,
  supercollections = FALSE,
  lang = c("en", "fi", "sv"),
  nmin = 0,
  cache = getOption("finbif_use_cache")
)
```

**Arguments**

filter	Logical. Expression indicating elements or rows to keep: missing values are taken as false.
select	Expression. Indicates columns to select from the data frame.
subcollections	Logical. Return subcollection metadata of higher level collections.
supercollections	Logical. Return lowest level collection metadata.

lang	Character. Language of data returned. One of "en", "fi", or "sv".
nmin	Integer. Filter collections by number of records. Only return information on collections with greater than value specified. If NA then return information on all collections.
cache	Logical. Use cached data.

**Value**

A data.frame.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  
# Get collection metadata  
collecitons <- finbif_collections()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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finbif\_informal\_groups

*FinBIF informal groups*

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**Description**

Display the informal taxonomic groups used in the FinBIF database.

**Usage**

```
finbif_informal_groups(group, limit = 50, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

group	Character. Optional, if supplied only display this group and its subgroups.
limit	Integer. The maximum number informal groups to display.
quiet	Logical. Return informal group names without displaying them.

**Value**

A character vector (invisibly).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  
# Display the informal taxonomic groups used by FinBIF  
finbif_informal_groups()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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finbif_metadata	<i>FinBIF metadata</i>
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**Description**

Display metadata from the FinBIF database.

**Usage**

```
finbif_metadata(which)
```

**Arguments**

**which** Character. Which category of metadata to display. If unspecified, function returns the categories of metadata available.

**Value**

A data.frame.

**Examples**

```
finbif_metadata("red_list")
```

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finbif_occurrence	<i>Download FinBIF occurrence records</i>
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**Description**

Download filtered occurrence data from FinBIF as a data.frame.

**Usage**

```
finbif_occurrence(  
  ...,  
  filter,  
  select,  
  order_by,  
  aggregate,  
  sample = FALSE,  
  n = 10,  
  page = 1,  
  count_only = FALSE,  
  quiet = FALSE,  
  cache = getOption("finbif_use_cache"),  
  dwc = FALSE,  
)
```

```

    date_time_method,
    check_taxa = TRUE,
    on_check_fail = c("warn", "error"),
    tzone = getOption("finbif_tz"),
    locale = getOption("finbif_locale"),
    seed,
    drop_na = FALSE,
    aggregate_counts = TRUE
)

```

## Arguments

...	Character vectors or list of character vectors. Taxa of records to download.
filter	List of named character vectors. Filters to apply to records.
select	Character vector. Variables to return. If not specified, a default set of commonly used variables will be used. Use "default_vars" as a shortcut for this set. Variables can be deselected by prepending a - to the variable name. If only deselected are specified the default set of variables without the deselection will be returned.
order_by	Character vector. Variables to order records by before they are returned. Most, though not all, variables can be used to order records before they are returned. Ordering is ascending by default. To return in descending order append a - to the front of the variable (e.g., "-date_start"). Default order is "-date_start" > "-load_data" > "reported_name".
aggregate	Character. If missing, returns full records. If one or more of "records", "species", "taxa", "events" or "documents" aggregates combinations of the selected variables by counting records, species, taxa, events or documents. Aggregation by events or documents cannot be done in combination with any of the other aggregation types.
sample	Logical. If TRUE randomly sample the records from the FinBIF database.
n	Integer. How many records to download/import.
page	Integer. Which page of records to start downloading from.
count_only	Logical. Only return the number of records available.
quiet	Logical. Suppress the progress indicator for multipage downloads.
cache	Logical. Use cached data.
dwc	Logical. Use Darwin Core (or Darwin Core style) variable names.
date_time_method	Character. Passed to <code>lutz::tz_lookup_coords()</code> when <code>date_time</code> and/or <code>duration</code> variables have been selected. Default is "fast" when less than 100,000 records are requested and "none" when more. Using method "none" assumes all records are in timezone "Europe/Helsinki", Use <code>date_time_method = "accurate"</code> (requires package <code>sf</code> ) for greater accuracy at the cost of slower computation.
check_taxa	Logical. Check first that taxa are in the FinBIF database. If true only records that match known taxa (have a valid taxon ID) are returned.

on_check_fail	Character. What to do if a taxon is found not valid. One of "warn" (default) or "error".
tzone	Character. If date_time has been selected the timezone of the outputted date-time. Defaults to system timezone.
locale	Character. One of the supported two-letter ISO 639-1 language codes. Current supported languages are English, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, and Sámi (Northern). For data where more than one language is available the language denoted by locale will be preferred while falling back to the other languages in the order indicated above.
seed	Integer. Set a seed for randomly sampling records.
drop_na	Logical. A vector indicating which columns to check for missing data. Values recycled to the number of columns. Defaults to all columns.
aggregate_counts	Logical. Should count variables be returned when using aggregation.

**Value**

A data.frame. If count\_only = TRUE an integer.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Get recent occurrence data for taxon
finbif_occurrence("Cygnus cygnus")

# Specify the number of records
finbif_occurrence("Cygnus cygnus", n = 100)

# Get multiple taxa
finbif_occurrence("Cygnus cygnus", "Ursus arctos")

# Filter the records
finbif_occurrence(
  species = "Cygnus cygnus",
  filter = list(coordinate_accuracy_max = 100)
)

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
finbif_occurrence_load
```

*Load FinBIF occurrence records from a file*

---

**Description**

Load occurrence data from a file as a data.frame.



**Usage**

```

finbif_occurrence_load(
  file,
  select,
  n = -1,
  count_only = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  cache = getOption("finbif_use_cache"),
  dwc = FALSE,
  date_time_method,
  tzzone = getOption("finbif_tz"),
  write_file = tempfile(),
  dt,
  keep_tsv = FALSE,
  facts = list(),
  type_convert_facts = TRUE,
  drop_na = FALSE,
  drop_facts_na = drop_na,
  locale = getOption("finbif_locale")
)

```

**Arguments**

file	Character or Integer. Either the path to a Zip archive or tabular data file that has been downloaded from "laji.fi", a URI linking to such a data file (e.g., <a href="https://tun.fi/HBF.49381">https://tun.fi/HBF.49381</a> ) or an integer representing the URI (i.e., 49381).
select	Character vector. Variables to return. If not specified, a default set of commonly used variables will be used. Use "default_vars" as a shortcut for this set. Variables can be deselected by prepending a - to the variable name. If only deselections are specified the default set of variables without the deselection will be returned. Use "all" to select all available variables in the file.
n	Integer. How many records to import. Negative and other invalid values are ignored causing all records to be imported.
count_only	Logical. Only return the number of records available.
quiet	Logical. Suppress the progress indicator for multipage downloads.
cache	Logical. Use cached data.
dwc	Logical. Use Darwin Core (or Darwin Core style) variable names.
date_time_method	Character. Passed to <code>lutz::tz_lookup_coords()</code> when <code>date_time</code> and/or <code>duration</code> variables have been selected. Default is "fast" when less than 100,000 records are requested and "none" when more. Using method "none" assumes all records are in timezone "Europe/Helsinki", Use <code>date_time_method = "accurate"</code> (requires package <code>sf</code> ) for greater accuracy at the cost of slower computation.
tzzone	Character. If <code>date_time</code> has been selected the timezone of the outputted date-time. Defaults to system timezone.

<code>write_file</code>	Character. Path to write downloaded zip file to if <code>file</code> refers to a URI. Will be ignored if <code>getOption("finbif_cache_path")</code> is not NULL and will use the cache path instead.
<code>dt</code>	Logical. If package, <code>data.table</code> , is available return a <code>data.table</code> object rather than a <code>data.frame</code> .
<code>keep_tsv</code>	Logical. Whether to keep the TSV file if <code>file</code> is a ZIP archive or represents a URI. Is ignored if <code>file</code> is already a TSV. If TRUE the tsv file will be kept in the same directory as the ZIP archive.
<code>facts</code>	List. A named list of "facts" to extract from supplementary "fact" files in a local or online FinBIF data archive. Names can include one or more of "record", "event" or "document". Elements of the list are character vectors of the "facts" to be extracted and then joined to the return value. Note that this functionality requires that the <code>{dplyr}</code> and <code>{tidyr}</code> packages are available.
<code>type_convert_facts</code>	Logical. Should facts be converted from character to numeric or integer data where applicable?
<code>drop_na</code>	Logical. A vector indicating which columns to check for missing data. Values recycled to the number of columns. Defaults to all columns.
<code>drop_facts_na</code>	Logical. Should missing or "all NA" facts be dropped? Any value other than a length one logical vector with the value of TRUE will be interpreted as FALSE. Argument is ignored if <code>drop_na</code> is TRUE for all variables explicitly or via recycling. To only drop some missing/NA-data facts use <code>drop_na</code> argument.
<code>locale</code>	Character. One of the supported two-letter ISO 639-1 language codes. Current supported languages are English, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, and Sámi (Northern). For data where more than one language is available the language denoted by <code>locale</code> will be preferred while falling back to the other languages in the order indicated above.

**Value**

A `data.frame`, or if `count_only = TRUE` an integer.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Get occurrence data
finbif_occurrence_load(49381)

## End(Not run)
```

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finbif_records	<i>Get FinBIF records</i>
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### Description

Download records from FinBIF.

### Usage

```
finbif_records(
  filter,
  select,
  order_by,
  aggregate,
  sample = FALSE,
  n = 10,
  page = 1,
  count_only = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  cache = getOption("finbif_use_cache"),
  dwc = FALSE,
  seed,
  df = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

filter	List of named character vectors. Filters to apply to records.
select	Character vector. Variables to return. If not specified, a default set of commonly used variables will be used. Use "default_vars" as a shortcut for this set. Variables can be deselected by prepending a - to the variable name. If only deselections are specified the default set of variables without the deselection will be returned.
order_by	Character vector. Variables to order records by before they are returned. Most, though not all, variables can be used to order records before they are returned. Ordering is ascending by default. To return in descending order append a - to the front of the variable (e.g., "-date_start"). Default order is "-date_start" > "-load_data" > "reported_name".
aggregate	Character. If missing, returns full records. If one or more of "records", "species", "taxa", "events" or "documents" aggregates combinations of the selected variables by counting records, species, taxa, events or documents. Aggregation by events or documents cannot be done in combination with any of the other aggregation types.
sample	Logical. If TRUE randomly sample the records from the FinBIF database.
n	Integer. How many records to download/import.

page	Integer. Which page of records to start downloading from.
count_only	Logical. Only return the number of records available.
quiet	Logical. Suppress the progress indicator for multipage downloads.
cache	Logical. Use cached data.
dwc	Logical. Use Darwin Core (or Darwin Core style) variable names.
seed	Integer. Set a seed for randomly sampling records.
df	Logical. Should the data.frame representation of the records be returned as an attribute?

**Value**

A finbif\_api or finbif\_api\_list object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Get the last 100 records from FinBIF
finbif_records(n = 100)

## End(Not run)
```

---

finbif\_request\_token *Get a FinBIF personal access token*

---

**Description**

Have a personal access token for use with the FinBIF API sent to a specified email address.

**Usage**

```
finbif_request_token(email, quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

email	Character. The email address to which to send the API access token.
quiet	Logical. Suppress messages.

**Value**

If an access token has already been set then NULL (invisibly) if not then, invisibly, a finbif\_api object containing the response from the FinBIF server.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
# Request a token for example@email.com  
finbif_request_token("example@email.com")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

finbif\_taxa

*Search the FinBIF taxa*

---

## Description

Search the FinBIF database for taxon.

## Usage

```
finbif_taxa(  
  name,  
  n = 1,  
  type = c("exact", "partial", "likely"),  
  cache = getOption("finbif_use_cache")  
)  
  
common_name(name, locale = getOption("finbif_locale"))  
  
scientific_name(name)
```

## Arguments

name	Character. The name or ID of a taxon. Or, for functions other than <code>finbif_taxa</code> a <code>finbif_taxa</code> object.
n	Integer. Maximum number of matches to return. For types "exact" and "likely" only one taxon will be returned.
type	Character. Type of match to make. Must be one of exact, partial or likely.
cache	Logical. Use cached data.
locale	Character. One of the supported two-letter ISO 639-1 language codes. Current supported languages are English, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, and Sámi (Northern). For data where more than one language is available the language denoted by locale will be preferred while falling back to the other languages in the order indicated above.

## Value

For `finbif_taxa` a `finbif_taxa` object. Otherwise, a character vector.

### Examples

```
## Not run:

# Search for a taxon
finbif_taxa("Ursus arctos")

# Use partial matching
finbif_taxa("Ursus", n = 10, "partial")

# Get Sámi (Northern) name of Eurasian Eagle-owl
common_name("Bubo bubo", "se")

# Get scientific name of "Otter"
scientific_name("Otter")

## End(Not run)
```

---

finland\_map

*Border of Finland*

---

### Description

Vertices of the Finnish border at the (approximately) 1km scale.

### Usage

```
finland_map
```

### Format

A list:

**vertices** A matrix of the vertices, in decimal degrees (WGS84) of the Finnish border at the (approximately) 1km scale.

**bbox** A vector of coordinates for a box bounding the Finnish border. ...

### Source

<https://www.stat.fi/org/avoindata/paikkatietoaineistot.html>

### Examples

```
library(finbif)
with(
  finland_map,
  {plot.new()
  plot.window(
    bbox[c(1, 3)],
```

```
      bbox[c(2, 4)],
      asp = 2.4
    )
  polygon(vertices)}
)
```

---

**hist\_xy***2-Dimensional Histogram*

---

**Description**

Compute a histogram from xy data given set of breakpoints.

**Usage**

```
hist_xy(xy, breaks)
```

**Arguments**

xy	Numeric. A data.frame, or object coercible to a data.frame with <code>as.data.frame()</code> , where the columns of the data.frame are, or can be, interpreted as XY coordinates.
breaks	List. A list of vectors, one for each dimension of xy, where each vector gives the breakpoints between the histogram cells.

**Value**

A list with three components:

- x The X dimension breakpoints.
- y The Y dimension breakpoints.
- z A frequency table of the number of xy points in each cell.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1L)
hist_xy(matrix(runif(50), 25), list(seq(0, 1, .2), seq(0, 1, .2)))
```

---

to\_dwc *Convert variable names*

---

### Description

Convert variable names to Darwin Core or FinBIF R package native style.

### Usage

```
to_dwc(...)  
  
to_native(...)  
  
from_schema(  
  ...,  
  to = c("native", "dwc", "short"),  
  file = c("none", "citable", "lite"),  
  locale = c("en", "fi", "sv")  
)
```

### Arguments

...	Character. Variable names to convert. For to_dwc and to_native the names must be in the opposite format. For from_schema the names must be from the FinBIF schema (e.g., names returned by <a href="https://api.laji.fi">https://api.laji.fi</a> ) or a FinBIF download file (citable or lite).
to	Character. Type of variable names to convert to.
file	Character. For variable names that are derived from a FinBIF download file which type of file.
locale	Character. For variable names from a lite download file which locale the file is in.

### Value

Character vector.

### Examples

```
to_dwc("record_id", "date_time", "scientific_name")
```



---

variables

*FinBIF record variables*

---

## Description

FinBIF record variables that can be selected in a finbif occurrence search.

## Identifiers

All identifiers are returned in the form of a URI. Identifiers include:

- `record_id` Character. The ID of a record of organism's occurrence at a time and place.
- `individual_id` Character. ID of an individual organism (e.g., a ringed bird that has been captured multiple times will have a single `individual_id` and multiple `record_ids` corresponding to each capture).
- `event_id` Character. Event ID. An event can contain one or more records (e.g., a survey of plants at a particular location and time.)
- `document_id` Character. Document ID. A set of events that share common metadata.
- `form_id` Character. Form ID. The form used to create the document, event, record data.
- `collection_id` Character. Collection ID. All documents, events, and records belong to a collection (e.g., a museum collection, or the datasets collected by a specific institution). Collections themselves can be part of a larger (super)collection (e.g., all the collections at a specific museum). Only the lowest level collection ID for a record is returned. Use `finbif_collections()` to explore the hierarchy of collections.
- `source_id` Character. Source ID. The source of the collection's data.

## Taxa

Variables related to taxonomy of records include:

- `taxon_id` Character. The taxon ID in the form of a URI.
- `orig_taxon_id` Character. The taxon ID before (if any) annotation.
- `annotated_taxon_id` Character. The new taxon ID if the record has had its taxonomy annotated.
- `reported_taxon_id` Character. The taxon ID as originally reported by the record creator.
- `scientific_name` Character. Scientific name of taxon.
- `orig_scientific_name` Character. The scientific name before (if any) annotation.
- `scientific_display_name` Character. Scientific name of taxon formatted for display (e.g., taxa with genus only will be formatted as *Genus sp.*).
- `orig_scientific_display_name` Character. Scientific display name before (if any) annotation.
- `common_name` Character. Common (vernacular) name of taxon.
- `orig_common_name` Character. Common name before (if any) annotation.

- `reported_name` Character. The name of the taxon as originally reported by the record creator.
- `scientific_name_italicised` Logical. Is the scientific name normally italicised (i.e., is the taxonomic rank genus or below.)
- `orig_scientific_name_italicised` Logical. Is the original scientific name normally italicised.
- `scientific_name_author` Character. The authority for the taxon scientific name.
- `orig_scientific_name_author` Character. The authority for the taxon scientific name before (if any) annotation.
- `reported_author` Character. The authority of the taxon as originally reported by the record creator.
- `taxon_rank` Character. The taxonomic rank of the taxon.
- `orig_taxon_rank` Character. The taxonomic rank of the taxon before (if any) annotation.
- `informal_groups` List. The informal taxonomic groups that the taxon belongs to (e.g., birds) in the form of URIs.
- `orig_informal_groups` List. The informal taxonomic groups that the taxon belonged to before (if any) annotation.
- `reported_informal_groups` List. The informal taxonomic groups that the taxon belongs to as reported by the record creator.
- `taxon_checklist` Character. The checklist (as a URI) that that taxon is found in.
- `orig_taxon_checklist` Character. The checklist (as a URI) that that taxon was found in before (if any) annotation.
- `taxon_finnish` Logical. Is the taxon considered Finnish. The definition of a Finnish taxon differs by taxonomic group?
- `orig_taxon_finnish` Logical. Was the taxon considered Finnish before (if any) annotation?

### **Abundance, sex & life history**

Variables related to abundance, sex and life history include:

- `abundance` Integer. Number of individuals recorded or inferred from the record. Note that many records with `abundance = 1` only indicate the record is of one individual and may not necessarily imply that this was the abundance at that specified place and time (e.g., a preserved museum specimen consisting of a single individual).
- `{female|male}_abundance` Integer. Number of female or male individuals recorded.
- `pair_abundance` Integer. Number of mating pairs recorded.
- `abundance_verbatim` Character. The abundance as reported by the record creator.
- `life_stage` Character. Life stage of individual(s) recorded.
- `sex` Character. Sex of individual(s) recorded.

## Location

Variables related to the location of records include:

- `{latlon}_{eureflwgs84}` Numeric. Coordinates (in **EUREF** or **WGS84** coordinate system) of the central point of a bounding box encompassing the record's geographic coverage.
- `{latlon}_{minlmax}_{eureflkkjwgs84}`. Numeric. Vertices of a bounding box encompassing the record's geographic coverage. Coordinates are available in **EUREF**, **KKJ**, or **WGS84**.
- `coordinates_uncertainty` Integer. The horizontal distance (in meters) from the record's given coordinates describing the smallest circle containing the whole of the record's location.
- `coordinates_source` Character. Source of coordinates.
- `footprint_{eureflkkjwgs84}` Character. Well-Known Text (WKT) representation of the geographic shape defining the location of the record in either EUREF, KKJ or WGS84 coordinate systems.
- `country` Character. The country of the record's location.
- `province` Character. The administrative area directly below the level of country. For data from Finland FinBIF uses the concept of **Biogeographical Province**. See link for details.
- `municipality`. Character. Administrative level below province.
- `higher_geography` Character. Geographic place name that is at higher level than country.
- `line_length_m` Integer. The length of linear locations (e.g., line transect surveys).
- `area_m2` Integer. The size of record's location in meters squared.
- `is_breeding_location` Logical. Whether or not the occurrence is recorded at a known breeding location.

## Time

Variables related to time of record include:

- `date_time` POSIXct. The date and time of the recording event. This variable is computed after records are downloaded from FinBIF. Its timezone and accuracy can be controlled see `finbif_occurrence()` for details.
- `duration` Duration. The duration of the recording event. This variable is computed after records are downloaded from FinBIF.
- `date_start` Character. The date the recording event began.
- `date_end` Character. The date the recording event ended.
- `hour_start` Integer. The hour (24 hour time) of the day the recording event began.
- `hour_end` Integer. The hour (24 hour time) of the day the recording event ended.
- `minute_start` Integer. The minute of the hour the recording event began.
- `minute_end` Integer. The minute of the hour the recording event started.
- `ordinal_day_start` Integer. The ordinal day of the year the recording event began.
- `ordinal_day_end` Integer. The ordinal day of the year the recording event ended
- `season_start` Integer. The day of the year the recording event began. A four digit number indicating the day of the year in MMDD (`%m%d`) format.

- `season_end` Integer. The day of the year the recording event ended. A four digit number indicating the day of the year in MMDD (%m%d) format.
- `century` Integer. The century during which the recording event occurred (NA if the event spans multiple centuries).
- `decade` Integer. The decade during which the recording event occurred (NA if the event spans multiple decades).
- `year` Integer. The year during which the recording event occurred (NA if the event spans multiple years).
- `month` Integer. The month of the year during which the recording event occurred (NA if the event spans multiple months).
- `day` Integer. The day of the month during which the recording event occurred (NA if the event spans multiple days).
- `formatted_date_time` Character. Date and time of the recording event formatted for display.
- `date_created` Character. The date the original data was created.
- `first_load_date` Character. The date the record was first loaded into the FinBIF database.
- `modified_date` Character. The most recent date the original data was modified.
- `load_date` Character. The most recent date the record was loaded into the FinBIF database.

### Data restrictions

Variables related to restricted records include:

- `restriction` Logical. Has the record been restricted in some way (e.g., geospatially aggregated).
- `restriction_level` Character. What level of restriction has been applied to the record.
- `restriction_reasons` List. List of reasons restriction has been applied.

### Data quality

Variables related to the quality of records include:

- `any_issues` Logical. Are there any data quality issues associated with the record, its event or document.
- `reported_taxon_confidence` Reliability of the record's taxonomic identification as reported by the original data author.
- `{document|time|location|event|record}_issue` Character. Issues with record associated with its document, time, location, event, or the record itself.
- `{document|time|location|event|record}_issue_message` Character. Details about the issue.
- `{document|time|location|event|record}_issue_source` Character. Source determining the issue.
- `requires_verification` Logical. Has the record been flagged for expert verification?
- `requires_identification` Logical. Has the record been flagged for expert identification?
- `record_reliability` Character. Indication of the record's reliability.
- `record_quality` Character. Indication of the record's quality.

**Misc**

Other variables:

- `collection` Character. Collection name. All documents, events, and records belong to a collection (e.g., a museum collection, or the datasets collected by a specific institution). Collections themselves can be part of a larger (super)collection (e.g., all the collections at a specific museum). Only the lowest level collection name for a record is returned. Use `finbif_collections()` to explore the hierarchy of collections.
- `observers_ids` List. List of observer identifiers for the record.
- `determiner` Character. Person who determined the taxonomic identification of the record.
- `record_basis` Character. The type of or method used to obtain the record.
- `superrecord_basis` Character. Higher level type of or method used to obtain the record.
- `type_specimen` Logical. Whether or not the record is of a type specimen.
- `is_wild` Logical. Whether or not the record is of a "wild" organism.
- `license` Character. The license of the data associated with the record.
- `{document|event|record}_notes` Character. Notes associated with the document, event or record itself.
- `{document|record}_keywords` List. List of keywords associated with the document or record.
- `record_annotation_count` Integer. How many annotations are associated with the record.
- `sample_count` Integer. How many material samples (DNA extractions, etc., ...) are associated with the record.
- `{document|event|record}_media_count` Integer. How many media items (images, audio, video, etc., ...) are associated with the record's document, event or the record itself.

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