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Title **Avoiding attack: How dune wasps leverage colour and motion to detect their cryptic spider predators**

S1 [001] ABSTRACT

S1 [002] Ambush predators depend on cryptic body colouration, stillness and a suitable hunting location to optimise the probability of prey capture.

Ambush predators depend ...
... on cryptic body colouration, ...
... stillness ...
... and a suitable hunting location ...
... to optimise the probability ...
... of prey capture.

S1 [003] Detection of cryptic predators, such as crab spiders, by flower seeking wasps may also be hindered by wind induced movement of the flowers themselves.

Detection ...
... of cryptic predators, ...
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... by flower seeking wasps ...
... may also be hindered ...
... by wind induced movement ...
... of the flowers themselves.

S1 [004] In a beach dune habitat, *Microbembex nigrifrons* wasps approaching flowerheads of the *Palafoxia lindenii* plant need to evaluate the flowers to avoid spider attack.

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... of the *Palafoxia lindenii* plant need ...
... to evaluate the flowers ...
... to avoid spider attack.

S1 [005] Wasps may detect spiders through colour and movement cues.

Wasps ...
... may detect spiders ...
... through colour ...
... and movement cues.

S1 [006] We tracked the flight trajectories of dune wasps as they approached occupied and unoccupied flowers under two movement conditions; when the flowers were still or moving.

We tracked the flight trajectories ...
... of dune wasps ...
... as they approached occupied ...
... and unoccupied flowers ...

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S1 [007] We simulated the appearance of the spider and the flower using psychophysical visual modelling techniques and related it to the decisions made by the wasp to land or avoid the flower.

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... and the flower ...
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S1 [008] Wasps could discriminate spiders only at a very close range, and this was reflected in the shape of their trajectories.

Wasps could discriminate spiders ...
... only ...
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S1 [009] Wasps were more prone to making errors in threat assessment when the flowers are moving.

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S1 [010] Our results suggest that dune wasp predation risk is augmented by abiotic conditions such as wind and compromises their early detection capabilities.

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S2 [011] INTRODUCTION

S2 [012] Prey strategies to avoid attack by ambush predators are more effective in the early part of the predation sequence (Pembury Smith and Ruxton, 2020; Ruxton et al., 2018).

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 ... (Pembury Smith ...
 ... and Ruxton, 2020; ...
 ... Ruxton et al., 2018).

S2 [013] Ambush predators are often cryptic, with their body colouration matching their environment (Anderson and Dodson, 2015); they are very still since movement can break their crypsis (González and Rodríguez-Gironés, 2013); they often have venom to debilitate their prey (Schwantes et al., 2018) and most importantly they hunt at a moment when the prey is vulnerable, i.e., during foraging or mating -- when prey awareness is compromised (Pembury Smith and Ruxton, 2020).

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 ... and Ruxton, 2020).

S2 [014] Therefore, for a prey to overcome an ambush predator's strategy, evaluation of a risky site is crucial.

Therefore, ...
 ... for a prey ...
 ... to overcome an ambush predator's strategy, ...
 ... evaluation ...
 ... of a risky site is crucial.

S2 [015] A prey's ability to detect an ambush predator is constrained by its perceptual capabilities either through chemical or visual mechanisms (González and Rodríguez-Gironés, 2013).

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S2 [016] Visual detection of a predator depends on the spectral sensitivity of the prey's eye (the ability of the eye to respond to specific wavelengths of the light spectrum; Cronin et al., (2014)), spatial acuity (the capacity to discriminate shape and pattern details; Caves et al., (2018)) and temporal resolution (time taken to process visual information; Cronin et al., (2014)).

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... (2014)).

S2 [017] Furthermore, abiotic factors such as wind or obstacles can add to the visual clutter in a habitat (Burnett et al., 2020; Hennessy et al., 2020) and consequently hinder predator detection.

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S2 [018] The problem of detecting ambush predators is commonly faced by pollinating insects that approach flowers harbouring crab spiders (Araneae: Thomisidae) (Morse, 1986).

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