

## Appendix 1 – Population Genetics and Colony Assignments

### 1 Assessing locus $F_{is}$ , $F_{st}$ and linkage disequilibrium

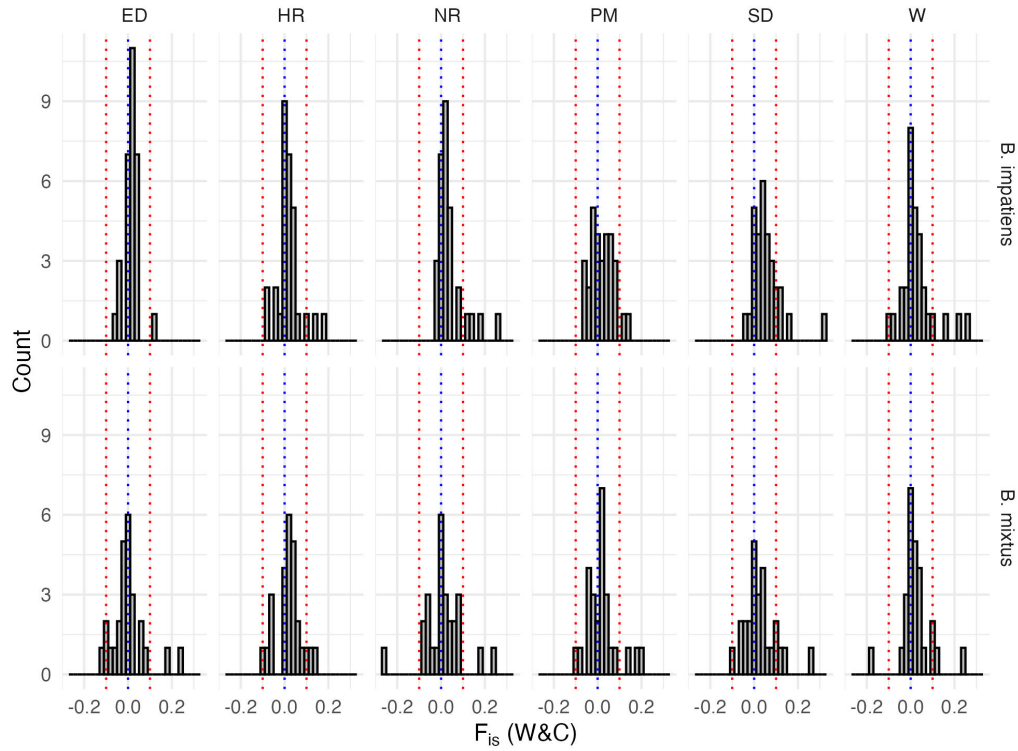


Figure A1: Estimates of  $F_{is}$  for each locus in each subpopulation. Estimates from 2022 and 2023 were calculated separately but are shown together for each site x species combination. Blue dotted lines indicates  $F_{is} = 0$  and red dotted lines indicate  $F_{is} = \pm 0.1$ .

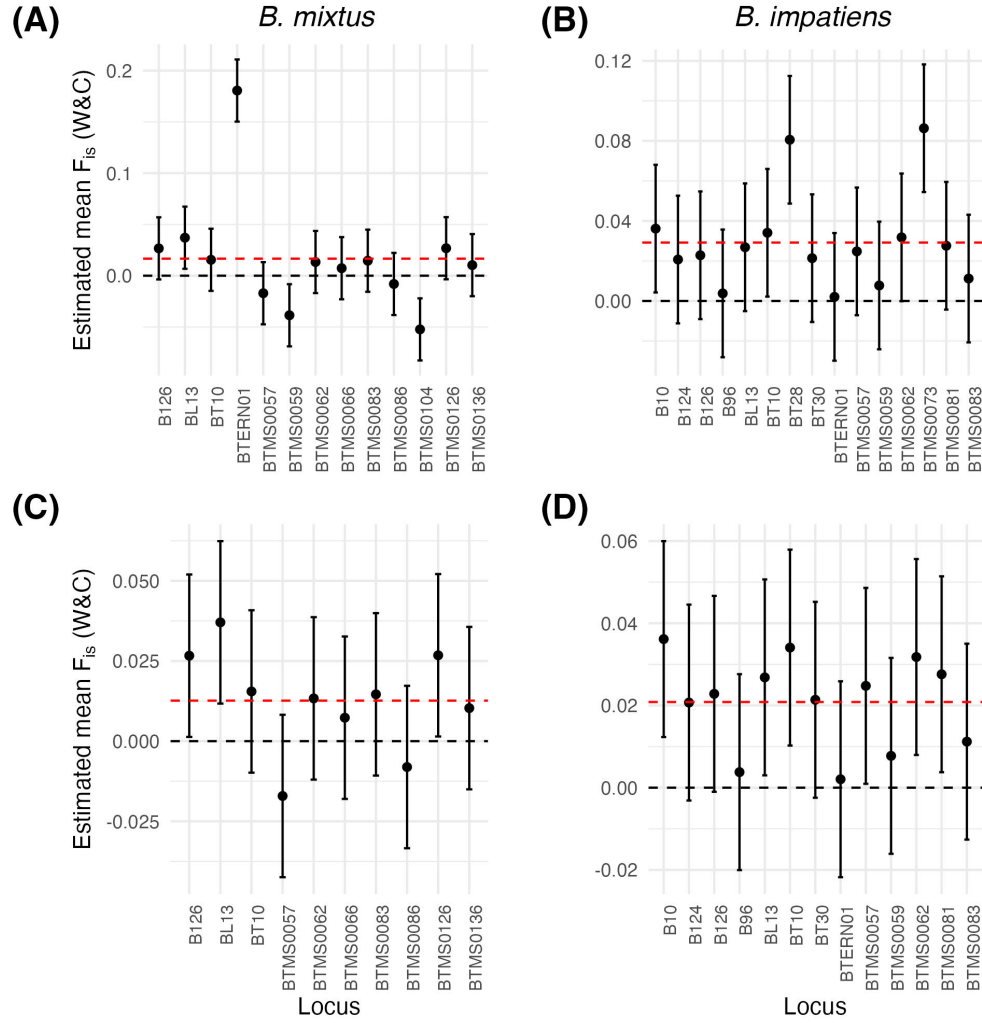


Figure A2: Locus-specific  $F_{is}$  marginal means. A) *B. mixtus* all loci; B) *B. impatiens* all loci; C) *B. mixtus* loci following iterative removal of loci which differed significantly from global mean  $F_{is}$ ; D) *B. impatiens* loci following iterative removal of loci which differed significantly from global mean  $F_{is}$ . Dashed black line denotes  $F_{is} = 0$ , dashed red line denotes global mean  $F_{is}$  for each species.

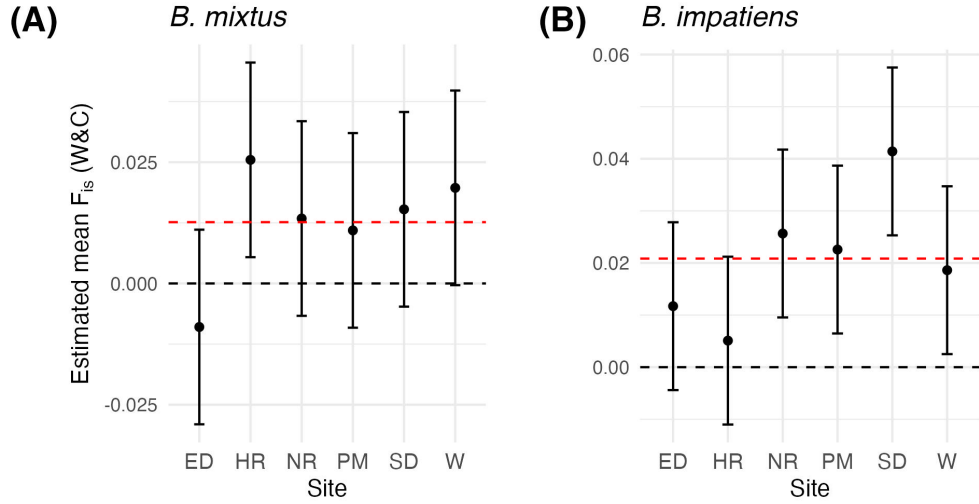


Figure A3: Site-specific  $F_{is}$  marginal means following removal of low-quality loci for A) *B. mixtus* and B) *B. impatiens*. Dashed black line denotes  $F_{is} = 0$ , dashed red line denotes global mean  $F_{is}$  for each species.

## 2 Testing COLONY on simulated data

To test the informativeness of our genetic loci and to validate the accuracy of COLONY2.0 (Jones & Wang, 2010) for accurately detecting siblingships amongst our samples, we performed simulations using realistic family size distributions and the allelic frequencies present in our real data.

We approached this simulations with four objectives:

- (i) To determine false positive and false negative siblingship assignment rates, given the informativeness of our microsatellite datasets,
- (ii) To inform an appropriate strategy (probability threshold, number of runs of the software) for maintaining or rejecting each sib-pair;
- (iii) To select suitable software parameters, and in particular to evaluate the usefulness of siblingship size priors and exclusion of across-site siblingships for reducing false positive rates as sample size increases;
- (iv) To assess whether modelling female polygamy would improve family reconstruction in the case of sibling genotypes simulated under varying rates of multiple paternity.

## 2.1 Simulation strategy

### 2.1.1 Spatially explicit siblingships

We first simulated spatially explicit siblingships following Pope and Jha (2017). We began by simulating six  $5 \times 5$  trapping grids (locations  $k \in \kappa$ ) on a single raster surface comprised of cells  $j \in \mathbb{J}$ . Colonies ( $i \in \mathbb{C}$ ) were distributed uniformly at random throughout the “landscape.”

We sampled individuals from colonies  $i \in \mathbb{C}$  captured at traps  $k \in \mathbb{K}$  from the joint distribution  $\Pr(s, c \mid s \in \kappa)$ , where  $\{s, c\}$  are the indices of a random visitation event of an individual from colony  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  to grid cell  $s \in \mathbb{J}$ .

To do this, we first sampled a trap ( $k$ ) from

$$\Pr(s = k \mid s \in \kappa) = \frac{\Pr(s = k)}{\Pr(s \in \kappa)} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\Pr(s = k) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{C}} \Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)$$

and

$$\Pr(s \in \kappa) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{C}} \Pr(s \in \kappa \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{C}} \sum_{k \in \kappa} \Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)$$

giving

$$\Pr(s = k \mid s \in \kappa) = \frac{\sum_{i \in \mathbb{C}} \Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)}{\sum_{i \in \mathbb{C}} \sum_{k \in \kappa} \Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)} \quad (2)$$

We then sampled a colony ( $i$ ) from

$$\Pr(c = i \mid s = k) = \frac{\Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)}{\Pr(s = k)} = \frac{\Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)}{\sum_{i \in \mathbb{C}} \Pr(s = k \mid c = i) \Pr(c = i)} \quad (3)$$

We define the foraging kernel of workers from colony  $i$  as:

$$\Pr(s = k \mid c = i) = \frac{\lambda_i(k)}{\sum_{j \in J} \lambda_i(j)} \quad (4)$$

The visitation intensity of individuals from colony  $i$  to location  $j$  is defined as:

$$\ln(\lambda_i(j)) = \frac{-\|x_j - \delta_i\|}{\rho} \quad (5)$$

where  $x_j$  are the spatial coordinates of any grid cell in the raster, and  $\delta_i$  are the spatial coordinates of colony  $i$ . The foraging kernel in this example is therefore assumed to be symmetrical and exponentially decaying as a function of distance from the colony location. This means that the total visitation of each colony across the landscape ( $\sum_{j \in J} \lambda_i(j)$ ) is the same for all colonies, and can be represented using the constant  $\mathbb{D}$ .  $\Pr(c = i)$  is the proportion of all bees in the landscape originating from colony  $i$ , e.g.,  $\Pr(c = i) = \frac{n_i}{N}$  where  $n_i$  is the number of bees from colony  $i$ , and  $N = \sum_{i \in C} n_i$  is the total number of bees in the landscape.

Combining (4) with (2) and (3) gives the probability of sampling an individual from trap  $k$

$$\Pr(s = k \mid s \in \kappa) = \frac{\sum_{i \in C} \lambda_i(k) \frac{n_i}{N}}{\sum_{k \in \kappa} \sum_{i \in C} \lambda_i(k) \frac{n_i}{N}}$$

and the probability that the individual originates from colony  $i$

$$\Pr(c = i \mid s = k) = \frac{\lambda_i(k) \frac{n_i}{N}}{\sum_{i \in C} \lambda_i(k) \frac{n_i}{N}}$$

For each simulation, samples are drawn from  $\Pr(s, c \mid s \in \kappa)$  until a stopping point (desired number of samples) is reached.  $n_i$  is updated after each "sampling event" to prevent oversampling from colonies located very close to traps.

To verify that the size of sampled sibships (e.g., number of siblings per sibling group) accurately mirrors the distribution of sibship sizes in real data, we compared our simulated distributions to the distribution of sibship sizes in our real data (??). For this simulation strategy, we found that moderating the background density of colonies (i.e., the total number of colonies simulated on the landscape) was the most effective strategy for moderating average sibship size. A larger number of simulated colonies resulted in a higher proportion of singleton colonies (colonies represented by only a single individual).

### 2.1.2 Multilocus genotypes

We simulated multilocus genotypes for each sampled individual under several mating scenarios. In the simplest case, we assume monogamy for both males and queens. The majority of the simulation results presented below follow this assumption. In a second set of simulations, we assumed varying rates of multiple paternity (e.g., queen polygamy) to assess the impact of this assumption on sibship inferences. For each simulation we used the following heuristic:

- (i) Simulate parental genotypes for each sibship based on the allele frequencies present in our real data;
- (ii) Randomly draw offspring genotypes from the set of possible parental alleles at each locus.

We performed simulations based on allele frequencies for both species (*B. mixtus* and *B. impatiens*) because variation in marker number and/or polymorphic information content could lead to differing results. We used inferred allele frequencies from an earlier run of COLONY2.0, which accounts for heightened frequency of alleles present in large families; although raw allele frequencies would have likely been sufficient, given that average family size was small (<2 individuals) and families with > 4 individuals were rare for both datasets.

In the case of monogamous matings, male genotypes were assigned directly to all offspring in the sibship; in families which were assigned multiple paternity, we assumed two fathers and drew alleles from  $\text{Pr}(father_1, father_2) = (0.7, 0.3)$  following the proportions observed for *B. impatiens* in **birdMatingFrequencyEstimation**

After assigning a multilocus genotype to each individual, we introduced

errors and data missingness based on observed error and missingness rates in our real datasets. To introduce errors, we mutated each allele with a probability equal to the rate of errors for that locus and species; we assumed that most errors would be due to contamination, rather than allele dropout, and drew new (erroneous) alleles from the same allele frequencies described above. In the case of data missingness, we observed that individuals which were missing data for *one* copy of a locus were more likely to be missing data for *both* copies than if missingness were distributed uniformly at random. This is likely because there were two primary missingness-generating processes in real data: amplification failure (both alleles missing for an individual) and binning failure (one or both alleles missing for an individual). (In cases where only one copy of a locus failed to amplify, heterozygous individuals would be falsely classified as homozygous—an error, rather than missing data). To account for the structure of missingness, we first calculated the proportion of missing data for each marker ( $P_{missing}$ ) and then removed data for (i) both alleles of each individual with probability  $1/3 * P_{missing}$  and for (ii) a single allele per individual with probability  $1/3 * P_{missing}$ .

- 2.2 Determining an appropriate heuristic for maintaining or rejecting inferred sibships**
- 2.3 Assessing the use of sibship size priors and cross-site sibling exclusion for reducing false positive rates**
- 2.4 Evaluating the effects of multiple paternity on sibship inference**
- 3 Observing colonymates at multiple sites**