

Global Vegetation Project

As ecologists, we seem to always be searching for images to enrich our teaching. So I have decided to create an open access interactive online experience for teaching plant ecology. The idea is that students will be able to explore climate spaces (temperature and precipitation and their relationships with biomes) and a global map to see beautiful photos of vegetation (i.e., plant communities) from around the world. The goal is to represent all global Ecoregions! To participate, please email photos and metadata to:

global.vegetation@gmail.com

This is all I need to maximize impact (see example below):

1. Beautiful photo of plant community (a landscape)
2. Photo credit (name of photographer)
3. Place name and Geographical coordinates (lat/long decimal degrees). Mean annual temperature and mean annual precipitation are good if known, but good coordinates are more important.
4. Vegetation type (i.e., what you call the plant community)
5. A few common species in the vegetation (latin binomials)

If each of you took 5 minutes to provide one photo with metadata, this would go a long way to making this project a resounding success. Please email your photo (or photos!) to global.vegetation@gmail.com to participate in this global education project that will benefit everybody.

Keep well,

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Here is an example:

1. Photo file
2. Credit: Daniel Laughlin
3. Fire Point in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona USA. 36.35 -112.36
4. Ponderosa pine forest
5. *Pinus ponderosa*, *Poa fendleriana*, *Castilleja linariifolia*