

Virtual Ecology Portal

## *Computational resources for learning Ecology*

***“Essentially all models are wrong, but some are useful”*** George Box

***“Theory without data is fantasy, but data without theory is chaos”*** Lawler, E. 1971

***“A measure of the usefulness of a theory is its ability to fail in informative ways.”*** Rosindell et al. 2011

# Welcome

This wiki is a collaborative portal for the development and use of computational resources for teaching ecology.

Here you can find:

- Didactic sequences
- The EcoVirtual R package for teaching ecology
- Guidelines for using other computing resources
- *Links* for more study material

## How to participate

### Use of material




- All material on this site is free to use and reproduce, as long as its authorship is acknowledged.
- The scripts are independent and can be combined in different didactic sequences.
- We would appreciate if you let us know how you use EcoVirtual material.

**Code Repository** The code for both packages, EcoVirtual

and EcoVirtualPlugin, are in the github repository. To clone, contribute or indicate a bug, join the EcoVirt github group <https://github.com/ecovirt>.  
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 Collaborate===== \* Send criticisms, questions and suggestions by email. \* Report issues or request improvements to the EcoVirtual package at [your repository](#) \*  
 If you want to participate as a script or package author, please contact us.

### **Problems with math expressions**

If you have problems viewing mathematical expressions and symbols on this wiki, look for a plugin or extension that has ASCIIMath in the name for your browser. In **Chrome** the extension is named *MathML-2-CSS*. Firefox recognizes formulas by default, other browsers have not been tested.

===== Courses that use EcoVirtual ===== This list includes only brazilian courses that the teacher told us is using our portal. If you are using, please send us a message and we will be happy to include your course on this list.  
 =====Graduation===== \* [Ecology of plant populations and communities](#), USP \* [Ecologia Virtual](#), USP =====Graduate=====  
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