

Table S1. References to example datasets included in the R package bipartite, and used in Fig. 2.

Study	Dataset name in bipartite	Reference
A	barrett1987	Barrett, S.C.H. & Helenurm, K. (1987) The reproduction biology of boreal forest herbs. 1. Breeding systems and pollination. <i>Canadian Journal of Botany</i> , 65 , 2036-2046.
B	bezerra2009	Bezerra, E.L.S., Machado, I.C.S. & Mello, M.A.R. (2009) Pollination networks of oil-flowers: a tiny world within the smallest of all worlds. <i>Journal of Animal Ecology</i> , 78 , 1096-1101.
C	elberling1999	Elberling, H. & Olesen, J.M. (1999) The structure of a high latitude plant-flower visitor system: the dominance of flies. <i>Ecography</i> , 22 , 314-323.
D	inouye1988	Inouye, D.W. & Pyke, G.H. (1988) Pollination biology in the Snowy Mountains of Australia: comparisons with montane Colorado, USA. <i>Australian Journal of Ecology</i> , 13 , 191-210.
E	junker2013	Junker, R.R., Blüthgen, N., Brehm, T., Binkenstein, J., Paulus, J., Schaefer, H.M. & Stang, M. (2013) Specialization on traits as basis for the niche-breadth of flower visitors and as structuring mechanism of ecological networks. <i>Functional Ecology</i> , 27 , 329-341.
F	kato1990	Kato, M., Makutani, T., Inoue, T. & Itino, T. (1990) Insect-flower relationship in the primary beech forest of Ashu, Kyoto: an overview of the flowering phenology and seasonal pattern of insect visits. <i>Contributions from the Biological Laboratory, Kyoto University</i> , 27 , 309-375.
G	kevan1970	Kevan, P.G. (1970) High Arctic insect-flower visitor relations: the inter-relationships of arthropods and flower at Lake Hazen, Ellesmere Island, Northwest Territories. University of Alberta, Canada.
H	memmott1999	Memmott, J. (1999) The structure of a plant-pollinator food web. <i>Ecology Letters</i> , 2 , 276-280.
I	mosquin1967	Mosquin, T. & Martin, J.E.H. (1967) Observations on the pollination biology of plants on Melville Island, N.W.T., Canada. <i>Canadian Field Naturalist</i> , 81 , 201-205.
J	motten1982	Motten, A.F. (1986) Pollination ecology of the spring wildflower community of a temperate deciduous forest. <i>Ecological Monographs</i> , 56 , 21-42.
K	olesen2002aigrettes	Olesen, J.M., Eskildsen, L.I. & Venkatasamy, S. (2002) Invasion of pollination networks on oceanic islands: Importance of invader complexes and endemic super

		generalists. <i>Diversity and Distributions</i> , 8 , 181-192.
L	olesen2002flores	As for K
M	ollerton2003	Ollerton, J., Johnson, S.D., Cranmer, L. & Kellie, S. (2003) The pollination ecology of an assemblage of grassland asclepiads in South Africa. <i>Annals of Botany</i> , 92 , 807-834.
N	Safariland	Vázquez, D.P. & Simberloff, D (2003) Changes in interactino biodiversity induced by an introduced ungulate. <i>Ecology Letters</i> , 6 , 1077-1083.
O	schemske1978	Schemske, D.W., Willson, M.F., Melampy, M.N., Miller, L.J., Verner, L., Schemske, K.M. & Best, L.B. (1978) Flowering ecology of some spring woodland herbs. <i>Ecology</i> , 59 , 351-366.
P	small1976	Small, E. (1976) Insect pollinators of the Mer Bleue peat bog of Ottawa. <i>Canadian Field Naturalist</i> , 90 , 22-28.