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# What is long-distance dispersal? And a taxonomy of dispersal events

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#### **Abstract**

Dispersal is a key individual-based process influencing many life-history attributes, scaling up to population-level properties (e.g., metapopulation connectivity). A persistent challenge in dispersal ecology has been the robust characterization of dispersal functions (kernels), a fundamental tool to predict how dispersal processes respond under global change scenarios. Especially the rightmost tail of these functions, i.e. the long-distance dispersal (LDD) events, are difficult to characterize empirically and to model in realistic ways. But, when is it a LDD event? In the specific case of plants, dispersal has three basic components: 1) a distinct (sessile) source, the maternal plant producing the fruits or the paternal tree acting as a source of pollen; 2) a distance component between source and target locations; and 3) a vector actually performing the movement entailing the dispersal event. Here we discuss operative definitions of LDD based on their intrinsic properties: 1) events crossing geographic boundaries among stands; and 2) events contributing to effective gene flow and propagule migration. Strict-sense long distance disper-14 sal involves movement both outside the stand geographic limits and outside the 15 genetic neighborhood area of individuals. Combinations of propagule movements 16 within/outside these two spatial reference frames results in four distinct modes 17 of LDD. Beyond traditional statistical approaches to characterize distributions, Extreme Value Analysis (EVA) can be used to properly and explicitly evaluate 19 the properties of frequency and extent of LDD events. We discuss conditions where global change scenarios truncate dispersal processes, leading to the loss of key dispersal services in natural populations. Proper characterization of the LDD events helps to assess, for example, how the ongoing defaunation of large-bodied frugivores pervasively entails the loss of crucial LDD functions.

#### 25 Introduction

Dispersal is a key individual-based process influencing many life-history attributes and scaling up to population-level properties (e.g., metapopulation connectivity, Cousens et al. 2008). In the specific case of plants, largely sessile organisms, dispersal has three basic components: 1) a distinct (sessile) source, the maternal plant producing the fruits or the paternal tree acting as a source of pollen; 2) a 30 distance component between source and target locations; and 3) a vector actually performing the movement entailing the dispersal event. While realized dispersal also depends upon stages subsequent to dissemination (e.g., successful germination and seedling establishment) Schupp (1995), the three previous components fully characterize the dispersal process per se. Therefore, plant movement differs in important natural history details from animal dispersal, yet both can be assessed within a common conceptual framework (e.g., Nathan, 2006). Characteristically, 37 animal-assisted plant dispersal has three distinct, highly integrated, components 38 missing in the process of animal dispersal: the properties of the source (parental) 39 plant, that mediate in the foraging of the animal vector (pollinator or frugivore), the intrinsic properties of the propagule, and the functional characteristics of the animal vector who performs the movement (Nathan et al., 2008a). 42 The movement of pollen and seeds by animals and its consequences have intrigued population geneticists and field ecologists since the infancy of both research disciplines. Each has generated an impressive body of theoretical and empirical research through the past decades, yet advances have long been co-existing in 'parallel worlds' and the great synergistic potential of population genetics and 47 demography for the study of plant dispersal by animals remains little explored. Knowledge gaps still having the imprint of this conceptual disconnection include the idea of long distance dispersal, and the paradoxes of forest fragmentation effects on genetic diversity (Kramer et al., 2008), survival and persistence of relict tree species (Hampe & Jump, 2011), rapid post-Pleistocene recolonization of vast continental areas in response to climate modification (Clark et al., 1998; Clark, 1998), among other persisting issues. This conceptual isolation has been exacerbated by technical difficulties for the robust characterization of dispersal events,

especially those involving movement over long-distances (long-distance dispersal, LDD). LDD is a characteristically extreme event of propagule movement in any plant population, typically occurring with an extremely low probability but potentially reaching an extremely long distance. Some progress has recently been made through the fast-paced implementation of molecular tools in ecological research labs and the availability of cutting-edge technology for biotelemetry applications [REF]. But much of the population geneticist and ecologist communities remains unaware of the state of the art in each other and likely under-appreciates their potential to validate and enrich dispersal studies (Jones & Muller-Landau, 2008). In particular, LDD events remain difficult to assess, both technically- with serious methodological problems for its reliable estimation- and conceptually. Our aim here is to review the LDD concept with a specific emphasis on dispersal of plant propagules (seeds and pollen), providing an extended definition that might be helpful in the robust quantification of LDD events.

Two main conceptual approaches have been used to assess dispersal (Fig. The "forward" approach attempts to track the dispersal events away from the 71 known sources, e.g., by tracking the movement patterns of frugivores as they leave fruiting plants after feeding (Fig. 1A). This is the main approach used in the 73 movement ecology framework (Nathan et al., 2008a), with extensive application 74 to animal movement based on the use of advanced biotelemetry. The "backward" approach attempts to reconstruct the most likely source of a dispersed propagule 76 by inferring the sources given the propagule delivery pattern, the fecundity of potential sources, and the dispersal function (Fig. 1B), i.e., by using an inverse modeling approach. The main technical challenge in Fig. 1A is to sample enough dispersal events away from the source to be able to fully characterize the tail 80 (LDD events) of the dispersal function. In Fig. 1B, the main challenge is to have a robust sampling scheme with propagule collectors (e.g., seed traps) and a good characterization of the potential sources to derive robust estimates of the actual 83 sources. Both approaches are limited logistically by the difficulties to sample the vast areas required to assess LDD events from the focal source population.

No explicit definition of what constitutes an LDD event exists. Previous approaches (e.g., Nathan, 2006; Schurr *et al.*, 2009) include both absolute and

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proportional definitions to characterize LDD events. This means providing information about the absolute distances moved by a given percentile of the events and/or providing data on the proportion of events exceeding a given distance threshold (Nathan et al., 2008b). The exact proportional or absolute thresholds 91 selected remain arbitrary, as no reference spatial frame is provided within the definition of LDD. This leaves the consideration of LDD as an extreme form of 93 context-dependent phenomenon, strongly dependent upon the scale of the biological process studied (Kinlan et al., 2005). For example, Kinlan et al. (2005) used a spatial reference frame to characterize LDD events of marine organisms, where sedentary adults and larvae differ enormously in the spatial scales of their dispersal 97 (D'Aloia et al., 2013). Therefore, any measure of extent and reach of LDD events requires reference to an explicit spatial frame or "local" scale (Kinlan et al., 2005). We aim at providing a general framework for the quantitative analysis of LDD 100 events so that estimates of its frequency and extent could be comparable across 101 different study systems. We argue that both demographic and genetic elements 102 are needed for this framework, most likely requiring a combination of field-based 103 movement data and genetic analyses. These elements can be overlaid on previous 104 definitions based on absolute and proportional characterizations of LDD. We start 105

Long-distance dispersal is currently one of the most debated topics in dispersal 110 ecology; it defines the connectedness within the network of local populations and 111 the possibilities for range expansion and successful colonization events. We propose a first demogenetically-based, operational definition of what a long-distance 113 dispersal event actually is, and review existing empirical literature on distance 114 thresholds from population and genetic perspectives. We also show how molecular 115 tools have been used to identify the respective contributions of different animal 116 species to the LDD portion of dispersal kernels of pollen and seeds by setting 117 empirically-derived distance thresholds. Finally, we highlight potential applica-118 tions of molecular markers beyond the quantification of just the dispersal distances

with a definition of LDD events within a spatially-explicit mechanistic framework

allowing an unambiguous meaning for setting long-distance thresholds. We then

use a case study to assess differential contributions of animal frugivores performing

that prevails in current studies, e.g., experimental approaches to assess dispersal limitation and Janzen-Connell effects.

## LDD within a demo-genetic perspective: a taxonomy of dispersal events

Here we propose an explicit definition of LDD and what constitutes a LDD event. Previous definitions of dispersal patterns emphasized only their distance compo-125 nents and characterized LDD events basically in terms of geographic distance between a dispersed propagule (or an established early seedling) and its most likely 127 maternal or paternal (in case of pollen) source. Absolute and proportional defini-128 tions for the LDD events have been proposed depending on arbitrary thresholds 129 of either the distance beyond which a dispersal event is LDD or the proportion of 130 events occurring beyond a specific distance (Nathan, 2005; Nathan et al., 2008b). 131 Thus, two key biological aspects of LDD events involve the transport of propag-132 ules outside a reference area: moving away from the source stand or population, 133 and moving away from the area where relatives stand (Kinlan et al., 2005). These 134 two movements do not necessarily concur: a propagule may move over a very 135 long distance yet still be disseminated within the reach of the neighborhood where 136 parental individuals mate. Within a demo-genetic framework it is easy to envision 137 a combination of situations concerning the spatial scale of the dispersal processes 138 (Table 1) and unambiguously define different types of LDD events. The idea that 139 dispersal occurs in reference to these two spatial reference frames, i.e., the population or stand and the genetic neighborhood area, is motivated by the fact that 141 dispersal entails the movement of both an individual propagule (i.e., a pollen grain 142 or a seed) and a distinct set of genes (i.e., the male genotype in case of pollen, or 143 a seed genotype). Thus, dispersal entails simultaneous demographic and genetic effects through recruitment of new individuals in the population and through con-145 tributions to gene flow (Harper, 1977). When considered its combined influence 146 on demography and population genetics, the concept of LDD nicely bridges these 147 two paradigms embedded in the biological definition of population (Waples & 148 Gaggiotti, 2006).

Two important components of plant dispersal ecology concern the movement of propagules away from the source population, a type of dispersal relevant to col-onization ability and range expansion (Howe & Miriti, 2004), and the movement away from the location of close relatives, i.e., a movement away from the genetic neighborhood (Hardesty et al., 2006; Jones & Muller-Landau, 2008). If we classify dispersal events according to these two spatial frameworks (Table 1) we end up with four distinct types of events depending on whether or not dispersed propagules are disseminated within these reference areas. Setting the limits of a population can be problematic (Waples & Gaggiotti, 2006) yet we can identify with relative ease the geographical limits of plant stands, patches, habitat spots or other types of habitat or microhabitat discontinuities that determine landmark boundaries of biological significance (see Kinlan et al., 2005, for further discussion of boundaries for dispersal). These "frontiers" set biological limits to what a LDD event is in relation to the geographic limits of the source population. Most plants are dis-tributed as clumped patches, discrete stands, or relatively isolated populations, so we may distinguish between short-distance and long-distance dispersal events that end up with dissemination within or beyond, respectively, the stand or population geographic boundaries (Table 1,  $SSD_{loc}$  or  $LDD_{loc}$ ) (Figure 2). 

A second consideration in terms of spatial boundaries, with effects on dispersal patterns, is the genetic neighborhood area  $N_b$ , i.e., the spatial extent including a subset of panmictic individuals within a population (Wright, 1943, 1946). Thus, the  $N_b$  area can be equal to the whole extent of the population whenever the population is unstructured and there is evidence for random mating events among all the individuals. However, most populations and stands of long-lived trees show highly aggregated and clumped distributions (Seidler & Plotkin, 2006), where relatively long distances may separate groups of individuals within the same population. In these cases we might expect  $N_b$  area to be substantially smaller than the total population area. Therefore, at least four possible scenarios exist with distinct implications in terms of consequences for dispersal (Table 1). In the case of dispersal events not extending beyond the geographic limits of the population or reference area, actual LDD events may involve dissemination beyond a reduced neighborhood area that is smaller than the geographic extent of the population of the population area.

ulation, originating local long-distance  $(LDD_{loc})$  dispersal events (Table 1, Fig. 182 2A). Actual short-distance dispersal would then involve those situations where the 183 propagule is disseminated within both the population limits and the genetic neigh-184 borhood boundary  $(SDD_{loc})$ . Along a similar reasoning, dispersal events outside 185 the population limits will not necessarily convey LDD (Table 1, Fig. 2B): this is 186 expected in cases where the genetic neighborhoods are extensive, going beyond the 187 geographic limits of local populations, as in fig trees (Nason et al., 1998), generat-188 ing LDD events within the genetic neighborhood ( $LDD_{neigh}$ ). Finally, strict-sense 189 LDD events would involve dissemination outside both the population limits and 190 the genetic neighborhood boundary  $(LDD_{ss})$  (Table 1, Fig. 2A). 191

While both  $SSD_{loc}$  and  $LDD_{loc}$  can be crucial for assuring the local persistence of populations,  $LDD_{neigh}$  and  $LDD_{ss}$  would be extremely important contributors to the structuring of genetic pools, realized gene flow, and maintaining connectivity in metapopulation scenarios. We argue that both the demographic and the genetic references are relevant for a proper definition of LDD.

#### 197 Individual and Population Neighborhoods as Reference

Continuous populations can be modeled with the concepts of isolation by distance 198 and neighborhood size(Wright, 1943, 1946). The former refers to the case that 199 limited gene dispersal in continuous populations produces demes that are panmic-200 tic internally, but are isolated to some extent from adjacent demes. Each group of 201 reproducing individuals is the neighborhood, defined as the population of a region 202 in a continuum, from which the parents of individuals born near the center may 203 be treated as if drawn at random (Wright, 1969). The importance and influence of 204 the dispersal process in determining the size of the neighborhood is given by this 205 equation, which shows how the spatial dispersion (pattern of spatial distribution) 206 of the population influences the effective population size. This influence on the 207 effective size is given by: 208

$$N_e^b = 4\pi\sigma\delta \tag{1}$$

where  $\delta$  is the density of adults per unit area and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of 209 the distance between birth and breeding sites. This formulation is often called the 210 neighborhood size and assumes a normal distribution of distances between parents 211 and offspring (out in a perfect circular shape from the source). Thus, changes in 212 the variance of dispersal distance can affect  $N_e^b$  (highly clumped populations will 213 have reduced  $N_e^b$ ). This is the basic model of "Isolation by Distance" proposed by 214 Wright (1943, 1946). Under this type of model, migration (gene flow) is given by 215 the variance in dispersal, and not by the proportion of the population that is com-216 posed of migrants (denoted m), as is the case with island models (Slatkin, 1985). 217 With enough distance separating them, two plant individuals have a low probabil-218 ity of mating and can be considered members of distinct genetic populations even 219 if they are not located in geographically distinct populations. 220

For plants, gene flow may be accomplished by both seeds and pollen, so the variance may be decomposed to account for different patterns of seed and pollen dispersal, and to take into account the mating system (outcrossing rate, t). Thus, neighborhood size can be defined with the following equation (Crawford 1984):

$$N_e^b = 4\pi (\sigma_s^2 + \frac{t\sigma_p^2}{2})\delta(1+t)$$
 (2)

where  $\sigma_s$  is the standard deviation of seed dispersal distance,  $\sigma_p$  is the standard deviation of pollen dispersal distance, and  $\delta$  is the density of potential parents.

Neighborhood size in plants can be estimated by marking pollen and seeds with fluorescent dyes, tags, or stable isotope enrichment (Carlo *et al.*, 2009). However, these methods do not measure effective pollen or seed movement, but they may be combined with genetic analysis to assess genetic identity and relatedness with hypervariable DNA markers (Levin, 1988; Nason *et al.*, 1998; Godoy & Jordano, 2001) to achieve reliable estimates of both effective population size and neighborhood area.

The extent of neighborhood area in plants can be extremely variable, depending on life-history attributes such as life-span, spacing patterns, mating system, etc.
Even a limited sample of available information (Table S1) highlights the fact that

the size of neighborhood areas can in some cases exceed the geographic limits of local populations (Nason et~al., 1998). The size of neighborhood areas may encompass at least four orders of magnitude,  $10^-2 - 10^2$  km in radius, and include many individuals. Therefore, reference to this "genetic/evolutionary" paradigm and reference to the geographic boundaries (sensu Waples & Gaggiotti, 2006) may be instrumental to understand the actual role of LDD events in shaping the structuring of genetic pools and contributing to gene dispersal.

Whenever there is a large discrepancy between population area extent and  $N_e^b$  we might expect the frequency of  $LDD_{loc}$  and  $LDD_{neigh}$  differ enormously. For example, relatively small  $N_e^b$  may rise the importance of  $LDD_{loc}$  in preserving scenarios of panmixia within a local population, as most distant dispersal events will disseminate seeds outside the neighborhood of maternal plants.

#### 249 Empirical analysis of contributions to LDD

Empirical evaluation of differential contributions to the different forms of LDD 250 events outlined in Table 1 requires identification of source trees as well as assign-251 ment of the dispersed propagules to specific vectors or functional groups of vectors 252 (Jordano et al., 2007). Recently, DNA-barcoding techniques have been developed 253 and successfully applied to the identification of frugivore species contributing to 254 specific seed dispersal events whose source can be identified with genetic, direct 255 assignment techniques (González-Varo et al., 2014). Otherwise, visual identifica-256 tion can reliably assign the genotyped seeds to frugivore species groups based on 257 specific characteristics of scats and regurgitations (Jordano et al., 2007). 258

We inferred the frugivore groups contributing dispersal events by visually identifying scats and regurgitations in seed traps and line transects (see Jordano et al., 2007, and Suppl. Mat. for additional details of methods). These frugivore functional groups include up to 38 bird and 4 mammal species feeding on P. mahaleb fruits (Jordano & Schupp, 2000). Here, we differentiate four major frugivore groups: large carnivorous mammals (such as foxes, badgers, and stone martens); two species of medium-sized frugivorous birds, mistle thrushes (T. viscivorus), <sup>266</sup> and carrion crows (*Corvus corone*); and a pool of small-sized frugivorous birds, including warblers, redstarts, and robins (Jordano *et al.*, 2007).

To a large extent, short-distance dispersal events (strict-sense,  $SDD_{loc}$  events) 268 are contributed by small- and medium-sized (Turdus) frugivorous birds (Table 2). 269 Given the relatively reduced  $N_e^b$  area of P. mahaleb (Suppl. Mat. Table S1), 270  $< 1km^2$ , well below the extent of the local study population (Garcia et al., 2007, 271 2005), we cannot estimate  $LDD_{neigh}$  events (Table 2), as all LDD events outside the 272 reference population occur, by definition, outside the  $N_e^b$  area. Larger frugivores 273 such as corvids and the pigeon Columba palumbus contribute most LDD events, 274 and most immigrant seeds potentially dispersed from other populations. Notably, 275 strict-sense long-distance dispersal  $(LDD_{ss})$  appears consistently associated with 276 large-bodied frugivores (Table 2), most likely associated with a greater frequency 277 of movements outside the local population (Fig. 4). 278

#### Long-Distance Dispersal: the ecology of extreme events

Long-distance dispersal (LDD) is a major component of the population dynamics, 280 genetic structure, and biogeographic history of plant species. It determines the 281 colonization ability of new habitats and the possibilities for fragmented populations 282 to sustain a cohesive metapopulation by immigration-emigration dynamics that 283 rely on LDD events. Yet our current understanding of the extent, frequency, and 284 consequences of LDD is very limited. On one hand, theoretical models fail to 285 predict accurately the behavior of the tail of the dispersal functions, and thus fail 286 to predict very basic properties of LDD. On the other hand, we still have very 287 limited documentation of actual LDD events in natural populations and we still 288 see LDD as a sporadic, rarely far-reaching process still marked with the stamp of 289 natural history curiosity. 290

Combining spatially-explicit references to the geographic population limits and the  $N_e^b$  area extent helps avoiding some imprecision in setting distance thresholds to characterize LDD events. In addition, the framework outlined in Table 1 bridges the combined demographic and genetic effects of LDD events. When methods

available to assign frugivore taxa to the analyzed dispersal events, as in the study 295 case with P. mahaleb, a classification in the four categories of events is possible. 296 The frugivore assemblage of P. mahaleb is composed by a diversified set of an-297 imal species spanning a wide rage of body sizes, ca. 12-14000 g in weight. We 298 might expect that this extreme variation translates in an ample pattern of foraging 299 modes, movement distances, and fruit/seed processing (Jordano & Schupp, 2000). 300 If the results for P. mahaleb are generalizable to other disperser assemblages, it 301 seems that the functional roles of frugivore species in terms of contributions to 302 LDD events are structured in two distinct groups: small-bodied frugivores, with 303 substantial contributions to SDD events and a crucial role for in-situ population 304 recruitment, and large-bodied species with a disproportionate contribution to LDD 305 events. 306

As defined in our framework (Table 1), LDD, and in particular  $LDD_{ss}$  events are a specific case of extreme events (García & Borda-de Água, 2017) consistently associated with large-sized frugivores, yet including also medium-sized and highly efficient frugivorous bird species.

- Large-bodied frugivores and LDD. Discuss lb frugivores not always contributing LDD events: Pratt, tapirs - Loss of large-bodied frugivores, consequences.

## Challenges and future avenues for research

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1: Types of dispersal a al representation of the neighborhood limit	Table 1: Types of dispersal as a function of population area limits and genetic neighborhood limits. See Fig. 2 for a graphical representation of the four scenarios.  Population geographic limit  Within  Local, short-distance dispersal, $SDD_{loc}$ Within neighborhood, long-distance dispersal, within neighborhood, long-distance dispersal, $SDD_{loc}$ Within neighborhood, long-dispersal, $SDD_{loc}$ Within the long-dispersal	s a function of population area limits and genetic neighborhood limits. See Fig. 2 for a four scenarios.  Population geographic limit  Within  Outside  Local, short-distance dispersal, $SDD_{loc}$ Within neighborhood, long-distance dispersal, $LDD_{neigh}$
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**Table 2:** Relative frequencies of *Prunus mahaleb* seed dispersal events for different frugivore groups according to population area limits and genetic neighborhood limits. See Fig. 2 for a graphical representation of the four scenarios. N = 655 seeds (see Table 1 in Jordano *et al.*, 2007). Given that the estimated neighborhood size is smaller than population area,  $LDD_{neigh}$ would be zero.

Frugivore group	Within-population, within-neighborhood $SDD_{loc}$	Within-population, long-distance $LDD_{loc}$	Outside- population, within- neighborhood $LDD_{neigh}$	Strict-sense long-distance $LDD_{ss}$	N seeds
Small-birds $Turdus$ Large-birds Mammals	0.7842	0.0171	0.00	0.1986	292
	0.2370	0.5549	0.00	0.2081	173
	0.0435	0.3913	0.00	0.5652	23
	0.0120	0.2455	0.00	0.7425	167

## **Figures**

Figure 1. The two approaches used in analyses of dispersal processes in plants. A, the "forward" approach attempts to track the dispersal events away from the known sources, e.g., by tracking the movement patterns of frugivores as they leave fruiting plants after feeding. B, the "backward" approach attempts to reconstruct the most likely source of a dispersed propagule by inferring the sources given the propagule delivery pattern, the fecundity of potential sources, and the dispersal 329 function. The main technical challenge in A is to sample enough dispersal events away from the source to be able to fully characterize the tail (long-distance dispersal, LDD, events) of the dispersal function. In B, the main challenge is to have a robust sampling scheme with propagule collectors (e.g., seed traps) and a good characterization of the potential sources to derive robust estimates of the actual sources with inverse-modeling techniques.

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Figure 2. Schematic representation of different types of long-distance dispersal events in relation to the geographical limits of local populations (dashed lines) and the genetic neighborhood area  $N_b$  (grey area) of specific individual plants (squares). Dispersal events (arrows) can be classified depending on their actual incidence on propagule movement outside these spatially-explicit reference areas (Table 1). Strict-sense long-distance dispersal events  $(LDD_{ss})$  just include the LDD events that disseminate propagules out of both the population and genetic neighborhood boundaries. A, the neighborhood area is included within the geographic limits of the population; B, the neighborhood area is much larger than the geographic limits of the population.

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**Figure 3.** Empirical frequency distributions of seed dispersal events as a function of dispersal distance by animal frugivores consuming *Prunus mahaleb* fruits. In red, left (inset), frequencies of within-populations dispersal events inferred from direct assignment based on seed endocarp genotypes and maternal trees genotypes. Larger frame, left, contributions of four functional frugivore groups (small birds, medium- and large-sized birds, and mammals) to seed dissemination and proportional contributions (right bar) to dispersal of the inferred immigrant seeds (i.e., those not matching any maternal tree in the study population).

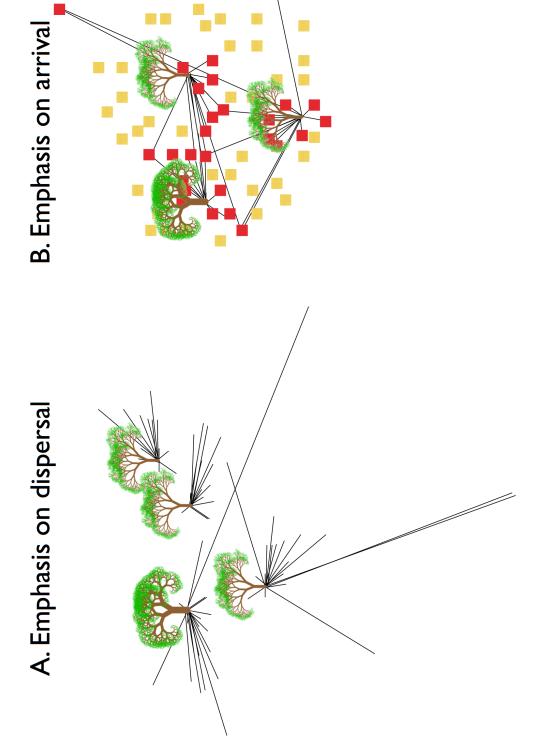
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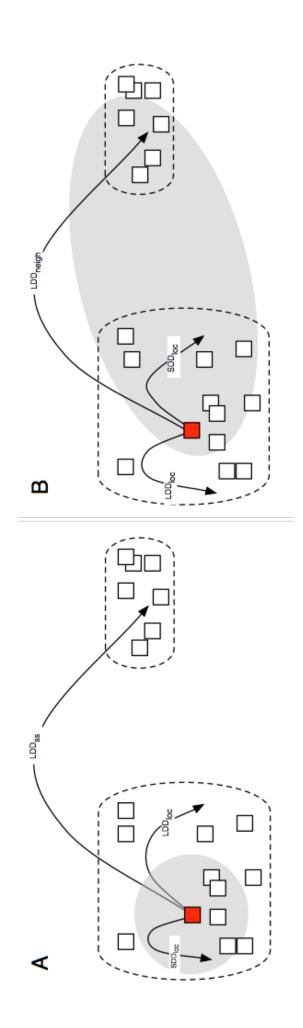
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Figure 4. Differential contributions of functional groups of frugivores to the four combinations of  $Prunus\ mahaleb$  seed dispersal events outlined in Table 1. These result from dissemination within (yellow) or outside (blue) the population geographic limits  $(SDD_{loc},\ LDD_{loc},\ respectively)$  and within or outside the genetic neigborhood area limits  $(SDD_{neigh},\ LDD_{ss},\ respectively)$ .

# Online Support Material and data accessiblity

This review does not use new raw data, but includes some re-analyses of previously published material. All the original data supporting the paper, R code, supplementary figures, and summaries of analytical protocols is available at the author's GitHub repository (https://github.com/pedroj/MS\_LDD), with DOI: #/zenodo.#.





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