BIEN Database Meeting – Dec. 8, 2011

- Brad’s notes

Deliverables:

* New VegBank schema, in particular remodeling relationship between stems and individual trees (Bob)
* Additional comments on mappings by Bob and Nick. Aaron will extract or highlight only those elements where comment is required (Aaron, Bob, Nick)
* Validation scripts for NYBG specimen data (Brad)
* Identify and provide additional DwC-compliant specimen data (Brad)
* RAINFOR data, with commitment by someone familiar with DB to work with Aaron on (a) evaluating mappings, and (b) developing validation scripts. If RAINFOR isn't available, I will try to find other source. Perhaps Steve and the CTFS database? (Brad)
* TurboVeg data, with commitment by someone familiar with DB to work with Aaron on (a) evaluating mappings, and (b) developing validation scripts (Bob)
* Direct mapping from native salvias\_plots MySQL database to VegBIEN (Aaron, Brad to help evaluate)
* Mapping from NVS to VegX and VegBIEN. Will require finding someone at NVS willing to work with Aaron and mappings and validations (Aaron and ?)

Additional goals:

* Request new data dump of specimen data from GBIF, this time in DwC format. Hard to believe GBIF, of all sources, didn't give us DwC the first time. (Brad)
* Try to find source of DwCA (DwC Archives) data. I'm hoping GBIF will be willing to work with us on this. Possibly approach Remsen directly (Brad).