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as_wide_table	<i>Create a single wide table from a traits.build data object</i>
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**Description**

Create a single wide table from a traits.build data object

**Usage**

```
as_wide_table(database)
```

**Arguments**

database            traits.build database (list object)

**Value**

A single wide table with collapsed contexts and locations text and with some cols renamed for alignment with other resources

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
austraits %>% as_wide_table()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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bind_databases	<i>Bind multiple traits.build data objects into a single data object</i>
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**Description**

bind\_databases binds all the listed studies into a single traits.build database object as a large list.

**Usage**

```
bind_databases(..., databases = list(...))
```

**Arguments**

...                    Arguments passed to other functions  
databases              List of traits.build databases to be bond together

**Value**

Compiled database as a single large list

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bind\_trait\_values      *Bind trait values*

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### Description

This function condenses data for studies that have multiple observations for a given trait into a single row. This function concatenates multiple values into a single cell

### Usage

```
bind_trait_values(trait_data)
```

### Arguments

trait\_data      the traits table in a traits.build database – see example

### Value

tibble that is condensed down where multiple observations in value, value\_type and replicates are collapsed down and separated by ‘-’

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
## Not run:
traits <- austrait$traits %>%
dplyr::filter(dataset_id == "ABRS_1981")
traits
traits_bind <- bind_trait_values(traits)

## End(Not run)
```

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convert\_df\_to\_list      *Convert dataframe to list*

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### Description

Convert a dataframe to a named list, useful when converting a dataframe to yaml.

### Usage

```
convert_df_to_list(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df`                    A dataframe

**Value**

A (yaml) list

**Examples**

```
convert_df_to_list(dplyr::starwars)
```

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`convert_list_to_df1`    *Convert list with single entries to dataframe*

---

**Description**

Convert a list with a single level of entries to a dataframe, useful when converting a yaml into a dataframe.

**Usage**

```
convert_list_to_df1(my_list)
```

**Arguments**

`my_list`                A list with single entries

**Value**

A tibble with two columns

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
convert_list_to_df1(as.list(dplyr::starwars)[2])  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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`convert_list_to_df2`     *Convert list of lists to dataframe*

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### Description

Convert a list of lists to a dataframe, useful when converting a multi-level yaml into a dataframe. Function required that every list have same named elements.

### Usage

```
convert_list_to_df2(my_list, as_character = TRUE, on_empty = NA)
```

### Arguments

<code>my_list</code>	A list of lists to dataframe
<code>as_character</code>	A logical value, indicating whether the values are read as character
<code>on_empty</code>	Value to return if <code>my_list</code> is NULL, NA or is length == 0, default = NA

### Value

tibble

### Examples

```
demo_list1 <- list(word1 = "this", word2 = "is", word3 = "an", word4 = "example", word5 = "list")
demo_list2 <- list(word1 = "and", word2 = "a", word3 = "second", word4 = "list", word5 = "also")
combined_list <- list(demo_list1, demo_list2)
convert_list_to_df2(combined_list)
```

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`extract_data`     *Extract data from traits.build database*

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### Description

Function to extract data from a traits.build database based on any value(s) from any column in the traits, locations, contexts, methods, taxa, taxonomic\_updates, and contributors tables. The output a traits.build formatted database with all tables subset based on the specified table, column (variable) and column value.

### Usage

```
extract_data(database, table = NA, col, col_value)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
table	Table within a traits.build database
col	Column name within the specified table.
col_value	Value (of column, from with a table) that is used to subset database. This can be a single value or a vector. It includes partial string matches.

**Value**

subset traits.build database

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
extract_data(database = traits.build_database, table = "traits",
             col = "trait_name", col_value = "leaf_area")

## End(Not run)
```

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extract_dataset	<i>Extract all data for a particular dataset</i>
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**Description**

Function to subset all data associated with a particular dataset from a traits.build relational database.

**Usage**

```
extract_dataset(database, dataset_id)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
dataset_id	character string that matches a dataset_id in the database

**Details**

extract\_dataset has been developed to extract data for specific datasets from databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austrait> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

**Value**

List of tibbles containing all traits.build data and metadata for the specified dataset(s).

**Author(s)**

Daniel Falster - daniel.falster@unsw.edu.au

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
extract_dataset(database, "Falster_2003")

## End(Not run)
```

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extract_taxa	<i>Extract all data for specific taxa</i>
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**Description**

Function to subset of all data associated with a particular taxon from a traits.build relational database.

**Usage**

```
extract_taxa(database, family = NULL, genus = NULL, taxon_name = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
family	character string of family or families
genus	character string of genus or genera
taxon_name	character string of taxon name(s)

**Details**

extract\_taxa has been developed to extract data for specific taxa from databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/database> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

**Value**

List of tibbles containing all traits.build data and metadata for the specified taxa.



**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
extract_taxa(database = austraits, family = "Proteaceae")  
extract_taxa(database = austraits, genus = "Acacia")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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extract_trait	<i>Extract all data for specific traits</i>
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**Description**

Function to subset all data associated with a particular trait from a traits.build relational database.

**Usage**

```
extract_trait(database, trait_names, taxon_names)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
trait_names	character string of trait(s) for which data will be extracted
taxon_names	optional argument, specifying taxa for which data will be extracted

**Details**

extract\_trait has been developed to extract data for specific traits from databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austraits> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

**Value**

List of tibbles containing all traits.build data and metadata for the specified trait(s).

**Author(s)**

Daniel Falster - daniel.falster@unsw.edu.au

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
extract_trait(database = austraits, trait_names = "wood_density", taxon_names = "Acacia celsa")

## End(Not run)
```

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flatten_database	<i>Create combined traits.build table</i>
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**Description**

Create a single database output that merges together the information in all relational tables within a traits.build database. Trait measurements are still output in long format (1 row per trait value), but all measurement-related metadata (methods, location properties, context properties, contributors) are now included as additional columns in a single table.

**Usage**

```
flatten_database(database, format, vars, include_description)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
format	A parameter for the locations, contexts and data contributors tables specifying how data are packed. All three can be formatted as a single compacted column(s) will have a human readable column ("single_column_pretty") or using json ("single_column_json") syntax. For location properties or context properties there is also the option to add each location_property or context_property to the traits table as its own column ("many_columns"); the contributors column defaults to "single_column_pretty" when this option is selected.
vars	List specifying which columns or properties to include from each table. The detail is for all columns/properties to be included.
include_description	A logical indicating whether to include (TRUE) or omit (FALSE) the context_property descriptions; defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

A table combining information in 7 traits.build relational tables: traits, locations, contexts, methods, taxa, taxonomic\_updates, and contributors

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`get_compiled_by_traits.build`

*Retrieve compiled by information from metadata table*

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**Description**

Retrieve compiled by information from metadata table

**Usage**

`get_compiled_by_traits.build(database)`

**Arguments**

database          `traits.build` database

**Value**

logical, TRUE indicating version traits table came from `traits.build` version > 1.0

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`get_traits_table`

*Retrieve traits table if user passes `traits.build` object.*

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**Description**

Retrieve traits table if user passes `traits.build` object.

**Usage**

`get_traits_table(database)`

**Arguments**

database          `traits.build` database or traits table in a `traits.build` database

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get\_versions      *Print out AusTraits versions*

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**Description**

Print out AusTraits versions

**Usage**

```
get_versions(path = "data/austraits", update = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

path                    A file path where AusTraits was previously downloaded  
update                  Would you like the versions json be updated in case of new releases?

**Value**

A tibble containing version numbers and doi which can be used in load\_austraits()

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
austraits <- load_austraits(version = "3.0.2", path = "data/austraits")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

get\_version\_latest      *Retrieve the latest version of AusTraits*

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**Description**

Retrieve the latest version of AusTraits

**Usage**

```
get_version_latest(path = "data/austraits", update = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

path                    file path to where AusTraits will be downloaded  
update                  if TRUE, AusTraits versions .json will be re-downloaded

**Value**

character string of latest version

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`join_context_properties`*Joining context properties to traits table*

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### Description

Function to merge metadata from the contexts table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

### Usage

```
join_context_properties(  
  database,  
  format = "single_column_pretty",  
  vars = "all",  
  include_description = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>database</code>	traits.build database (list object)
<code>format</code>	Specifies whether metadata from the contexts is output in a human readable format ("single_column_pretty"; default), with each context property added as a separate column ("many_columns") or using json syntax ("single_column_json").
<code>vars</code>	Location properties for which data is to be appended to the traits table, defaulting to all context properties (vars = "all").
<code>include_description</code>	A logical indicating whether to include (TRUE) or omit (FALSE) the context_property descriptions.

### Details

the `join_` functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austrait> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

### Value

traits.build list object, but context properties from the contexts table appended to the traits table.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
(database %>% join_context_properties(
format = "many_columns", vars = "all", include_description = TRUE))$traits

## End(Not run)
```

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join_contributors	<i>Joining data contributor metadata to traits table</i>
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**Description**

Function to merge metadata from the data contributors table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

**Usage**

```
join_contributors(database, format = "single_column_pretty", vars = "all")
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
format	Specifies whether metadata from the contributors table is output in a human readable format ("single_column_pretty"; default) or using json syntax ("single_column_json").
vars	Columns from the taxa table to be joined to the traits table, defaulting to all columns (vars = "all").

**Details**

the join\_ functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austraits> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

**Value**

traits.build list object, but with additional fields (columns) for the specified variables from the data contributors table appended to the traits table.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
(database %>% join_contributors(format = "single_column_pretty",
vars = c("last_name", "first_name", "ORCID")))$traits

## End(Not run)
```

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join\_location\_coordinates

*Joining location coordinates to traits table*

---

## Description

Function to merge geographic coordinates (latitude/longitude) stored in the locations table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

## Usage

```
join_location_coordinates(database)
```

## Arguments

database            traits.build database (list object)

## Details

the `join_` functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austrait> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

## Value

traits.build list object, but with additional fields (columns) for latitude and longitude appended to traits dataframe

## Examples

```
## Not run:
(database %>% join_location_coordinates)$traits

## End(Not run)
```

---

```
join_location_properties
```

*Joining location properties to traits table*

---

### Description

Function to merge metadata from the locations table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

### Usage

```
join_location_properties(  
  database,  
  format = "single_column_pretty",  
  vars = "all"  
)
```

### Arguments

database	traits.build database (list object)
format	Specifies whether metadata from the locations is output in a human readable format ("single_column_pretty"; default), with each location property added as a separate column ("many_columns") or using json syntax ("single_column_json").
vars	Location properties for which data is to be appended to the traits table, defaulting to all location properties (vars = "all").

### Details

the join\_ functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austrait> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

### Value

traits.build list object, but location properties from the locations table appended to the traits table.

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
(database %>% join_location_properties(format = "single_column_pretty", vars = "all"))$traits  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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`join_methods`*Joining methodological information to traits table*

---

## Description

Function to merge metadata from the methods table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

## Usage

```
join_methods(database, vars = c("methods"))
```

## Arguments

database	traits.build database (list object)
vars	Columns from the taxa table to be joined to the traits table, defaulting to c("methods").

## Details

the `join_` functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austraits> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

## Value

traits.build list object, but with additional fields (columns) for the specified variables from the methods table appended to the traits table.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
(database %>% join_methods)$traits  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

 join\_taxa

*Joining taxonomy to traits table*


---

### Description

Function to merge metadata from the taxa table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

### Usage

```
join_taxa(
  database,
  vars = c("family", "genus", "taxon_rank", "establishment_means")
)
```

### Arguments

database	traits.build database (list object)
vars	Columns from the taxa table to be joined to the traits table, defaulting to c("family", "genus", "taxon_rank", "establishment_means").

### Details

the `join_` functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austraits> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

### Value

traits.build list object, but with additional fields (columns) for the specified variables from the taxa table appended to the traits table.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
#Append taxonomic details
(database %>% join_taxa)$traits

## End(Not run)
```

---

`join_taxonomic_updates`*Joining taxonomic updates information to traits table*

---

## Description

Function to merge metadata from the taxonomic\_updates table of a traits.build database into the core traits table.

## Usage

```
join_taxonomic_updates(database, vars = c("aligned_name"))
```

## Arguments

database	traits.build database (list object)
vars	Columns from the taxa table to be joined to the traits table, defaulting to c("aligned_name").

## Details

the join\_ functions have been developed to join relational tables for databases built using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austrait> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

## Value

traits.build list object, but with additional fields (columns) for the specified variables from the taxonomic\_updates table appended to the traits table.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
#Append taxonomic update details  
(database %>% join_taxonomic_updates)$traits  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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load_austraits	<i>Load AusTraits database into R console</i>
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**Description**

Load AusTraits database into R console

**Usage**

```
load_austraits(  
  doi = NULL,  
  version = NULL,  
  path = "data/austraits",  
  update = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

doi	character string - doi of particular version
version	character string - version number of database
path	file path to where AusTraits will be downloaded
update	if TRUE, AusTraits versions .json will be re-downloaded

**Value**

a large list containing AusTraits data tables

**See Also**

get\_versions get\_version\_latest

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
austraits <- load_austraits(version = "3.0.2", path = "data/austraits")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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lookup\_context\_property  
*Look up context properties*

---

**Description**

Look up context properties that contain a specific search term.

**Usage**

```
lookup_context_property(database, term)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
term	character string for context property search term

**Value**

vector containing context properties that contains search term

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
austraits %>% lookup_context_property("temperature")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

lookup\_location\_property  
*Look up location properties*

---

**Description**

Look up location properties that contain a specific search term.

**Usage**

```
lookup_location_property(database, term)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
term	character string for location property search term

**Value**

vector containing location properties that contains search term

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
austraits %>% lookup_location_property("soil")

## End(Not run)
```

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lookup_trait	<i>Look up a particular trait term</i>
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**Description**

Look up a particular trait term

**Usage**

```
lookup_trait(database, term)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
term	character string for trait search term

**Value**

vector containing traits that contains search term

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
austraits %>% lookup_trait("leaf") %>% extract_trait(database = austrait, .)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot_locations	<i>Produce location maps of trait values</i>
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**Description**

Plot location where trait data was collected from

**Usage**

```
plot_locations(database, feature = "trait_name", ...)
```

**Arguments**

database	traits.build database OR traits table from a traits.build database. Note location details must be joined. See <code>join_location_coordinates</code> and examples
feature	grouping/classification categories e.g <code>trait_name</code> , <code>collection_type</code> for $\leq$ v3.0.2, basis of record for $>$ 3.0.2
...	arguments passed to <code>ggplot()</code>

**Value**

ggplot of sites

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
##All traits from a given study
data <- austrait >% extract_dataset(dataset_id = "Falster_2003") >% join_location_coordinates()
data >% plot_locations("trait_name")

#Single trait
data <- austrait >% extract_trait(trait_names = c("plant_height")) >% join_location_coordinates()
data$traits >% plot_locations("trait_name")

## End(Not run)
```

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plot\_site\_locations    *Produce location maps of trait values*

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### Description

#### [Deprecated]

Plot location where trait data was collected from

### Usage

```
plot_site_locations(trait_data, feature = "trait_name", ...)
```

### Arguments

trait_data	traits table in a traits.build database with site details appended. See join_location_coordinates and examples
feature	grouping/classification categories e.g trait_name, collection_type for <= v3.0.2
...	arguments passed to ggplot()

### Value

ggplot of sites

### Author(s)

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plot\_trait\_distribution\_beeswarm  
*Beeswarm Trait distribution*

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### Description

Plots distribution of trait values by a grouping variable using ggbeeswarm package

### Usage

```
plot_trait_distribution_beeswarm(  
  database,  
  trait_name,  
  y_axis_category,  
  highlight = NA,  
  hide_ids = FALSE  
)
```



**Arguments**

database	traits.build database (list object)
trait_name	Name of trait to plot
y_axis_category	One of dataset_id, family
highlight	Specify a group to highlight
hide_ids	Logical for whether to add a label on y_axis?

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
austraits %>% plot_trait_distribution_beeswarm("wood_density", "dataset_id", "Westoby_2014")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

`print.traits.build`      *Generic for outputting a nice summary for austrait objects*

---

**Description**

Generic for outputting a nice summary for austrait objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'traits.build'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	traits.build database
...	passed to print

**Value**

nicely printed table

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separate\_trait\_values *Separate bounded trait values*

---

### Description

This function reverts the action of `bind_trait_values`. This function separates values that were concatenated so that studies that have multiple observations for a given trait will have separate row for each observation.

### Usage

```
separate_trait_values(trait_data, definitions)
```

### Arguments

`trait_data`      The traits table in a `traits.build` database - see example  
`definitions`     The `austrait` definitions data frame

### Value

trait tibble

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
## Not run:  
trait_data <- austrait$traits %>%  
  dplyr::filter(dataset_id == "Falster_2005_1")  
trait_data  
traits_bind <- bind_trait_values(trait_data)  
separate_trait_values(traits_bind)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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summarise\_database *Summarise counts for a particular variable of interest*

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### Description

Summarise counts for a particular variable of interest

### Usage

```
summarise_database(database, var)
```

**Arguments**

database        traits.build database (list object)  
 var             variable you use wish to see summary of (trait\_name, genus, family)

**Value**

dataframe of unique levels of variable with counts and percentage

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
summarise_database(database = austrait, "trait_name")
summarise_database(database = austrait, "family")

## End(Not run)
```

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trait\_pivot\_longer        *Pivot wide format traits table into long format*

---

**Description**

**[Deprecated]** trait\_pivot\_longer "gathers" wide format data into a "tidy" format This function converts the data into long format where observations are on different rows and the type of observation is denoted by trait name. In other words, trait\_pivot\_longer reverts the actions of trait\_pivot\_wider

**Usage**

```
trait_pivot_longer(wide_data)
```

**Arguments**

wide\_data        output from trait\_pivot\_wider.

**Details**

- If bind\_trait\_values was applied prior to trait\_pivot\_wider for AusTraits <= v3.0.2, trait\_pivot\_longer will return a tibble with fewer observations than the original traits table.
- For AusTraits version >3.0.2, trait\_pivot\_longer will return a tibble with fewer columns than that original traits table
  - The excluded columns include: "unit", "replicates", "measurement\_remarks", "basis\_of\_record", "basis\_of\_value"

This function reverts the actions of the function austrait::trait\_pivot\_wider.

It begins with a derivation of a traits.build traits table, where multiple measurements that comprise a single observation are displayed on a single row, with a column for each trait. It then converts the table into long format where measurements of multiple traits that comprise a single observation are on different rows and a column specifying the trait names is added.

trait\_pivot\_longer has been developed to pivot the traits table for a database build using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

- This function works with AusTraits version  $\geq 5.0.0$  (from Nov 2023 release)
- For AusTraits versions  $\leq 4.2.0$  (up to Sept 2023 release) see <https://github.com/traitecoevo/austrait> for how to install old versions of the package or download a newer version of the database.

## Value

A tibble in long format

A tibble in long format

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
data <- austrait$traits %>%
  filter(dataset_id == "Falster_2003")
data #long format
traits_wide <- trait_pivot_wider(data)
traits_wide #wide format

values_long <- trait_pivot_longer(traits_wide)

## End(Not run)
```

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trait_pivot_wider	<i>Pivot long format traits table into wide format</i>
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## Description

Function to "widen" long format data ("tidy data").

Data in a traits.build databases' traits table are organised in a long format where each trait measurement is on a different row and measurement metadata is recorded in other columns. Multiple traits may be measured as part of a single observation and this function pivots the data wider, such that each trait is its own column. Note that if two trait measurements have the same observation\_id but different value types (min, mean, mode, etc.) these will be on separate rows.

The function `austrait::trait_pivot_longer` reverts the actions of this function.

**Usage**

```
trait_pivot_wider(database)
```

**Arguments**

database            The traits tibble from a traits.build database

**Details**

“trait\_pivot\_wider“ has been developed to pivot the traits table for a database build using the traits.build workflow. Learn more at: <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build> & <https://github.com/traitecoevo/traits.build-book>

Note to AusTraits users:

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**Value**

traits.build traits table in wide format

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
  
data <- austrait_5.0.0_lite$traits %>% filter(dataset_id == "Falster_2003")  
data #long format  
traits_wide <- trait_pivot_wider(data)  
traits_wide #wide format  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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