Globi Database:

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**Abstract**

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**Introduction**

* Occupancy models are powerful tools that take into account imperfect detection
  + Require standardized data collection and meeting specific assumptions
  + If violated- grave consequences on parameter estimation and ecological inference
  + However, researchers have come up with ways of using occupancy models for non-standardized methods typically used for opportunistic collections
  + For example, to use historical data, authors directly re-survey sites that were surveyed in historical periods or constrained analyses to locations where 2 or more sampling events occurred within a calendar year
  + Replication ensures that occupancy and detection can be estimated
* Opportunistic community science sampling, atlas data, historical museum records contain presence-only data, species non-detections must be inferred
  + One way to do this infer a non-detection for a particular species if a different species was observed at that same site on the same date
  + Issues that may arise in using community science with occupancy models:
    - 1. Sampling (taxonomic) bias
      * Particular species may be sampled more frequently than others because more is known about them or inference is desired on that species
      * Apidae is over-represented with many more records for this family than others
    - 2. Detection bias
      * Species detectability changes over time and space as a result of observers or number of surveys
      * Number of observers, quality of observers, length of survey, survey conditions
      * Solution: add covariates
      * Solution: filter the data by removing vistis with only a single observation
      * Solution: constrain analyses to species that meet some minimum number of observations
    - 3. Spatial bias
      * Particular locations are more easily visited
      * Some areas are never visited
    - 4. How to define a site?
      * Spatial resolution?
    - 5. A museum record is only a subset of a field collection
      * When and where was the specimen collected?
      * Sometimes common species are not curated
  + Scientists have been trying to use these data sets to learn about species distributions across space and time.
    - Describe population declines, etc.
    - Range shifts + contractions
    - This requires a lot of sampling
    - But these datasets can be used to learn other biologically relevant information.
  + Here, we are interested in exploring species interactions (bee-plant) and what kind of bias there is in documenting these relationships.
    - * What are the next steps for these aggregated databases?
      * What holes are there left in our biological understanding?
      * Which bees do we not have enough data for?
        + Only have data for large and common bees?
        + Taxonomic biases?
      * Looking at the number of collectors in the data- looking to see what they predominately collected
* Objectives
  + We are interested in determining if social bees are more generalist (and visit more flowers) than solitary bees.
  + We will be using a multi-species occupancy model for the analysis
    - We will estimate:
      * psi = The probability a bee species interacts with a plant species
      * p = The probability that a study documented the bee-plant interaction
  + Objective: We will be exploring hypotheses related to bee and flower characteristics that relate to the ecological process (i.e., what characteristics relate to a species degree of generalism?) and the detection process (i.e., what characteristics relate to species detectability?)
    - Bee
      * Size
      * Sociality
      * rare/common, pilosity, seasonality, coloration
      * Phenology
      * Physiology (the change in thermal position, thermal range)
      * Short vs long tongued
    - Flower
      * Shape
      * Size
      * Density
      * Color
    - Citation characteristics
      * Number of unique collectors per citation
      * List of collectors and determinors
    - Katja can identify who is a good taxonomist – like Robin and others- some confidence scale in the determination of the bees
      * Figure out how long they were in the island
      * Event date- when the observation occurred
    - if everyone is collecting in the spring, there is a chance they would miss winter and summer bees
* We can also ask the same question but from a plants perspective: which plants support the bee diversity?
* What are the keystone plants?
* Forbidden links- Bartomeaous model
  + - Some of those interactions that would never occur no matter what
    - Do some bees and flowers never interact because of their phenology?
    - If we see they are phenologically separated, we would have a huntch that would be the case

**Methods**

*Data background*

We downloaded all unique interactions with bee species from the Globi database on XX 2021, which consisted of 300,465 unique observations. The Globi database is populated with self-reported observations that are obtained from museum collections, community-science projects with singleton observations (e.g., iNaturalist), and research studies (both meta-analyses and ecological studies) worldwide. Note that research studies vary in terms of objectives, study design, etc, and the Globi database consists of presence-only data (no absence data are reported). We were only interested in bee interactions with plant species, which could be coded as a number of different interactions depending on which species is listed as the “source” and which is the “target” of the interaction.

*Data gathering*

To explore the hypotheses related to bee and flower characteristics that relate to ecological (i.e., what characteristics relate to a species degree of generalism?) and detection (i.e., what characteristics relate to species detectability?) processes, we compiled several pieces of data before starting the data cleaning process.

First, we defined a spatial range to explore the hypotheses. We decided to define the area to a rectangular region around Santa Cruz Island, CA. Specifically, we defined the rectangle from San Luis Obispo to San Diego, CA (latitude from 30 – 36; longitude from -150 to -116), which is an area that KS has worked extensively in and has expertise in the bee fauna. Our questions relate to determining possible bee-flower interactions (but not specific to a site).

Next, we compiled a bee species and plant species list for this area. We excluded any species in our checklists not identified to species level – i.e., genus is identified but listed as “sp.”. Our final list of bee species included 139 species, and our final plant list included 562 species. We will use the checklists to retroactively assign species non-detections (similar to the Kery et al. 2009 paper where they ad hoc assigned bird non-detections using site checklists).

Additionally, we compiled and identified a bee synonym list for the bee species in this area. For the plant species, we used the package taxize in R.

Then, we compiled details on bee and plant phenology.

*Data cleaning*

To start the data cleaning process, we standardized the columns where bee and plant species names appeared, given that they could be in either the target or source columns. After the species names were standardized, we ran the taxize package on the plant column to obtain the most current accepted name per plant species. We removed any rows that did not include both a bee and plant species ID. This brought the total number of observations down to 157,893.

Next, we used the bee synonym list from zenodo and a list that KS put together for species that did not appear in the zenodo list to update the Globi database with the most current accepted name per bee species.

Then, we determined which rows in the Globi file matched both a bee AND plant species in our checklist, which filtered down the number of observations to 7,884. Next, we filtered the Globi data to our pre-defined spatial extent (latitude from 30 – 36; longitude from -150 to -116), which filtered our list down to 566 observations.

We were interested in exploring the detection process for different source citations listed in the Globi database, and we realized that one source citation (SCAN) was a compilation of several institutions. In an effort to obtain higher resolution on the institutions compiled in the SCAN citation, we used the source catalog number column. At this point, we have a total of seven unique source citations (with the SCAN citation resolved to its constituent institutions).

Next, we formatted the event date unix epoch column in Globi to year, month, and day the observation occurred; and using the bee species, plant species, and phenology data, we created a list of bee-plant species interactions that are possible. Likewise, we could have created a list of the “forbidden-links”, meaning that either the bee or plant species are not active during the same time so this interaction is impossible. We removed all Globi observations without month information, which reduced our dataset to 515 observations.

To format the data for the analysis, we created a 4-D array with bee species as the first dimension (139 species), plant species as the second (562 species), month as the third dimension (12 months), and source citation as the fourth dimension (7 citations). This created an array with 6,631,968 possible combinations, but we found that there are only 216,385 total possible bee-plant interactions. Given that not every source citation goes out to the field every month, there was only a total of 611,237 possible bee-plant observations within the months that each source citation was in the field.

Lastly, we populated the 4-D array with the observed bee-plant interactions using the Globi observations. We populated the 4-D array with a value of 1 for each bee-plant interaction during the month that each source citation was in the field. We filled in the rest of the possible bee-plant interactions with a non-detection (= 0). Note that in some cases there the same source citation documented the same bee-plant interaction during the same month. In total, there were 278 unique detections of bee-plant-month-citation. Also note that we collapsed all opportunistic records by source citation, such as those from iNaturalist - such that if a bee-plant interaction was ever documented, then it received a 1 (detection) in the final 4-D array, and all others were marked 0.

*Model covariates*

Detection part of the model

* Number of unique collectors per citation
* Robin Thorpe as a covariate 1/0
* List of collectors and determinors
  + - Katja can identify who is a good taxonomist – like Robin and others- some confidence scale in the determination of the bees
* How much time did these people spend in the field?
  + - Katja can get it from the RAMS records
    - Figure out how long they were in the island
    - Katja will reach out to the director- J Ready- to see if they have the information
    - Not sure how long they have been keeping track
* When the observation occurred
  + - Event date- when the observation occurred
    - Verbatium event date- for literature records might be filled out more- usually summer, not exact dates in their papers
    - Most will have this
    - The ones we will lose
    - Katja- if everyone is collecting in the spring, there is a chance they would miss winter and summer bees
* We won’t have any weather data for the historic data- like cloudy, or temperature, etc.
  + - There is a functional weather station
    - So we could get temperature, precipitation that year, and other environmental factors
* We likely don’t have enough data- but an interesting question- are bees using different floral resources in dry years than in wet years?
  + - In dry years, going to second or third favorite things
    - In wet years, might be able to go to favorite things
    - Specialization increases in dy years- related to nutrients rather than precipitation
    - Likely very dynamic – how strong the competition becomes
* Weather idea
  + - Smooshing space and time together
    - All interactions are in 1 space bin
    - Wondering how we would fit the yearly, temperature precipitation
* Flower size, shape, & color
  + - Bartomeous paper- flower type- tube, inflorecent- related to flower shape (clusters vs small)

Ecological part of the model

* Forbidden links- Bartomeaous model
  + Some of those interactions that would never occur no matter what
  + They try to take that into account by looking at compatiability of bee and flower biology
    - Type of bee and flower
    - Short vs long tongued
    - Do some bees and flowers never interact because of their phenology?
      * Katja says yes- there are bees that emerge really early in the year than miss flowers later in the year
      * No data for that
      * There isn’t a list of things that would never interact
      * We could persue understanding that
      * If we see a group of bees never on a plant and a group of bees on the plant- use a different dataset to look at the phenology of bees and plants- go to GBIF or something like that
      * If we see they are phenologically separated, we would have a huntch that would be the case
      * There might be a step where we ask that question
    - Looking at the majority of ultimate questions- not sure how much the forbidden links will be important
    - In terms of our discussion of data quality, and advancing biological thinking- good place
    - Might not be as important for our bigger questions
* Flower covariates
  + Predominate flower color
  + Flower size
    - Could be size or density
  + Plant trait database with a lot of that information
  + There are about 600 plants or so after they removed grasses
  + Big bees go to white flowers
  + Bartomeous paper- flower type- tube, inflorecent- related to flower shape (clusters vs small)
* Flower size, shape, & color
  + Flower size- bees don’t visit it as much, people don’t pay as much attention
  + Asters is associated with many interactions- importance of taking into account

*Model assumptions*

Given that we are using the single-level occupancy model in a different way, we explicit outline the assumptions we are making with the data and model formulation:

1. We assume that all bee and plant species occur across our entire geographic window, and that not all bee and plant species interact with one another. Implicit assumption that bee-plant interactions are static and do not vary across space or time (i.e., no extinction or colonization events- a bee species always interacts with a plant species regardless of location and time)
2. We assume that each source citation had the opportunity to document all bee-plant interactions. We inferred non-detections for bee-plant interactions even when there is no evidence that each plant species was visited. This assumption allows us to do the following: use the different source citations as the 'repeated survey' for each bee-plant interaction.
3. We assume that all bee-plant interactions remain consistent across all observations (i.e., a generalist bee remains generalist). Bees do not start interacting with new/ different plant species.

*Model formulation*

We used a hierarchical community occupancy model to estimate the probability of bee-plant interactions and the total number of bee species interacting with each plant species (Dorazio et al. 2006). Community occupancy models are powerful tools because they preserve the identity of individual species while accounting for variable and imperfect species detection, which is not always the case for traditional methods for quantifying biodiversity (Iknayan et al. 2014; Kery & Royle 2016). Community occupancy models also lead to increased precision on inferences of rare and elusive species by assuming that species-specific parameters are random effects drawn from community-level distributions (Zipkin et al. 2009).

We start by defining bee species *i* interaction with plant species *j* during month *t* (Zi,j,t) as a binary variable in which Zi,j,t = 1 if bee species *i* interacts with plant species *j* during month *t*, and zero otherwise. The interaction state is assumed to be the outcome of a Bernoulli random process where:

Zi,j,t ~ Bernoulli(Ѱi,j)

Here, Ѱi,j is the probability that bee species *i* interacts with plant species *j*. We can include covariates in the interaction model using a logit-link function, where:

logit(Ѱi,j) = ui

We assume that each of the intercept values (ui, bee species interaction rateson the logit scale) were drawn from a community-level normal distribution with mean, μѰ, and variance, 𝜎Ѱ2, such that:

ui ~ Normal(μѰ, 𝜎Ѱ2)

The data, yi,j,t,k, consist of detection/non-detection observations. If bee species *i* is observed interacting with plant species *j* during month *t* by source citation *k*, then yi,j,t,k = 1 and a zero otherwise. True bee species interactions with plant species, Zi,j,t, are observed imperfectly, and thus, repeated sampling over a period of time when the community remains closed (i.e., no changes in bee-plant interactions) allows for the distinction between true species non-interaction and non-detection of the observation.

We define the detection model as:

yi,j,t,k ~ Bern(pi,j,t,k· Zi,j,t)

where pi,j,t,k is the probability of detecting the interaction of bee species *i* with plant species *j* during month *t* by source citation *k* given that the bee-plant interaction does occur (Zi,j,t = 1). Thus, detection is a fixed zero when a species is not present because Zi,j,t = 0 in that case. We can model detection probabilities using a logit-link function where:

logit(pi,j,t,k) = vi

We assume that each of the intercept values (vi, bee species detection probability on the logit scale) were drawn from a community-level normal distribution with mean, μp, and variance, 𝜎p2, such that:

vi ~ Normal(μp, 𝜎p2)

To estimate the total number of unique bee species interacting with each plant species (Nj), including the number of species not observed (but present) during sampling, we sum across Zi,j,t.

**Results**

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**Discussion**

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**Data Accessibility**

All data and code for analyses can be reproduced and accessed at either the github repository: XXXX or a USGS server following publication.

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**Figures & Tables**