# Ecography

## Supplementary material

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#### Appendix 1: Supplemental Information

#### 1. Data preparation of occurrences

Data for both plants and monarchs were prepared for modeling in similar ways. To reduce the effects of sampling bias due to spatially clustered localities (Veloz 2009), we spatially thinned each species' occurrence records by 10 km using the R package spThin (Aiello-Lammens et al. 2015). We ran the thinning algorithm for 100 iterations in order to maximize the number of records retained. To avoid including model training areas inaccessible to species because of dispersal constraints (Peterson et al. 2011), and also to include only those areas proximal to sampled records, we defined study extents for all species by delineating minimum convex polygons (MCPs) around occurrence localities buffered by 100 km. For monarchs, the CONANP occurrence localities alone were used to delineate the MCP, as we had high confidence that this dataset accurately represented the migrating eastern population. We sampled 25,000 background points within MCPs—more points than are typically sampled— as inadequate background sampling can lead to artifactually truncated environmental responses (Guevara et al. 2018).

#### 2. SDM methodology details: plants and monarchs

We tuned SDMs using Maxent v3.4.1 (Phillips et al. 2017) over a range of model settings with the R package ENMeval v0.3 (Muscarella et al. 2014). Maxent performs internal variable selection using a form of complexity penalization called regularization: feature classes control the various shapes allowed for the modeled response, affecting how complex the response can be, while increasing the regularization multiplier enforces simpler models with fewer parameters (Phillips and Dudík 2008, Merow et al. 2013). We explored combinations of simple and complex feature classes: linear (L), quadratic (Q), and hinge (H), resulting in the combinations L, LQ, H, and LQH. We specifically chose to exclude the feature classes "product" and "threshold" from the analysis, as their omission results in models that are easier to interpret, or do not show better performance than hinge features, respectively (Phillips et al. 2017). We also explored a range of regularization multipliers that increasingly penalized complexity of fit: the values 1 through 5 with a step value of 0.5, resulting in 40 candidate models for each species (4 combinations of feature classes x 10 regularization multipliers).

We selected optimal model settings for plants based on measures of discrimination and omission on spatially withheld occurrence data instead of relying on information criteria, as we were most interested in optimizing model performance for plants and not in comparing between models representing different hypotheses. Spatial cross validation reduces the effects of spatial autocorrelation in the occurrence data, which avoids overly optimistic model performance due to spatial dependence between localities that can occur through random cross validation (Roberts et al. 2017).

We used 4-fold spatial partitions delineated by longitude and latitude positioned to balance the number of localities in each fold ("block" partition method; Muscarella et al. 2014). We iteratively built models for each combination of feature class and regularization multiplier on the occurrence and background values from three of the four folds and predicted the occurrences from the withheld fold, then averaged model performance over the four folds. Before selecting models with optimal settings, we ensured that overly complex models would not be selected by first filtering out candidate models for which AIC cannot be calculated (i.e., those that had more non-zero coefficients than occurrence localities). We evaluated two performance statistics that rate performance on withheld data sequentially to select models. We first selected the models with the lowest average omission rate using the 10-percentile training presence (OR10), which is the percentage of test occurrences with predicted suitabilities below the 10 percentile of training values. When multiple models had identical OR10, we broke ties by choosing the model with the highest average test AUC (area under the curve of the receiving operator characteristic; Fielding and

Bell 1997) over the withheld folds (AUC<sub>test</sub>), a standard threshold-independent measure of discriminatory ability on withheld data for SDMs (Peterson et al. 2011). Although valid criticism exists concerning the use of AUC for rating model accuracy and comparing values between studies with different extents, variables, or species (Lobo et al. 2008), we use AUC here to compare between models built with the same data and extents that share low omission rates in order to select model settings that lead to high relative performance. We evaluated monarchs SDMs based solely on AICc, as we had the task of comparing between models with different numbers of parameters (see Appendix A5).

#### 3. Species richness estimates for plants

For each plant species, the model with optimal settings was used to predict suitability values across the respective species-specific study extent, resulting in model prediction rasters for each species. We made model predictions using the cloglog output for Maxent v3.4.1, a scaling of the raw Maxent output (for which direct comparisons of species predictions with different study extents cannot be made; Phillips and Dudík 2008) that preserves rank and estimates probability of presence with values between 0 and 1. Transforming to a probability scale enabled us to combine SDM prediction rasters from multiple species and thus estimate species richness over a shared extent (Ferrier and Guisan 2006). Calabrese et al. (2014) found that summing continuous SDM predictions instead of thresholded presence/absence rasters results in more accurate estimates of site-level species richness. Before summing, we masked each prediction raster by the species-specific study extent to exclude predicted areas far from observed data (even if they were highly suitable according to the model).

#### 4. Low-abundance plant species removal analysis

As plant species with low abundance throughout their ranges could potentially bias the richness estimates towards areas that do not necessarily have a high plant population density (which should be more closely associated with monarch suitability than plant species richness, per se), we re-moved the SDM predictions of low-abundance species before creating the biotic variables and ran a separate set of models to see if this would affect our results. All the tree species were retained, but we removed five *Asclepias* spp. for this comparison: *A. circinalis*, *A. elata*, *A. fournieri*, *A. sperryi*, and *A. tuberosa*.

This analysis resulted in small changes to the stationary models, but not the monthly, as none of the species removed are listed as flowering for September through November in our phenology database. With the exception of the combined stationary model for September, which had the same AICc score as the combined monthly model, the results remained the same as the original analysis (Tbl. S3).

#### 5. Rationale for model selection of monarch SDMs by AICc

Although performance metrics such as AUC can be used to rate relative performance over suites of models with different settings (Radosavljevic and Anderson 2014), comparing models with differing numbers of predictor variables is difficult because complex and overfit models often have artifactually inflated accuracy scores. Although some ecological modeling studies enforce variable reduction to equalize variable numbers across models (Bateman et al. 2012), others use information criteria, particularly AIC, to select models in these cases (Johnson and Omland 2004). SDMs selected by AIC may be more robust to sampling bias and have been shown to be simpler when compared to models selected via a cross-validation approach (Galante et al. 2018). Therefore, information criteria may be a preferable choice to cross validation when comparing between competing sets of predictor variables, though selected models should also be evaluated for their performance on withheld data to confirm their accuracy. Therefore, of the candidate monarch SDMs for each variable set per month, we selected the model with the lowest AICc value (Warren and Seifert 2011).

#### 6. Null model methods

Raes & ter Steege (2007) pioneered the null model approach for SDMs, which involves building models based on localities randomly sampled across the study extent, plotting a null distribution of an evaluation statistic, and then conducting a one-tailed t-test for significance. Regarding evaluation of null SDMs,

Raes & ter Steege (2007) used AUC calculated on the training localities instead of withheld data, and later studies improved on this by using random cross validation (Beale et al. 2008). Bohl et al. (2019) proposed instead evaluating null models on the same withheld data as were employed for testing the real models. We followed this latter approach but made a novel modification to evaluate null models using k - 1 spatial block cross validation (using k = 4 folds rather than 2). To begin, we assigned the same spatial folds applied to the monarch occurrence localities to every grid cell in the study extent. For each iteration, we randomly sampled n localities across the training folds, where n is equal to the total number of real occurrence localities in these folds, and then evaluated the model on the real monarch occurrences in the withheld fold (also using the same background values). Per month, we built null SDMs for each variable set using the same model settings as those chosen as optimal for the real models. We calculated AUC<sub>test</sub> and average OR10 for each null model. We repeated this process 1000 times, resulting in distributions of 1000 null test statistics per month/variable set. Finally, we compared the real model evaluation statistics to those of the null distributions to determine significance with  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

#### 7. Plant SDM results

The following descriptions of Maxent model settings will use a letter-number notation for feature class and regularization multiplier: e.g., linear, quadratic, and hinge feature classes with regularization multiplier 2.5 will be notated as LQH2.5. The number of Maxent model parameters with non-zero coefficients (i.e., lambda weights as described in Phillips and Dudík 2008) will be referred to as "parameters". The simplest models were for *A. circinalis* (LQ2, 6 parameters) and *Juniperus monticola* (LQ4, 4 parameters), while the most complex models were for *A. tuberosa* (H1.5, 147 parameters) and *Taxodium mucronatum* (LQH2, 56 parameters). The models that omitted the fewest test localities were for *A. similis* (OR10 = 0.062) and *Pinus devoniana* (OR10 = 0.028), and those that omitted the most were for *A. fournieri* (0.292) and *Quercus rugosa* (0.268). The average OR10 across all plant species was 0.150 for *Asclepias* spp. and 0.128 for roosting trees. As AUC cannot be directly compared for models trained on different study extents (Jiménez-Valverde 2012), we do not report these statistics here.

#### 8. Null model results

For AUC<sub>test</sub>, the September models had significantly high scores at  $\alpha$  = 0.05 (above the 95th percentile of the null distribution), and October combined monthly, November biotic monthly, and November combined monthly were just below this threshold (Fig. S5). All the combined monthly models performed quite well for AUC<sub>test</sub> compared to the null distributions. In comparison, no models selected via AICc had significantly low scores for average OR10 (i.e., performing better than the lowest 5<sup>th</sup> percentile), and only October biotic monthly had a candidate model that met this criterion (although October abiotic and October combined monthly were just above the margin). Unlike for AUC<sub>test</sub>, the combined monthly models performed poorly for average OR10: although the September and October models had scores lower than the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (indicating they performed better than 50% of null models, but not 95%), the November model performed worse than this (Fig. S6).

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### Appendix 2: Supplementary Tables and Figures

Table A1. All plant species (nectar plants and roosting trees) initially considered for analysis, with sample size of occurrence localities before and after spatial thinning by 10 km. Those with sample sizes >15 for occurrences in Mexico after thinning (light gray) were retained for analysis.

species	no. samples	no. thinned samples
Asclepias asperula	483	282
A. auriculata	246	91
A. brachystephana	296	127
A. circinalis	52	18
A. coulteri	83	22
	3776	1062
A. curassavica	114	54
A. elata	132	54
A. engelmanniana		27
A. fournieri	105	
A. glaucescens	676	175
A. jaliscana	326	94
A. linaria	2104	691
A. mexicana	190	52
A. oenotheroides	581	207
A. otarioides	91	47
A. ovata	314	100
A. pellucida	140	47
A. similis	275	64
A. sperryi	59	34
A. subverticillata	463	278
A. texana	35	
A. tuberosa	854	492
A. verticillata	571	
A. viridis	299	
A. virletii	22	
Abies religiosa	160	58
Carya illinoinensis	259	136
Cupressus lindleyi	59	33
Juglans hirsuta	19	
Juglans major	221	129
Juglans microcarpa	92	
Juglans mollis	105	44
Juglans pyriformis	48	26
Juniperus deppeana	671	273
Juniperus monticola	101	25
Pinus ayacahuite	199	73
Pinus devoniana	133	34
Pinus hartwegii	526	49
Pinus oocarpa	241	90
Pinus pseudostrobus	628	144
Pinus rudis	40	22
Pinus teocote	331	104
Quercus acutifolia	148	91
Quercus candicans	30	17
Quercus castanea	489	204
Quercus crassifolia	438	182
Quercus laurina	359	155
Quercus obtusata	419	173

Quercus rugosa Quercus salicifolia	622 35	226 22
Taxodium distichum	286	
Taxodium mucronatum	273	146

Table A2. Maxent SDM settings chosen as optimal for Asclepias spp. and trees and associated performance statistics. Settings shown are feature class combinations (features) and regularization multiplier (rm). Statistics shown are AUC calculated on training data (AUC $_{train}$ ) and averaged over testing data (AUC $_{test}$ ), omission rates for 10 percentile training values (OR10), and the number of non-zero coefficients (nparam).

species	features	rm	AUCtrain	AUCtest	OR10	nparam
Asclepias asperula	L	3	0.850	0.819	0.153	12
A. auriculata	Н	4.5	0.943	0.918	0.134	29
A. brachystephana	Н	5	0.930	0.884	0.118	33
A. circinalis	LQ	2	0.973	0.968	0.100	6
A. coulteri	LQH	2	0.993	0.966	0.142	15
A. curassavica	LQ	0.5	0.956	0.957	0.130	21
A. elata	L	2.5	0.858	0.766	0.074	11
A. fournieri	L	2	0.916	0.848	0.292	9
A. glaucescens	LQ	3	0.964	0.957	0.115	11
A. jaliscana	L	5	0.902	0.866	0.235	7
A. linaria	L	5	0.914	0.900	0.145	8
A. mexicana	L	2	0.953	0.924	0.212	9
A. oenotheroides	L	2.5	0.888	0.867	0.140	14
A. otarioides	Ĺ	0.5	0.949	0.922	0.110	13
A. ovata	LQ	0.5	0.953	0.909	0.250	27
A. pellucida	L	5	0.915	0.872	0.106	8
A. similis	LQ	4	0.947	0.935	0.062	12
A. sperryi	L	5	0.906	0.875	0.149	7
A. subverticillata	H	4.5	0.917	0.890	0.166	69
A. tuberosa	H	1.5	0.916	0.864	0.173	147
Abies religiosa	LQ	5	0.969	0.953	0.106	8
Carya illinoinensis	L	0.5	0.851	0.752	0.213	19
Cupressus lindleyi	LQ	4.5	0.946	0.933	0.094	8
Juglans major	Н	5	0.954	0.951	0.086	62
Juglans mollis	LQ	5	0.960	0.928	0.114	11
Juglans pyriformis	LQ	1	0.956	0.932	0.036	11
Juniperus deppeana	LQ	4.5	0.940	0.914	0.129	12
Juniperus monticola	LQ	4	0.984	0.978	0.113	4
Pinus ayacahuite	L	3	0.962	0.942	0.150	11
P. devoniana	LQ	3.5	0.975	0.976	0.028	8
P. hartwegii	Н	5	0.983	0.980	0.061	11
P. oocarpa	L	2.5	0.915	0.852	0.218	10
P. pseudostrobus	L	4	0.902	0.870	0.132	12
P. rudis	Н	3.5	0.922	0.913	0.092	14
P. teocote	L	5	0.934	0.915	0.183	9
Quercus acutifolia	L	4.5	0.925	0.919	0.090	7
Q. candicans	LQH	3.5	0.989	0.979	0.125	6
Q. castanea	LQ	5	0.952	0.941	0.127	8
Q. crassifolia	LQ	5	0.940	0.892	0.241	12
Q. laurina	LQ	4.5	0.953	0.941	0.163	10
Q. obtusata	Н	5	0.943	0.932	0.139	27
Q. rugosa	L	2.5	0.942	0.896	0.268	15
Q. salicifolia	LQH	2	0.951	0.931	0.092	12
Taxodium mucronatum	LQH	2	0.964	0.947	0.075	56

Table A3. Maxent SDM settings chosen as optimal for monarchs by month and variable group and associated performance statistics, after removal of low-abundance Asclepias SDM predictions from the estimated richness variable. Only the stationary versions for the biotic and combined models are shown, as the monthly versions did not include these species to begin with. Settings shown are feature class combinations (features) and regularization multiplier (rm). Statistics shown are AUC calculated on training data (AUC<sub>train</sub>) and averaged over testing data (AUC<sub>test</sub>), omission rates for 10 percentile (OR10) training values, delta AICc (based on the lowest AICc in Tbl. 2), and the number of non-zero coefficients (nparam).

month	group	features	rm	AUCtrain	AUCtest	OR10	delta AICc	nparam
September	biotic stationary	L	0.5	0.693	0.700	0.109	5	2
	combined stationary	L	1	0.715	0.729	0.109	0	4
October	biotic stationary	LQ	0.5	0.568	0.574	0.178	23	4
	combined stationary	LQ	0.5	0.637	0.641	0.070	8	9
November	biotic stationary	L	1	0.654	0.644	0.198	41	1
	combined stationary	LQH	2	0.767	0.635	0.233	24	21

Table A4. Null model result summaries for abiotic, biotic monthly, and combined monthly models, reported by evaluation statistic (AUC $_{test}$ , OR10).

statistic	month	group	min	50%	95%	max
		abiotic	0.285	0.513	0.655	0.745
	September	biotic monthly	0.245	0.506	0.693	0.747
		combined monthly	0.264	0.508	0.659	0.765
		abiotic	0.277	0.493	0.630	0.729
AUCtest	October	biotic monthly	0.279	0.492	0.643	0.735
Auciesi		combined monthly	0.277	0.492	0.622	0.733
		abiotic	0.306	0.509	0.621	0.703
	November	biotic monthly	0.246	0.493	0.681	0.756
		combined monthly	0.241	0.501	0.671	0.773
		abiotic	0	0.156	0.375	0.560
OR10 October	September	biotic monthly	0	0.156	0.422	0.562
		combined monthly	0	0.188	0.432	0.672
		abiotic	0	0.152	0.358	0.517
	October	biotic monthly	0	0.189	0.387	0.533
		combined monthly	0	0.206	0.418	0.606
	November	abiotic	0	0.172	0.328	0.509
		biotic monthly	0	0.172	0.371	0.603
		combined monthly	0	0.172	0.405	0.638

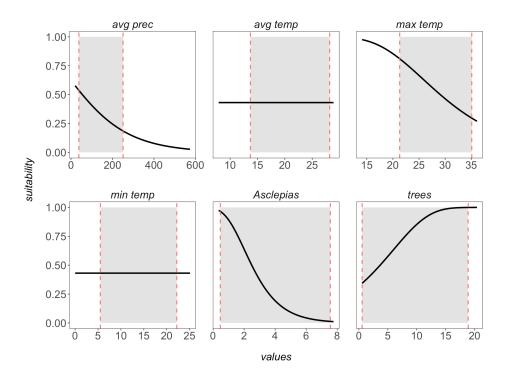


Figure A1. Response curves for the September combined monthly model. Dotted red lines delineate the minimum and maximum values in the occurrence data used for model training, and the gray box represents the range of each variable represented in the occurrence data.

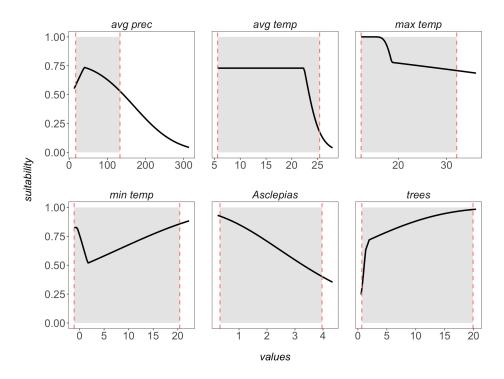


Figure A2. Response curves for the October combined monthly model. Dotted red lines delineate the minimum and maximum values in the occurrence data used for model training, and the gray box represents the range of each variable represented in the occurrence data.

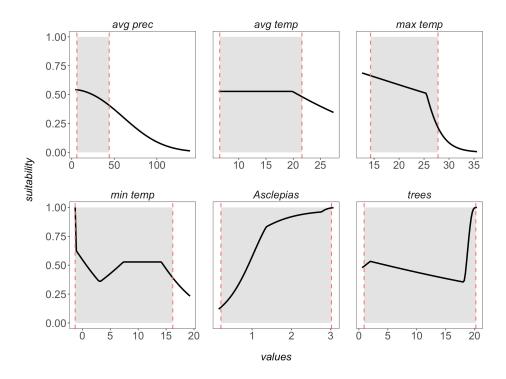


Figure A3. Response curves for the November combined monthly model. Dotted red lines delineate the minimum and maximum values in the occurrence data used for model training, and the gray box represents the range of each variable represented in the occurrence data.

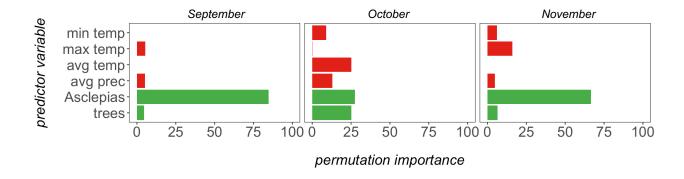


Figure A4. Permutation importance percentages for predictor variables in monarch combined monthly SDMs with combined abiotic (red) and biotic (green) variables that considered phenology.

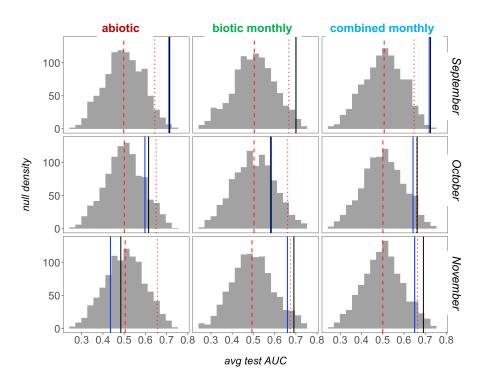


Figure A5. Null model results for average AUC $_{\text{test}}$  using the same settings and spatial blocks as the real models. Shown are the 50 $^{\text{th}}$  percentile (dashed red line) and 95 $^{\text{th}}$  percentile (dotted red line) of the null distribution, along with the real model value (solid blue line) and the value of the best performing model across all explored settings (solid black line).

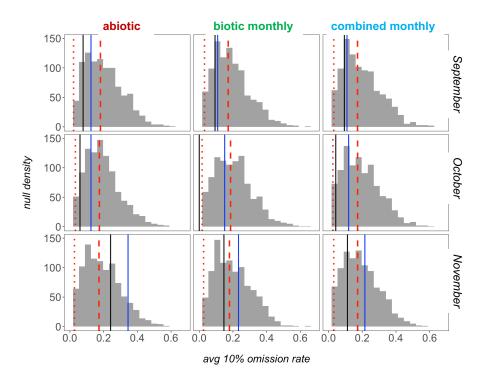


Figure A6. Null model results for average OR10 using the same settings and spatial blocks as the real models. Shown are the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (dashed red line) and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile (dotted red line) of the null distribution, along with the real model value (solid blue line) and the value of the best performing model across all explored settings (solid black line).

Appendix 3: R function for running null species distribution models for multiple specified Maxent settings using spatial block partitioning

Note: The functionality in this script, which was used for the null model analysis in this study, has since been incorporated into the nullENM package (https://github.com/ndimhypervol/nullENM), referenced in Bohl et al. (2019).

```
#' Run null species distribution models for multiple specified Maxent settings
#' with spatial block partitioning
#' @param occs Data frame of species occurrences (longitude, latitude)
#' @param bg Data frame of background coordinates (longitude, latitude)
#' @param envs RasterStack of environmental variables
#' @param optAll List of rows in ENMevaluate object results attribute
#' corresponding to the optimal model settings per variable group; these
#' settings will be used to make null species distribution models
#' @param samps Numeric for number of repetitions
#' @return List of 1) test AUC values, 2) 10 percentile omission rate values,
#' 3) the thresholds used to calculate the omission rates
#' @note Based on code from randomNull() from dismo package v1.1-4
#' @export
nullSDMs <- function(occs, bg, envs, optAll, samps) {
 # divide all grid cells in study extent into same partition groups
 # as the real occurrence data
 envs.xy <- raster::rasterToPoints(envs[[1]])</pre>
 envs.parts <- ENMeval::get.block(occ=occs, bg.coords=envs.xy[,1:2])
 # extract the cell numbers for the raster
 envs.xy.cellNum <- raster::extract(envs[[1]], envs.xy[,1:2], cellnumbers=TRUE)
 # make new rasters that leave out (LO) spatial fold
 envs.grp <- envs[[1]][[1]]
 envs.grp[envs.xy.cellNum[,1]] <- envs.parts$bg.grp
 envsLO1 <- envsLO2 <- envsLO3 <- envsLO4 <- envs.grp
 envsLO1[envsLO1 == 1] <- NA
 envsLO2[envsLO2 == 2] <- NA
 envsLO3[envsLO3 == 3] <- NA
 envsLO4[envsLO4 == 4] <- NA
 envsLO <- stack(envsLO1, envsLO2, envsLO3, envsLO4)
 # get the partition groups for occurrences and background used to train the real model
 obs.parts <- ENMeval::get.block(occ=occs, bg.coords=bg)
 # find how many occs are in each group
 occ.grp.tbl <- table(obs.parts$occ.grp)
 # list to hold the average test AUCs for each variable group
 aucTestAvgs <- replicate(length(envs), numeric(samps), simplify=FALSE)
 names(aucTestAvgs) <- names(envs)</pre>
 orTestAvgs <- replicate(length(envs), numeric(samps), simplify=FALSE)
 names(orTestAvgs) <- names(envs)</pre>
 thrs <- replicate(length(envs), matrix(nrow=4, ncol=samps), simplify=FALSE)
 # list of maxent arguments for each variable group for maxent.jar
 mxArgsAll <- lapply(optAll, function(x) ENMeval::make.args(x$rm, x$features)[[1]])
 # iterate null models
 for(i in 1:samps) {
  # list to hold test AUC for all 4 folds for each variable group
  aucs <- replicate(length(envs), numeric(4), simplify=FALSE)
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or10s <- replicate(length(envs), numeric(4), simplify=FALSE)
 thr <- replicate(length(envs), numeric(4), simplify=FALSE)
 # perform cross validation on 4 spatial folds
 for(k in 1:4) {
  # assign training occurrences as all folds but k
  null.occs.train <- dismo::randomPoints(envsLO[[k]], sum(occ.grp.tbl[-k]))
  # assign training background the same as above (subset the data frame of variable values)
  bg.train <- bg[obs.parts$bg.grp != k,]
  # assign testing occurrences as the real occurrences in the k fold
  occs.test <- occs[obs.parts$occ.grp == k,]
  # make vector of 0's and 1's to differentiate occurrences and background for maxent()
  p <- c(rep(1, nrow(null.occs.train)), rep(0, nrow(bg.train)))
  # repeat for each variable group with same randomly sampled occurrences
  for(e in 1:length(envs)) {
   # extract variable values for training occurrences and testing occurrences
   occs.train.vals <- raster::extract(envs[[e]], null.occs.train, df=TRUE)[,-1]
   occs.test.vals <- raster::extract(envs[[e]], occs.test, df=TRUE)[,-1]
   # get variable values for all background points
   bg.vals <- raster::extract(envs[[e]], bg, df=TRUE)[,-1]
   bg.train.vals <- bg.vals[obs.parts$bg.grp != k,]
   # rbind together training data
   x <- data.frame(rbind(occs.train.vals, bg.train.vals))
   # run model with same fc and regm combination as the optimized real model
   m <- maxent(x, p, args = mxArgsAll[[e]])
   # evaluate model on testing data and full background, and record auc
   aucs[[e]][k] <- evaluate(occs.test.vals, bg.vals, m)@auc
   # get model predictions for training and testing points
   p.train <- dismo::predict(m, occs.train.vals)</pre>
   p.test <- dismo::predict(m, occs.test.vals)</pre>
   # figure out 90% of total no. of training records
   n90 <- ceiling(nrow(occs.train.vals) * 0.9)
   # calculate 10 percentile omission rate
   train.thr.10 <- rev(sort(p.train))[n90]
   thr[[e]][k] <- train.thr.10
   or10s[[e]][k] \leftarrow mean(p.test < train.thr.10)
  }
 }
 # get mean of test AUCs for each variable group for this iteration
 for(v in 1:length(envs)) {
  aucTestAvgs[[v]][i] <- mean(aucs[[v]])
  orTestAvgs[[v]][i] <- mean(or10s[[v]])
  thrs[[v]][,i] <- thr[[v]]
 message("-", appendLF = FALSE)
 if(i \%\% 50 == 0) {
  message(" ", i)
  flush.console()
 }
message("Null models complete.")
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}

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flush.console()
  return(list(aucs=aucTestAvgs, ors=orTestAvgs, thr=thrs))
}
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