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#### Table Captions

**Table 1.** A taxonomy of link types for ecological interactions (Olesen et al. 2011). A, number of animal species; P, number of plant species; I, number of observed links; C = 100I/(AP), connectance; FL, number of forbidden links; and ML, number of missing links. As natural scientists, our ultimate goal is to eliminate ML from the equation FL = AP - I - ML, which probably is not feasible given logistic sampling limitations. When we, during our study, estimate ML to be negligible, we cease observing and estimate I and I.

Table 2. Frequencies of different type of forbidden links in natural plant-animal interaction assemblages. AP, maximum potential links,  $I_{max}$ ; I, number of observed links; UL, number of unobserved links; FL, number of forbidden links;  $FL_P$ , phenology;  $FL_S$ , size restrictions;  $FL_A$ , accessibility;  $FL_O$ , other types of restrictions; ML, unknown causes (missing links). Relative frequencies (in parentheses) calculated over  $I_{max} = AP$  for I, ML, and FL; for all forbidden links types, calculated over FL. References, from left to right: Olesen et al. 2008; Olesen & Myrthue unpubl.; Snow & Snow 1972 and Jordano et al. 2006; Vizentin-Bugoni et al. 2014; Jordano et al. 2009; Olesen et al. 2011.

## Table 3. A vectorized interaction matrix.

**Table 4.** Sampling statistics for three plant-animal interaction networks (Olesen et al. 2011). Symbols as in Table 1; N, number of records; Chao1 and ACE are asymptotic estimators for the number of distinct pairwise interactions I (Hortal et al. 2006), and their standard errors; C, sample coverage for rare interactions (Chao & Jost 2012). Scaled asymptotic estimators and their confidence intervals (CI) were calculated by weighting Chao1 and ACE with the observed frequencies of forbidden links.

Table 1

Link type	Formulation	Definition
Potential links	$I_{max} = AP$	Size of network matrix, i.e. maximum number of potentially observable interactions; $A$ and $P$ , numbers of interacting animal and plant species, respectively.
Observed links	I	Total number of observed links in the network given a sufficient sampling effort. Number of ones in the adjacency matrix.
Unobserved links	$UL = I_{max} - I$	Number of zeroes in the adjacency matrix.
Forbidden links	FL	Number of links, which remain unobserved because of linkage constraints, irrespectively of sufficient sampling effort.
Missing links	ML = AP - I - FL	Number of links, which may exist in nature but need more sampling effort and/or additional sampling methods to be observed.

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Table 2

Link type	Zackenberg	Pollination Grundvad	Arima Valley	Sta. Virginia	Seed dispersal Hato Ratón	Nava Correhuelas
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$I_{max}$ $I$	1891 268 (0.1417)	646 212 (0.3282)	185 (0.3544)	423 86 (0.1042)	272 151 (0.4719)	825 181 (0.2194)
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UL	1507 (0.7969)	434 (0.6718)	$337 \ (0.6456)$	337 (0.4085)	$169 \ (0.5281)$	644 (0.7806)
FL	$530 \ (0.3517)$	$107 \ (0.2465)$	$218 \ (0.6469)$	$260 \ (0.7715)$	$118 \ (0.6982)$	$302 \ (0.4689)$
$FL_P$	530 (1.0000)	94 (0.2166)	0 (0.0000)	$120 \ (0.1624)$	67 (0.3964)	195 (0.3028)
$FL_S$	$\cdots (\cdots)$	8 (0.0184)	30 (0.0890)	140 (0.1894)	31 (0.1834)	46 (0.0714)
$FL_A$	$\cdots (\cdots)$	5 (0.0115)	$150 \ (0.445)^a$	$\cdots (\cdots)$	20 (0.1183)	61 (0.0947)
$FL_O$	$\cdots$ $(\cdots)$	$\cdots (\cdots)$	$38 \ (0.1128)^b$	$\cdots$ $(\cdots)$	$\cdots$ $(\cdots)$	363(0.5637)
ML	977 (0.6483)	$327 \ (0.7535)$	119 (0.3531)	77 (0.1042)	51 (0.3018)	342 (0.5311)

 $<sup>^</sup>a$ , Lack of accessibility due to habitat uncoupling, i.e., canopy-foraging species vs. understory species.  $^b$ , Colour restrictions, and reward per flower too small relative to the size of the bird.

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Interaction	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	 Sample $i$
A1 - P2 A1 - P2	12 0	2 0	0 0	 6 1
 A5 - P3 A5 - P4	5 1	0 0	1 1	 18 3
 A <sub>i</sub> - P <sub>i</sub>	1	0	1	 2

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Table 4

	Hato Ratón	Nava Correhuelas	Zackenberg
 A	17	33	65
P	16	25	31
$I_{max}$	272	825	1891
N	3340	8378	1245
I	151	181	268
C	0.917	0.886	0.707
Chao1	$263.1 \pm 70.9$	$231.4 \pm 14.2$	$509.6 \pm 54.7$
ACE	$240.3 \pm 8.9$	$241.3 \pm 7.9$	$566.1 \pm 14.8$
$Scaled\ Chao$	195.4	162.7	308.4
CI	[124.5 - 266.3]	[148.5 - 176.9]	[253.6 - 363.1]
$Scaled\ ACE$	178.5	169.7	342.6
CI	[169.5 - 187.4]	[161.8 - 177.6]	[327.8 - 357.4]
$\% \ unobserved^a$	8.33	15.38	47.8

 $<sup>^</sup>a,$  estimated with library Jade (R Core Development Team 2010, Chao et al. 2015)