

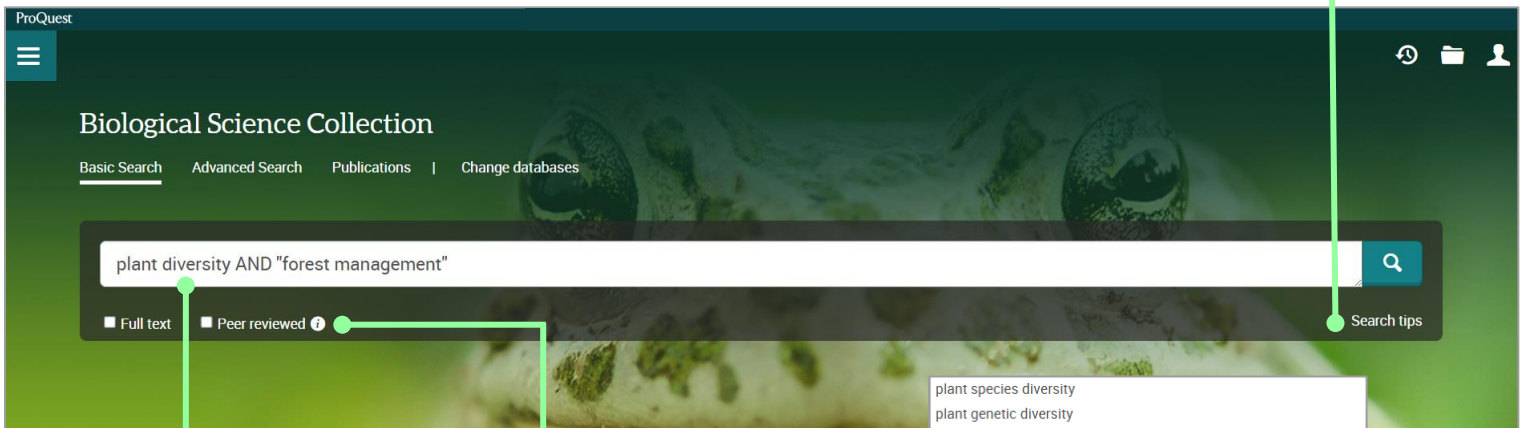
Basic Search Guide

The ProQuest Platform Basic Search Quick Guide provides a straightforward, four-step approach to conducting basic searches, including entering search terms, reviewing the results page, applying filters, and managing results and documents. This guide helps users efficiently find and utilize relevant information.

Entering the search terms

Create a simple search strategy by combining terms in the Basic Search box.

Be sure to check out **Search tips** if you need help building your search query.



Use various search operators to enhance your search.

You can use Boolean operators **AND**, **OR** or **NOT**, special characters such as **asterisk (*)** or **quotes (“”)**, or more advanced operators such as **NEAR/** and **PRE/**.

Refine by **Peer reviewed** or by **Full-text** if the databases contain full-text documents.

Some databases are bibliographical (abstracts and indexing only).

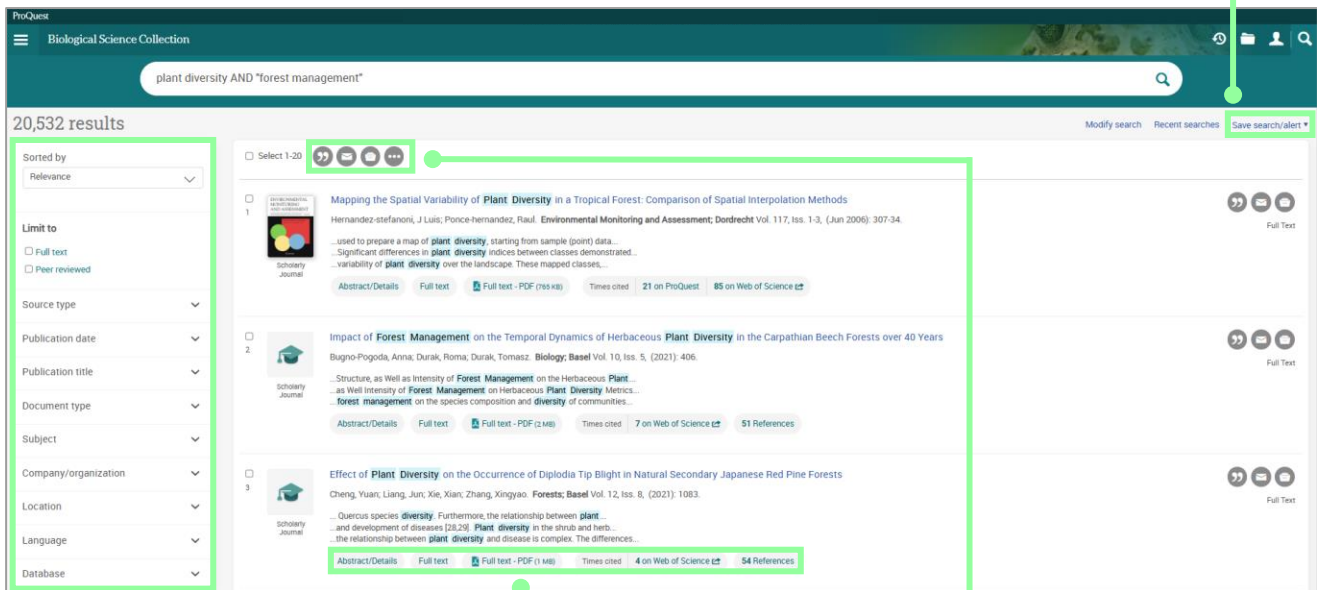
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- plant genetic diversity
- plant functional diversity
- plant diversity in ponds
- plant diversity and productivity experiments in european grasslands
- plant diversity
- plant community diversity grassland
- plant community diversity
- mycorrhiza plant diversity
- ecology: diversity and stability in plant communities
- [Turn off auto-complete](#)

Suggested terms appear from search queries made by ProQuest users as you write.

Working with results

Explore different ways for working with your results on the Results page.

The **Save Search/Alert** option allows you to create an alert and save the current search in your My Research Account.



Results are automatically sorted by **Relevance**.
Multiple **filters** are available for search refinement.

Quickly access the **Abstract**, **Full-text** or **References** of the relevant result.

Check the box next to each item to **cite**, **send**, **save**, **share** or **export** them.

Refine your search using filters

Sorted by
Relevance ▼

Limit to

Full text

Peer reviewed

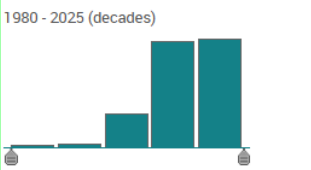
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- 📖 Scholarly Journals (19,321)
- 📚 Books (26)
- 🎧 Audio & Video Works (1)
- 📄 Dissertations & Theses (905)
- 📰 Newspapers (2)

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Publication date ▲

1980 - 2025 (decades)



Enter a date range Update

Publication title ▼

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Subject ▲

- forests (8,834)
- forest management (7,847)
- biodiversity (6,173)
- trees (5,619)
- climate change (4,361)

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Company/organization ▼

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Language ▼

Database ▼

Limit your results to **Full-text** (available for databases with full-text documents) or **Peer-reviewed** documents.

Along with **Scholarly Journals**, most databases include many other types of sources.

Drag the bar or enter a date range manually to filter your documents by their **Publication date**.

Use the **Subject** filter to identify results which contain the term as the topic, and not just as a word appearing anywhere in the document.