

# Package ‘natserv’

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**Title** 'NatureServe' Interface

**Description** Interface to 'NatureServe' (<<https://www.natureserve.org/>>).  
Includes methods to get data, image metadata, search taxonomic names,  
and make maps.

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### Description

Interface to NatureServe <https://www.natureserve.org/>

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nat_states	<i>A data.frame with 49 rows and 2 columns</i>
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### Description

- state (character) state 2 letter abbreviation
- state\_name (character) state full name

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ns_altid	<i>Get taxon by uid, id, or elCode</i>
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### Description

Get taxon by uid, id, or elCode

### Usage

```
ns_altid(uid = NULL, id = NULL, el_code = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

uid	(character) A NatureServe taxon id (The taxon's Element Global UID)
id	The primary key value (ELEMENT_GLOBAL_ID) of the record within Central Biotics
el_code	The Biotics Element Code (ELCODE_BCD) of the record
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">verb-GET</a>

### Details

see [https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#\\_taxon\\_data\\_model](https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_taxon_data_model) for details on the response data

### Value

A list with lots of elements

### References

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
ns_altid(uid = "ELEMENT_GLOBAL.2.154701")  
ns_altid(id = "154701")  
ns_altid(el_code = "PDRAN0F010")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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ns_ecohier	<i>Get a summary of the upper level hierarchy for an Ecosystem record</i>
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**Description**

Get a summary of the upper level hierarchy for an Ecosystem record

**Usage**

```
ns_ecohier(uid, ...)
```

**Arguments**

uid	(character) A NatureServe taxon id (The taxon's Element Global UID)
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">verb-GET</a>

**Details**

see [https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#\\_taxon\\_data\\_model](https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_taxon_data_model) for details on the response data

**Value**

A list with lots of elements

**References**

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
ns_ecohier("ELEMENT_GLOBAL.2.683060")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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ns_export	<i>Search exports</i>
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**Description**

Search exports

**Usage**

```

ns_export(
  text = NULL,
  text_adv = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  record_type = NULL,
  record_subtype = NULL,
  modified_since = NULL,
  format = "json",
  lang = "en",
  ...
)

ns_export_status(id, ...)

```

**Arguments**

text	(character) basic text search, equivalent to text_adv with matchAgainst="allNames" and operator="similarTo"
text_adv	(list) advanced search, must specify the following three elements: searchToken, matchAgainst, and operator. see <a href="https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa">https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa</a>
status	(character) conservation status, one of G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, GH, GX, GNR, GNA, GU. case insensitive
location	(list) location, country and sub-country. specify either nation OR nation and subnation. each expects a two-letter ISO code
record_type	(character) limit results by record type, one of "species" or "ecosystem"
record_subtype	(character) limit results by record sub-type, one of: "class", "subclass", "formation", "division", "macrogroup", "group", "alliance", "association", "terrestrial_ecological_system"
modified_since	(character) search for records modified since a given time. value must be a date and time with a UTC offset in ISO 8601 format. optional
format	(character) output format, one of "json" or "xlsx"
lang	(character) language, one of "en", "es", or "fr"
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">verb-GET</a>
id	(character) a job id, from output of ns_export()

**Value**

ns\_export() returns a single character string (a job id) ns\_export\_status() returns a list of metadata concerning the status of the export

**References**

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- ns_export(text = "robin")
res <- ns_export_status(x)
str(res)
res$state
res$data$errorMessage
res$data$url

w <- ns_export(text_adv = list(searchToken = "western",
  matchAgainst="allScientificNames", operator="startsWith"))
m <- ns_export_status(w)
head(jsonlite::fromJSON(m$data$url))

## End(Not run)
```

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ns\_id

*Get taxon by uid*


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**Description**

Get taxon by uid

**Usage**

```
ns_id(uid, ...)
```

**Arguments**

uid (character) A NatureServe taxon id (The taxon's Element Global UID). required.  
 ... Curl options passed on to [verb-GET](#)

**Details**

see [https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#\\_taxon\\_data\\_model](https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_taxon_data_model) for details on the response data

**Value**

A list with lots of elements

**References**

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
ns_id("ELEMENT_GLOBAL.2.154701")

## End(Not run)
```

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ns_search_comb	<i>Combined search</i>
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## Description

Combined search

## Usage

```
ns_search_comb(
  text = NULL,
  text_adv = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  record_type = NULL,
  record_subtype = NULL,
  modified_since = NULL,
  page = NULL,
  per_page = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

text	(character) basic text search, equivalent to text_adv with matchAgainst="allNames" and operator="similarTo"
text_adv	(list) advanced search, must specify the following three elements: searchToken, matchAgainst, and operator. see <a href="https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa">https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa</a>
status	(character) conservation status, one of G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, GH, GX, GNR, GNA, GU. case insensitive
location	(list) location, country and sub-country. specify either nation OR nation and subnation. each expects a two-letter ISO code
record_type	(character) limit results by record type, one of "species" or "ecosystem"
record_subtype	(character) limit results by record sub-type, one of: "class", "subclass", "formation", "division", "macrogroup", "group", "alliance", "association", "terrestrial_ecological_system"
modified_since	(character) search for records modified since a given time. value must be a date and time with a UTC offset in ISO 8601 format. optional
page	(integer) Zero-indexed page number; default: 0. optional
per_page	(integer) Records per page; default: 20. optional
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">verb-GET</a>

## References

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

**See Also**

Other search: [ns\\_search\\_eco\(\)](#), [ns\\_search\\_spp\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
ns_search_comb(text = "robin")
ns_search_comb(text_adv = list(searchToken = "western",
  matchAgainst="allScientificNames", operator="startsWith"))
ns_search_comb(status = "G1")
ns_search_comb(location = list(nation = "US"))
ns_search_comb(location = list(nation = "US", subnation = "VA"))
ns_search_comb(record_type = "species")
ns_search_comb(record_subtype = "macrogroup")
ns_search_comb(modified_since = "2020-04-30T00:00:00+0000")
ns_search_comb(page = 0, per_page = 2)

## End(Not run)
```

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ns\_search\_eco

*Ecosystem search*

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**Description**

Ecosystem search

**Usage**

```
ns_search_eco(
  text = NULL,
  text_adv = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  ecosystem_taxonomy = NULL,
  record_subtype = NULL,
  modified_since = NULL,
  page = NULL,
  per_page = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

**text** (character) basic text search, equivalent to text\_adv with matchAgainst="allNames" and operator="similarTo"

**text\_adv** (list) advanced search, must specify the following three elements: searchToken, matchAgainst, and operator. see [https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#\\_advanced\\_text\\_search\\_pa](https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa)



status	(character) conservation status, one of G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, GH, GX, GNR, GNA, GU. case insensitive
location	(list) location, country and sub-country. specify either nation OR nation and subnation. each expects a two-letter ISO code
ecosystem_taxonomy	(character) the classification code of the higher level (ancestor) ecosystem. E.g.'s: "1" (Class code), "1.B" (Subclass code), "1.B.2" (Formation code), "1.B.2.Nd" (Division code), "M886" (Macrogroup key), "G206" (Group key), "A3328" (Alliance Key)
record_subtype	(character) limit results by record sub-type, one of: "class", "subclass", "formation", "division", "macrogroup", "group", "alliance", "association", "terrestrial_ecological_system"
modified_since	(character) search for records modified since a given time. value must be a date and time with a UTC offset in ISO 8601 format. optional
page	(integer) Zero-indexed page number; default: 0. optional
per_page	(integer) Records per page; default: 20. optional
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">verb-GET</a>

## References

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

## See Also

Other search: [ns\\_search\\_comb\(\)](#), [ns\\_search\\_spp\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
ns_search_eco(text = "robin")
ns_search_eco(text_adv = list(searchToken = "bird",
  matchAgainst = "allNames", operator="similarTo"))
ns_search_eco(status = "G1")
ns_search_eco(location = list(nation = "US"))
ns_search_eco(location = list(nation = "US", subnation = "VA"))
ns_search_eco(ecosystem_taxonomy = "M067")
ns_search_eco(record_subtype = "macrogroup")
ns_search_eco(modified_since = "2020-04-30T00:00:00+0000")
ns_search_eco(page = 0, per_page = 2)

## End(Not run)
```

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 ns\_search\_spp

*Species search*


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## Description

Species search

## Usage

```
ns_search_spp(
  text = NULL,
  text_adv = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  species_taxonomy = NULL,
  record_subtype = NULL,
  modified_since = NULL,
  page = NULL,
  per_page = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

text	(character) basic text search, equivalent to text_adv with matchAgainst="allNames" and operator="similarTo"
text_adv	(list) advanced search, must specify the following three elements: searchToken, matchAgainst, and operator. see <a href="https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa">https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/#_advanced_text_search_pa</a>
status	(character) conservation status, one of G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, GH, GX, GNR, GNA, GU. case insensitive
location	(list) location, country and sub-country. specify either nation OR nation and subnation. each expects a two-letter ISO code
species_taxonomy	(list) species taxonomy. either a list with level and scientificTaxonomy (a scientific name), or with just informalTaxonomy (a vernacular name). possible level values: "kingdom", "phylum", "class", "order", "family", "genus"
record_subtype	(character) limit results by record sub-type, one of: "class", "subclass", "formation", "division", "macrogroup", "group", "alliance", "association", "terrestrial_ecological_system"
modified_since	(character) search for records modified since a given time. value must be a date and time with a UTC offset in ISO 8601 format. optional
page	(integer) Zero-indexed page number; default: 0. optional
per_page	(integer) Records per page; default: 20. optional
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">verb-GET</a>

## References

<https://explorer.natureserve.org/api-docs/>

## See Also

Other search: [ns\\_search\\_comb\(\)](#), [ns\\_search\\_eco\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
ns_search_spp(text = "robin")
ns_search_spp(text_adv = list(searchToken = "bird",
  matchAgainst = "allNames", operator="similarTo"))
ns_search_spp(status = "G1")
ns_search_spp(location = list(nation = "US"))
ns_search_spp(location = list(nation = "US", subnation = "VA"))
ns_search_spp(species_taxonomy = list(scientificTaxonomy = "Animalia", level = "kingdom"))
ns_search_spp(species_taxonomy = list(informalTaxonomy = "birds"))
ns_search_spp(record_subtype = "macrogroup")
ns_search_spp(modified_since = "2020-04-30T00:00:00+0000")
ns_search_spp(page = 0, per_page = 2)

## End(Not run)
```

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