# Tick abundance Analysisis

#### Gerardo Ramos

2025-05-04

Lets load our packages first

```
library(tidyverse)
library(tidyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(emmeans)
library(multcompView)
library(multcomp)
```

set working directory for all chunks in this file (default working directory is wherever Rmd file is)

Lets read in our data

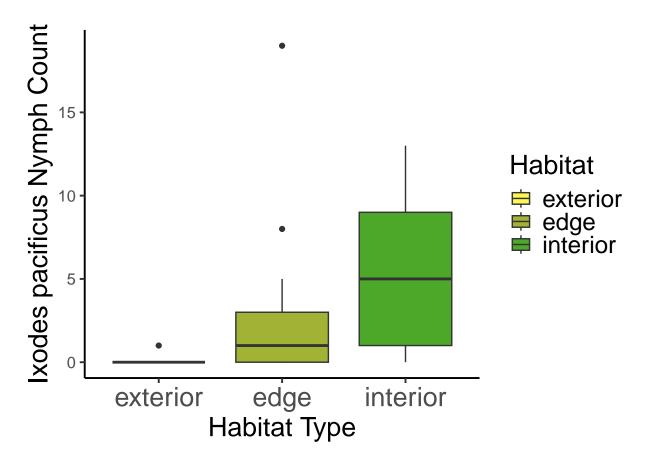
```
ticks<-read.csv("Plot_Data.csv", header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)</pre>
```

Null Hypothesis: There are equal abundances of *Ixodes pacificus* in forest interiors, forest edge, and grasslands

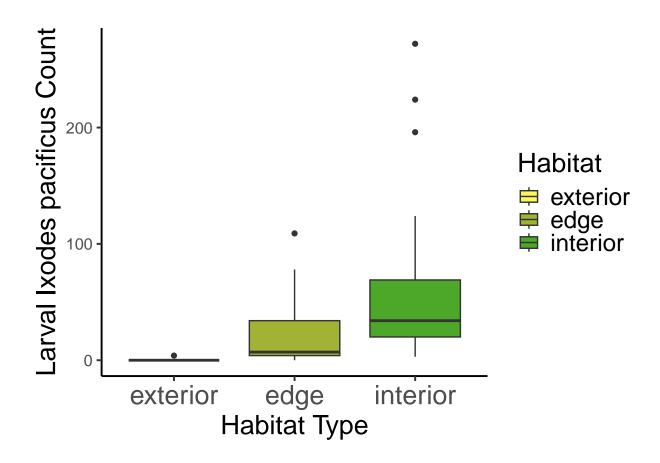
Alternative Hypothesis: The abudances of *Ixodes pacificus* are different between forest interiors, forest edge, and grasslands

Make a boxplot & violin plotand IPACs per habitat

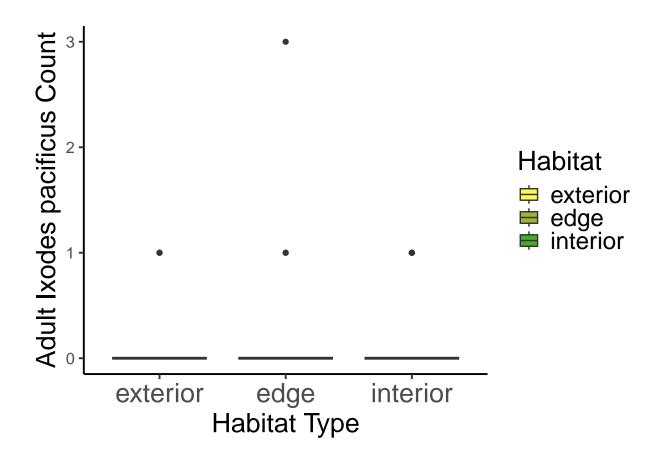
```
theme(
   axis.title.x = element_text(size = 20),
   axis.title.y = element_text(size = 20),
   legend.title = element_text(size = 20),  # Title of the legend
   axis.text.x = element_text(size = 20),  # x-axis category labels
   legend.text = element_text(size = 18)  # Labels inside the legend
)
p1
```



```
p2 <- ggplot(ticks,aes(x=Habitat,y=IPAC_L, fill = Habitat)) +
    geom_boxplot() +
    theme_classic(15) +
    ylab("Larval Ixodes pacificus Count") +
    xlab("Habitat Type")+
    scale_fill_manual(values = c("exterior" = "#FEF851", "edge" = "#A1B234", "interior" = "#4DA829"))+
    theme(
    axis.title.x = element_text(size = 20),
    axis.title.y = element_text(size = 20),
    legend.title = element_text(size = 20), # Title of the legend
    axis.text.x = element_text(size = 20), # x-axis category labels
    legend.text = element_text(size = 18) # Labels inside the legend
)
p2</pre>
```

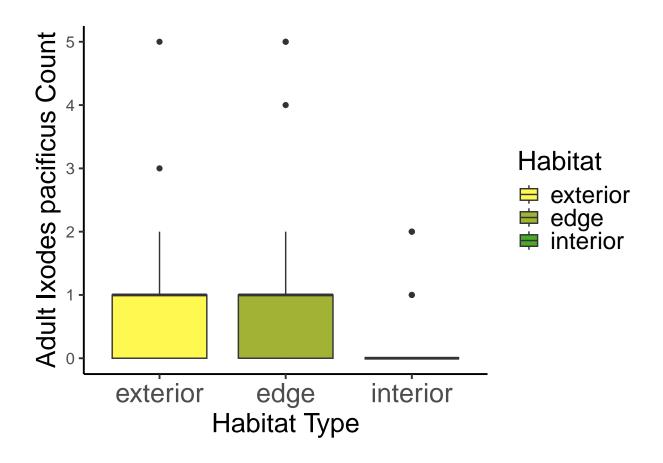


```
p3 <- ggplot(ticks,aes(x=Habitat,y=IPAC_A, fill = Habitat)) +
    geom_boxplot() +
    theme_classic(15) +
    ylab("Adult Ixodes pacificus Count") +
    xlab("Habitat Type")+
    scale_fill_manual(values = c("exterior" = "#FEF851", "edge" = "#A1B234", "interior" = "#4DA829"))+
    theme(
    axis.title.x = element_text(size = 20),
    axis.title.y = element_text(size = 20),
    legend.title = element_text(size = 20), # Title of the legend
    axis.text.x = element_text(size = 20), # x-axis category labels
    legend.text = element_text(size = 18) # Labels inside the legend
)
p3</pre>
```



### Make a boxplot & violin plot for DEOC Adults

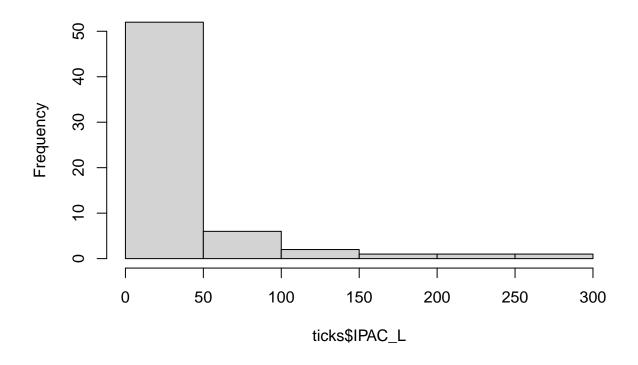
```
p4 <- ggplot(ticks,aes(x=Habitat,y=DEOC_A, fill = Habitat)) +
    geom_boxplot() +
    theme_classic(15) +
    ylab("Adult Ixodes pacificus Count") +
    xlab("Habitat Type")+
    scale_fill_manual(values = c("exterior" = "#FEF851", "edge" = "#A1B234", "interior" = "#4DA829"))+
    theme(
    axis.title.x = element_text(size = 20),
    axis.title.y = element_text(size = 20),
    legend.title = element_text(size = 20), # Title of the legend
    axis.text.x = element_text(size = 20), # x-axis category labels
    legend.text = element_text(size = 18) # Labels inside the legend
)
p4</pre>
```



Lets look at the assumptions.

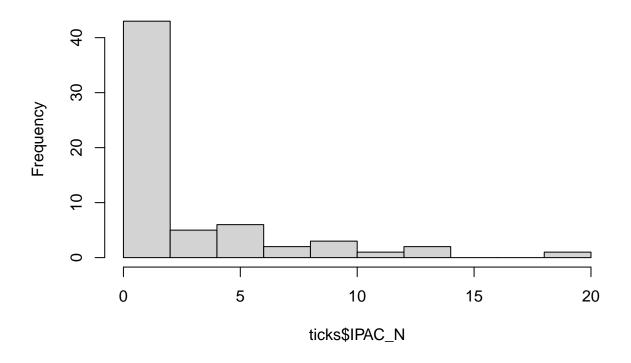
hist(ticks\$IPAC\_L)

# Histogram of ticks\$IPAC\_L



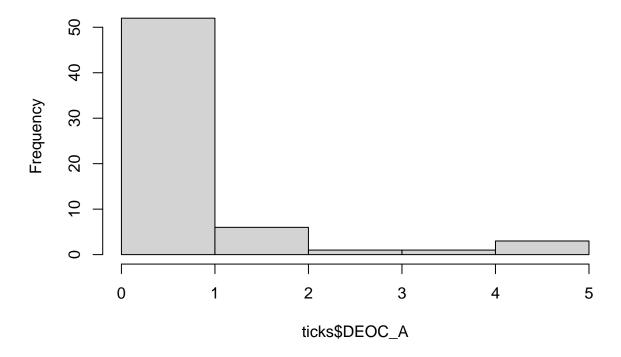
hist(ticks\$IPAC\_N)

# Histogram of ticks\$IPAC\_N



hist(ticks\$DEOC\_A)

# Histogram of ticks\$DEOC\_A



## All of these are skewed to the right and are count data so that means we can use a poisson family for our GLMM. Lets start with the larvae

```
m1<- glmmTMB(IPAC_L ~ Habitat +</pre>
                    (1 | Site),
                    family = poisson(link = "log"),
                    data = ticks)
m2<- glmmTMB(IPAC_L ~ Habitat +</pre>
                    (1 | Site) + (1 | Date),
                    family = poisson(link = "log"),
                    data = ticks)
m3<- glmmTMB(IPAC_L ~ Habitat,
                    family = poisson(link = "log"),
                    data = ticks)
AIC(m1, m2, m3)
      df
               AIC
## m1
      4 2104.8209
## m2
       5
         723.8688
## m3 3 2294.5163
summary(m2)
## Family: poisson (log)
```

```
## Formula:
                    IPAC_L ~ Habitat + (1 | Site) + (1 | Date)
## Data: ticks
##
##
       AIC
                BIC logLik deviance df.resid
##
     723.9
              734.6 -356.9
                                713.9
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
                      Variance Std.Dev.
## Groups Name
## Site
          (Intercept) 6.280e-09 7.925e-05
          (Intercept) 1.362e+00 1.167e+00
## Number of obs: 63, groups: Site, 3; Date, 24
##
## Conditional model:
##
                  Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                   -2.3203
                               0.5554 -4.178 2.94e-05 ***
## (Intercept)
## Habitatedge
                    4.8101
                               0.5020
                                      9.581 < 2e-16 ***
## Habitatinterior 6.2417
                               0.5024 12.424 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
Lets do IPAC Nymphs
```

```
m4<- glmmTMB(IPAC_N ~ Habitat +
                   (1 | Site),
                   family = poisson(link = "log"),
                   data = ticks)
m5<- glmmTMB(IPAC N ~ Habitat +
                   (1 | Site) + (1 | Date),
                   family = poisson(link = "log"),
                   data = ticks)
m6<- glmmTMB(IPAC_N ~ Habitat,
                   family = poisson(link = "log"),
                   data = ticks)
AIC(m4, m5, m6)
##
      df
              AIC
## m4 4 301.7075
## m5 5 227.4870
## m6 3 299.9437
summary(m5)
## Family: poisson ( log )
## Formula:
                     IPAC_N ~ Habitat + (1 | Site) + (1 | Date)
## Data: ticks
##
##
        AIC
                 BIC logLik deviance df.resid
```

```
##
      227.5
              238.2 -108.7 217.5
                                       58
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                      Variance Std.Dev.
           (Intercept) 1.502e-09 3.875e-05
## Site
           (Intercept) 1.135e+00 1.066e+00
## Date
## Number of obs: 63, groups: Site, 3; Date, 24
##
## Conditional model:
##
                  Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                    -3.639
                                1.033 -3.521 0.00043 ***
## (Intercept)
                     3.970
                                1.009
                                       3.933 8.38e-05 ***
## Habitatedge
## Habitatinterior
                     5.088
                                1.013
                                       5.025 5.04e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
Lets do IPAC DEOC
m7<- glmmTMB(DEOC_A ~ Habitat +
                   (1 | Site),
                   family = poisson(link = "log"),
                   data = ticks)
m8<- glmmTMB(DEOC_A ~ Habitat +
                   (1 | Site) + (1 | Date),
                   family = poisson(link = "log"),
                   data = ticks)
m9<- glmmTMB(DEOC A ~ Habitat,
                   family = poisson(link = "log"),
                   data = ticks)
AIC(m7, m8, m9)
             AIC
     df
## m7 4 163.8057
## m8 5 163.7918
## m9 3 167.5636
summary(m8)
## Family: poisson ( log )
## Formula:
                    DEOC_A ~ Habitat + (1 | Site) + (1 | Date)
## Data: ticks
##
##
       AIC
                BIC logLik deviance df.resid
```

##

##

##

163.8

## Random effects:

174.5

-76.9

153.8

```
## Conditional model:
## Groups Name
                     Variance Std.Dev.
## Site
          (Intercept) 0.2259 0.4753
          (Intercept) 0.2192 0.4681
## Date
## Number of obs: 63, groups: Site, 3; Date, 24
##
## Conditional model:
                 Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept)
                  -0.4008
                           0.3998 -1.002 0.3161
                              0.3118 0.923
                                             0.3562
## Habitatedge
                   0.2877
## Habitatinterior -0.8094
                              0.4334 -1.868 0.0618 .
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
```

## Now lets run the emmeans for the models that we picked.

#### Lets start with IPAC larvae

#### Lets start with IPAC Nymphs

#### Lets start with DEOC Adults

```
library(emmeans)
em8 <- emmeans(m8, ~ Habitat)
# Pairwise comparisons between habitat types
pairs(em8, adjust = "tukey")
##
   contrast
                        estimate
                                    SE df z.ratio p.value
                          -0.288 0.312 Inf
   exterior - edge
                                            -0.923 0.6259
   exterior - interior
                           0.809 0.433 Inf
                                             1.868 0.1481
   edge - interior
                           1.097 0.417 Inf
                                             2.631 0.0232
##
## Results are given on the log (not the response) scale.
## P value adjustment: tukey method for comparing a family of 3 estimates
```

## Finalize Figures for IPAC N

```
B

C

Habitat

exterior

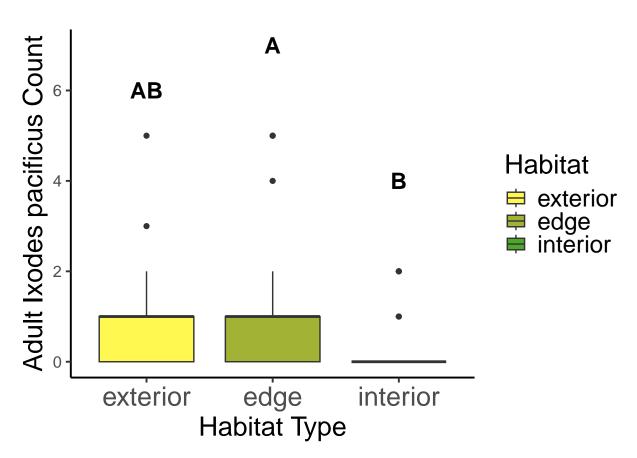
edge

interior
```

Habitat Type

# Finalize Figures for DEOC adults





# Results

For nymphal *Ixodes pacificus* we observed that their populations increase as you move along a gradient from grassland to oakwoodlands. Each habitat surveyed had a significantly different abundance of ticks. For our *Dermocentor occidentalis* adults we observed the most abundances in grasslands (exterior) forest edge, while interior experienced the lowest abundances.