# Package 'wacolors'

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Title Colorblind-Friendly Palettes from Washington State

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**Description** Color palettes taken from the landscapes and cities of Washington state. Colors were extracted from a set of photographs, and then combined to form a set of continuous and discrete palettes. Continuous palettes were designed to be perceptually uniform, while discrete palettes were chosen to maximize contrast at several different levels of overall brightness and saturation. Each palette has been evaluated to ensure colors are distinguishable by colorblind people.

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pal\_functions

Output a character vector containing code for a ggplot2 scale

#### Description

Call this function to get the code for the scale\_\* functions for a palette. If using RStudio, the code will be loaded at the console prompt; otherwise, it will be printed at the terminal. Assumes that ggplot2 has been loaded into the namespace, or will be by the time the scales are used.

#### Usage

```
pal_functions(
   palette,
   which = NULL,
   type = c("discrete", "continuous"),
   reverse = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

palette	a [wacolors] palette or palette name.
which	if not NULL, the indices or names of a subset of colors to use.
type	Either continuous, discrete, or binned. Use continuous if you want to auto- matically interpolate between colors. Custom scale midpoints are not supported (see scale_fill_wa_c()).
reverse	TRUE if the colors should be reversed.

#### Value

The generated code, invisibly, as a character vector.

#### Examples

```
pal_functions("rainier")
```

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pal\_vector

#### Description

Call this function to get the code for a character vector containing a palette. If using RStudio, the code will be loaded at the console prompt; otherwise, it will be printed at the terminal.

#### Usage

```
pal_vector(
   palette,
   n,
   which = NULL,
   type = c("discrete", "continuous"),
   reverse = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

palette	The name of the palette (partial matching supported), or an actual palette from [wacolors].
n	The number of colors in the palette. If this exceeds the actual number and type is not provided, it will be set to continuous.
which	if not NULL, the indices or names of a subset of colors to use.
type	Either continuous or discrete. Use continuous if you want to automatically interpolate between colors.
reverse	TRUE if palette should be reversed.

#### Value

The generated code, invisibly, as a character vector.

# Examples

```
pal_vector("rainier", 4)
```

scale\_color\_wa\_d Color palettes for ggplot2

#### Description

Color palettes for ggplot2

#### Usage

```
scale_color_wa_d(palette = "rainier", which = NULL, ..., reverse = FALSE)
scale_fill_wa_d(palette = "rainier", which = NULL, ..., reverse = FALSE)
scale_color_wa_c(
 palette = "sound_sunset",
 which = NULL,
 midpoint = NULL,
  ...,
 reverse = FALSE
)
scale_fill_wa_c(
 palette = "sound_sunset",
 which = NULL,
 midpoint = NULL,
  ...,
 reverse = FALSE
)
scale_color_wa_b(palette = "sound_sunset", which = NULL, ..., reverse = FALSE)
scale_fill_wa_b(palette = "sound_sunset", which = NULL, ..., reverse = FALSE)
scale_colour_wa_d(palette = "rainier", which = NULL, ..., reverse = FALSE)
scale_colour_wa_c(
  palette = "sound_sunset",
 which = NULL,
 midpoint = NULL,
  . . . ,
 reverse = FALSE
)
```

scale\_colour\_wa\_b(palette = "sound\_sunset", which = NULL, ..., reverse = FALSE)

#### Arguments

palette a wacolors palette or palette name.

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which	if not NULL, the indices or names of a subset of colors to use.
	Other arguments passed on to ggplot2::discrete_scale(), ggplot2::continuous_scale(), or ggplot2::binned_scale() to control name, limits, breaks, labels and so forth.
reverse	TRUE if the colors should be reversed.
midpoint	if not NULL and at least one limit is not provided, the value to center the scale at. Useful for diverging scales.

#### Value

A ggplot2::Scale object.

#### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +
    geom_point(aes(color = factor(cyl), size=hp)) +
    scale_color_wa_d()
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +
    geom_point(aes(color = hp)) +
    scale_color_wa_c("palouse", which=c("snake", "wheat"))
ggplot(diamonds) +
    geom_bar(aes(x = cut, fill = clarity)) +
    scale_fill_wa_d(wacolors$sound_sunset, reverse=TRUE)
```

wacolors

Washington State Color Palettes

#### Description

A collection of colorblind-friendly color palettes for various settings in the state of Washington. Colors were extracted from a set of photographs, and then combined to form a set of continuous and discrete palettes. Continuous palettes were designed to be perceptually uniform, while discrete palettes were chosen to maximize contrast at several different levels of overall brightness and saturation. Each palette has been evaluated to ensure colors are distinguishable by colorblind people.

#### Usage

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#### Format

A list of character vectors containing the color palettes. Discrete palette vectors contain names for each color.

# Details

Discrete palettes contain at most seven colors. Don't create graphics that use more than seven discrete colors. You can color a map with four. Anything more risks confusion. Consider differentiating through faceting or labels, instead.

Available continuous palettes:

sound_sunset
ferries
forest_fire
sea_star
sea
volcano
baker
diablo
puget
mountains
mountains
gorge

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foothills
footbridge
olympic
lopez
vantage
stuart

# Available discrete palettes:

lake	ragwort	lodge	trees rainier	groun	d winter_s	sky paintbrush
			Taimer			
trees	stone	tip		road	sunbreak	stump
		wa	shington_p	ass		_
			Beleven.			
snake	wheat	fallo		hills	canyon	sky
			palouse	_		
trees	stre	eam	fern forest		bark	mountains
			Iorest			
larch	shrub	roc	k r	noss	sky	dirt
			larch			
surf	sea	rocł	(S	sand	sunset	sky
			coast			

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trees		grass		se	ea	dı	riftwood		clo	uds
				san_	juan					
purple		gold		br		cherry		stone		
				u	w					
sea			shrub			nthous	е		rust	
				fort_w	orden					
red	yello	w	v	iolet	oran	ge	pu	ple	mou	untains
				ska	agit					
green			yellow			blue			tan	
				fla	ag					

# Examples

wacolors\$rainier
wacolors\$palouse[1:4]

wa\_pal

Washington State Color Palette Generator

# Description

Generate palette objects from the wacolors list

# Usage

```
wa_pal(
   palette,
   n,
   which = NULL,
   type = c("discrete", "continuous"),
   reverse = FALSE
)
```

#### wa\_pal

#### Arguments

palette	The name of the palette (partial matching supported), or an actual palette from [wacolors].
n	The number of colors in the palette. If this exceeds the actual number and type is not provided, it will be set to continuous.
which	if not NULL, the indices or names of a subset of colors to use.
type	Either continuous or discrete. Use continuous if you want to automatically interpolate between colors.
reverse	TRUE if palette should be reversed.

# Value

A vector of colors of type palette. Use the plot() function to plot the palette. If the cli package is installed, printing the palette to the console will also show its colors.

#### Examples

```
wa_pal("rainier")
wa_pal(wacolors$rainier)
wa_pal("sound_sunset", 20, "continuous")
wa_pal("washington_pass", reverse=TRUE)
```

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