On the inconsistency of pollinator species traits for predicting

either response to agricultural intensification or functional

contribution.

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Abstract:

The response and effect trait framework, if supported empirically, would

provide for powerful and general predictions about how biodiversity loss will

lead to loss in ecosystem function. This framework proposes that species

traits will explain how different species respond to disturbance (i.e. response

traits) as well as their contribution to ecosystem function (i.e. effect traits).

However, predictive response and effect traits remain elusive for most

systems. Here, we present detailed data on crop pollination services provided

by native, wild bees to explore the role of six commonly used species traits in

determining how crop pollination is affected by increasing agricultural

intensification. Analyses were conducted in parallel for three crop systems

(watermelon, cranberry, and blueberry) located within the same geographical

region (mid-Atlantic USA). Bee species traits did not strongly predict species'

response to agricultural intensification, and the few traits that were weakly

predictive were not consistent across crops. Similarly, no trait predicted

species' overall functional contribution in any of the three crop systems,

although body size was a good predictor of per capita efficiency in two

systems. So far, most studies looking for response or effect traits in pollination

systems have found weak and often contradicting links. Overall we were

unable to make generalizable predictions regarding species responses to

land-use change and its effect on the delivery of ecosystem services.

Pollinator traits may be useful for understanding ecological processes in some

systems, but thus far the promise of traits-based ecology has yet to be fulfilled

for pollination ecology.

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Introduction

Land-use change, along with other human-induced global change drivers, is

accelerating the rates of extinction of most taxa (Ellis et al. 2010). At the same

time, humanity relies on ecosystem services that wild species deliver, such as

pollination and pest control by insects, and nutrient cycling by microorganisms

(Cardinale et al. 2012). Thus, it is important to understand the relationship

between biodiversity loss and ecosystem service delivery (Schwartz et al.

2000). In particular, making generalizable predictions regarding how the

decline or local extinction of taxa will affect ecosystem services will allow for

targeted conservation actions to ameliorate negative impacts of land-use

change.

One avenue for predicting the functional consequences of biodiversity loss is

the response and effect trait framework (Lavorel and Garnier 2002, Naeem

and Wright 2003, McGill et al. 2006). Local extinction does not occur at

random because extinction risk is dependent on the species' characteristics.

Identifying which traits govern species responses to particular threats

('response traits') would provide the first step for predicting future species

loss. Furthermore, the magnitude by which ecosystem function declines when

a species is lost depends on that species' functional contribution. This, too, is

likely to be mediated by the species' traits ('effect traits'). Therefore, the

relationship between response and effect traits will mediate the magnitude of

the impact of human disturbance on ecosystem services (Schleuning et al.

2015). For example, if the same species traits that are associated with high

function are also most sensitive to disturbance, ecosystem function would be

predicted to decline rapidly (Larsen et al. 2005).

However, for the response-effect trait framework to be useful, it is first

necessary to identify response and effect traits that are both explanatory and

possible to measure in the field (Cadotte et al. 2011). While a few generalities

have emerged as to which traits make animal species at greater risk of local

decline, including dietary or habitat specialization and body size (Fisher and

Owens 2004, Flynn et al. 2009, Öckinger et al. 2010), the correlation between

these response traits and extinction risk has been found to be weak, variable,

or context-dependent (Devictor et al. 2008, Fritz et al. 2009, Powney et al.

2014). Similarly, although some effect traits have been identified, they are

often weakly predictive, and their identity varies by function and taxonomic

group (Gagic et al. 2015). Lastly, within the functional trait field as a whole,

most progress has been made in identifying functional traits for plants (Diaz et

al. 2016), while little is known for animals (Didham et al. 2016).

Here, we seek to identify response and effect traits for wild bee species

providing a key ecosystem service, crop pollination. The yield of most crop

plants increases with animal pollination (Klein et al. 2007). While managed

honey bees are a leading crop pollinator, wild insects contribute more than

half of pollinator visits to crop flowers across more than 40 crop systems

worldwide (Rader et al. 2016). A major threat to pollinators is habitat

destruction, primarily conversion to agriculture (Garibaldi et al. 2011), which is

also a leading cause of species loss worldwide (Pereira et al. 2010). Thus

agricultural land use has the potential to affect one of the ecosystem services

upon which agriculture itself depends (Deguines et al. 2014).

Our data sets were collected and analyzed in parallel and come from three

crop systems (watermelon, cranberry and blueberry) located within the same

geographical region (mid-Atlantic USA), but pollinated by distinct bee

communities. We determined whether six commonly-used species traits can

predict 1) species' responses to agricultural intensification (response traits)

and/or 2) species' contributions to crop pollination (effect traits) and discuss

our results on the light of recently published studies on pollinator

environment–trait and pollination-trait associations.

Material and methods:

Study system

We selected 49 sites across three study systems that were located throughout

New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania (USA). Watermelon sites (N = 17)

were located in 90 x 60 km region central New Jersey and Eastern

Pennsylvania, where the main types of land use are agriculture and suburban

development, interspersed with highly fragmented deciduous forest.

Cranberry and blueberry sites (N = 16 each) were both located within a 35 x

55 km area in southern New Jersey, where the main land cover types are

pine-oak ericaceous heath and agriculture. All sites in all systems were

separated by at least 1 km (range, watermelon: 2-90 km, cranberry: 1-32 km,

blueberry 1-38 km).

All three crops are highly dependent upon bee pollination for marketable fruit

production (Klein et al. 2007). Commercial honey bees are used in most of our

study fields. However, honey bees are primarily managed hives, moved

throughout the region, and only found on sites during bloom. Therefore, honey

bees are not influenced by land cover in the same manner as wild bees and

are not used in our analyses. Wild bees are important pollinators in all three

systems (mean percentage of wild bee visits: 73% watermelon, 25%

cranberry, and 14% blueberry).

Data collection:

At all sites on all three crops, we used hand-netting to measure overall bee

abundance and species richness. To collect bees, we walked along a fixed

50-200 m^2 transect at standard times of day and collected all bees observed

to be visiting flowers. In watermelon and blueberry, bees were netted three

times throughout the day for 20 minutes per transect (60 minutes per date per

site) and twice each day in cranberry for 30 minutes per transect (120 minutes

per date per site). Data were collected during the peak bloom in 2010

(watermelon: July, cranberry: late-May-early July, blueberry: April-early May).

Data were collected on three days per site for watermelon and blueberry and

two days per site for cranberry. Detailed methods can be found in Cariveau et

al. (2013), Benjamin et al. (2014) and Winfree et al. (2015).

Land cover characteristics of sites

To relate pollinator response traits to agricultural intensification we used a

commonly used land-use variable, percent land cover in agricultural

production surrounding sites (Fahrig 2013). For this end, we required high-

quality land cover data for each pollinator collection site. For the cranberry

and blueberry sites in New Jersey, we used a continuous polygon layer

classified by visual photograph interpretation into 60 categories, at a minimum

mapping unit of 4047 m^2 (1 acre; GIS Data provided by the New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection). For watermelon sites that extend

from central New Jersey into Pennsylvania, we created a similar land cover

data layer by manually digitizing Google Earth imagery and visually classifying

15 categories, at a minimum mapping unit of 5,000 m^2 (1.24 acres). As each

crop was analyzed separately, our results are robust to using different land

cover data. However, to simplify the interpretation of results for the three

crops, we reclassified all land cover data into the following 7 broad categories:

agriculture, open managed (for example, mowed grass), open natural or semi-

natural (for example, old fields), semi-urban (<30% impervious surface), urban

(>30% impervious surface), wooded, and open water.

For each data collection site, we calculated two land cover variables: percent

agriculture and percent natural and semi-natural open habitat. We used

agricultural land cover as our primary land-use change variable as it is the

dominant anthropogenic habitat type in all three study systems

(Supplementary Table A1). In addition, we also measured percent of open

natural/semi-natural habitat, which although it accounts for only a small

proportion of the total land cover (Supplementary Table A1), might be

disproportionately important as forage and nesting habitat for bees (Kleijn et

al. 2006). We calculated values for this two land cover variables at both a

small scale (300 m radius) and a large scale (1500 m radius), which

correspond to typical flight distances of small- and large-bodied bees,

respectively (Greenleaf et al. 2007).

Pollinator function

To estimate the pollination services provided per bee species, we measured

two variables in the field, flower visitation frequency and per visit efficiency. As

variation in visitation frequency may be a function of land use at individual

farms, we use species abundances for each species at the site with its highest

abundance for each crop. Hence, we assess visitation frequency at its

maximum, which represents the optimal visitation frequency for each species.

To measure the pollination efficiency, we quantified single-visit pollen

deposition by presenting virgin flowers to individual bees foraging on the

target crop. After visitation, we counted the number of pollen grains deposited

per flower visit (watermelon) or the number of pollen tetrads with pollen tubes

per flower visit (cranberry and blueberry). Because species identification in the

field is not possible for most bees and net collecting immediately after visits is

generally not possible, for the measurement of pollination efficiency we

grouped bees in species groups. Each group consisted of between one and

27 species, with the median number of species per group being 4 species

(Supplementary Table A2). Control flowers were left bagged until the end of

the field day, and contained few pollen grains (watermelon mean = 3 grains, N

= 40 stigmas; cranberry mean = 0 tetrads, N = 82 stigmas; blueberry mean =

2 tetrads, N= 734 stigmas). We used mean number of pollen grains deposited

by a single visit group and assigned that value to each of the species in the

single visit group. For detailed methods see Cariveau et al. (2013), Benjamin

et al. (2014), Winfree et al. (2015).

Species traits

Bee species vary in a number of traits that are associated with their response

to land-use change (Williams et al. 2010). Moreover, these traits will likely

affect the pollinator contribution to function, either by modifying its abundance

or because they are related to its per capita effectiveness. We obtained

detailed natural history data on 6 traits for the 90 bee species in our study: a)

sociality (solitary, facultative social, eusocial), b) nesting placement (hole,

cavity, stem, wood, ground), c) brood parasite (yes, no), d) body size, e) diet

breadth (level of specialization) and f) tongue length.

We obtained the trait data as follows. Species sociality level, nesting behavior

and brood parasite status were extracted from the literature (Bartomeus et al.

2013a). Body size (estimated from intertegular span, IT; Cane 1987) was

measured in the lab using collected specimens that had been identified to the

species level by professional taxonomists. Multiple specimens were measured

per species (mean = 6.6 specimens ± 3 S.E.) and the mean across the

measured specimens was used as the value for the species. Bee body size

also correlates strongly with foraging distance (Greenleaf et al. 2007), and

thus is ecologically related to mobility. Tongue length was measured in the lab

for 7.7 ± 1.2 SE specimens per species, and the mean across the measured

specimens is used. For the 40 specimens for which we cannot obtain a

tongue measure, we estimated tongue length from the species' body size and

phylogeny using an allometric equation (Cariveau et al. 2016).

Diet breadth was calculated using six independent datasets previously

collected at 139 sites throughout the study region by the Winfree laboratory

group. Each data set consists of individual pollinator specimens that were net-

collected while foraging on a flowering plant species; both pollinator and plant

were then identified to the species level. Those datasets comprise overall 393

pollinator species, and 392 plant species, with 3890 plant-pollinator

interactions (Supplementary Text A1). Prior to calculating diet breadth, we

rarefied the data to 20 visitation records per bee species, to avoid

confounding rarity with specialization (Blüthgen et al. 2008; Winfree et al.

2014). Nine species had fewer than 20 records and we were unable to

estimate diet breadth in the manner described above. Five of these species

are known to be specialized and we simulated the diet breadth index of 20

individuals visiting the known host plants. The four other species are known to

be generalists and we therefore used the mean diet breadth of its genus.

These four species were extremely rare (< 5 records each) in our analyzed

dataset.

To calculate diet breadth for each bee species, we considered the number of

plants species as well as the phylogenetic breadth that the bees fed upon by

using a rarefied phylogenetic diversity index (Nipperess and Matsen 2013). To

determine phylogenetic distances among plants, we first constructed a

general phylogenetic tree using the PHYLOMATIC "megatree" (version

R201120829, Chamberlain and Szöcs 2013) which defines relationships

between higher plants (Webb et al. 2008). We then dated nodes across this

tree according to Wikström et al. (2001) and used the branch-length

adjustment algorithm BLADJ to estimate the age of all remaining, undated

nodes. Though this procedure implies that ages within our phylogenies should

be treated as approximations (Beaulieu et al. 2007), previous analysis

indicates marked improvements of phylogenetic analyses when even a limited

number of nodes are properly dated (Webb 2000).

Statistical analysis

Response traits: To investigate which traits are associated with

environmental variables related to agricultural intensification, we used a

model-based approach to the fourth-corner problem (Brown et al. 2014). The

fourth-corner problem highlights the difficulty of studying the environment–trait

associations and can be conceptualized as a set of four matrices: abundances

by species, trait data by species, environmental data by sites, and

environmental data by traits, being the relationships of this last corner the

ones to be estimated (Legendre et al. 1997). The core idea of the model-

based approach is to fit a predictive model for species abundance as a

function of environmental variables, species traits and their interaction. The

environment-trait interaction coefficients can be understood as the fourth

corner and describes how environmental response across taxa varies as traits

vary. The size of coefficients is a measure of importance and are interpreted

as the amount by which a unit (1 sd) change in the trait variable changes the

slope of the relationship between abundance and a given environmental

variable. To estimate these coefficients, we used a LASSO-penalised

negative binomial regression (R package "mvabund", Wang et al. 2012). The

LASSO penalty simplifies interpretation because it automatically does model

selection by setting to zero any interaction coefficients that do not help reduce

BIC. A species effect is included in the model (i.e. a different intercept term for

each species), so that traits are used to explain patterns in relative abundance

across taxa not patterns in absolute abundance. Pseudo-R2 is calculated as

the R2 of the predicted against the observed abundance values for each

species at each site.

Effect trait analysis: To determine which traits influenced functional

contribution of each species, we ran separate linear models with either

visitation or per capita efficiency as response variables. Species traits were

predictors. The best model based on AICc was selected. When differences

between the best models were less than 2 we selected the simpler model.

The analysis for efficiency was done at the species group level (see above:

pollination function section). To obtain traits at the species-group level, we

calculated the mean values over species belonging to the same group,

weighted by the species mean abundance within the group. For categorical

variables we chose the dominant level, again weighted by species

abundance. This way, we assure that while species within a functional group

are selected to be functionally similar, the average traits used reflects species

composition.

All residuals were visually inspected to validate model assumptions. All

statistical analyses were performed in R (version 3.0.3, <www.r-project.org>).

Results

Response traits: Overall, we did not find a strong correlation between any

ecological traits and the environmental variables analyzed despite finding a

general response of species abundance to change with one or more land use

variables (watermelon: estimate of percentage open habitat at 300m = 0.12;

blueberry: estimate of percentage agricultural habitat at 300 m= -0.26 and at

1500m = -0.12; cranberry: estimate percentage agricultural percentage habitat

at 1500m = -0.23. Supplementary Table A3). Traits do not modify these

slopes in most instances, and despite some traits exhibiting weak responses

to land use in some cases, these responses were not consistent across crops

(Fig 1). For watermelon (overall pseudo-R2 = 0.54), small bees and parasites

tended to decline with increasing percentage of agriculture at 300m radius

(Interaction estimate of % agriculture at 300m with body size = 0.19, Fig 1D;

and with Parasitism = 0.10) and parasites also declined with increasing open

areas at 1500m radius (interaction estimate = 0.13). For blueberry (overall

pseudo-R2 = 0.22) short-tongued species increased with increasing

agriculture at 1500m (interaction estimate = -0.30). In cranberry (overall

pseudo-R2 = 0.59), bees nesting in wood and generalist bees tended to

increase with increasing open areas at 300 m (interaction estimate = 0.14 and

0.11 respectively) and bees nesting in soil and bigger bees tend to increase

with increasing open areas at 1500 m buffer (interaction estimate = 0.14). A

complete list of all comparisons is presented in Supplementary material (Table

A3).

Effect traits: As for response traits, no traits were highly predictive of either

visitation frequency or per visit efficiency across crops. For watermelon, the

best model for visitation frequency does not includes any trait. However, per

visit efficiency was positively correlated with body size and tongue length (R^2

= 0.75, $F_{2,9}$ = 17.07, $p < 0.001$, Fig 2A). For cranberry, visitation frequency

was positively related to cavity nesters (R^2 = 0.38, $F_{4,36}$ = 7.1, $p < 0.0001$,

Fig 2B). This result was driven by *Bombus* species, which are the only cavity

nesters in this data set. In cranberry per visit efficiency was not related to any

trait. For blueberry, visitation frequency was positively related to diet

specialism (R^2 = 0.37, $F_{1,20}$ = 13.5, $p = 0.001$, Fig 2C), while efficiency per

visit is positively related to tongue length (R^2 = 0.70, $F_{1,5}$ = 14.9, $p = 0.01$,

Fig 2D). Model selection, can be found in Supplementary material (Table A4).

Discussion:

Identifying traits that characterize which species are more sensitive to land-

use change or those that are functionally important is complex. We found

some evidence for response and effect traits but they differed among crop

species as well as landscape variable used. Therefore, while some traits may

be important in some contexts, no traits were generalizable enough to be

used to predict how land-use change will influence the delivery of pollination

services across these systems. Further, the relationships identified were

weak. This does not negate the importance of traits for understanding which

mechanisms underlie species responses to land-use change or pollination

effectiveness, but it does suggest that traits commonly used for wild bees

might not be suitable for predicting which species will decline or how land-use

change will influence the delivery of ecosystem services. In fact, the trait-

based literature in general is characterized by weak and/or idiosyncratic

relationships between traits and either species responses and functional

effects (Tables 1 and 2).

Being able to identify strong response traits would be a key tool for

understanding extinction risk, and an asset for conservation planning.

However, characterizing extinction risk based on traits is challenging. Despite

some generalities that emerge across taxa, with rare species, big species,

specialists, and higher trophic levels being in general more sensitive to

disturbances (Fisher and Owens 2004), there is a large variation in the

response of the species with those traits (Fritz et al. 2009; Seguin et al. 2014).

Work specifically on native bees has found that traits such as specialization,

body size, and sociality may predict responses to land use (Table 1; Winfree

et al. 2009, Bommarco et al. 2010, Williams et al. 2010, Bartomeus *et al.*

2013b, Kremen and M'Gonigle 2015, De Palma et al. 2015, Carrié et al.

2016). However, studies often find contrasting results (Table 1). For example,

De Palma et al. (2015) analyzed over 70,000 wild bee records and found that

small species were most sensitive to agricultural land use, while others have

found that larger species are more sensitive to agricultural land use and/or

environmental change generally (Larsen et al. 2005; Bartomeus et al. 2013b),

and some have found little effect of body size (Williams et al. 2010). Here, we

found a weak trend for small species to be more sensitive to local agricultural

intensification in watermelon, but this trend disappears when land use is

measured at larger scales. Another trait, dietary specialization, is one of the

few traits that has been generally linked to increased species sensitivity to

environmental change (Table 1, Williams et al. 2010; Scheper et al. 2014; De

Palma et al. 2015), but here we found that floral specialist bees did not decline

with intensifying agriculture. If anything, one of the most abundant bee

species in the cranberry system (*Mellita americana*) is a specialist on

cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*). Specialist bees observed in crop

systems are likely to be specialized on the crop plant family as was the case

in our data (e.g. *Mellita americana* in cranberry, but also *Habropoda sp.* and

Andrena bradleyi in blueberry and *Peponapis pruinosa* in watermelon). We

would expect different responses from study designs that include natural

habitat and a larger range of specialist host plants (Forrest et al. 2015,

Bartomeus and Winfree 2013).

Alternatively, the lack of strong trait-environment associations may be due to

the variables used to measure agricultural intensification being too coarse to

detect common responses. While finer-resolution studies will undoubtedly be

informative, they are unlikely to lead to a greater likelihood of predicting how

changes in biodiversity affects the delivery of ecosystem services if these

measures are difficult to quantify or are context dependent.

Effect traits have been even harder to identify for pollinators. The limited data

published on particular plants suggests insects with larger bodies tend to

deposit more pollen per flower visit, but this pollen was not well distributed on

the stigma (Table 2; Hoehn et al. 2008), or that the correlation between body

size and per visit pollination function is low (Larsen et al. 2005). Our study

supports the positive correlation between body size and per-visit pollen

deposition in both watermelon and blueberry (although note that tongue

length is correlated with body size in blueberry r = 0.76), but not for cranberry.

Hence, generality is difficult to achieve because a single pollinator trait, like

big body size, may not lead to high pollination function in all contexts. Rather it

seems likely that the most efficient trait will depend on the crop (Garibaldi et

al. 2015). Moreover, the total pollination provided by a pollinator species is the

product of visitation frequency and per capita efficiency (Kremen et al. 2005),

two processes that may be governed by different traits.

If generalizable response and effect traits can be found, the final step will be

to link response and effects to predict changes in ecosystem services. A

positive association between the response and effect traits (Naeem and

Wright 2003) such that species with the strongest response to environmental

change also had the strongest effect on function, indicates the land-use

change has the potential for dramatic effects on ecosystem function. Whether

response and effect traits are in general positively, negatively, or uncorrelated

is an important question that has not yet been answered (Larsen et al. 2005).

Despite the conceptual elegance of the response-effect trait framework, it is

only effective if it is predictive, and strong evidence for the generality of traits

has not yet been found. For example, even the very thorough and rigorously

analyzed study of response-effect relationships by Larsen et al. (2005) is

based on a non-significant weak relationship between pollinator per visit

efficiency and body size. Similarly, the marginal R^2 (i.e. variance explained by

fixed effects) of the best model including traits in the comprehensive analysis

done by De Palma et al. (2015) is lower than 0.1. Similarly, in our study, even

the strongest correlations found for watermelon, where big species are less

sensitive to local agricultural intensification and more efficient per visit, but not

more frequent flower visitors than smaller species are too weak to be useful

for predictive purposes.

Predictive response and/or effect traits are often assumed in the larger

literature as well. For example, recent re-evaluations of community stability in

food webs shows that using body size as proxy of extinction risk changes the

outcome of the stability simulations (Brose et al. 2016). However, the

assumption that body size is a good predictor of extinction risk is not directly

validated. Given the correlation showing that bigger species are more

sensitive is usually weak (Fisher and Owens 2004), these kind of approaches

could produce misleading outcomes.

Currently trait data may be too coarse to reveal ubiquitous response and

effect traits for four reasons. First, some traits may simply reflect identity of

genera or higher taxonomic groups. For example, some bumble bee species

in our three systems (especially *B. impatiens*) are common, functionally

dominant, and robust to extinction (Cariveau et al. 2013, Winfree et al. 2015).

Some of the important response and effect traits that we found, such as cavity

nesting and body size, may simply be proxies for bumble bees. Bumble bee

species also share other traits (e.g. sociality) that are commonly used in trait

analyses. Therefore, studies that don't include phylogenetic correlations may

be simply characterizing the general relationship between disturbance and the

functionally dominant taxa. As there is a great variability in the responses to

disturbance among bumble bee species (Cameron et al. 2011; Bartomeus et

al. 2013b, Persson et al. 2015) this may also explain why some studies find

big species to be more sensitive to land-use change (Larsen et al. 2005) and

other studies find the opposite (Rader et al. 2014, this study for watermelon).

Second, traits may interact in complex ways and single traits may be not able

to capture responses and functional contributions across species (e.g.

Bommarco et al. 2010). Third, phenotypic variability within species, usually

ignored in trait-based approaches, may play a more important role than

previously though (Bolnik et al. 2011). Finally, the most important traits may

not have been studied. Response traits such as dispersal ability, fecundity,

and nest microclimate/soil type, and effect traits like floral visitation behavior

or hairiness (Stavert et al. 2016) may be better predictors than the traits we

have now. However, if these traits are not easy to measure across bee

species, they may be of little use. Traits databases that include an increasing

number of traits and agreed-upon measurement techniques similar to those

used in plant ecology (Kattge et al. 2011) but that are also open-access may

lead to significant advancements in functional trait ecology in wild bees.

There is a call to be more predictive in ecology (Petchey et al. 2015, Houlahan

et al. 2017). The use of traits to predict species responses and subsequent

changes in ecosystem services is a potentially powerful approach. This is

especially the case for organisms such as insects where species identification

is challenging and detailed species-level natural history information is lacking.

The ability to effectively use a trait framework is becoming controversial

because studies thus far have not clearly related specific traits to specific

threats or functions (Didham et al. 2016; Shipley et al. 2016). A growing

number of studies are working to address the complexity and increase the

predictability of this framework (e.g. Laughlin and Messier 2015). However,

until these approaches yield consistent patterns across systems, site-specific

species identity and monitoring may at present be the best measure for

predicting changes in ecosystem services as a result of land-use change. A

few dominant species often drive ecosystem functioning (Kleijn et al. 2015;

Winfree et al. 2015). Identifying the sensitivity of the functionally dominant

species may be the best proxy thus far for predicting effects of species loss in

ecosystem function.

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 Tables and Figures

 Table 1: Summary of some recent studies identifying response traits and its

 relationship with environmental variables. Environmental variables have been

 grouped in two main categories because each study uses different metrics.

 Habitat loss (e.g. isolation, % natural habitat, habitat fragment size) and

 Agricultural intensification (e.g. natural vs agricultural, % agriculture). Only the

 direction of the response is indicated, as the different analysis makes any

 comparison of effect sizes meaningless. Note that in addition, most of this

 relationships are weakly predictive. See text for details.

Trait	Environment	Relationship direction			
		Positive	**Neutral**	**Negative**	**Context dependent**
Body size	Habitat loss	0	1[9]	2[1,10]	1[2]
	Agricultural intensification	2[7,11]	2[3,6]	4[1,4,5,8]	0
Diet specialization	Habitat loss	1[3]	0	2[1,9]	1[2]
	Agricultural intensification	0	1[8,6]	4[3,7]	0
Sociality (social)	Habitat loss	0	1[2]	1[3]	1[10]
	Agricultural intensification	4[3,4,8]	2[6,7]	0	0
Nest location (below-ground)	Habitat loss	0	1[3]	0	0
	Agricultural intensification	0	2[3,6]	2[8,11]	1[7]

[1]Larsen *et al.* 2005, [2]Bommarco et al. 2010, [3]Williams et al. 2010, [4]Rader et al. 2014,

[5]Benjamin et al. 2014, [6]Forrest et al. 2015, [7]De Palma et al. 2015, [8]Carrié et al. 2016, [9]Cane

et al. 2006, [10]Jauker et al. 2013, [11]Klein et al 2008.

Table 2: Summary of some recent studies identifying effect traits and its

relationship with ecosystem functioning. Only body size is included, as other

traits are rarely measured (but see Stavert et al 2016 for hairiness). Only the

direction of the response is indicated, as the different analysis makes any

comparison of effect sizes meaningless. Note that in addition, most of these

relationships are weakly predictive. See text for details.

		Relationship direction			
Trait	Function	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Context dependent
Body size	Pollen deposition	2[1,2]	1[3]	0	0
	Visitation rate	0	0	1[2]	0
	Fruit set	0	0	0	2[4,5]

[1]Larsen *et al.* 2010, [2]Hohen et al. 2008, [3]Stavert et al. 2016, [4]Garibaldi et al. 2015, [5]Gagic et

al. 2015

Fig. 1: Relationships between traits and environmental variables for A)

watermelon, B) blueberry and c) cranberry. Positive estimates are in red and

negative estimates in blue. Note that the LASSO penalty has set many

estimates to zero. D) Detail of the two stronger interactions between body size

and percentage of agriculture at 300 meter radii for watermelon and tongue

length and % of agriculture at 1500 meter for blueberry. The solid line is the

prediction for the 25 percentile of body size and tongue length, while the

dashed line is the prediction for the 75% of body size and tongue length for

watermelon and blueberry respectively.

  Fig. 2: Multipanel plot showing the relationships between species traits

  and pollination function, which is decomposed into efficiency (pollen

  deposited per flower visit) and frequency of flower visits. A) watermelon, B)

  cranberry, C-D) blueberry.

 Supplementary material

Text A1: Datasets used for calculating dietary specialization: Six datasets

were used to create the phylogenetic distance index. All data were collected in

the region of the crop study. Specimens were collected using a hand net and

the bee species and plant species were recorded. This resulted in a total of

18,733 bee x plant interactions for species that were also in the crop dataset.

The number of species, sites, and years of collection are as follows: 1) Pine

barrens in 2003: 280 bee x plant interactions. Habitat types were extensive

pine-oak forest (14 sites), forest fragments (14 sites), suburban back yards (7

sites), and agricultural field borders (5 sites) in New Jersey (Winfree et al.

2007). Bees were collected in temporally stratified sampling rounds between

April and September. 2) NJPA: 3906 bee x plant interactions. Data collected

on watermelon field margins at a total of 20 sites. Farm types included small-

scale mixed farming, both crops and field margins, both organic and low-

pesticide-input conventional. All bees were collected in three temporally

stratified sampling rounds in July, in each of 3 years. 3) NFWF 3906 bee x

plant interactions. Habitat types were old fields. Bees were collected in May

through Sept at 25 sites for two years. *Lasioglossum* species where not

included for this dataset due to recent changes in its taxonomy. 4) NSF 2006

666 bee x plant interactions. Habitat types were deciduous forest fragments

(13 sites), and suburban / urban yards (3 sites) and sites with extensive

forests with diverse wildflower communities (4 sites). All bees were collected

in sampling rounds between April and early June. 5) CIG 4600 bee x plant

interactions. Site were comprised of old fields as well as pollinator

enhancement sites. Bees using were collected using a hand net from a total of

a total 18 sites in 2011-2013. For each bee specimen, the plant species was

recorded. 6) Cape May 5858 bee x plant interactions. This study included only

one site. The habitat was an old field that had been planted in 20 species of

native perennial plants. Sampling took place over 3 years in sampling rounds

that occurred in May through September.

Winfree, R. Griswold, T. and Kremen, C. (2007). Effect of human disturbance

on bee communities in a forested ecosystem. *Conservation Biology*. 21: 213-

223.

Table A1: Range of variation in agricultural and semi-natural land cover for

three crop systems

| | Percent Agriculture | | | | Percent Natural, Open | | | |
| | Radius 300 m | | Radius 1500 m | | Radius 300 m | | Radius 1500 m | |
Crop	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Watermelon	29	75	5	42	0	20	1	15
Blueberry	37	100	13	81	0	16	0.5	9
Cranberry	37	99	5	48	0	38	4	13

704 **Table A2:** Equivalencies between species and groups used for single visit

705 data.

Crop	Species	Single Visit Group	Percentage

			within group
Blueberry	*Andrena_banksi*	MED_AND	0.00
Blueberry	*Andrena_barbara*	MED_AND	0.00
Blueberry	*Andrena_bradleyi*	MED_AND	0.93
Blueberry	*Andrena_carlini*	LG_AND	0.12
Blueberry	*Andrena_carolina*	LG_AND	0.01
Blueberry	*Andrena_cressonii*	LG_AND	0.01
Blueberry	*Andrena_fenningeri*	MED_AND	0.01
Blueberry	*Andrena_hilaris*	MED_AND	0.00
Blueberry	*Andrena_ilicis*	MED_AND	0.00
Blueberry	*Andrena_imitatrix*	MED_AND	0.01
Blueberry	*Andrena_mandibularis*	MED_AND	0.00
Blueberry	*Andrena_morrisonella*	MED_AND	0.01
Blueberry	*Andrena_screpteropsis*	MED_AND	0.00
Blueberry	*Andrena_vicina*	LG_AND	0.86
Blueberry	*Augochlora_pura*	Green	0.56
Blueberry	*Augochlorella_aurata*	Green	0.44
Blueberry	*Bombus_bimaculatus*	Bom_Q	0.24
Blueberry	*Bombus_griseocollis*	Bom_Q	0.49
Blueberry	*Bombus_impatiens*	Bom_Q	0.18
Blueberry	*Bombus_perplexus*	Bom_Q	0.08
Blueberry	*Ceratina_calcarata/dupla*	Dialictus	0.22
Blueberry	*Colletes_inaequalis*	Coll	0.26
Blueberry	*Colletes_thoracicus*	Coll	0.09
Blueberry	*Colletes_validus*	Coll	0.65
Blueberry	*Habropoda_laboriosa*	HAB	1.00
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_acuminatum*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_coeruleum*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_fuscipenne*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_leucocomum*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_oblongum*	Small-dark	0.10
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_pilosum*	Small-dark	0.15
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_versatum*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_weemsi*	Small-dark	0.07
Blueberry	*Lasioglossum_zephyrum*	Small-dark	0.05
Blueberry	*Nomada_luteola*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Osmia_taurus*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Osmia_cornifrons*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Osmia_pumila*	Small-dark	0.07
Blueberry	*Sphecodes_aroniae*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Sphecodes_stygius*	Small-dark	0.02
Blueberry	*Xylocopa_virginica*	XYL	1.00
Cranberry	*Agapostemon_splendens*	Green	0.02
Cranberry	*Andrena_cressonii*	Med_and	0.01

Cranberry	*Andrena_imitatrix*	Med_and	0.01
Cranberry	*Andrena_morrisonella*	Med_and	0.01
Cranberry	*Andrena_spiraeana*	Med_and	0.01
Cranberry	*Andrena_vicina*	Med_and	0.02
Cranberry	*Augochlora_pura*	Green	0.16
Cranberry	*Augochlorella_aurata*	Green	0.63
Cranberry	*Augochloropsis_metallica*	Green	0.16
Cranberry	*Augochloropsis_sumptuosa*	Green	0.03
Cranberry	*Bombus_bimaculatus*	Bombus_bimaculatus	1.00
Cranberry	*Bombus_citrinus*	Bombus_spp	0.50
Cranberry	*Bombus_griseocollis*	Bombus_griseocollis	1.00
Cranberry	*Bombus_impatiens*	Bombus_impatiens	1.00
Cranberry	*Bombus_perplexus*	Bom_pervag	0.85
Cranberry	*Bombus_sandersoni*	Bombus_spp	0.50
Cranberry	*Bombus_vagans*	Bom_pervag	0.15
Cranberry	*Ceratina_calcarata/dupla*	Small_black	0.12
Cranberry	*Coelioxys_immaculata*	Megachile	0.02
Cranberry	*Coelioxys_porterae*	Megachile	0.04
Cranberry	*Coelioxys_sayi*	Megachile	0.02
Cranberry	*Colletes_consors*	Megachile	0.02
Cranberry	*Halictus_rubicundus*	Small_black	0.02
Cranberry	*Heriades_carinatus*	Osmia	0.08
Cranberry	*Hoplitis_truncata*	Osmia	0.12
Cranberry	*Hylaeus_affinis*	Small_black	0.08
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_apopkense*	Small_black	0.01
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_coeruleum*	Small_black	0.01
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_creberrimum*	Small_black	0.02
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_fuscipenne*	Small_black	0.05
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_georgeickworti*	Small_black	0.05
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_lineatulum*	Small_black	0.01
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_oblongum*	Small_black	0.15
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_pilosum*	Small_black	0.02
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_planatum*	Small_black	0.02
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_subviridatum*	Small_black	0.17
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_trigeminum*	Small_black	0.02
Cranberry	*Lasioglossum_versatum*	Small_black	0.04
Cranberry	*Megachile_addenda*	Megachile	0.22
Cranberry	*Megachile_gemula*	Megachile	0.32
Cranberry	*Megachile_mendica*	Megachile	0.28
Cranberry	*Megachile_texana*	Megachile	0.08
Cranberry	*Melitta_americana*	Melitta	0.95
Cranberry	*Nomada_bella/lepida*	Small_black	0.01
Cranberry	*Nomada_pygmaea*	Small_black	0.01
Cranberry	*Nomada_rodecki*	Small_black	0.07

Cranberry	*Osmia_inspergens*	Osmia	0.07
Cranberry	*Osmia_pumila*	Osmia	0.13
Cranberry	*Osmia_virga*	Osmia	0.60
Cranberry	*Panurginus_atramontensis*	Small_black	0.09
Cranberry	*Sphecodes_aroniae*	Small_black	0.03
Cranberry	*Sphecodes_fattigi*	Small_black	0.01
Cranberry	*Xylocopa_virginica*	XYL	1.00
Watermelon	*Agapostemon_sericeus*	Large_Green	0.25
Watermelon	*Agapostemon_texanus*	Large_Green	0.11
Watermelon	*Agapostemon_virescens*	Large_Green	0.52
Watermelon	*Anthidium_oblongatum*	LDS	0.03
Watermelon	*Augochlora_pura*	Small_Green	0.80
Watermelon	*Augochlorella_aurata*	Small_Green	0.20
Watermelon	*Augochloropsis_metallica*	Large_Green	0.11
Watermelon	*Bombus_bimaculatus*	BOM	0.01
Watermelon	*Bombus_fervidus*	BOM	0.00
Watermelon	*Bombus_griseocollis*	BOM	0.01
Watermelon	*Bombus_impatiens*	BOM	0.98
Watermelon	*Bombus_perplexus*	BOM	0.00
Watermelon	*Bombus_vagans*	BOM	0.00
Watermelon	*Calliopsis_andreniformis*	SD	0.03
Watermelon	*Ceratina_calcarata/dupla*	CER	0.81
Watermelon	*Ceratina_strenua*	CER	0.19
Watermelon	*Halictus_confusus*	HAL_MDS	0.83
Watermelon	*Halictus_ligatus*	HAL_MDS	0.16
Watermelon	*Halictus_parallelus*	LDS	0.03
Watermelon	*Halictus_rubicundus*	LDS	0.56
Watermelon	*Hoplitis_pilosifrons*	HAL_MDS	0.00
Watermelon	*Hoplitis_producta*	HAL_MDS	0.00
Watermelon	*Hylaeus_affinis*	TD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_admirandum*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_albipenne*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_atwoodi*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_bruneri*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_callidum*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_cattellae*	TD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_cinctipes*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_coreopsis*	TD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_coriaceum*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_cressonii*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_ellisiae*	TD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_ephialtum*	SD	0.02
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_georgeickworti*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_gotham*	SD	0.00

Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_illinoense*	TD	0.05
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_imitatum*	TD	0.59
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_laevissimum*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_leucocomum*	SD	0.02
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_leucozonium*	LDS	0.09
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_lineatulum*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_mitchelli*	TD	0.17
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_nymphaearum*	SD	0.04
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_oblongum*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_obscurum*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_paradmirandum*	TD	0.04
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_pectinatum*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_pectorale*	SD	0.02
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_pilosum*	SD	0.28
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_planatum*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_platyparium*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_rozeni*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_smilacinae*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_subviridatum*	SD	0.00
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_tegulare*	TD	0.07
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_trigeminum*	SD	0.02
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_truncatum*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_versatum*	SD	0.44
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_viridatum*	SD	0.01
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_weemsi*	TD	0.05
Watermelon	*Lasioglossum_zephyrum*	SD	0.04
Watermelon	*Megachile_brevis*	LDS	0.06
Watermelon	*Megachile_mendica*	LDS	0.18
Watermelon	*Megachile_rotundata*	LDS	0.03
Watermelon	*Megachile_sculpturalis*	LDS	0.03
Watermelon	*Melissodes_bimaculata*	MEL	0.99
Watermelon	*Melissodes_trinodis*	MEL	0.00
Watermelon	*Nomada_articulata*	TRI	0.01
Watermelon	*Peponapis_pruinosa*	PEP	1.00
Watermelon	*Ptilothrix_bombiformis*	MEL	0.01
Watermelon	*Triepeolus_lunatus*	TRI	0.01
Watermelon	*Triepeolus_remigatus*	TRI	0.98
Watermelon	*Xylocopa_virginica*	XYL	1.00

Table A3: Response trait model estimates for all variables, including the

fourth corner interactions. Note that many coefficients are set to zero due to

709   the lasso penalty which acts as model selection.

crop	variable	estimates
watermelon	Intercept	-0.576421649
watermelon	sppAgapostemon_sericeus	-0.009279838
watermelon	sppAgapostemon_texanus	-0.014124596
watermelon	sppAgapostemon_virescens	0
watermelon	sppAugochlora_pura	0.558159608
watermelon	sppAugochlorella_aurata	0.252162681
watermelon	sppAugochloropsis_metallica	-0.102126726
watermelon	sppBombus_bimaculatus	-0.068328543
watermelon	sppBombus_griseocollis	-0.044189731
watermelon	sppBombus_impatiens	0.725048904
watermelon	sppCalliopsis_andreniformis	-0.029828203
watermelon	sppCeratina_calcarata_dupla_miqmaki	0.280782801
watermelon	sppCeratina_strenua	0
watermelon	sppHalictus_confusus	0.18712962
watermelon	sppHalictus_ligatus	0.135271953
watermelon	sppHalictus_parallelus	-0.096935391
watermelon	sppHalictus_rubicundus	0
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_admirandum	-0.129706998
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_albipenne	-0.118065531
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_bruneri	0
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_coriaceum	-0.107890698
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_cressonii	-0.071238004
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_ephialtum	0
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_illinoense	0.036021268
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_imitatum	0.55394426
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_leucocomum	0.002812834

watermelon	sppLasioglossum_mitchelli	0.283412671
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_nymphaearum	0
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_oblongum	-0.118783972
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_obscurum	-0.07245479
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_paradmirandum	0.133974695
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_pectorale	0.041004684
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_pilosum	0.337276238
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_rozeni	-0.150752269
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_smilacinae	-0.106925589
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_tegulare	0.069406914
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_trigeminum	-0.021964911
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_truncatum	0
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_versatum	0.428595442
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_weemsi	0.203014094
watermelon	sppLasioglossum_zephyrum	0
watermelon	sppMegachile_mendica	-0.040327507
watermelon	sppMelissodes_bimaculata	0.338962415
watermelon	sppPeponapis_pruinosa	0.298377021
watermelon	sppTriepeolus_remigatus	0.142618209
watermelon	sppXylocopa_virginica	0
watermelon	agriculture_300	-0.033515551
watermelon	semi-natural_300	0.124754762
watermelon	agriculture_1500	-0.047821623
watermelon	semi-natural_1500	0.083440715
watermelon	agriculture_300.squ	-0.042700664
watermelon	semi-natural_300.squ	-0.055003683
watermelon	agriculture_1500.squ	-0.096777603
watermelon	semi-natural_1500.squ	0
watermelon	Nest_placecavity	0

watermelon	Nest_placehole	0
watermelon	Nest_placesoil	0
watermelon	Nest_placestem	0.198778917
watermelon	Nest_placewood	0
watermelon	SocialityEusocial	0
watermelon	Socialityfac_social	0
watermelon	SocialitySolitary	0
watermelon	ParasiticYes	0
watermelon	body_size	-0.173420908
watermelon	specialization	0
watermelon	tongue	0
watermelon	body_size.squ	0
watermelon	specialization.squ	0
watermelon	tongue.squ	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:Nest_placecavity	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:Nest_placehole	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:Nest_placesoil	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:Nest_placestem	-0.049978079
watermelon	agriculture_300:Nest_placewood	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:SocialityEusocial	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:Socialityfac_social	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:SocialitySolitary	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:ParasiticYes	0.108922029
watermelon	agriculture_300:body_size	0.192003954
watermelon	agriculture_300:specialization	0
watermelon	agriculture_300:tongue	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:Nest_placecavity	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:Nest_placehole	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:Nest_placesoil	0.038326704

watermelon	semi-natural_300:Nest_placestem	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:Nest_placewood	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:SocialityEusocial	0.00808636
watermelon	semi-natural_300:Socialityfac_social	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:SocialitySolitary	-0.013199001
watermelon	semi-natural_300:ParasiticYes	-0.039553688
watermelon	semi-natural_300:body_size	0
watermelon	semi-natural_300:specialization	0.061463166
watermelon	semi-natural_300:tongue	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:Nest_placecavity	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:Nest_placehole	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:Nest_placesoil	-0.005213896
watermelon	agriculture_1500:Nest_placestem	0.017326634
watermelon	agriculture_1500:Nest_placewood	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:SocialityEusocial	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:Socialityfac_social	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:SocialitySolitary	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:ParasiticYes	0
watermelon	agriculture_1500:body_size	-0.063254087
watermelon	agriculture_1500:specialization	0.061183593
watermelon	agriculture_1500:tongue	0
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placecavity	-0.036150993
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placehole	-0.0710914
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placesoil	0
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placestem	0.056228857
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placewood	0
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:SocialityEusocial	-0.010382428
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:Socialityfac_social	0
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:SocialitySolitary	0

watermelon	semi-natural_1500:ParasiticYes	0.134685819
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:body_size	0
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:specialization	-0.099793932
watermelon	semi-natural_1500:tongue	0
blueberry	Intercept	-1.105790242
blueberry	sppAndrena_bradleyi	0.42049863
blueberry	sppAndrena_cressonii	0
blueberry	sppAndrena_fenningeri	0
blueberry	sppAndrena_morrisonella	0
blueberry	sppAndrena_vicina	0.019815503
blueberry	sppAugochlora_pura	0
blueberry	sppAugochlorella_aurata	0
blueberry	sppBombus_bimaculatus	0
blueberry	sppBombus_griseocollis	0
blueberry	sppBombus_impatiens	0
blueberry	sppBombus_perplexus	0
blueberry	sppColletes_inaequalis	0.126105594
blueberry	sppColletes_thoracicus	0
blueberry	sppColletes_validus	0.083273954
blueberry	sppHabropoda_laboriosa	0
blueberry	sppLasioglossum_leucocomum	0
blueberry	sppLasioglossum_oblongum	0
blueberry	sppLasioglossum_pilosum	0
blueberry	sppLasioglossum_versatum	0
blueberry	sppLasioglossum_weemsi	0
blueberry	sppOsmia_pumila	0
blueberry	sppXylocopa_virginica	0
blueberry	agriculture_300	-0.26658714
blueberry	semi-natural_300	0

blueberry	agriculture_1500	-0.115548638
blueberry	semi-natural_1500	0
blueberry	agriculture_300.squ	0.177220016
blueberry	semi-natural_300.squ	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500.squ	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500.squ	0
blueberry	Nest_placecavity	0
blueberry	Nest_placehole	0
blueberry	Nest_placesoil	0
blueberry	Nest_placewood	0
blueberry	SocialityEusocial	0
blueberry	Socialityfac_social	0
blueberry	SocialitySolitary	0
blueberry	body_size	0.569257497
blueberry	specialization	0
blueberry	tongue	0
blueberry	body_size.squ	0
blueberry	specialization.squ	0.1567025
blueberry	tongue.squ	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placecavity	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placehole	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placesoil	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placewood	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:SocialityEusocial	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:Socialityfac_social	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:SocialitySolitary	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:body_size	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:specialization	0
blueberry	agriculture_300:tongue	0

blueberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placecavity	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placehole	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placesoil	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placewood	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:SocialityEusocial	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:Socialityfac_social	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:SocialitySolitary	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:body_size	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:specialization	0
blueberry	semi-natural_300:tongue	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placecavity	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placehole	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placesoil	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placewood	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:SocialityEusocial	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:Socialityfac_social	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:SocialitySolitary	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:body_size	-0.065424217
blueberry	agriculture_1500:specialization	0
blueberry	agriculture_1500:tongue	-0.30068745
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placecavity	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placehole	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placesoil	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placewood	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:SocialityEusocial	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:Socialityfac_social	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:SocialitySolitary	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:body_size	0
blueberry	semi-natural_1500:specialization	0

blueberry	semi-natural_1500:tongue	0
cranberry	Intercept	-0.631992954
cranberry	sppAgapostemon_splendens	0
cranberry	sppAndrena_imitatrix	-0.040613799
cranberry	sppAndrena_vicina	0
cranberry	sppAugochlora_pura	0
cranberry	sppAugochlorella_aurata	0.352482114
cranberry	sppAugochloropsis_metallica	0.236752572
cranberry	sppAugochloropsis_sumptuosa	0.121551536
cranberry	sppBombus_bimaculatus	0.080454703
cranberry	sppBombus_griseocollis	0.084130022
cranberry	sppBombus_impatiens	0.164000021
cranberry	sppBombus_perplexus	0
cranberry	sppBombus_vagans	-0.086979307
cranberry	sppCeratina_calcarata_dupla_miqmaki	0
cranberry	sppCoelioxys_immaculata	0
cranberry	sppCoelioxys_porterae	0
cranberry	sppHeriades_carinatus	0
cranberry	sppHoplitis_truncata	0
cranberry	sppHylaeus_affinis	0.046287451
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_apopkense	-0.015975843
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_creberrimum	0
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_fuscipenne	0
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_georgeickworti	0.103453894
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_lineatulum	0
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_oblongum	0.065553692
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_pilosum	0
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_subviridatum	0.103315494
cranberry	sppLasioglossum_trigeminum	0

cranberry	sppLasioglossum_versatum	0
cranberry	sppMegachile_addenda	0
cranberry	sppMegachile_gemula	0
cranberry	sppMegachile_mendica	0
cranberry	sppMegachile_texana	0
cranberry	sppMelitta_americana	0.371484288
cranberry	sppNomada_rodecki	0.28043488
cranberry	sppOsmia_inspergens	0
cranberry	sppOsmia_pumila	0
cranberry	sppOsmia_virga	0.24124345
cranberry	sppPanurginus_atramontensis	0
cranberry	sppSphecodes_aroniae	0
cranberry	sppSphecodes_fattigi	0
cranberry	sppXylocopa_virginica	0
cranberry	agriculture_300	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500	-0.239273032
cranberry	semi-natural_1500	0
cranberry	agriculture_300.squ	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300.squ	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500.squ	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500.squ	0.161123069
cranberry	Nest_placecavity	0.788141301
cranberry	Nest_placehole	0
cranberry	Nest_placesoil	0
cranberry	Nest_placestem	0
cranberry	Nest_placewood	0.210443302
cranberry	SocialityEusocial	0.119359227
cranberry	Socialityfac_social	0

cranberry	SocialitySolitary	0
cranberry	ParasiticYes	-0.002756197
cranberry	body_size	0.360722617
cranberry	specialization	0
cranberry	tongue	0
cranberry	body_size.squ	0
cranberry	specialization.squ	0.278531163
cranberry	tongue.squ	0.236448892
cranberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placecavity	-0.041561834
cranberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placehole	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placesoil	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placestem	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:Nest_placewood	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:SocialityEusocial	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:Socialityfac_social	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:SocialitySolitary	-0.063994245
cranberry	agriculture_300:ParasiticYes	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:body_size	0
cranberry	agriculture_300:specialization	0.038303398
cranberry	agriculture_300:tongue	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placecavity	-0.052194922
cranberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placehole	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placesoil	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placestem	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:Nest_placewood	0.139451554
cranberry	semi-natural_300:SocialityEusocial	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:Socialityfac_social	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:SocialitySolitary	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:ParasiticYes	0

cranberry	semi-natural_300:body_size	0
cranberry	semi-natural_300:specialization	0.111563737
cranberry	semi-natural_300:tongue	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placecavity	-0.016970912
cranberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placehole	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placesoil	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placestem	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:Nest_placewood	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:SocialityEusocial	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:Socialityfac_social	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:SocialitySolitary	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:ParasiticYes	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:body_size	0.053019912
cranberry	agriculture_1500:specialization	0
cranberry	agriculture_1500:tongue	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placecavity	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placehole	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placesoil	0.150882962
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placestem	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:Nest_placewood	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:SocialityEusocial	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:Socialityfac_social	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:SocialitySolitary	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:ParasiticYes	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:body_size	0.093262373
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:specialization	0
cranberry	semi-natural_1500:tongue	0

711 **Table A4:** Model selection procedure showing all models within 2 AICc

712 values.

Crop	Measure	Model	Delta AICc
Watermelon	Visitation Frequency	~ body size + tongue	0
Watermelon	Visitation Frequency	~ tongue	0.06
Watermelon	Visitation Frequency	~ .	0.28
Watermelon	Visitation Frequency	~ body size	1.99
Watermelon	Pollen deposition	~ body size + tongue	0
Cranberry	Visitation Frequency	~ sociality + tongue	0
Cranberry	Visitation Frequency	~ nest place	1.43
Cranberry	Visitation Frequency	~ sociality	1.56
Cranberry	Pollen deposition	~ .	0
Blueberry	Visitation Frequency	~ specialization	0
Blueberry	Pollen deposition	~ tongue	0