**Appendix A.**

**A predator in need is a predator indeed: generalist arthropod predators function as pest specialists at the late growth stage of rice**

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**Table S1**. The taxonomic information and trophic guilds of the arthropod samples in the three study years.

(a) Year 2017

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Trophic guild | Order | Family/Genus |
| Predators | Araneae | Araneidae |
|  | Araneae | Clubionidae |
|  | Araneae | Oxyopidae |
|  | Araneae | Tetragnathidae/*Tetragnatha* |
|  | Araneae | Thomisidae |
|  | Coleoptera | Carabidae |
|  | Coleoptera | Coccinellidae |
| Rice herbivores | Hemiptera | Cicadellidae/*Nephotettix* |
|  | Hemiptera | Delphacidae/*Nilaparvata* |
|  | Hemiptera | Lygaeidae/*Pachybrachius* |
|  | Hemiptera | Pentatomidae/*Scotinophara* |
|  | Lepidoptera | Hesperiidae |
|  | Lepidoptera | Pyralidae |
|  | Lepidoptera | Nymphalidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Pyrgomorphidae/*Atractomorpha* |
| Tourist herbivores | Coleoptera | Chrysomelidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Acrididae |
| Detritivores | Diptera | Chironomidae |
|  | Diptera | Chloropidae |
|  | Diptera | Ephydridae |
|  | Diptera | Muscidae |
|  | Diptera | Sphaeroceridae |
|  | Diptera | Stratiomyidae |
|  | Diptera | Tephritidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Tetrigidae |

(b) Year 2018

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Trophic guild | Order | Family/Genus |
| Predators | Araneae | Araneidae |
|  | Araneae | Clubionidae |
|  | Araneae | Oxyopidae |
|  | Araneae | Tetragnathidae/*Tetragnatha* |
|  | Araneae | Thomisidae |
|  | Coleoptera | Coccinellidae |
| Rice herbivores | Hemiptera | Alydidae/*Leptocorisa* |
|  | Hemiptera | Cicadellidae/*Nephotettix* |
|  | Hemiptera | Delphacidae/*Nilaparvata* |
|  | Hemiptera | Lygaeidae/*Pachybrachius* |
|  | Hemiptera | Pentatomidae/*Scotinophara* |
|  | Lepidoptera | Hesperiidae |
|  | Lepidoptera | Pyralidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Pyrgomorphidae/*Atractomorpha* |
| Tourist herbivores | Coleoptera | Chrysomelidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Acrididae |
| Detritivores | Diptera | Chironomidae |
|  | Diptera | Chloropidae |
|  | Diptera | Ephydridae |
|  | Diptera | Muscidae |
|  | Diptera | Sciomyzidae |
|  | Diptera | Stratiomyidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Tetrigidae |

(c) Year 2019

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Trophic guild | Order | Family/Genus |
| Predators | Araneae | Araneidae |
|  | Araneae | Clubionidae |
|  | Araneae | Oxyopidae |
|  | Araneae | Tetragnathidae/*Tetragnatha* |
|  | Araneae | Thomisidae |
|  | Coleoptera | Coccinellidae |
| Rice herbivores | Diptera | Agromyzidae |
|  | Hemiptera | Alydidae/*Leptocorisa* |
|  | Hemiptera | Cicadellidae/*Nephotettix* |
|  | Hemiptera | Coreidae |
|  | Hemiptera | Delphacidae/*Nilaparvata* |
|  | Hemiptera | Lygaeidae/*Pachybrachius* |
|  | Hemiptera | Miridae |
|  | Hemiptera | Pentatomidae/*Scotinophara* |
|  | Hemiptera | Ricaniidae |
|  | Lepidoptera | Hesperiidae |
|  | Lepidoptera | Nymphalidae |
|  | Lepidoptera | Pyralidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Pyrgomorphidae/*Atractomorpha* |
| Tourist herbivores | Coleoptera | Chrysomelidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Acrididae |
| Detritivores | Diptera | Calliphoridae |
|  | Diptera | Chironomidae |
|  | Diptera | Chloropidae |
|  | Diptera | Ephydridae |
|  | Diptera | Lauxaniidae |
|  | Diptera | Muscidae |
|  | Diptera | Phoridae |
|  | Diptera | Platystomatidae |
|  | Diptera | Sarcophagidae |
|  | Diptera | Sciomyzidae |
|  | Diptera | Sphaeroceridae |
|  | Diptera | Stratiomyidae |
|  | Diptera | Tephritidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Tetrigidae |
|  | Orthoptera | Tridactylidae |

**Table S2.** The proportions (mean ± SE) of prey sources (rice herbivores, tourist herbivores, detritivores) consumed in predators’ diet in organic and conventional rice farms over crop stages in each study year. *n* represents the number of replicate farms for the diet estimation (Note that the differences in *n* within the same study year were due to the absence of predators in the sweep-net samples in some replicate farms).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Farm type | Crop stage | Predator | Source | | | *n* |
| Rice herbivore | Tourist herbivore | Detritivore |
| 2017 | Organic | Tillering | All | 0.27 ± 0.08 | 0.19 ± 0.05 | 0.54 ± 0.12 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.21 ± 0.13 | 0.33 ± 0.16 | 0.46 ± 0.18 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.74 | 0.09 | 0.17 | 1 |
|  |  | Flowering | All | 0.82 ± 0.04 | 0.13 ± 0.04 | 0.05 ± 0.03 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.69 ± 0.15 | 0.25 ± 0.15 | 0.06 ± 0.04 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.79 | 0.09 | 0.12 | 1 |
|  |  | Ripening | All | 0.92 ± 0.02 | 0.07 ± 0.02 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.78 ± 0.12 | 0.19 ± 0.12 | 0.03 ± 0.02 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.93 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.03 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  | Conventional | Tillering | All | 0.23 ± 0.01 | 0.17 ± 0.05 | 0.59 ± 0.05 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.25 ± 0.01 | 0.2 ± 0.06 | 0.55 ± 0.08 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.80 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 1 |
|  |  | Flowering | All | 0.83 ± 0.03 | 0.12 ± 0.03 | 0.05 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.85 ± 0.02 | 0.11 ± 0.03 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.88 ± 0.02 | 0.06 ± 0.01 | 0.06 ± 0.01 | 2 |
|  |  | Ripening | All | 0.92 ± 0.02 | 0.06 ± 0.02 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.91 ± 0.01 | 0.07 ± 0.02 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.95 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 2 |
| 2018 | Organic | Tillering | All | 0.23 ± 0.03 | 0.22 ± 0.05 | 0.55 ± 0.06 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.20 ± 0.02 | 0.28 ± 0.07 | 0.52 ± 0.07 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.81 ± 0.02 | 0.08 ± 0.01 | 0.11 ± 0.01 | 6 |
|  |  | Flowering | All | 0.75 ± 0.04 | 0.17 ± 0.04 | 0.07 ± 0.02 | 6 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.73 ± 0.07 | 0.20 ± 0.07 | 0.08 ± 0.04 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.82 ± 0.01 | 0.09 ± 0.01 | 0.09 ± 0.01 | 3 |
|  |  | Ripening | All | 0.92 ± 0.02 | 0.05 ± 0.01 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.85 ± 0.04 | 0.11 ± 0.03 | 0.05 ± 0.03 | 4 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.94 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  | Conventional | Tillering | All | 0.47 ± 0.07 | 0.15 ± 0.02 | 0.38 ± 0.05 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.48 ± 0.10 | 0.19 ± 0.03 | 0.33 ± 0.08 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.83 ± 0.02 | 0.07 ± 0.01 | 0.10 ± 0.01 | 4 |
|  |  | Flowering | All | 0.90 ± 0.03 | 0.07 ± 0.02 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 6 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.87 ± 0.06 | 0.10 ± 0.04 | 0.03 ± 0.02 | 6 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.86 ± 0.03 | 0.07 ± 0.01 | 0.07 ± 0.02 | 2 |
|  |  | Ripening | All | 0.95 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.01 ± 0.01 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.93 ± 0.05 | 0.06 ± 0.04 | 0.01 ± 0.01 | 2 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.94 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 5 |
| 2019 | Organic | Tillering | All | 0.25 ± 0.08 | 0.19 ± 0.06 | 0.55 ± 0.06 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.31 ± 0.10 | 0.15 ± 0.06 | 0.54 ± 0.09 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.85 ± 0.04 | 0.08 ± 0.01 | 0.07 ± 0.03 | 3 |
|  |  | Flowering | All | 0.74 ± 0.12 | 0.20 ± 0.11 | 0.06 ± 0.01 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.77 ± 0.15 | 0.18 ± 0.14 | 0.05 ± 0.02 | 6 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.87 ± 0.02 | 0.07 ± 0.01 | 0.06 ± 0.02 | 3 |
|  |  | Ripening | All | 0.79 ± 0.16 | 0.19 ± 0.16 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.78 ± 0.17 | 0.19 ± 0.16 | 0.03 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.94 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  | Conventional | Tillering | All | 0.37 ± 0.04 | 0.17 ± 0.04 | 0.46 ± 0.06 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.41 ± 0.06 | 0.17 ± 0.05 | 0.42 ± 0.08 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.84 ± 0.01 | 0.07 ± 0.01 | 0.09 ± 0.01 | 2 |
|  |  | Flowering | All | 0.89 ± 0.02 | 0.08 ± 0.02 | 0.03 ± 0.01 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.91 ± 0.02 | 0.06 ± 0.02 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 7 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.89 ± 0.01 | 0.06 ± 0.01 | 0.05 ± 0.01 | 6 |
|  |  | Ripening | All | 0.95 ± 0.01 | 0.05 ± 0.01 | 0.01 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Spider | 0.94 ± 0.02 | 0.05 ± 0.02 | 0.01 ± 0.01 | 5 |
|  |  |  | Ladybeetle | 0.95 ± 0.01 | 0.04 ± 0.01 | 0.02 ± 0.01 | 3 |

**Table S3.** The relative abundance of the major families/genera in rice herbivore guild at the flowering and ripening stages in the three study years. Samples were pooled across the replicate farms.

(a) Flowering stage

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Family/Genus | Year 2017 | Year 2018 | Year 2019 |
| Cicadellidae/*Nephotettix* | 7.6% | 22.5% | 69.7% |
| Delphacidae/*Nilaparvata* | 88.2% | 71.9% | 25.4% |
| Lygaeidae/*Pachybrachius* | *NA* | 0.8% | 1.3% |
| Pentatomidae/*Scotinophara* | 0.8% | 2.9% | 0.8% |
| Others | 3.4% | 1.9% | 2.8% |
| *Total* | 100% | 100% | 100% |

(b) Ripening stage

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Family/Genus | Year 2017 | Year 2018 | Year 2019 |
| Cicadellidae/*Nephotettix* | 69.4% | 74.9% | 83.5% |
| Delphacidae/*Nilaparvata* | 28.9% | 13.4% | 6.2% |
| Lygaeidae/*Pachybrachius* | *NA* | 0.2% | 4.1% |
| Pentatomidae/*Scotinophara* | 1.7% | 10.4% | 4.5% |
| Others | *NA* | 1.1% | 1.7% |
| *Total* | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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**Figure S1**. The proportions (mean ± SE) of prey sources (rice herbivores, tourist herbivores, detritivores) consumed in the diet of predators in organic and conventional rice farms over crop stages in each study year: (a), (d), and (g) indicate all predators as a whole feeding guild; (b), (e), and (h) indicate spiders; (c), (f), and (i) indicate ladybeetles. The proportions were computed from the Bayesian posterior means of replicate farms.

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**Figure S2.** Daily mean temperature and precipitation of the study sites during the rice growth season (April to July) of the three study years. Observation data from the closest local weather station (Yuanli station) to the study farms were retrieved from the Central Weather Bureau Observation Data Inquire System (https://e-service.cwb.gov.tw/HistoryDataQuery/index.jsp).