



DATA PAPER

Leaf architecture and functional traits for 122 species at the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley

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Abstract

The dataset contains leaf venation architecture and functional traits for a phylogenetically diverse set of 122 plant species (including ferns, basal angiosperms, monocots, basal eudicots, asterids, and rosids) collected from the living collections of the University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley (37.87° N, 122.23° W; CA, USA) from February to September 2021. The sampled species originated from all continents, except Antarctica, and are distributed in different growth forms (aquatic, herb, climbing, tree, shrub). The functional dataset comprises 31 traits (mechanical, hydraulic, anatomical, physiological, economical, and chemical) and describes six main leaf functional axes (hydraulic conductance, resistance and resilience to damages caused by drought and herbivory, mechanical support, and construction cost). It also describes how architecture features vary across venation networks. Our trait dataset is suitable for (1) functional and architectural characterization of plant species; (2) identification of venation architecture-function trade-offs; (3) investigation of evolutionary trends in leaf venation networks; and

(4) mechanistic modeling of leaf function. Data are made available under the Open Data Commons Attribution License.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

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DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

Data are available in Dryad at <https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.1g1jwsv36>. Additional materials are provided in Zenodo as follows: venation trade-offs, <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.13733168>; leaf area, <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.13736231>; adaptive Convolutional Neural Networks, <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.13736233>.

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