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Subject: Re: Alternative [XY]ticknames on colorbar  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 11 May 2004 13:16:19 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Alternative [XY]ticknames on colorbar  
Posted by [einareinar](#) on Wed, 12 May 2004 13:09:31 GMT

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news:<MPG.1b0a80105c431cb7989748@news.frii.com>...

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Thanks!

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best regards  
Einar

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I've added a TICKNAMES keyword to the COLORBAR procedure  
so that this is now easier to do. When TICKNAMES is present,  
the FORMAT is automatically set equal to a null string.

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/colorbar.pro>

Cheers,

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