

Pollinator conservation in human-dominated landscapes



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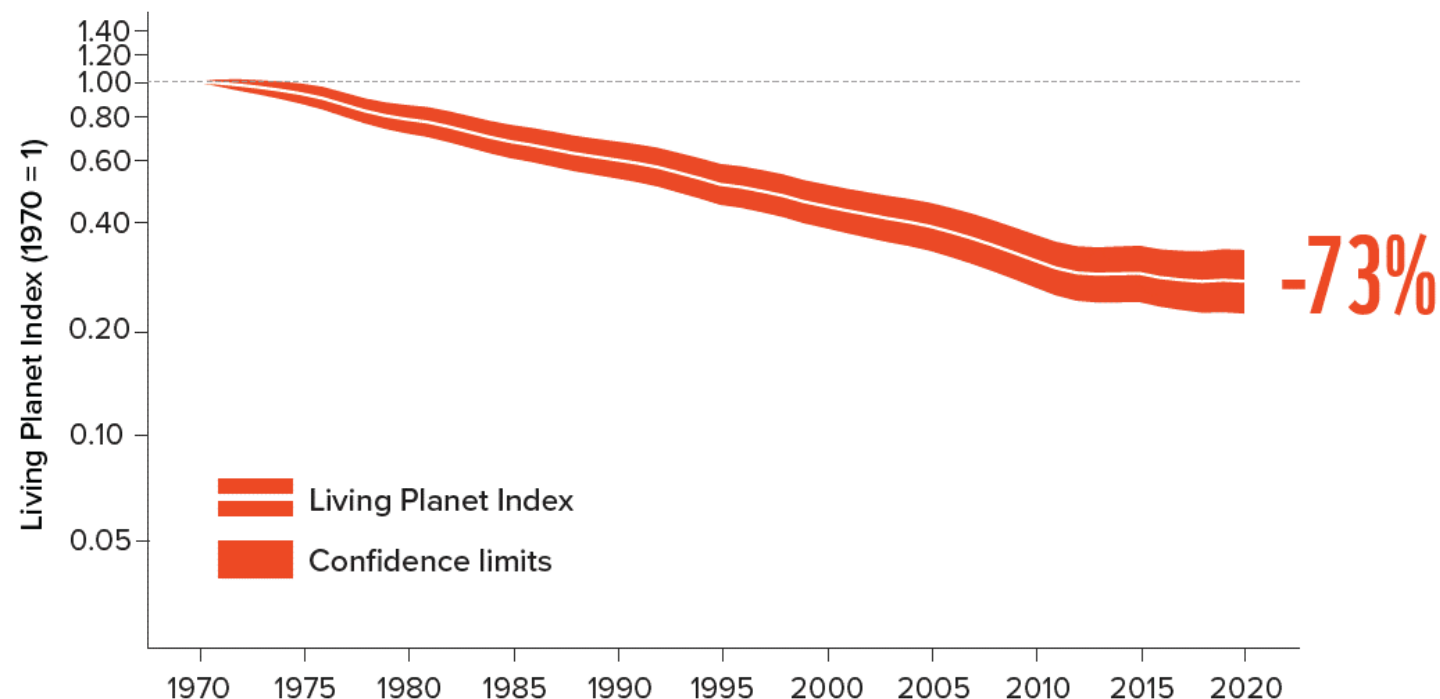
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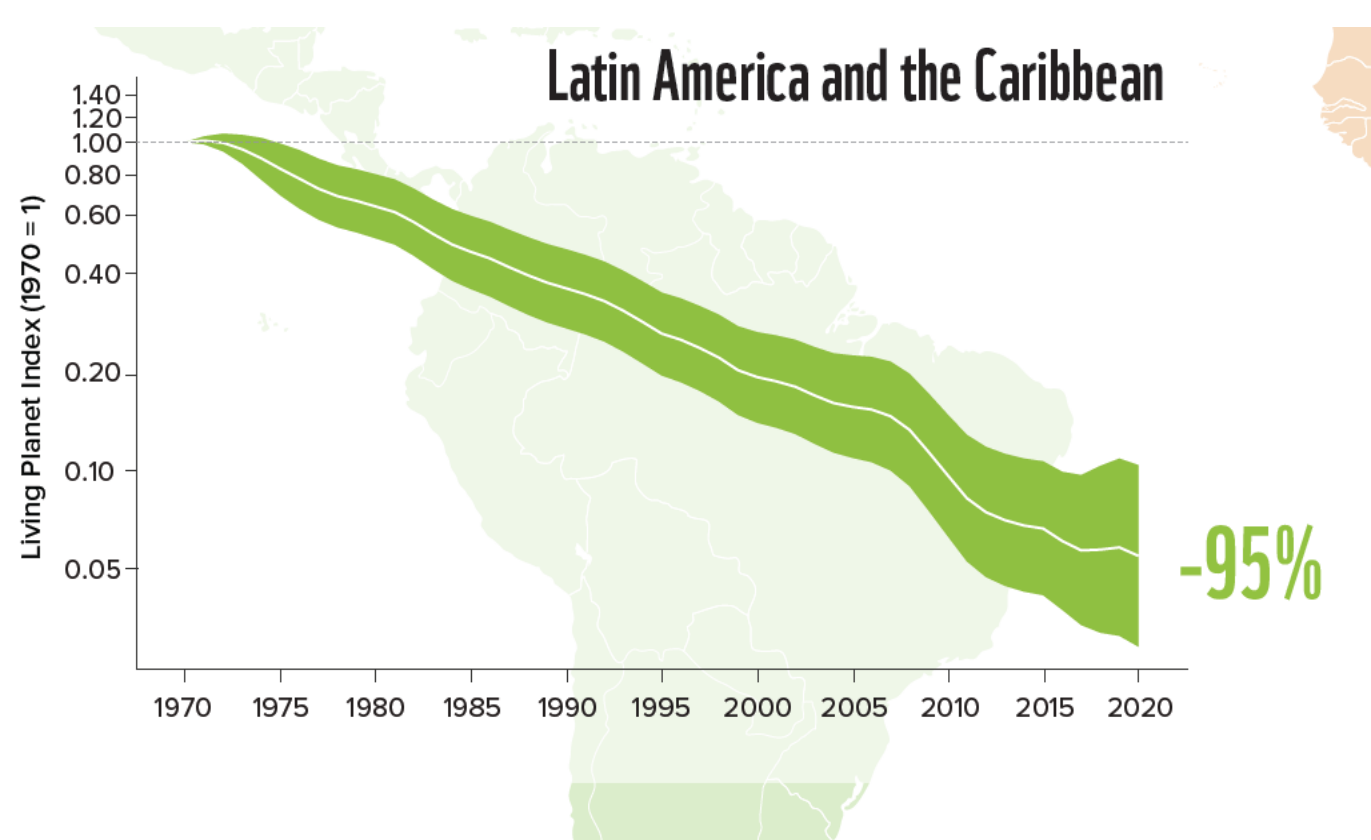
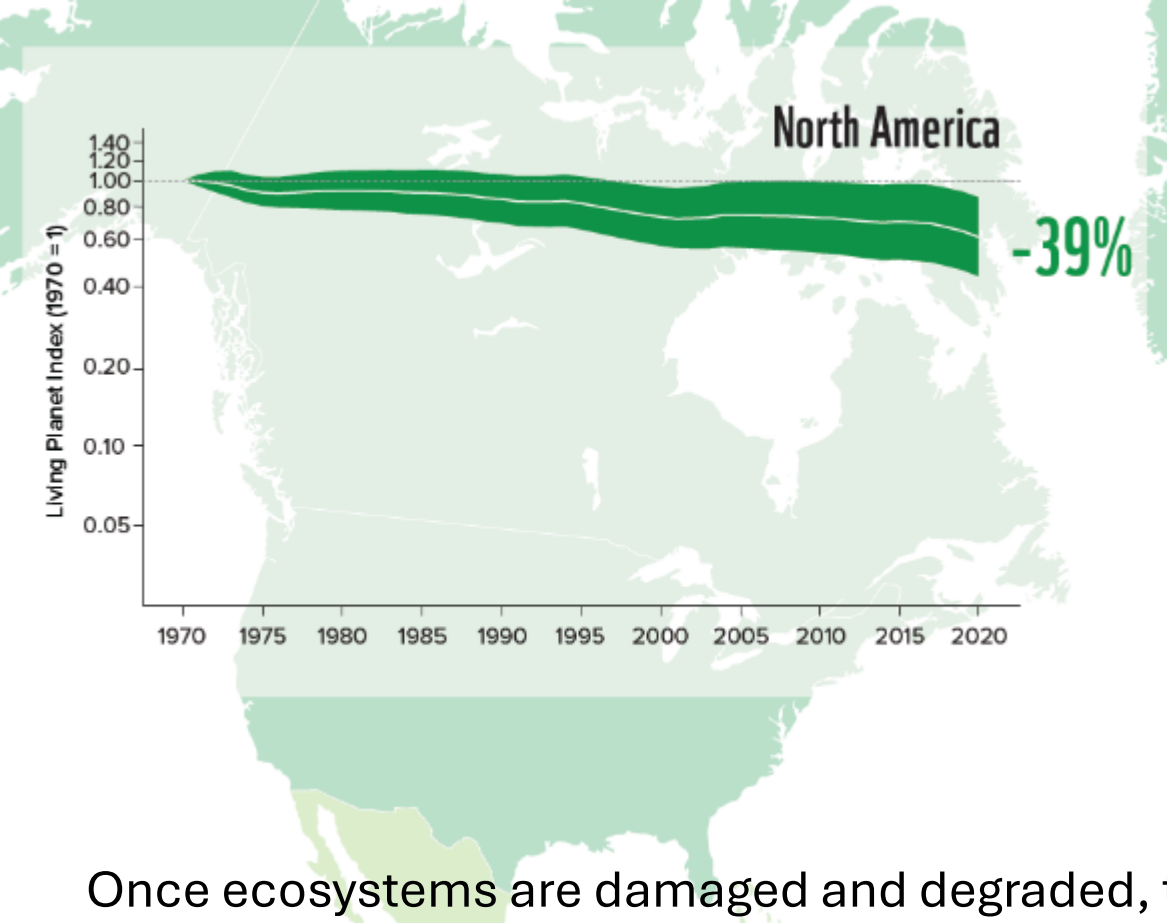
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Global Living Planet Index



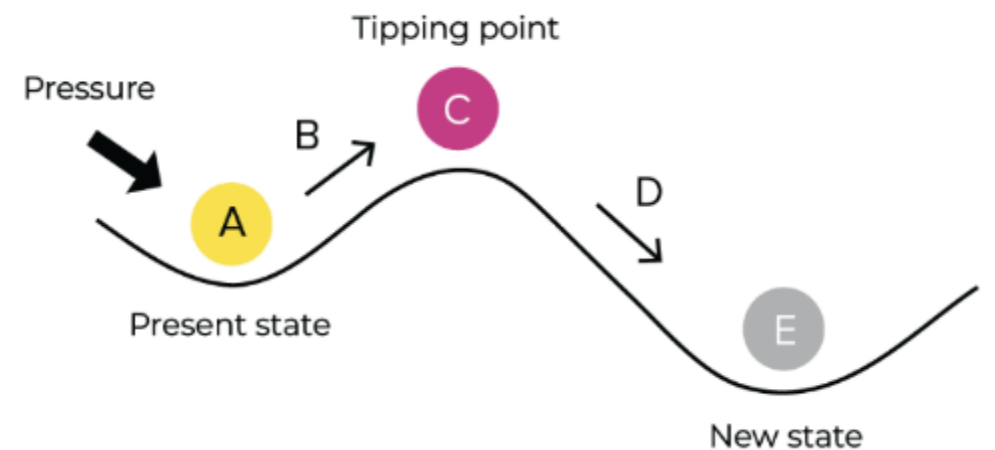
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Catastrophic 73% decline in the average size of monitored wildlife populations over just 50 years



Once ecosystems are damaged and degraded, they can become more vulnerable to tipping points.

That's when pressures such as habitat loss, land-use change, or climate change push ecosystems beyond a critical threshold, resulting in substantial and potentially irreversible change.





- Insects and other arthropods create the biological foundation for all terrestrial ecosystems
- Insects are the most diverse group in the animal kingdom, with an estimated 5.5 million species
- At any time, it is estimated that there are some 10 quintillion (10,000,000,000,000,000,000) individual insects alive

Beneficials

Functional biodiversity = range of ecological services that organisms contribute to communities and ecosystems

- Pollination
- Natural Pest Control
- Nutrient Recycling
- Decomposition
- Food for Wildlife

Is of high ecological importance because it influences ecosystem dynamics, productivity and stability



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<https://www.mccallservice.com/blog/what-is-an-earwig/>

Insect Pollination

- Animals are responsible for the pollination of 87.5% of all flowering plants on Earth, the bulk of this service is delivered by insects.



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<https://www.scfbins.com/articles/limiting-unintended-exposure-and-harm-pesticide-use>



Sustainability and Resilience

Non-bee insects are important contributors to global crop pollination

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Wild pollinators improve production, uniformity, and timing of blueberry crops
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Bee Species Diversity Enhances Productivity and Stability in a Perennial Crop

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Hummingbirds, honeybees, and wild insect pollinators affect yield and berry quality of blueberries depending on cultivar and farm's spatial context

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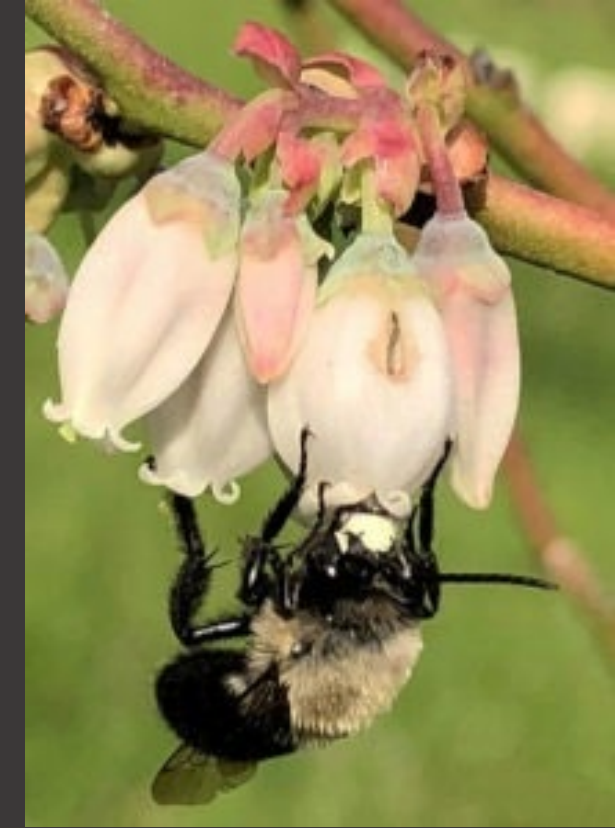
Optimal pollination thresholds to maximize blueberry production

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Synthesis of highbush blueberry pollination research reveals region-specific differences in the contributions of honeybees and wild bees

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Enhanced insect pollination services increases blueberry fruit set, berry weight, seed set, and ripening time

Globally, over half of GDP (55%) – or an estimated US\$58 trillion – is moderately or highly dependent on nature and its services.

Between US\$235 billion and US\$577 billion worth of annual global food production relies on direct contributions by pollinators

Estimated value of those insect services is nearly \$60 billion a year in the United States, which is only a fraction of the value for all the services insects provide

Edible insect market will exceed \$710 million globally by 2024

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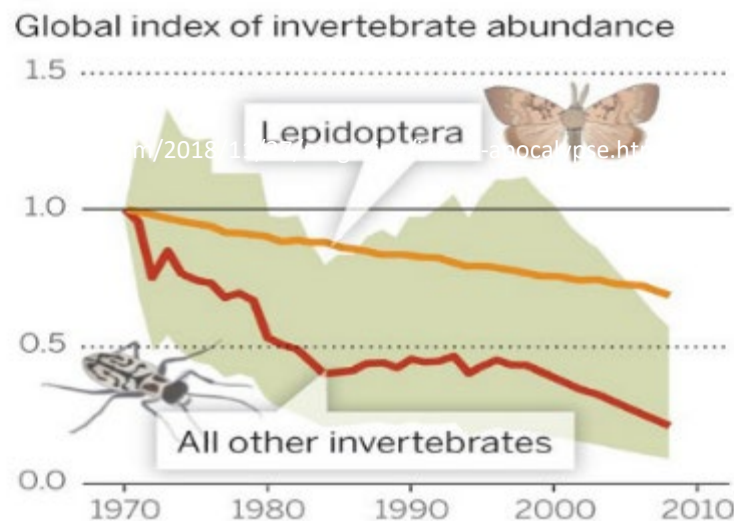
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FEATURE

The Insect Apocalypse Is Here

What does it mean for the rest of life on Earth?



RESEARCH

INSECT POPULATIONS

Meta-analysis reveals declines in terrestrial but increases in freshwater insect abundances

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Western Monarch Population Plummets: Status, Probable Causes, and Recommended Conservation Actions

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Conservation

Robust evidence of insect declines

William E. Kunin

Data are mounting that document widespread insect losses. A long-term research project now provides the strongest evidence of this so far, and demonstrates the value of standardized monitoring programmes. See p.671

Insect Declines in the Anthropocene

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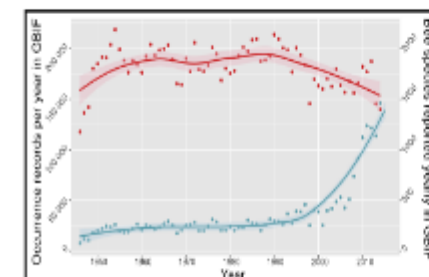
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One Earth

Worldwide occurrence records suggest a global decline in bee species richness

Graphical abstract



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In brief

Wild bees are key to pollination of wild and crop plants, and local and regional reports of their decline are cause for concern. Since there are no global long-term datasets of bee diversity, we analyzed historical occurrence data from collections and observations gathered by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility and found that the number of bee species worldwide has been steadily decreasing since the 1990s as a result of either concerted changes in data-gathering strategies or, most likely, an actual global decline in bee diversity.



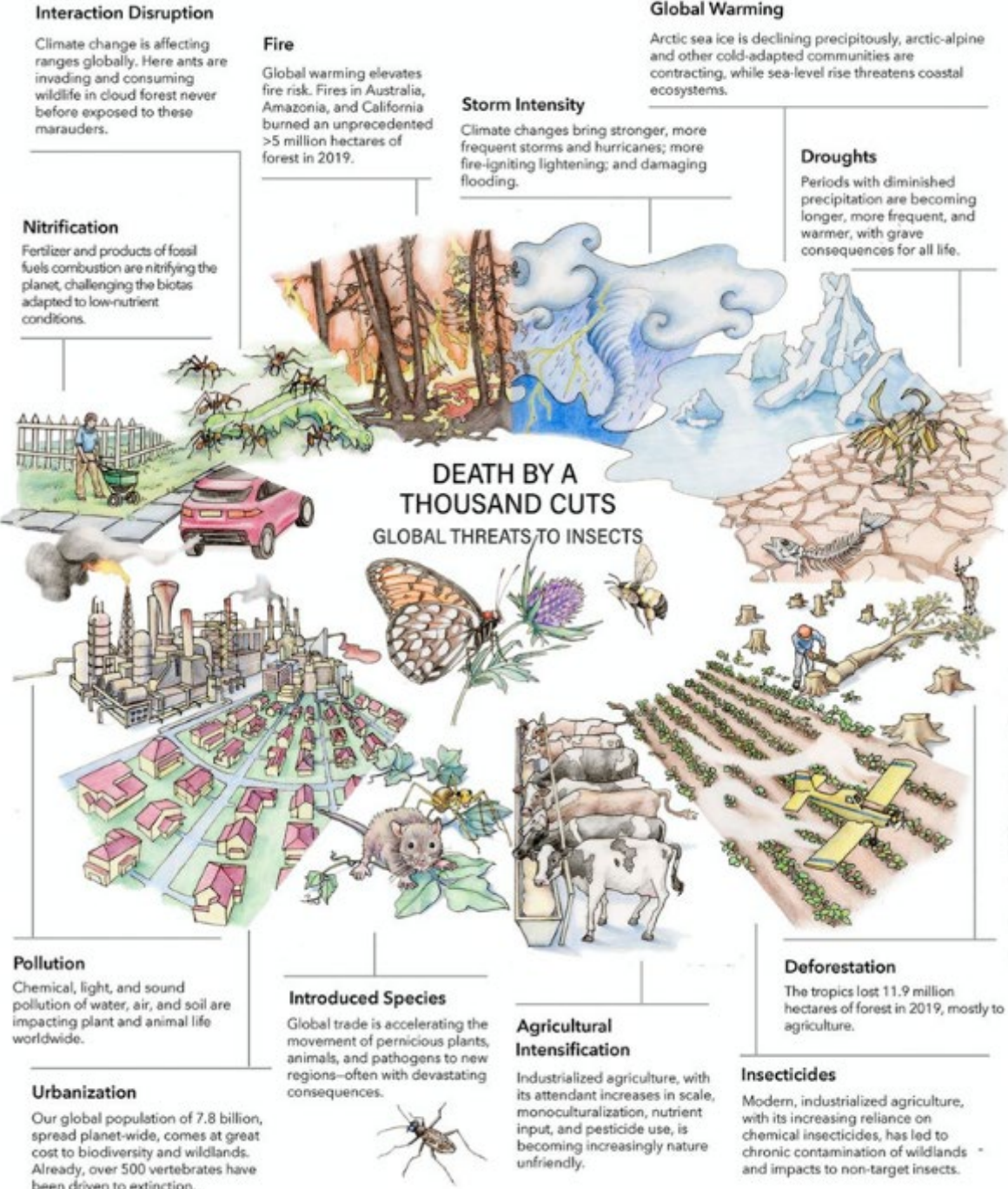
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Rapid declines of common, widespread British moths provide evidence of an insect biodiversity crisis

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Every Landscape Counts

Wild



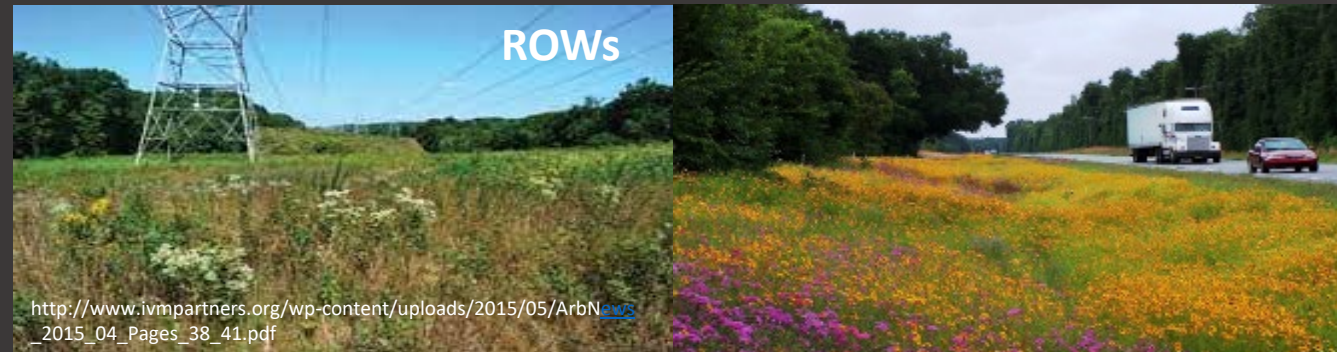
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Integrated vegetation management within electrical transmission landscapes promotes floral resource and flower-visiting insect diversity

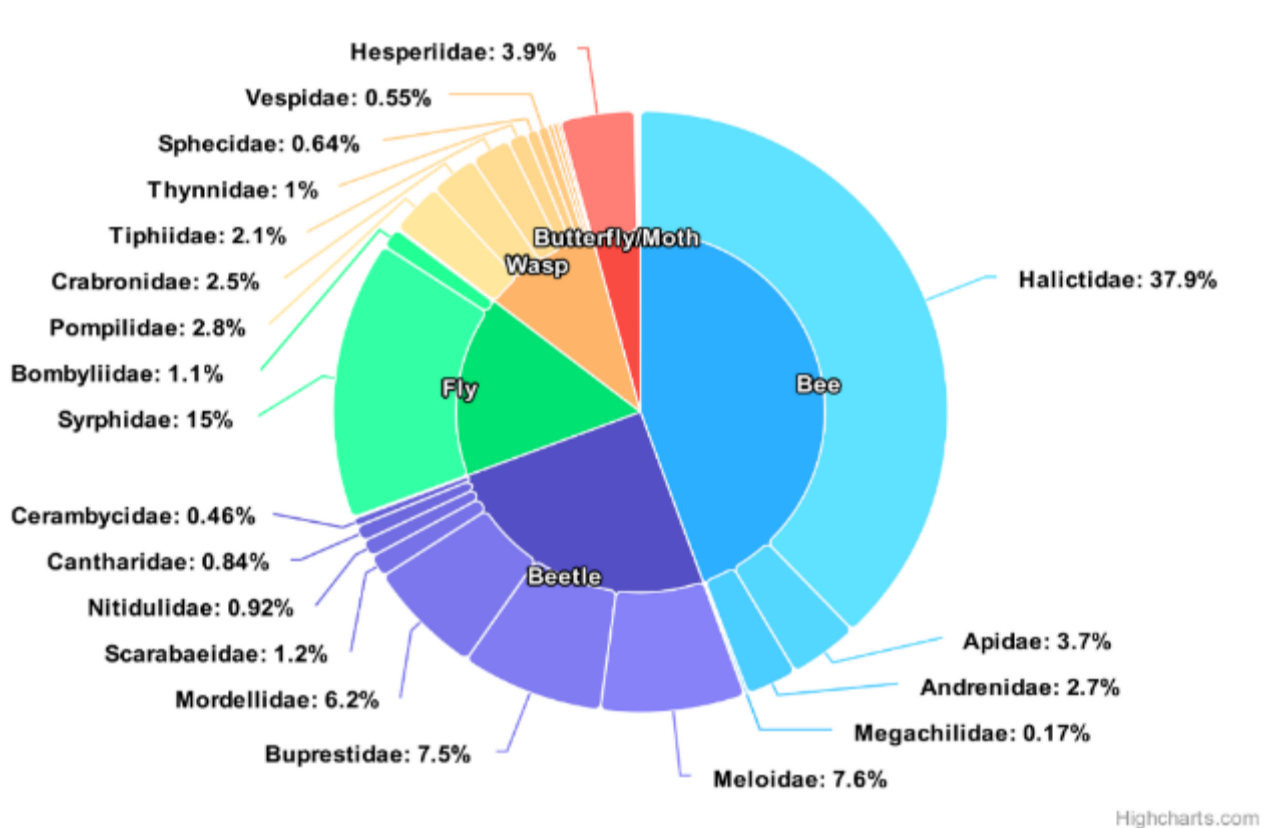
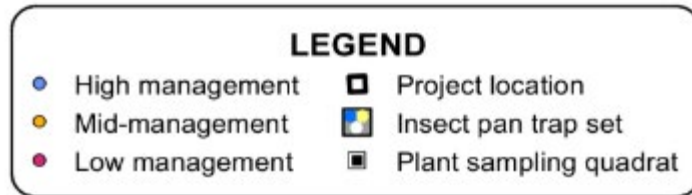
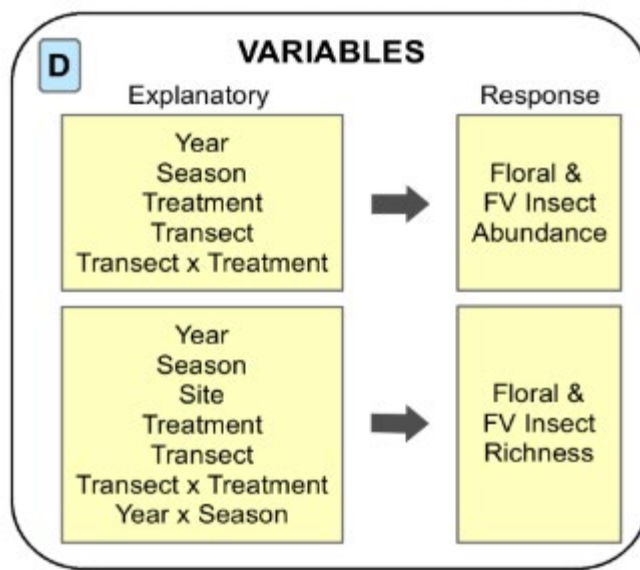
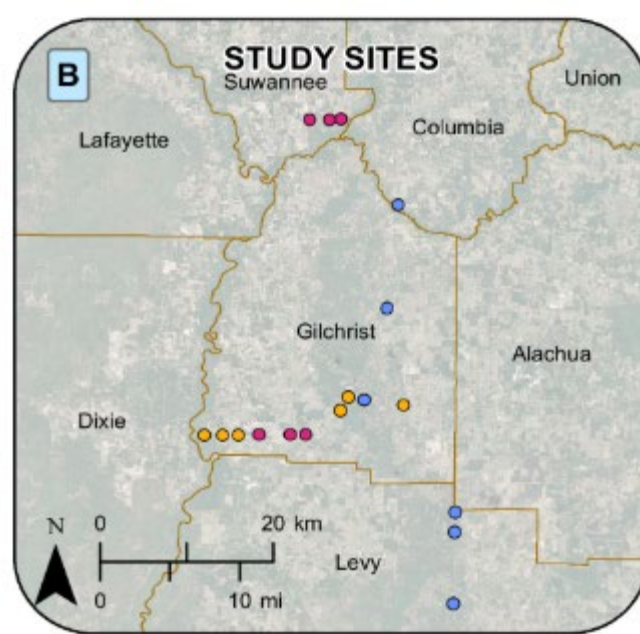
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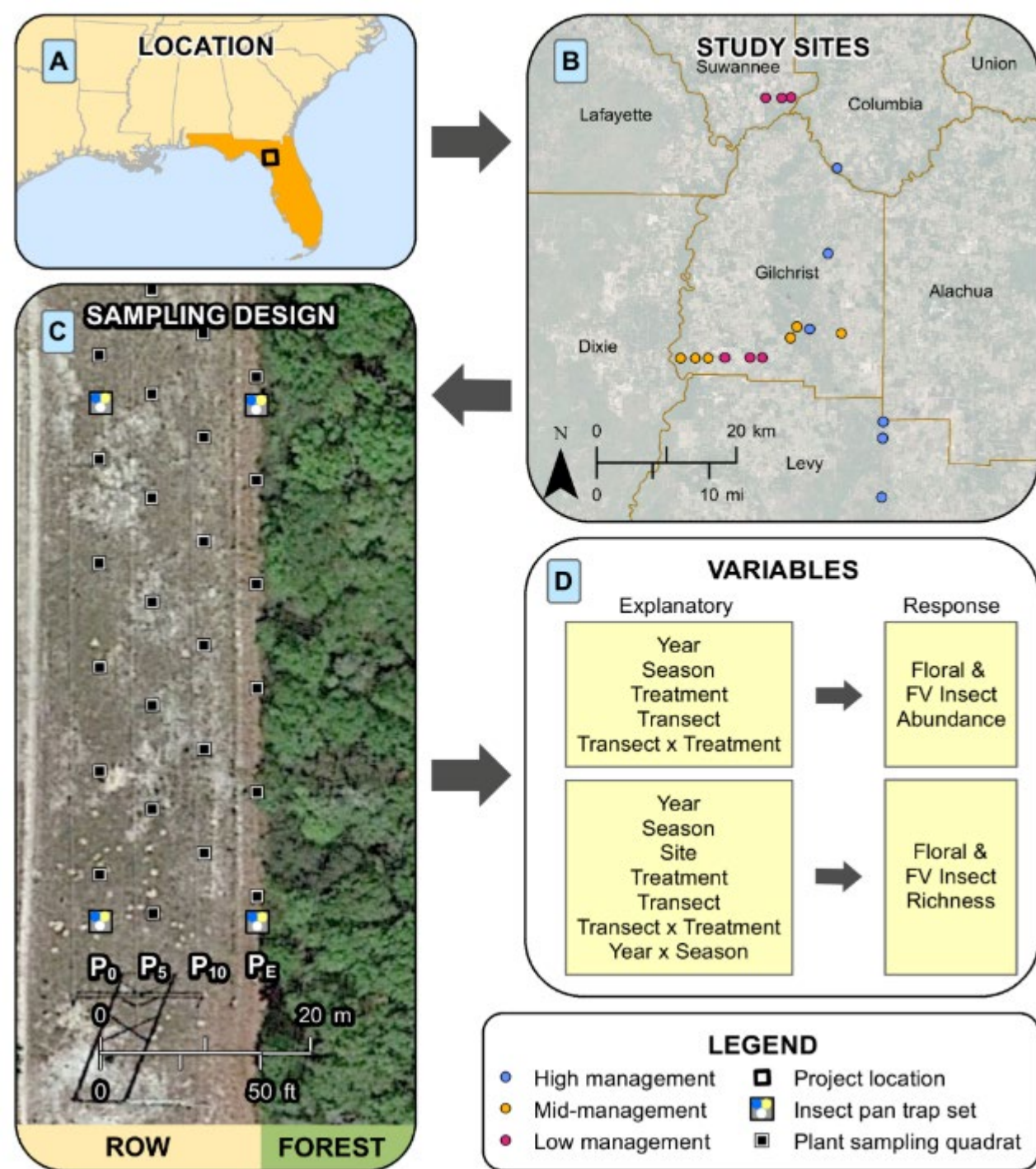
Maintaining an essential habitat: What's good for pollinators is good for utility companies too

by Jilayu Liang • September 24, 2024

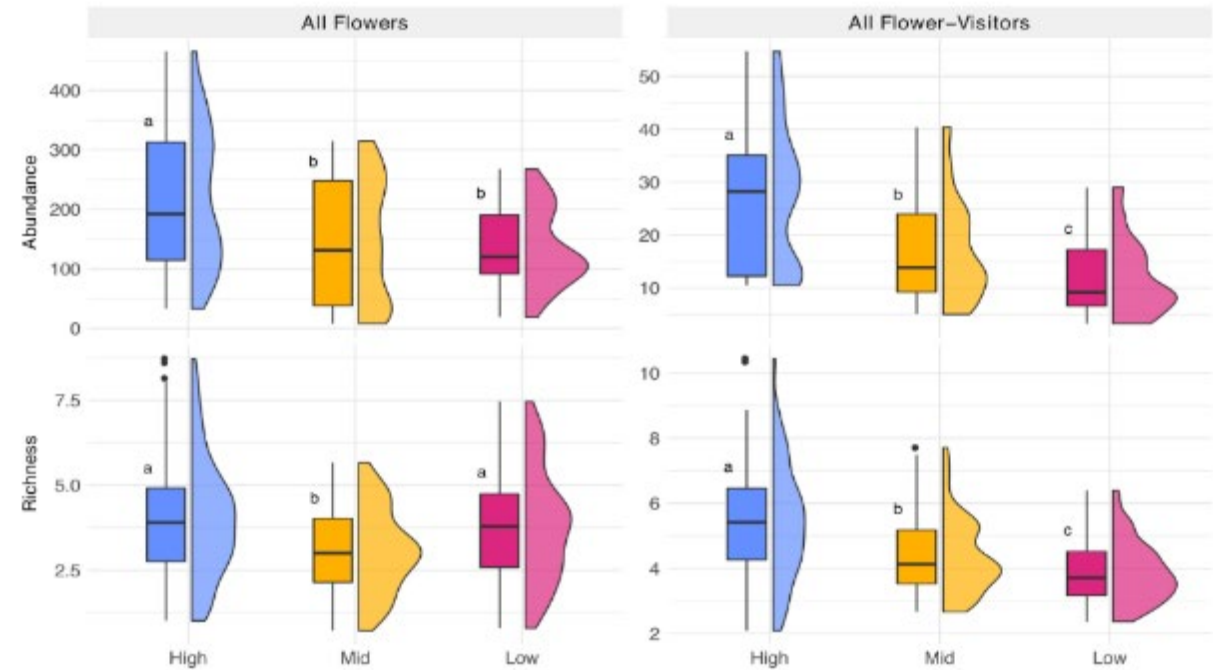


We identified 76541 flowers/inflorescences across 456 transects, including 188 species in 56 plant families.

We obtained data on 11361 flower-visiting insects representing 33 families



High management intensity of electrical transmission ROW has a significant positive impact on flowering plants and flower-visiting insect abundance and richness, mutually supporting positive outcomes for the transmission of energy and for pollinator conservation.

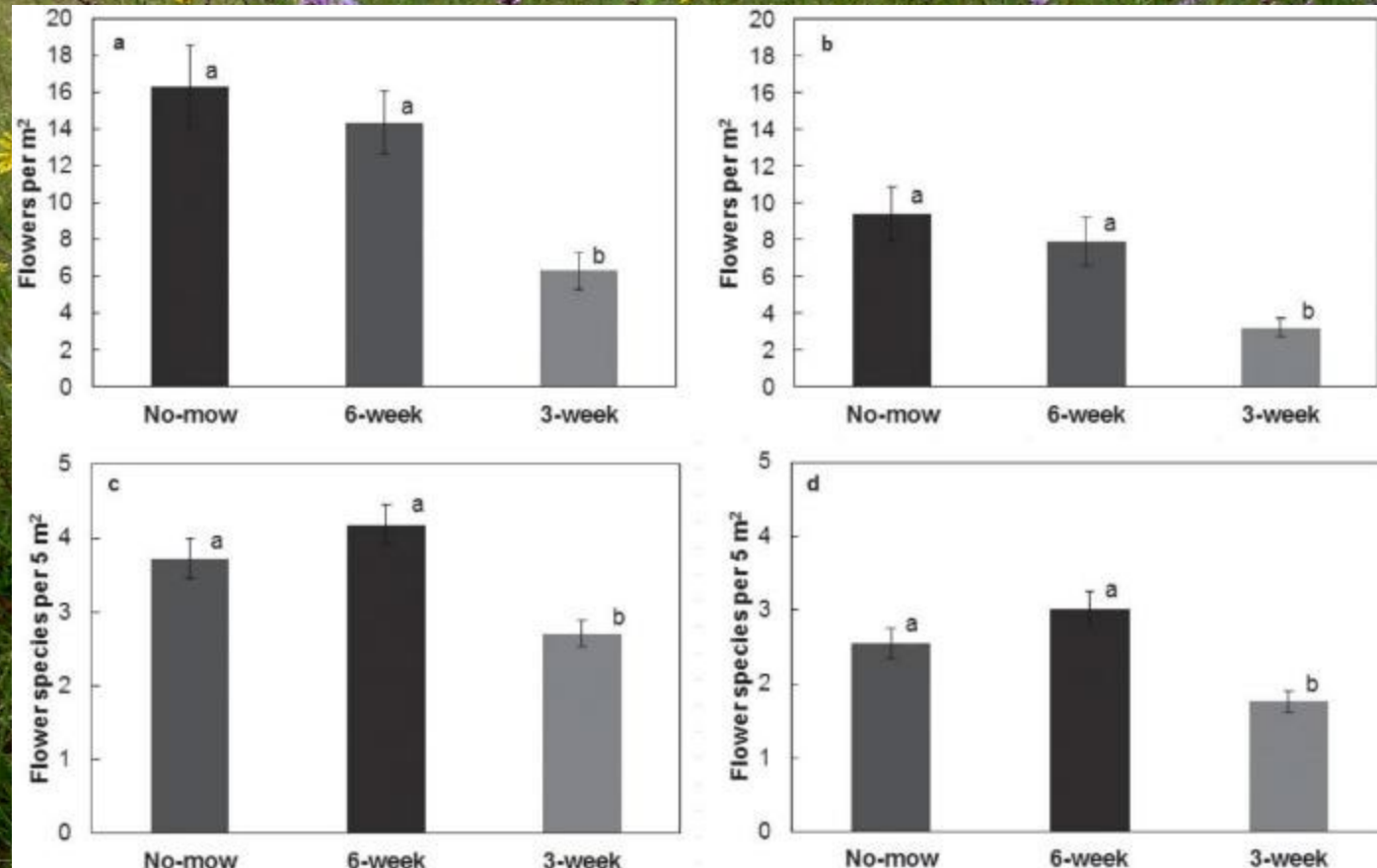




Reducing mowing frequency increases floral resource and butterfly (Lepidoptera: Hesperioidea and Papilionoidea) abundance in managed roadside margins

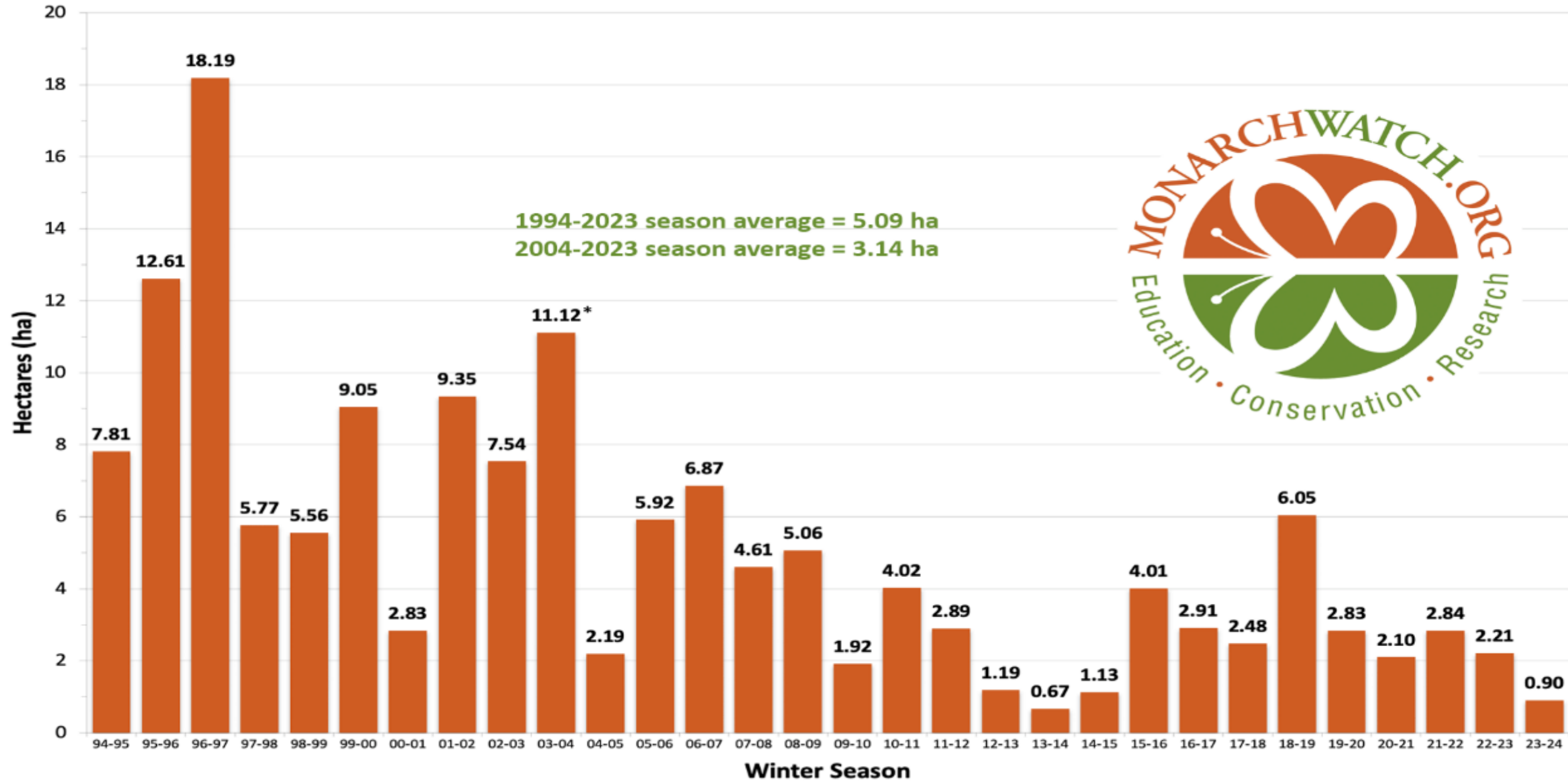
Dale A. Halbritter^{1,*}, Jaret C. Daniels², Douglas C. Whitaker³, and Lei Huang⁴

133 herbaceous flowering plant species in 42 families
11 orders and 147 families





Total Area Occupied by Monarch Colonies at Overwintering Sites in Mexico



1994-2003 data collected by personnel of the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve (MBBR) of the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP) in Mexico. 2004-2023 data collected by World Wildlife Fund Mexico in collaboration with the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP), the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and the MBBR.

* Represents colony sizes measured in November of 2003 before the colonies consolidated. Measures obtained in January 2004 indicated the population was much smaller, possibly 8-9 hectares. CT



The declines over the last 20 to 30 years led to a formal petition in 2014 to list the species as threatened or endangered under the US Endangered Species Act (ESA) and a recommendation in 2016 for listing as endangered under the Canadian Species at Risk act (SARA).



Article

Better Understanding the Potential Importance of Florida Roadside Breeding Habitat for the Monarch

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Florida has 267,793 total lane miles

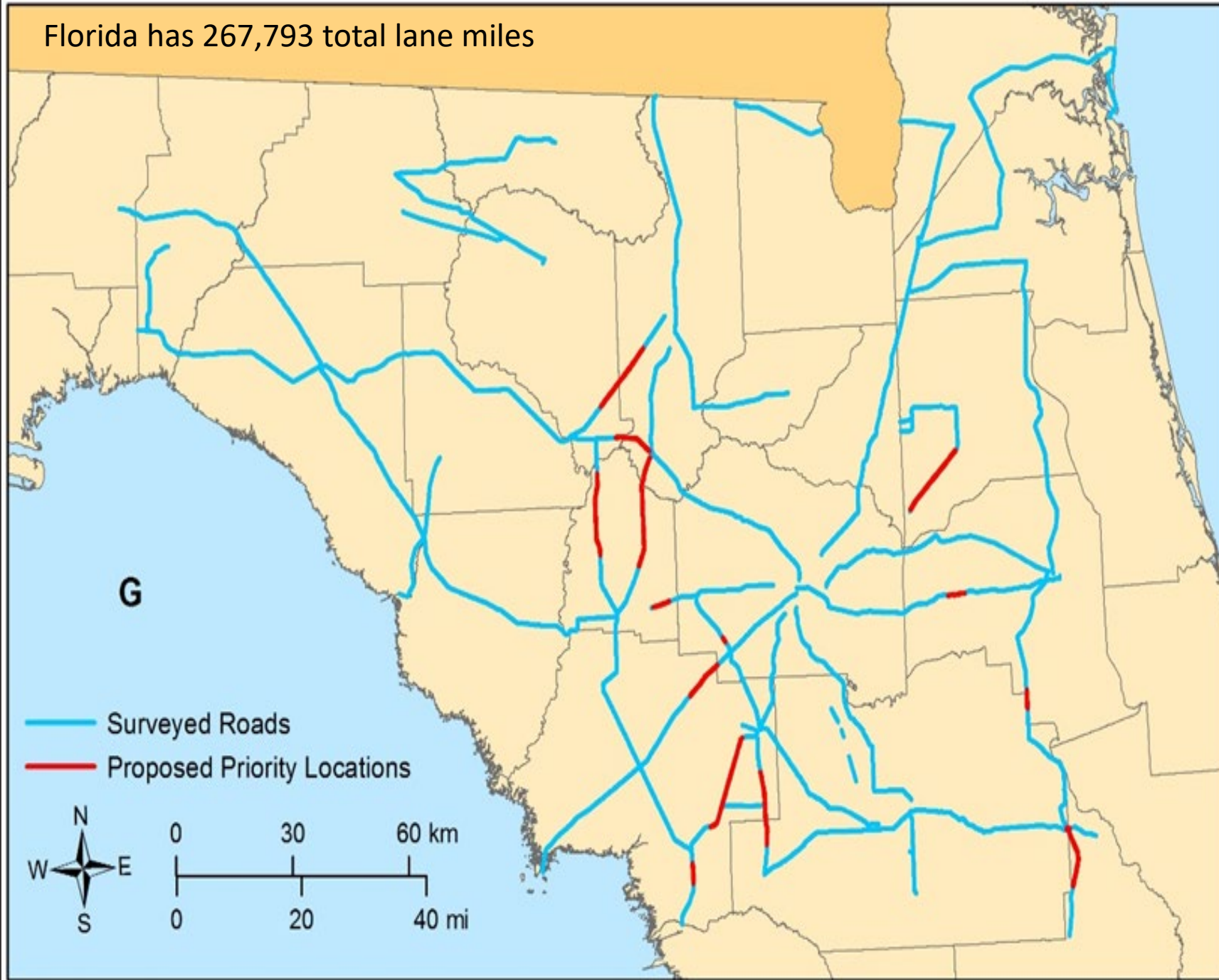
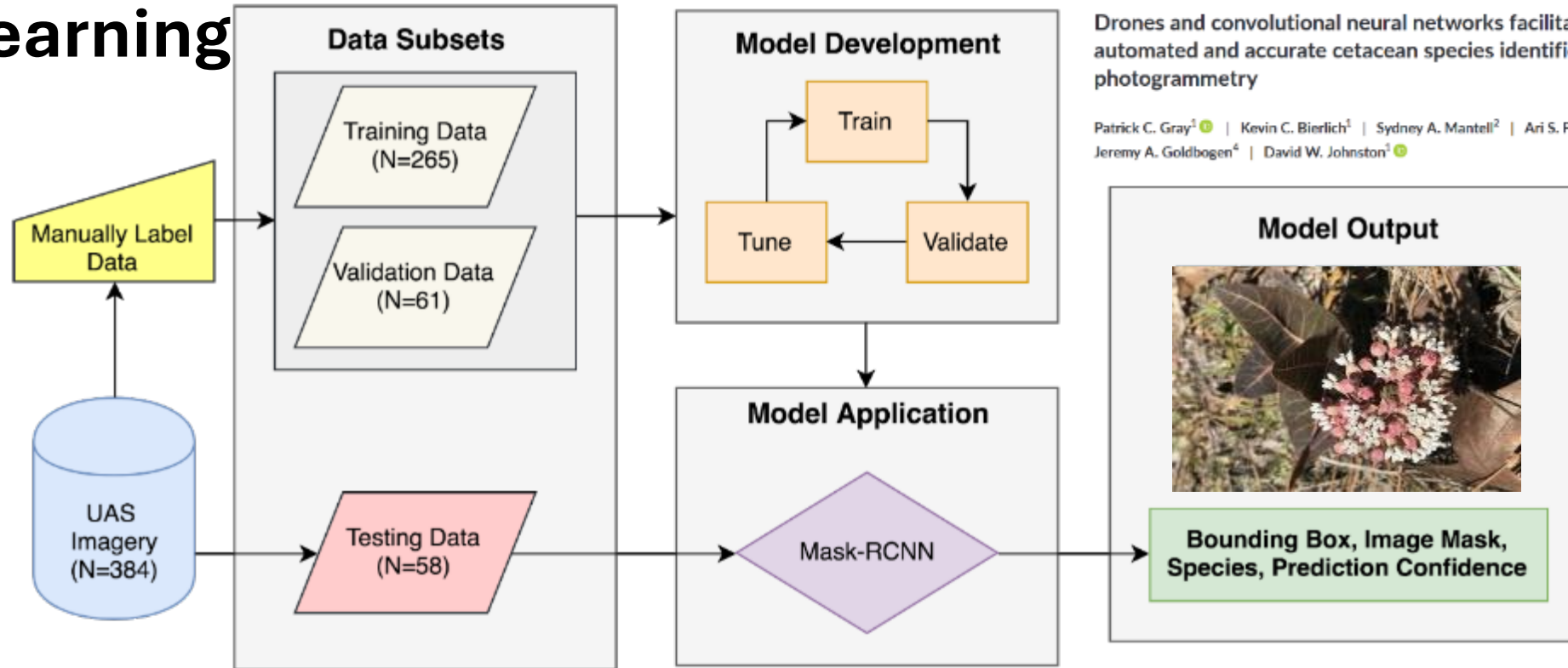


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Deep Learning

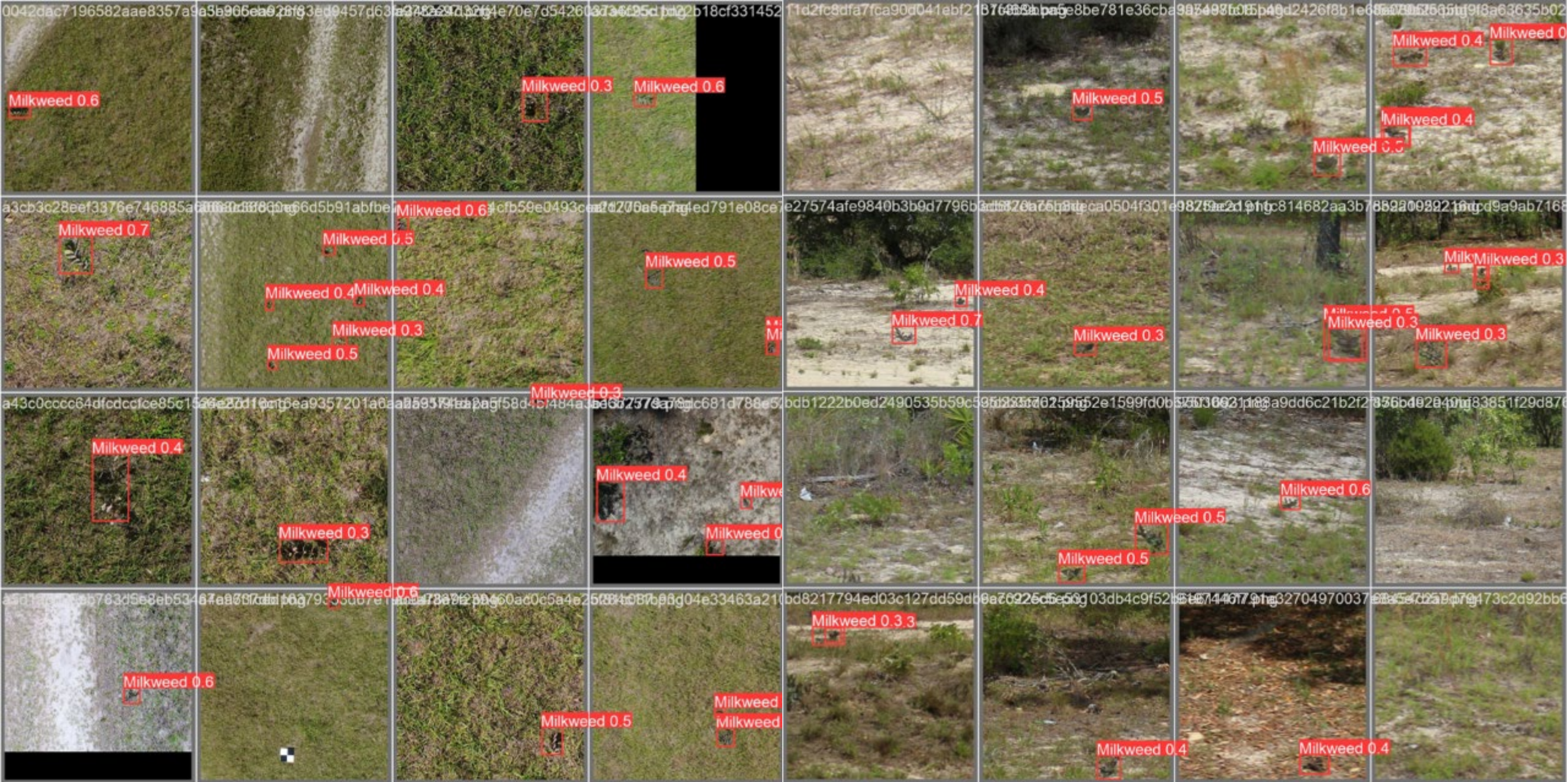


Drones and convolutional neural networks facilitate automated and accurate cetacean species identification and photogrammetry

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Example workflow – different models are useful for certain applications. We can use a system like AIDE (Annotation Interface for Data-driven Ecology) to help with the process of choosing a model and training it.

Deep learning is a subfield of ML that uses neural networks to automate feature extraction, permitting raw data to be input into a computer and creating high-level abstractions to inform decisions in classification, object detection, or other problems



Drones

Vehicle-Side

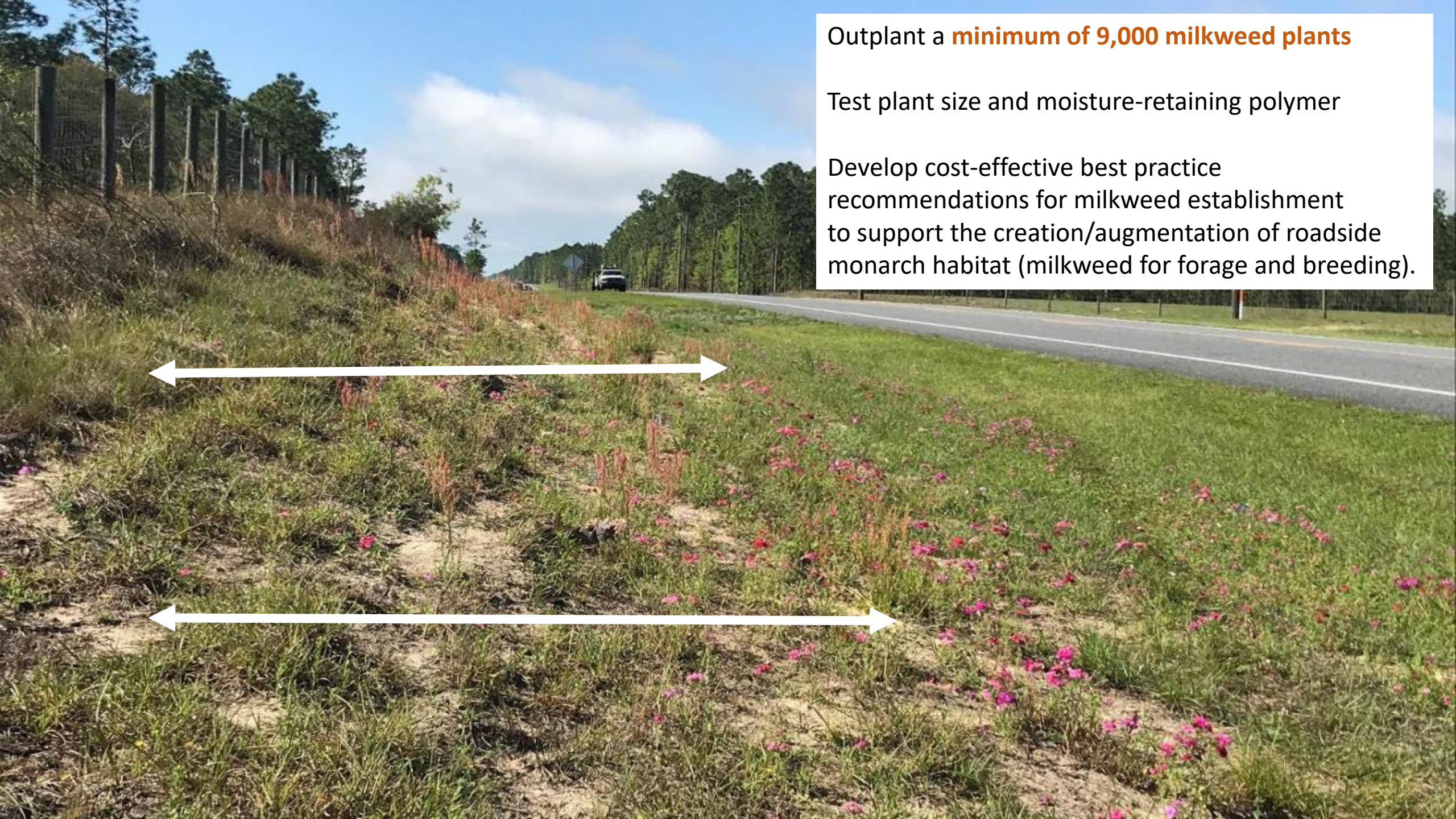
Nationwide CCAA



for MONARCH BUTTERFLY

Management actions that benefit the monarch include brush removal, conservation-timed mowing, seeding or planting of native wildflowers, and pollinator-focused integrated vegetation management (IVM).





Outplant a **minimum of 9,000 milkweed plants**

Test plant size and moisture-retaining polymer

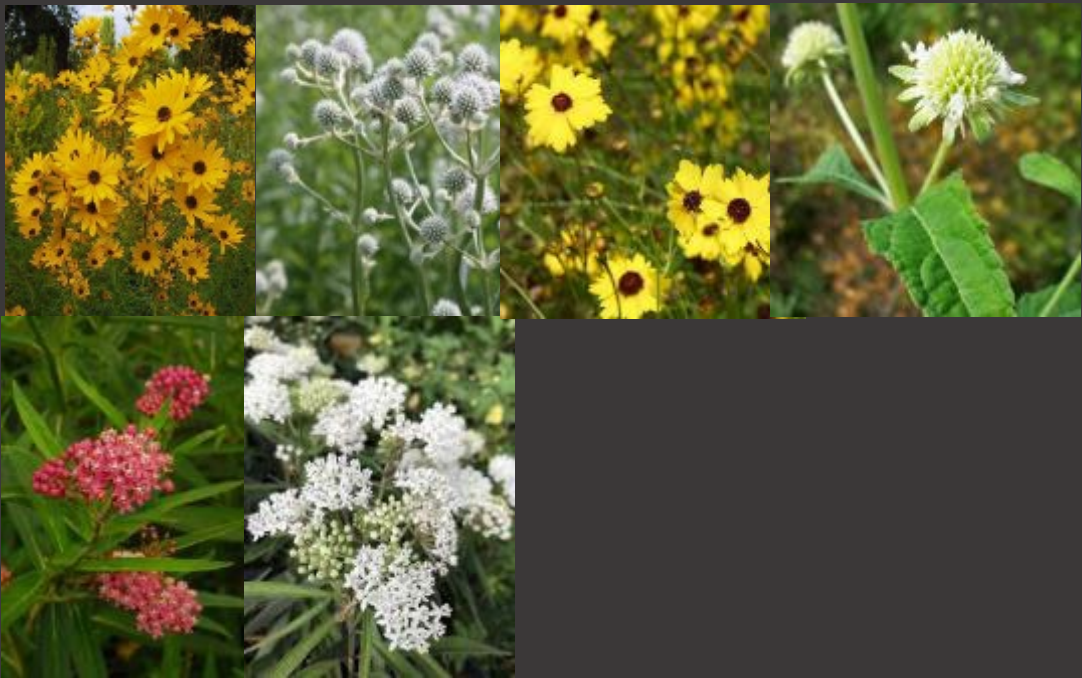
Develop cost-effective best practice recommendations for milkweed establishment to support the creation/augmentation of roadside monarch habitat (milkweed for forage and breeding).







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- Treatments - Larger plants, plugs, seed
- Establishment
- Pollinator use/monarch butterfly colonization
- Cost analysis



Duke Energy Solar Site Pollinator Habitat Establishment Trials

What plant installation rates and techniques provide optimal floral resources for pollinators while maximizing cost effectiveness

- Seeds
- Plugs
- 1 Gal containers
- Season
- Augmentation
- Moisture-retaining polymer







According to the U.S. Census, over 80% of Americans live in or near cities

Conservation in urban and residential settings

Creating spaces that

- Support diverse, abundant, and active wildlife in human-dominated systems
- Require reduced chemical inputs to maintain because they leverage natural regulatory processes
- Sustain the aesthetic and functional traits that are desired in an urban or residential landscape

Fundamental concepts for urban biodiversity conservation

1. Right plant, right place
2. Sustained resource availability
3. Vegetation diversity and structure
4. Predominantly native species

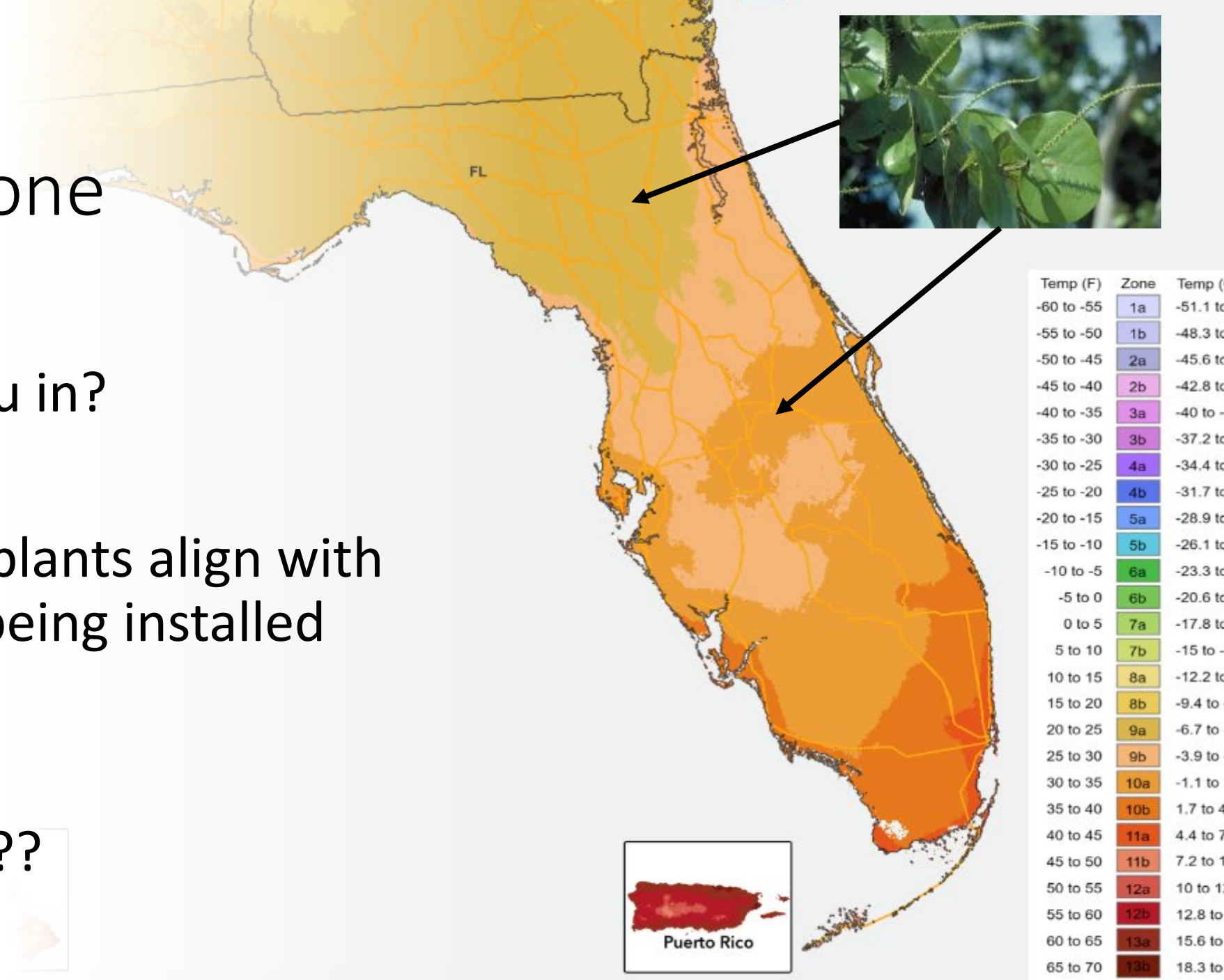
1. Right plant, right place

Consider factors that will determine a plant's long-term survival, condition, and ecological value

- a. Landscape scale factors (Hardiness zone)
- b. Local scale factors (planting site conditions)
- c. External pressures (new pests or diseases)

a. Know your zone

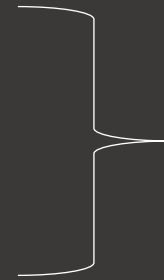
- What zone are you in?
- Do your selected plants align with the zone they're being installed into?
- Has that changed??



b. Local landscape characteristics

Local characteristics like impervious surface, root space, soil moisture, sun exposure, and many other factors influence

1. plant health
2. the insects that inhabit them



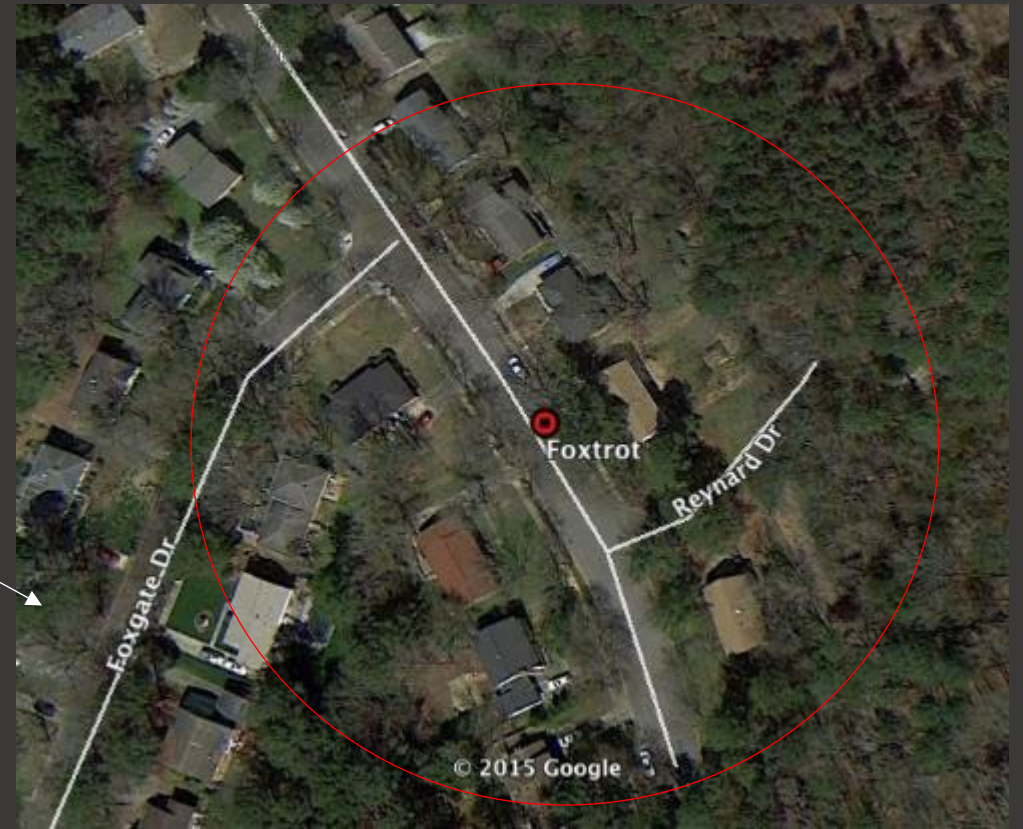
Both can influence a
plant's conservation value

Hardscape Vegetation Temperature



3 miles apart

Dramatically different pest densities,
tree health, and management needs



c. External pressures

Consider known risks in the landscape area/region like key pests and diseases that may inhibit your conservation goals

- Are your specified plant species susceptible to key pests present in the region?



Crape myrtle, *Lagerstroemia indica*

- Most common urban tree in the Southeast

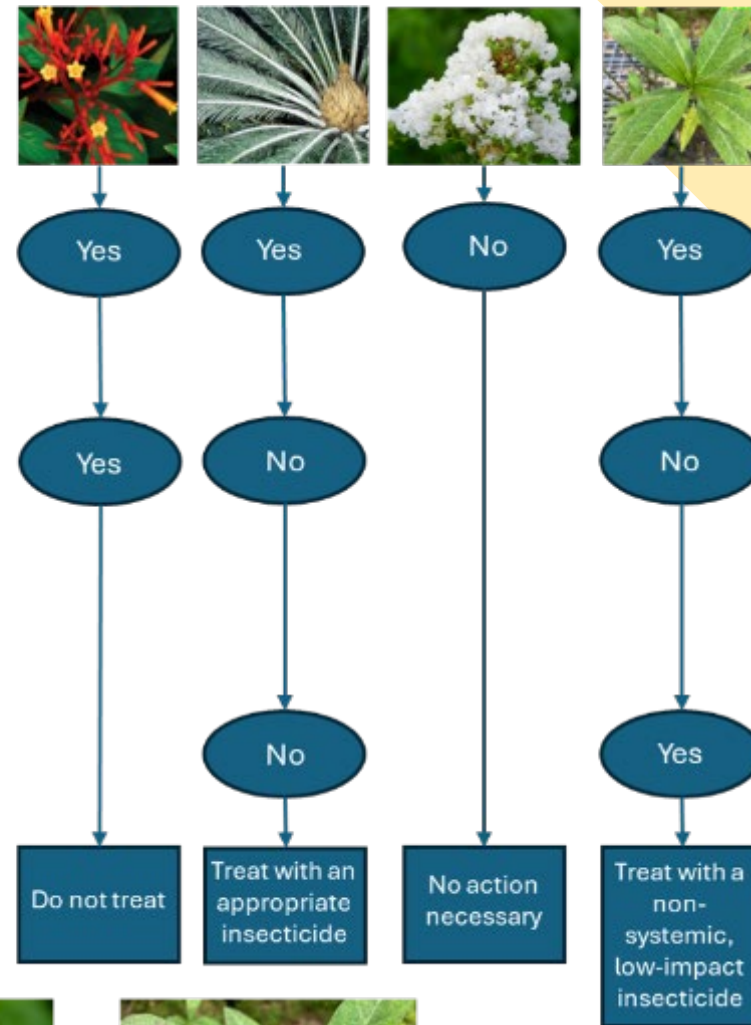
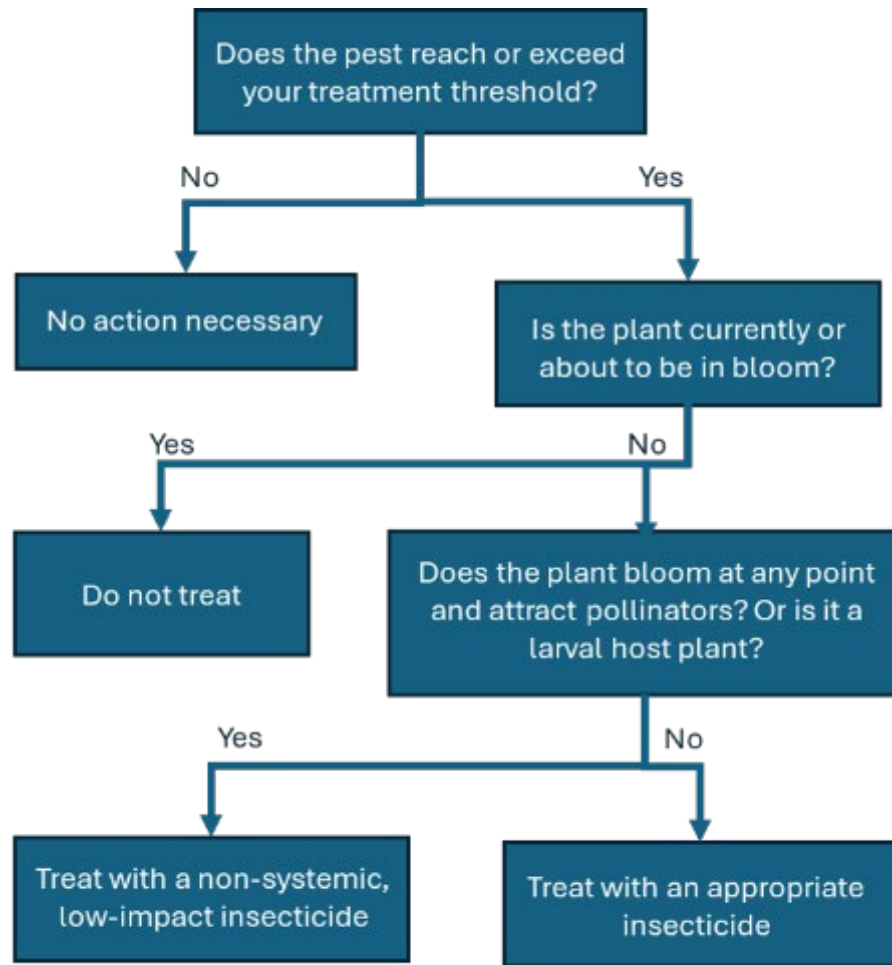




Pest management can conflict with conservation goals

- Systemic insecticides are the most cost-effective and relied upon form of pest management
- There are downstream, non-target effects of insecticide use





Firebush in bloom, heavily infested with aphids



Sago palm with significant scale infestation



Crape myrtle in bloom with minor aphid damage and honeydew



Milkweed not in bloom, heavily infested with spider mites

Recent IFAS Publications

INTEGRATED PEST AND POLLINATOR MANAGEMENT

IMPACT OF INSECT POLLINATORS

Pollinators are critical for flowering plant reproduction. Bees, flies, butterflies, moths, beetles, and other insects help plants to produce fruits or seeds. This essential service is vital for agricultural production, food security, and our economy. Many pollinators are also key food sources for other beneficial wildlife like birds. These services and functions are fundamental for maintaining natural ecosystems and global biodiversity. In other words, their collective impact is inextricably linked to human well-being.

POLLINATORS NEED OUR HELP

Worldwide, many insect pollinators are in decline. Habitat loss is one of the most significant threats to pollinators. Urban gardens, yards, and green spaces play an increasingly critical role in pollinator conservation. Plant selection, design, and maintenance can not only help attract beneficial insects like pollinators but also ensure that they encounter a safe environment in which to thrive. Now more than ever, your landscape matters.

URBAN LANDSCAPES

Most people live in or around cities and rely on trees, trees, and shrubs to beautify their landscapes. Unfortunately, conditions common to urban landscapes, typically associated with how they are designed and maintained, often predispose them to insect and mite pest problems and limit opportunities for wildlife. Various simple environmentally sound strategies, however, can help reduce pests and promote beneficial organisms.

INTEGRATED PEST AND POLLINATOR MANAGEMENT

Integrated pest and pollinator management (IPPM) is an ecologically-based landscape management approach that prioritizes pollinator conservation while suppressing plant pests and promoting plant health.

MONITORING

- Regularly scout for pests or plant damage
- Identify pests or problems
- Familiarize yourself with the plants in your landscape

PEST PREVENTION

- Select plants less prone to pest attack or disease
- Promote landscape plant diversity and structure
- Select the right plant for the right place to maximize plant performance and health
- Give new plants a good start

PEST MANAGEMENT

- Encourage the natural regulation of pests and diseases by planting a diverse selection of flowering plants
- Use low-impact or reduced-risk insecticides if treatment is necessary
- Apply pesticides appropriately to minimize non-target effects on

- Install a diversity of flowering plants that vary in flower color, flower form, and that bloom in different seasons
- Include host plants that support butterfly and moth larvae
- Increase landscape vegetation structure (varying plant size, shape, and spatial arrangement)
- Plant in groupings
- Include native plants
- Avoid invasive plant species

- Identify turfgrass areas that can be replaced with alternative more diverse, flowering species
- Reduce mowing frequency and increase mowing height

Limit outdoor nighttime lighting to reduce harm to nocturnal insects

NORTH FLORIDA

Plant selection is critical to successful integrated pest and pollinator management. The following plants support various pollinators and insect herbivores, but are also periodically attacked by insect pests. Knowing the pest and beneficial insects associated with each plant can inform IPPM decisions.



Common Name: Beautyberry
Scientific Name: *Callicarpa americana*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Deciduous shrub
Pests: soft scale, armored scale
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Sparkberry
Scientific Name: *Vaccinium corymbosum*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Deciduous tree
Pests: spider mite, soft scale
Supports: bees, butterflies, birds



Common Name: Sweet Viburnum
Scientific Name: *Viburnum celticum*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Evergreen shrub
Pests: aphids, scale insects, thrips
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Coreopsis
Scientific Name: *Coreopsis sp.*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Perennial
Pests: Leafhopper
Supports: bees



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Common Name: Pine Tansy
Scientific Name: *Lippia latifolia*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Semi-deciduous tree
Pests: soft scale, tree hoppers
Supports: butterflies, moths



Common Name: Persimmon
Scientific Name: *Diospyros virginiana*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: spider mites, scale insects
Supports: hummingbirds, butterflies



Common Name: Hummingbird
Scientific Name: *Plumbago auriculata*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Evergreen shrub
Pests: whitefly, soft scale, spider mites
Supports: butterflies



Common Name: Pink Shrub
Scientific Name: *Scaevola taccada*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen perennial shrub
Pests: aphids, spider mites
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Simpson's stopper
Scientific Name: *Myrsine laetifolia*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, butterflies, other pollinators, birds



Common Name: Wild coffee
Scientific Name: *Psychotria nervosa*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, butterflies, birds



Common Name: Sweetbay magnolia
Scientific Name: *Magnolia virginiana*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen tree
Pests: armored scale, spider mite
Supports: birds, butterflies, birds



Common Name: Milkweed
Scientific Name: *Asclepias spp.*
Native (Yes/No): Species dependent
Type: Herbaceous perennial
Pests: monarch, queen, soldier butterflies, bees



Common Name: Pinkish
Scientific Name: *Hamelia patens*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: aphids, spider mites
Supports: hummingbirds, butterflies



Common Name: Small palm
Scientific Name: *Roystonea regia*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Palm or cycad
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, birds



Common Name: Locustberry
Scientific Name: *Byronima lucida*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, butterflies, birds



Common Name: Sweetbush
Scientific Name: *Viburnum alternatum*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Semi-evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: aphids, spider mites
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Sweet, Almond Bush
Scientific Name: *Albizia julibrissin*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Shrub or small tree
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Sea Grape
Scientific Name: *Coccoloba uvifera*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: aphids, whitefly, bag bugs, mealybugs
Supports: bees, butterflies, birds



Common Name: Fiddlewood
Scientific Name: *Chorizanthe sp.*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Coreopsis
Scientific Name: *Coreopsis sp.*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Perennial
Pests: aphids, spider mites, whitefly
Supports: butterflies, bees



Common Name: Loquat
Scientific Name: *Eriobotrya japonica*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Evergreen tree
Pests: whitefly, spider mite
Supports: bees, flies, various insects



Common Name: Sugar Tree
Scientific Name: *Cordia alliodora*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen tree
Pests: aphids, spider mites
Supports: hummingbirds, butterflies, bees



Common Name: Coarctate
Scientific Name: *Zamia integrifolia*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Palm or cycad
Pests: scale insects, mealybugs
Supports: atria butterfly



Common Name: Pinkish
Scientific Name: *Myrsine laetifolia*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Perennial
Pests: whitefly, spider mite
Supports: butterflies, hummingbirds



Common Name: Button sage
Scientific Name: *Persea caroliniana*
Native (Yes/No): Yes
Type: Evergreen shrub
Pests: whitefly, soft scale, lace bug
Supports: bees, butterflies



Common Name: Black sapote
Scientific Name: *Diospyros tamaritina*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Evergreen shrub
Pests: unknown
Supports: bees, butterflies, moths



Common Name: Prengia
Scientific Name: *Jobertia integrifolia*
Native (Yes/No): No
Type: Evergreen shrub or small tree
Pests: aphids, spider mites, scale insects
Supports: hummingbirds, butterflies

Fundamental concepts for urban biodiversity conservation

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2. Sustained resource availability
3. Vegetation diversity and structure
4. Predominantly native species

2. Sustained resource availability

What is a resource?

- A substance or object that facilitates an organism's development, survival, and/or reproduction

Can generally categorize these into

- Food
- Habitat

Floral resources

- Flowering plants provide multiple benefits for wildlife in urbanized landscapes
- Support an incredible diversity of bees, butterflies, flies, moths, beetles, birds, and other organisms
- Consider the plant to be sure its flowers are attractive to wildlife

Are the flowers attractive to pollinators?

Common flowering plants with low pollinator conservation value:

- Bougainvillea
- Society garlic
- Roses
- Camellias (multiple whorled varieties)
- African irises
- Petunia
- Black-eyed Susan



Select plant pallets that bloom throughout the growing season

- Provide a continuous resource for flower-visiting insects

High Diversity Mix	Color	Annual/ Perennial	Season in Bloom							
			Spring		Summer		Fall		Winter	
<i>Linaria canadensis</i>	Purple	Annual/Biennial								
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Yellow	Perennial								
<i>Coreopsis basalis</i>	Yellow	Annual								
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i>	Red	Perennial								
<i>Mondarda punctata</i>	Purple	Perennial								
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i>	Blue	Perennial								
<i>Spermacoce verticillata</i>	White	Perennial								
<i>Liatris gracilis</i>	Purple	Perennial								
<i>Solidago stricta</i>	Yellow	Perennial								

Provide nesting habitat

- Create “bee hotels”
- Install plants that produce hollow stems
- Provide areas of pesticide-free ground nesting habitat



Red and black mason wasp
Pachodynerus erynnis



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Provide a variety of resources for a variety of organisms

- More plant species = more animal species that can/will use them
- More different plant traits (e.g., flowers, foliage, refuge) = more animal species

Floral diversity & structural habitat



Turfgrass



Low diversity flowers

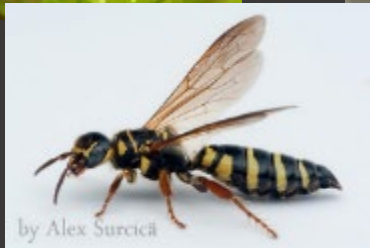


High diversity flowers



Pollinators are more than bees and butterflies

Compared to managed turfgrass, diverse flowering plantings supported:




- Over 4X as many native bees
- Six-fold increase in predatory and parasitic wasp abundance
- Biological control of turfgrass caterpillar pests increased by nearly 50% when adjacent to wildflowers

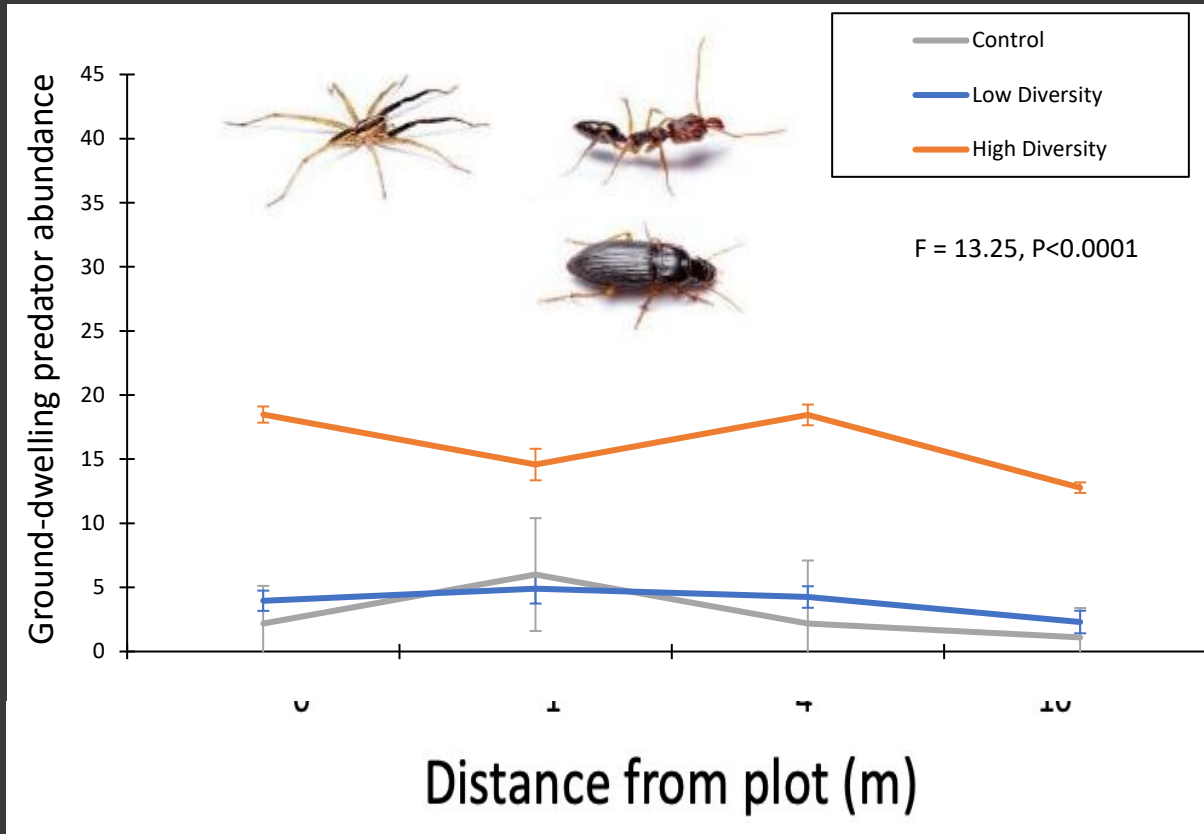


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Floral abundance and richness drive beneficial arthropod conservation and biological control on golf courses

Adam G. Dale¹  • Rebecca L. Perry¹ • Grace C. Cope¹ • Nicole Benda¹

Flying insects aren't everything



Ground-dwelling predators are more abundant within 30ft of diverse flower plantings than areas next to turfgrass or single flower species plantings

Strategic plant selection and landscape design

Increasing functional diversity by providing an assortment of plant traits in the landscape

- Can some conventionally-turfgrass areas be composed of turfgrass alternatives that provide additional traits?



Zoysia japonica



Mimosa strigillosa

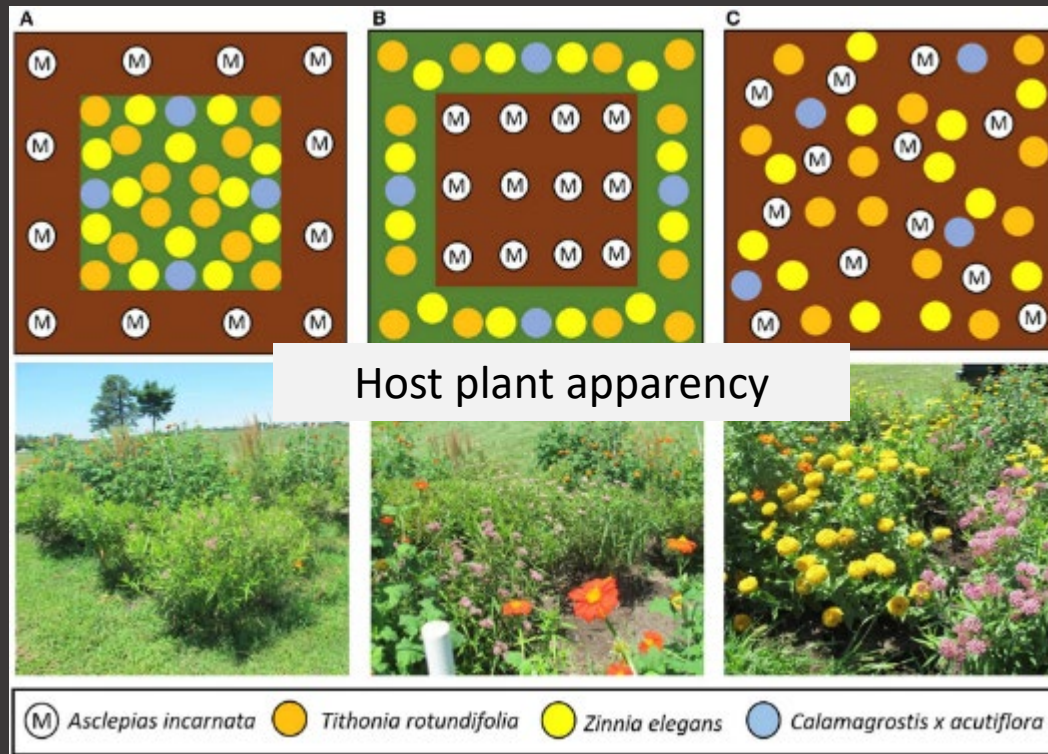


Phyla nodiflora



Trifolium repens

Strategic pollinator garden design



Article

Mixed-Species Gardens Increase Monarch Oviposition without Increasing Top-Down Predation

Rebecca Nestle ¹, Jaret C. Daniels ^{1,2} and Adam G. Dale ^{1,*}

Configuration and Location of Small Urban Gardens Affect Colonization by Monarch Butterflies

Adam M. Baker and Daniel A. Potter*

Baker & Potter 2019. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*

- Create diverse gardens
- Make larval hosts visible and readily found by butterflies



Less Even → More Even



Simple vegetation structure



Increasingly complex landscape

Vegetation structure provides habitat and opportunity for different organisms to live there

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Plant origin can influence plant performance and ecological value

Why??

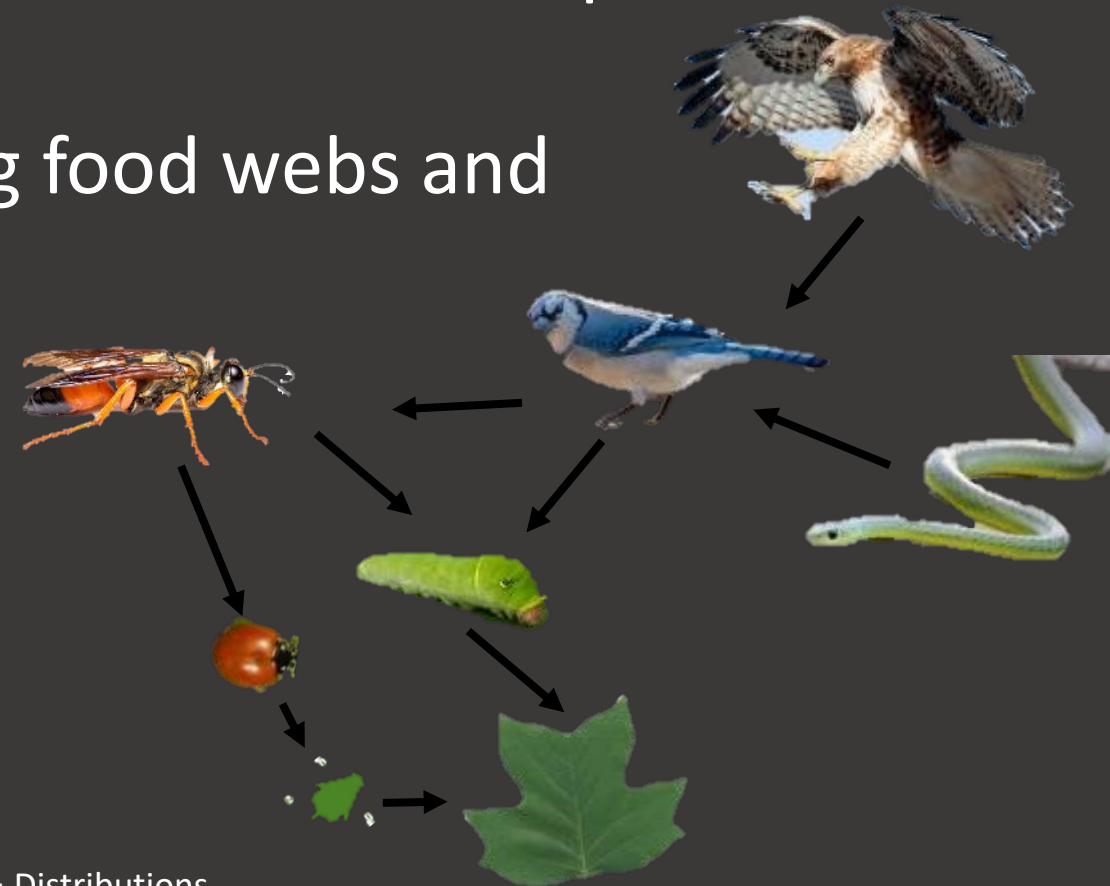
1. Environmental adaptations
2. The organisms that use it as a resource

Value of native plants

Native plants support more herbivores than non-native plants

Herbivores play vital roles in supporting food webs and ecosystems

- <1% of herbivores are plant pests



Burghardt & Tallamy. 2013. Diversity & Distributions
Wilson & Frank. 2022. Environmental Entomology

No plants originated in an urban ecosystem

- Native plants should be the majority of a designed urban landscape planting, **but** non-native species can have value
- What can that value be?
 - Not susceptible to known pests
 - Pollinator-attractive flowers
 - Resilience to stressful urban conditions

We plant natives to attract and support native insects...

- Some native insects behave like invasive species in urban environments and become pests
- Non-native congeners may fulfill a similar function without the pest outbreaks



Red maple vs. Trident maple



Willow oak vs. Sawtooth oak

Resilience to urban conditions

- Can you use non-native plants to increase the diversity, structure, and resource availability of a landscape?
- Non-native plant diversity and structure conservation can offset a lack of native plants



Persian ironwood
Parrotia persica



Crape myrtle
Lagerstroemia indica



Trident maple
Acer buergerianum



Chinese pistache
Pistacia chinensis

DO NOT plant invasive species

- Invasive plants are non-native species that were introduced by humans and cause ecological and/or economic harm (Iannone et al. 2020. Journal of Extension)
- The most common route for non-native plant invasion is the ornamental plant trade
- Always confirm that specified plants are not invasive in the region

UF IFAS Assessment of non-native plants - <https://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu>

Summary: Urban biodiversity conservation

- Strategic, evidence-based, biodiverse landscapes provide more ecosystem functions and services
 - Consider factors from the soil to flowers to tree canopy
 - There is a wealth of research-based information available to help inform more ecologically friendly landscape design
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Wildlife-Friendly Landscape Management

Extension Online Learning *In development*

A cohort-based online curriculum focused on pollinator ecology, integrated pest and pollinator management, social dimensions of wildlife-friendly landscape management, and applications in landscape design, installation, and management.



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Relevant Extension publications:

- Balancing
- Wildlife-friendly landscaping: Connecting professionals and the public
- Creating wildflower habitats in golf course out-of-play areas



<http://ifasbooks.ifas.ufl.edu/p-153-helpful-harmful-harmless.aspx>

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