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Natural Scenes Dataset

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Resource Information

URL: <http://naturalscenesdataset.org/>

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Description: Portal for large scale fMRI dataset conducted at ultra high field strength at Center of Magnetic Resonance Research at University of Minnesota. Dataset consists of whole brain, high resolution fMRI measurements of healthy adult subjects while they viewed thousands of color natural scenes over course of scan sessions. While viewing these images, subjects were engaged in continuous recognition task in which they reported whether they had seen each given image at any point in experiment. These data constitute massive benchmark dataset for computational models of visual representation and cognition, and can support wide range of scientific inquiry.

Abbreviations: NSD

Resource Type: data or information resource, topical portal, portal, data set

Defining Citation: [PMID:34916659](#)

Keywords: Natural scenes, vision, fMRI measurements, fMRI dataset, whole brain, healthy adult subjects, images, visual representation and cognition, benchmark, training data

Availability: Free, Freely available

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Alternate URLs: <https://github.com/cvnlab/nsdcode/>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Natural Scenes Dataset.

No alerts have been found for Natural Scenes Dataset.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 44 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [RRID](#) .

Simkova KM, et al. (2026) Representations in vision and language converge in a shared, multidimensional space of perceived similarities. *Journal of vision*, 26(5), 7.

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Qian X, et al. (2026) Local lateral connectivity is sufficient for replicating cortex-like topographical organization in deep neural networks. *Nature communications*, 17(1).

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Gauthaman RM, et al. (2025) Universal scale-free representations in human visual cortex. *PLoS computational biology*, 21(11), e1013714.

Takeda K, et al. (2025) Unsupervised alignment reveals structural commonalities and differences in neural representations of natural scenes across individuals and brain areas. *iScience*, 28(5), 112427.

Kay K, et al. (2025) Disentangling signal and noise in neural responses through generative modeling. *PLoS computational biology*, 21(7), e1012092.

Roy TS, et al. (2025) A transformation from vision to imagery in the human brain. *bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology*.