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Dragonfly Recording Survey Overview

Aim - to understand

- data collection practices and availability of semi-structured data
- Barriers and opportunities for adding structure to future dragonfly monitoring

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- 639 participants from BDS / Bird Track / Butterfly Conservation / iRecord
- 75% over 55yrs of age and of white ethnicity
- Over 55% had 6yrs or more experience
- Only 15% confident of ID of all species
- Over 55% confident of most
- Around 15% had specific group ID issues

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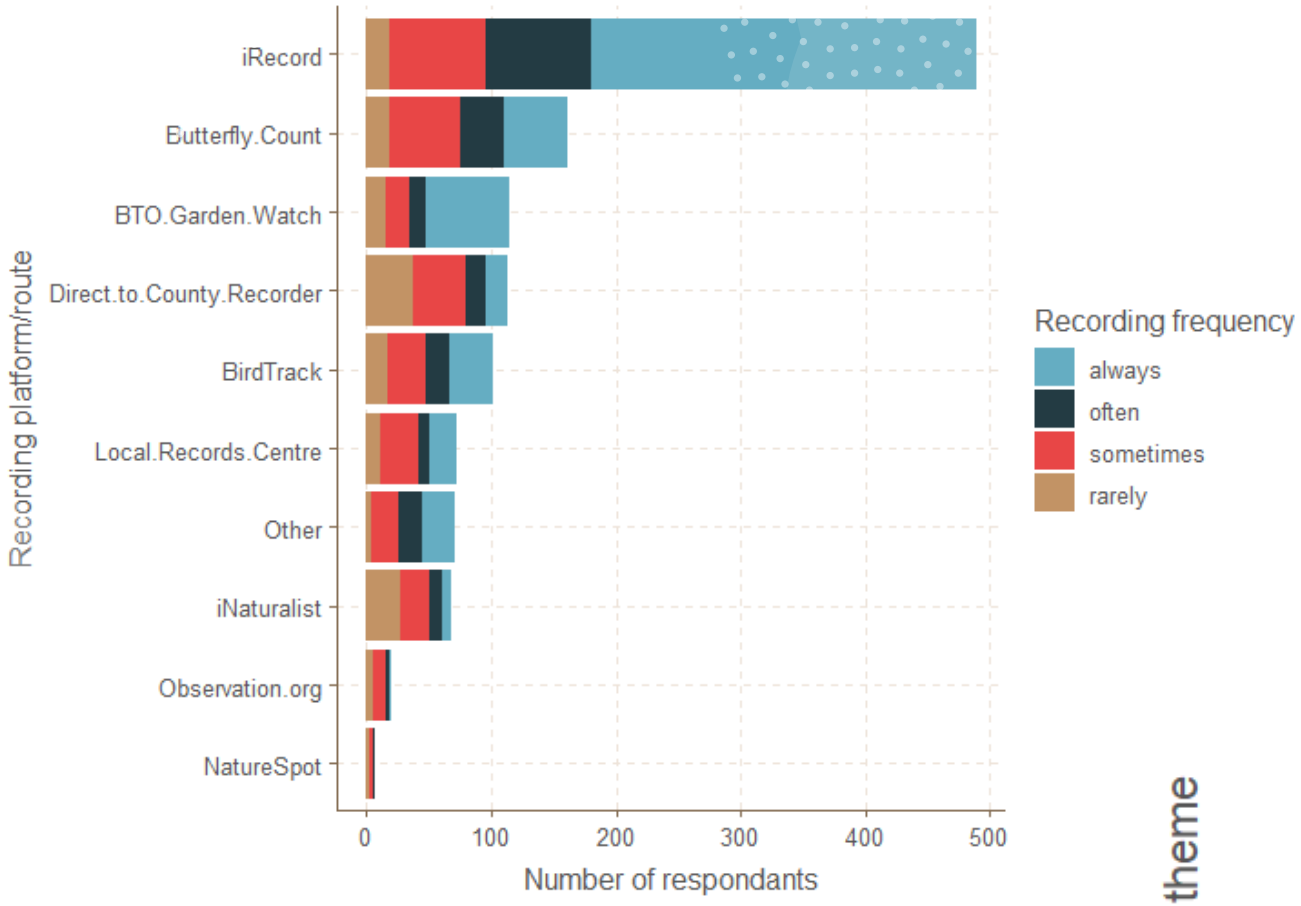
Recording Platform



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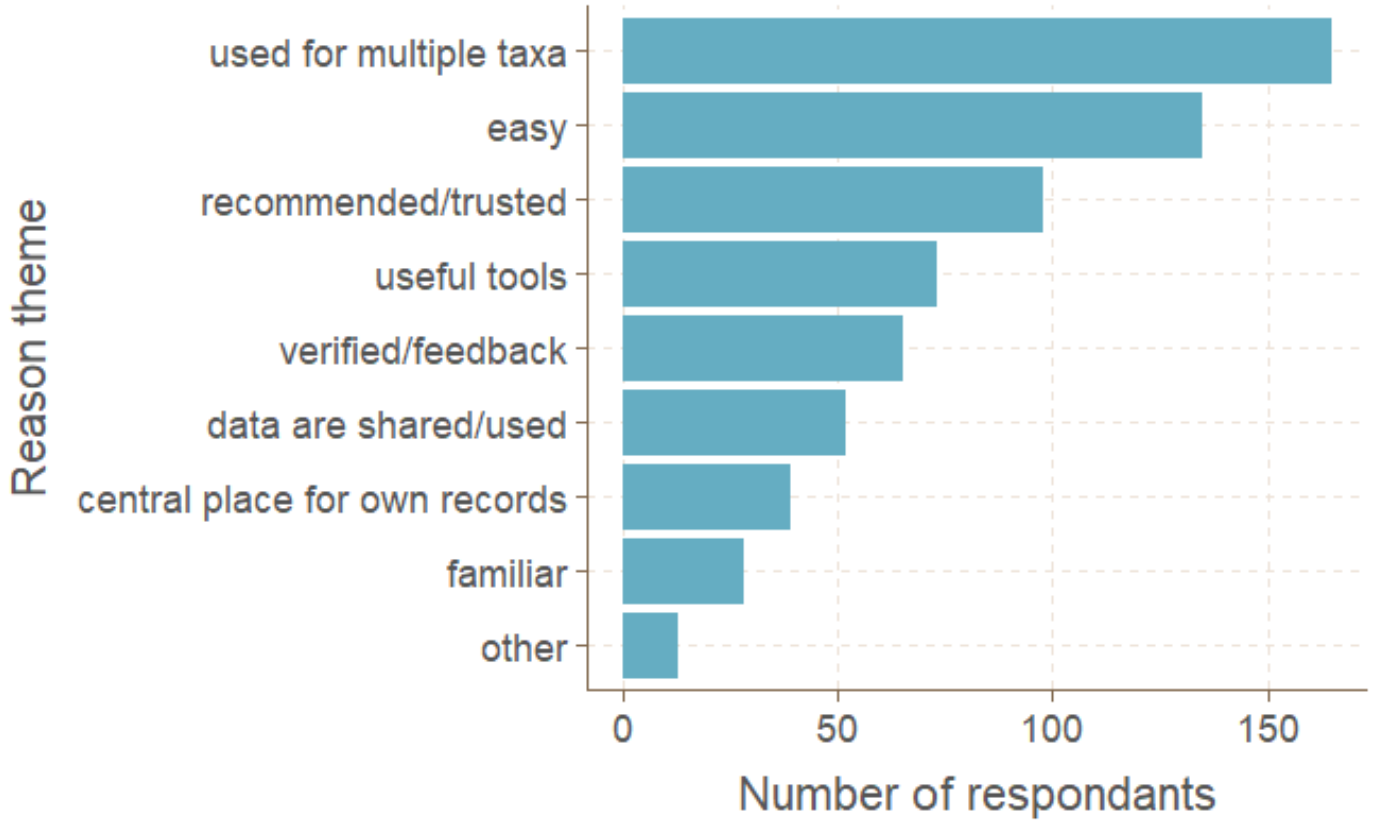

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- Many recording in a structured way – repeat visits / transect
- On uploading on to NBN some structure lost
- Additional features – report ‘nil’ surveys / search effort
- Some appetite for tool which indicates which species may be seen at a given place / time of year
- Protocols for multiple taxa recording – eg. Dragonflies / Butterflies
- Data value? – Research / Policy / Repeat data / Duplication / Feedback

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- Dependence of photography for species ID and verification. Range shifting species creating ID challenges
- For many recording is opportunistic due to time constraints and / or priority of recording other taxa
- Over 25% would not consider more structured recording
- Site accessibility issues – transport / weather / mobility
- High % of recording is adults – limits breeding evidence.

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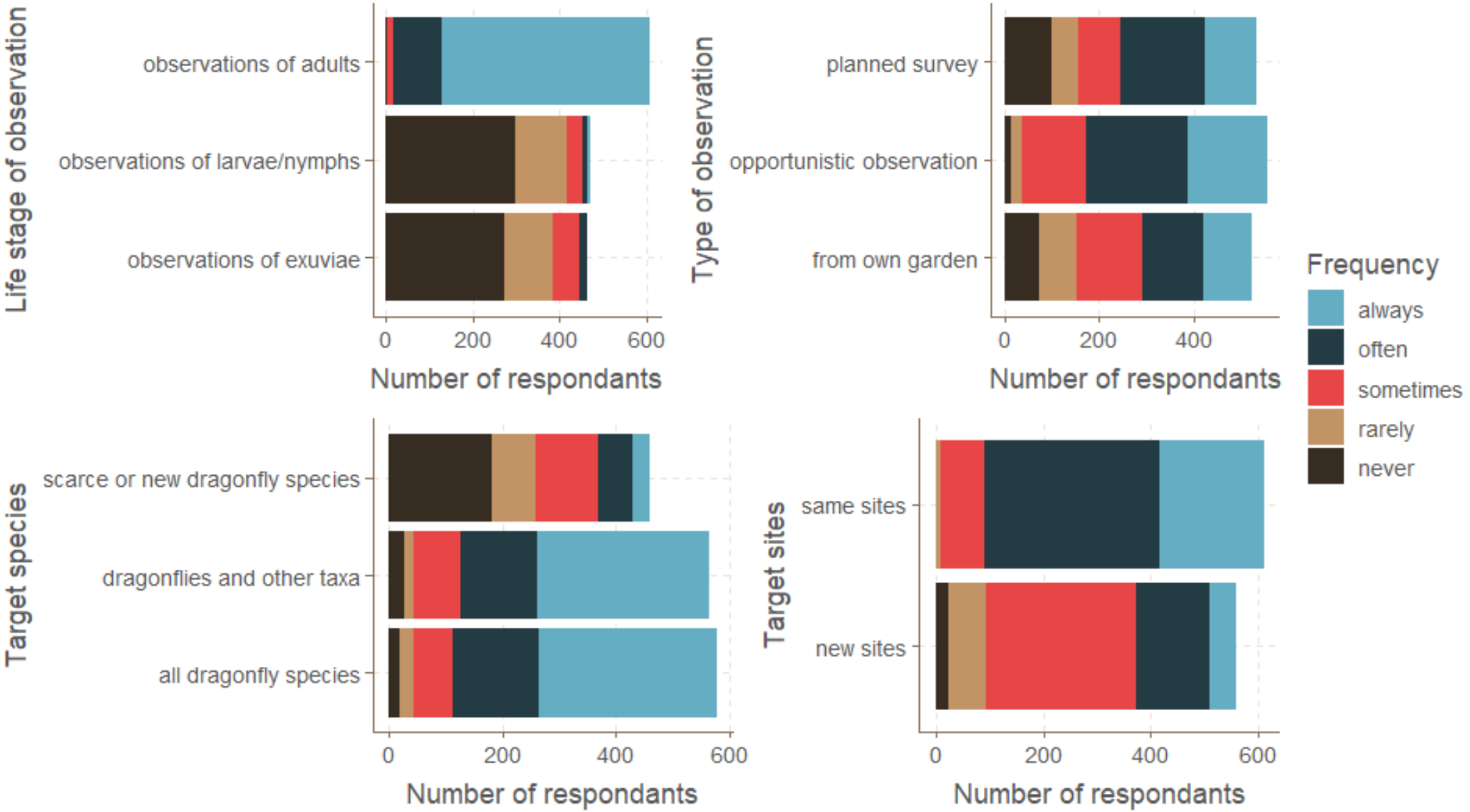
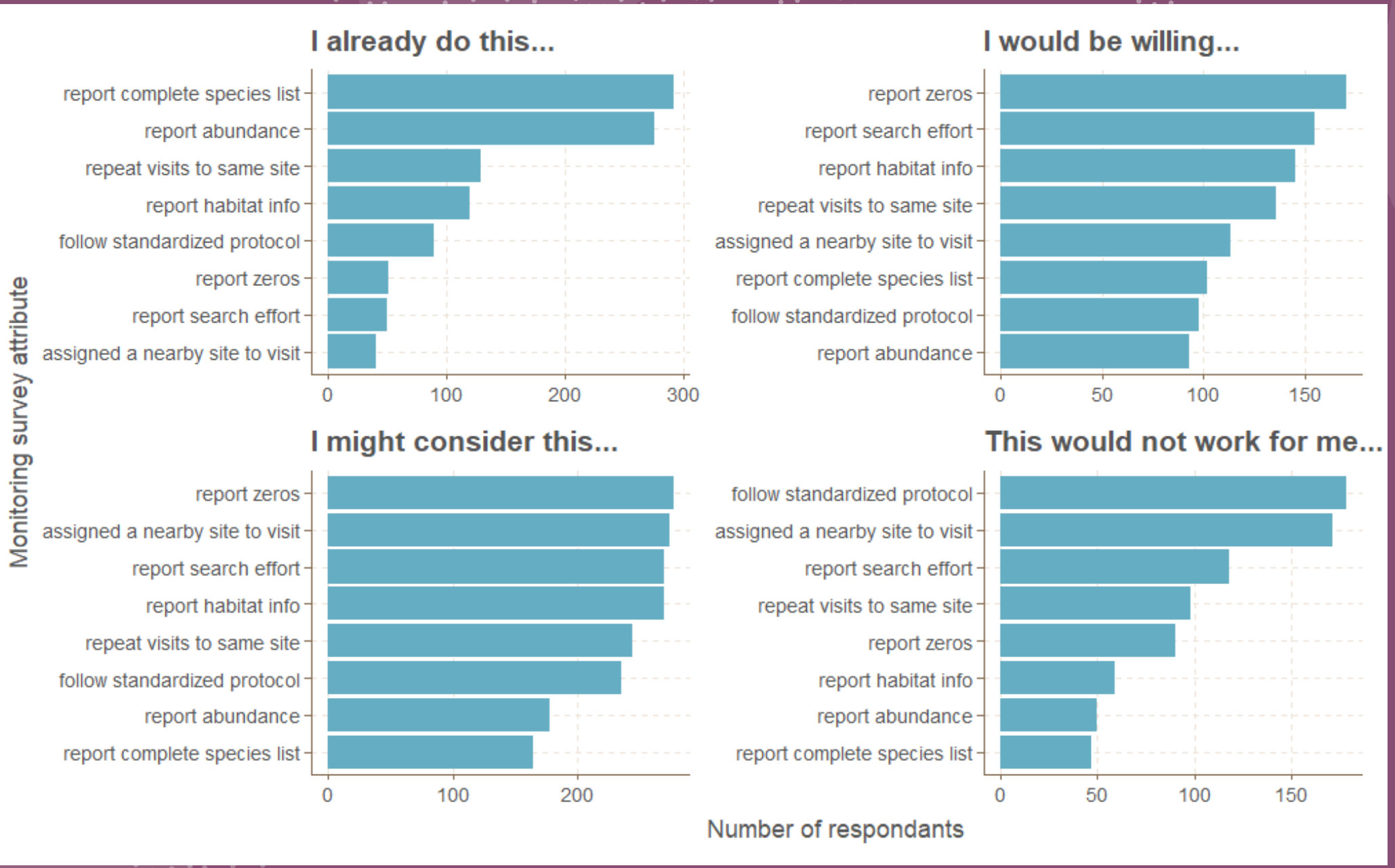
Monitoring Practices



Future Monitoring



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