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## 15 **Abstract**

- 16 1. Ecologists often have lots of questions about lots of stuff
- 17 2. We evaluated a bunch of things using sophisticated methods and carried out complicated statistical tests
- 18 3. We discovered a bunch of things that we didn't already know but suspected
- 19 4. Our research has greatly advanced out knowledge about stuff and will make a significant contribution to some-  
20 thing and someone

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## Introduction

Ecologists have long recognized that some combinations of species are regularly found together, while other combinations occur infrequently (Elton 1946; Cole 1949).

## Methods

To evaluate the ...

As with Pielou's Evenness (Pielou & Pielou 1967), Shannon's diversity index (Shannon 1948)( $H$ ) is normally calculated from species abundance values; however, for our purposes it is calculated from the column totals (species richness per sample) using the following equation:

$$H_x = -S[P(i_x) \times \ln(P(i_x))]$$

where  $x$  denotes which set of values we are using to calculate the index (observed, minimal or maximal), and  $P(i_x)$  is the proportion of species that occur in each sample ( $i$ ).

Statistical analyses were carried out in R 3.4.0 (R Core Team 2017). All code along with the simulation algorithms used are available on Zenodo / GitHub [https://link\\_to\\_archived\\_release\\_or\\_GitHub.com](https://link_to_archived_release_or_GitHub.com).

## Results

## Discussion

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44 **Figure 1.**

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## <sup>46</sup> **Figures**

<sup>47</sup> Figure 1.

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## <sup>49</sup> **Appendices**