

The effects of experimental floral resource removal on plant-pollinator interactions

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Title **The effects of experimental floral resource removal on
plant-pollinator interactions**

S1 [001] Abstract

S1 [002] Pollination is essential for ecosystem functioning, yet our understanding of the empirical consequences of species loss for plant-pollinator interactions remains limited.

Pollination is essential ...
... for ecosystem functioning, ...
... yet our understanding ...
... of the empirical consequences ...
... of species loss ...
... for plant-pollinator interactions remains limited.

S1 [003] It is hypothesized that the loss of abundant and generalized (well-connected) species from a pollination network will have a large effect on the remaining species and their interactions.

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... that the loss ...
... of abundant ...
... and generalized ...
... (well-connected) ...
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S1 [004] However, to date, relatively few studies have experimentally removed species from their natural setting to address this hypothesis.

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... to address this hypothesis.

S1 [005] We investigated the consequences of losing an abundant, well-linked species from a series of plant-pollinator networks by experimentally removing the flowers of *Helianthella quinquenervis* (Asteraceae) from half of a series of 10 paired plots (15 m diameter) within a subalpine ecosystem.

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... of losing an abundant, ...
... well-linked species ...
... from a series ...
... of plant-pollinator networks ...
... by experimentally removing the flowers ...
... of *Helianthella quinquenervis* ...

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S1 [006] We then asked how the localized loss of this species influenced pollinator visitation patterns, floral visitor composition, and interaction network structure.

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S1 [007] The experimental removal of *Helianthella* flowers led to an overall decline in plot-level pollinator visitation rates and shifts in pollinator composition.

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S1 [008] Species-level responses to floral removal differed between the two other abundant, co-flowering plants in our experiment: *Potentilla pulcherrima* received higher visitation rates, whereas *Erigeron speciosus* visitation rates did not change.

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S1 [009] Experimental floral removal altered the structural properties of the localized plant-pollinator networks such that they were more specialized, less nested, and less robust to further species loss.

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S1 [010] Such changes to interaction structure were consistently driven more by species turnover than by interaction rewiring.

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S1 [011] Our findings suggest that the local loss of an abundant, well-linked, generalist plant can bring about diverse responses within pollination networks, including potential competitive and facilitative effects for individual species, changes to network structure that may render them more sensitive to future change, but also numerous changes to interactions that may also suggest flexibility in response to species loss.

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... to species loss.

S2 [012] Introduction

S2 [013] Plant-pollinator interactions are essential for ecosystem functioning.

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... for ecosystem functioning.

S2 [014] It is estimated that nearly 90% of flowering plant species depend on animal visitors for some aspect of their own reproduction (Ollerton et al. 2011), and more than 200,000 animal species rely on floral resources for food (Inouye and Ogilvie 2017).

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S2 [015] Global environmental change—including climate change, habitat loss, and invasive species—is threatening nearly 40% of vascular plant species with extinction globally (Lughadha et al. 2020), and declines in pollinator populations are becoming increasingly documented (Burkle et al. 2013, Cameron and Sadd 2020).

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S2 [016] Because of their mutualistic relations, the loss or reduction of plants or pollinators can have important consequences for the remaining species, their interactions, and the structure of plant-pollinator networks (e.g., Memmott et al. 2004; Burkle et al. 2013; Mathiasson and Rehan 2020).

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... Burkle et al. 2013; ...
... Mathiasson ...
... and Rehan 2020).

S2 [017] Although rare and more specialized species are hypothesized to be the most susceptible to environmental disturbances (Burkle et al. 2013, Mathiasson and Rehan 2020), the loss of a more abundant generalist species from an interaction network may have disproportionately strong effects on the remaining species and their interactions (Memmott et al. 2004).

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