

<sup>1</sup> Metagenomic Barcoding of Pollen Loads Offers Insights on the  
<sup>2</sup> Foraging Patterns of Queen Bumble Bees

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<sup>4</sup> **Abstract**

- 5 1) DNA Barcoding has been successful for the rapid analysis of ecological assemblages. Although
- 6 barcoding in the plant kingdom barcoding has been more difficult than others, and hence may begin
- 7 to lag behind other kingdoms.
- 8 2) Here we test the utilization of Angiosperms 353 probes to barcode plant species found in pollen
- 9 loads collected from Queen Bumble Bees.
- 10 3) To verify the accuracy for this barcoding system we compared the data to museum species, obser-
- 11 vation studies, and species distribution modelling to identify likely candidate species.
- 12 4) By utilizing Species distribution modelling we allow users to create a regionally appropriate sequence
- 13 databases which may use increase the alignment algorithms minimizing need for large computational
- 14 power, and run time.
- 15 5) We show that the Angiosperms 353 probes, which are currently being used in the largest ever plant
- 16 systematic endeavor, offers significant promise to metagenomic approaches.
- 17 6) Understanding plants in ecological contexts and understandings of their synecology.

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## <sup>18</sup> 1 | INTRODUCTION

<sup>19</sup> The inability to reliably identify plants to terminal taxon can limit our understanding of ecosystem function  
<sup>20</sup> and interactions (Bortolus (2008)). This is especially true for genera where identification down to species  
<sup>21</sup> can be useful as specific bioindicators; defining ecological and behavioral properties (e.g. different species  
<sup>22</sup> of Sagebrush- *Artemisia* L., Willows - *Salix* L., and Sedges - *Carex* L.) (Gage & Cooper (2013)). In these  
<sup>23</sup> instances the lack of species level data can hinder our understanding of the breadth of habitat which some  
<sup>24</sup> species occupy, and their interactions with other species. This can be further complicated by the fact that the  
<sup>25</sup> identification of organisms to terminal taxon is also often mired by lack of diagnostic characters(e.g. flowers,  
<sup>26</sup> fruits, roots or combinations thereof), an increasing lack of taxonomic experts (Hebert *et al.* (2003)) and  
<sup>27</sup> the presence of cryptic species (Janzen *et al.* (2017), Oliver *et al.* (2009)). Taxonomic verification can  
<sup>28</sup> also be limited by the fact that revisiting field sites to identify material using morphological or chemical  
<sup>29</sup> approaches, can be resource intensive and often does not work. The current methods to ameliorate this  
<sup>30</sup> situation include: ignoring these ecologically relevant levels of detail, revisiting plots as diagnostic material  
<sup>31</sup> becomes temporally available, seeking the assistance from taxonomic specialists, or the use of barcoding  
<sup>32</sup> using molecular techniques (CITE)

<sup>33</sup> Recently molecular barcoding (the identification of a sample from a single organism *e.g.* a piece of leaf),  
<sup>34</sup> or metabarcoding (the identification of a sample containing a mix of organisms *e.g.* soil), have shown  
<sup>35</sup> considerable promise in many taxa (Ruppert *et al.* (2019)). For plants the success is a little more mix,  
<sup>36</sup> with the identification of certain clades using barcoding being quite successful (Kress (2017)), however for  
<sup>37</sup> many other clades the results have been more elusive (Liu *et al.* (2014), Group *et al.* (2011), Coissac *et al.*  
<sup>38</sup> (2012)), while metabarcoding has incurred additional challenges for the currently available barcodes (Li *et*  
<sup>39</sup> *al.* (2015), Kress & Erickson (2007), Group *et al.* (2009), Coissac *et al.* (2012)). Particular challenges for  
<sup>40</sup> the utilization of the high copy number barcodes (*e.g.* ITS2, *rbcL*, *matK*, *trnH-psbA*) include their rates of  
<sup>41</sup> divergence, gene tree conflict, and hybridization (Coissac *et al.* (2016), Fazekas *et al.* (2009)).

<sup>42</sup> Currently the largest plant systematic endeavor ever undertaken,by the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, the  
<sup>43</sup> Plant and Fungal Tree of Life (PAFTOL) is approaching completion (Baker *et al.* (2021a)). This data  
<sup>44</sup> set will contain hybridization capture (Hyb-Seq) data from at least one species in each genus of the plant  
<sup>45</sup> kingdom,14,000 represented species, using the popular Angiosperms353 (A353) probes, which includes 353  
<sup>46</sup> single-copy orthologous loci, (Baker *et al.* (2021a), Johnson *et al.* (2019)). These publicly available data  
<sup>47</sup> serve to provide a taxonomically comprehensive backbone for plant metabarcoding. The A353 probes are  
<sup>48</sup> currently being used in many other plant phylogenetic studies increasing the sampling depth of many clades

49 (Baker *et al.* (2021b)). Data from the 10kP project, which seeks to develop reference genomes from a  
50 phylogenetically diverse suite of plants will contribute many more species upon it's intended completion,  
51 slated for 2030. Similar projects such as the 'Darwin Tree of Life' which will sequence all described taxa in  
52 Britain and Ireland, seek to sequence high amounts of genomes in geographic regions will contribute data  
53 sets applicable to enormous spatial domains (Cheng *et al.* (2018), Life Project Consortium *et al.* (2022),  
54 Lewin *et al.* (2022)). These data will promote the ability to apply metabarcoding to resolve a diverse array  
55 of questions relevant to theoretical and applied ecology (Kress (2017), Hollingsworth *et al.* (2016)). However,  
56 the application of metabarcoding still face challenges relating to the enormity of the genomic data sets and  
57 the computational power required to process sequence data.

58 Herein we have resolved major components of the problems of identifying plant material without diagnostic  
59 morphological character states using the A353 Hyb-Seq probes (Johnson *et al.* (2019)), and custom species  
60 sequence databases derived via species distribution modelling, and temporal filtering.

61 To increase the quality of metabarcoding results in plants, we are proposing reducing the number of possible  
62 candidate species by generating a user specific databases relevant to the region of study and the ecological  
63 characteristics of interest. To achieve this goal, we first create a regional list of candidate species using digital  
64 collections gleaned from herbaria, survey work, and citizen science (e.g. iNaturalist), from a region exceeding  
65 the study area. For these candidate species, a modelling approach, such as logistic regression, may be used to  
66 identify taxa which warrant further exploration e.g. determine their possibility of presence in metabarcoding  
67 samples. We then use species distribution models to create potential distribution maps for the candidate  
68 species to limit the impact of spatial and taxonomic biases in the species list and account for spatial variations  
69 in niche availability throughout the study area. Species distribution models (SDM's) examine the ecological  
70 conditions associated with known occurrence of a species to identify where in the study area might suitable  
71 habitats. This approach has the benefit of greatly reducing the size of a sequence database, which allows  
72 for the usage of genomic size data on personal computers. This approach can significantly reduce processing  
73 time, particularly as as most next-generation sequence data is deposited as raw-sequence reads.

74 As species interactions vary both in space and time (@~THOMSON1994 GEO?, CaraDonna *et al.* (2021)).  
75 Contrasts in the flowering periods of many plant species, can provide an additional filter for identifying  
76 material in certain types of metagenomic samples (Janzen (1967), Newstrom *et al.* (1994)). In high elevation  
77 temperate regions, pollination interactions vary temporally and are characterized by high turnover in active  
78 periods of species (CaraDonna *et al.* (2017)), however the overall shorter extent of the active growing  
79 season in these systems results in the presence of few to any natural breaks, which reduces the utility of  
80 these to operate as filters in the post-processing of sequence matches. Nonetheless, we work develop a

81 general approach which seems applicable to many areas which utilize the temporal dimension for classifying  
82 sequences in metagenomic samples (but see Davis *et al.* (2022)).

83 We tested this metagenomic and informatics approach to determine to examine the foraging behaviour of  
84 queen bumblebee, and compare this approach with direct observations and the pollen record, which has shown  
85 some incongruity in several floral visitation networks involving smaller bodied fauna (Barker & Arceo-  
86 Gomez (2021), Zhao *et al.* (2019), Alarcón (2010)). The assessment of the plant species compositions from  
87 pollen is a desirable approach, with several potential applications, despite numerous potential complications  
88 (Poronon *et al.* (2017), Bell *et al.* (2017), Sickel *et al.* (2015), Bell *et al.* (2019), Suchan *et al.* (2019),  
89 Johnson *et al.* (2021)). The two foraging phases of the queen bumblebee life cycle are essential to 1) increase  
90 their weight before diapause, and 2) increase their ovary weights while establishing their recently found  
91 nests. Both of these time periods represent potential demographic bottlenecks in bumble bee populations  
92 (Sarro *et al.* (2022), ...). Bumblebees are one of the only groups of insects with unequivocal quantitative  
93 evidence for numerous population declines, while simultaneously serving as the most effective pollinators  
94 in many temperate montane ecosystems (Cameron & Sadd (2020), Goulson *et al.* (2008), Williams (1982),  
95 Colla *et al.* (2012), Bergman *et al.* (1996), Bingham & Orthner (1998), Grixti *et al.* (2009)). These  
96 areas often represent the most diverse areas in the temperate and often offer the sole potential refugia for  
97 multiple dimensions of biodiversity under climate change, whilst simultaneously experiencing the greatest  
98 proportional changes in mean annual temperature (Brito-Morales *et al.* (2018), Pepin *et al.* (2022)). An  
99 immediate understanding of how to manage previously overlooked keystone insect species, such as bumble  
100 bees, is essential if the refugial potential of the temperate mountains are to be incorporated into their current  
101 diversity (Loarie *et al.* (2009), Dobrowski & Parks (2016)).

## 102 2 | METHODS

### 103 2.1 Study System & Field Work

104 Observations and bee sample collection was conducted at The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory  
105 (RMBL; 38°57.5" N, 106°59.3" W (WGS 84), 2900 m.a.s.l.), Colorado, USA (APPENDIX 1 for site informa-  
106 tion), characterized by high-montane/subalpine Parkland vegetation communities. Pollinator observations  
107 of *Bombus* Latreille spp. (Apidae Latreille) were conducted from May 29<sup>th</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup> of 2015 in six study  
108 sites. Observations of *Bombus* foraging took place for one hour at each field site in three 50m transects, each  
109 transect was in a major vegetation type (dry, and wet meadows, and Aspen forest), where all flowers abun-

110 dances were estimated and placed into bins of abundance. Corbiculae loads were, non-lethally, collected  
111 once from all Queen individuals encountered.

## 112 2.2 | Floral Visitation

113 ... does this need more info and warrant a section independent of the above?

## 114 2.3 | Pollen Morphological identification

### 115 2.3.1 | Pollen Reference Library

116 To develop a reference library of pollen grains which may be present in corbiculae loads, an image reference  
117 collection of fuchsin-jelly stained (Beattie (1971)) slides was assembled from slides previously prepared by the  
118 authors (n = 21), and other researchers (n = 38) (Brosi & Briggs (2013)). Using five years of observational  
119 data on *Bombus* Queen Bee foraging at these studies sites (Ogilvie unpublished), as well as the Vascular  
120 Plant Checklist (Frase & Buck (2007)), an additional 62 voucher slides for species were prepared and imaged  
121 at 400x (Leica DMLB, Leica MC170 HD Camera, Leica Application Suite V. 4.13.0) from non accessioned  
122 herbarium collections to supplement the number of species and clades covered (Appendix 3).

123 We used Divisive Hierarchical Clustering techniques to determine which plant taxa were distinguishable via  
124 light microscopy, and to develop a dichotomous key to pollen morphotypes. Ten readily discernible categorical  
125 traits were collected from each specimen in the image collection. These traits were transformed using Gower  
126 distances, and clustered using Divisive Hierarchical clustering techniques (Maechler *et al.* (2022)). Using  
127 the cluster dendrogram, elbow plot, and heatmaps (Hennig (2020)), of these results morphological groups  
128 of pollen which could not be resolved via microscopy were delineated, and a dichotomous key was prepared  
129 (APPENDIX NO.). This key was then used to identify the pollen grains sampled from corbiculae loads to  
130 morphotypes in a consistent manner.

### 131 2.3.2 | Pollen Corbiculae Loads

132 To prepare the pollen slides from corbiculae, all corbiculae loads were broken apart and rolled using dissection  
133 needlepoints to increase heterogeneity of samples. *Cerca* 0.5mm<sup>2</sup> of pollen was placed onto a ~4mm<sup>2</sup> fuchsin  
134 jelly cube (Beattie (1971)) atop a graticulated microscope slide, with 20 transects and 20 rows (400 quadrants)  
135 (EMS, Hartfield, PA). The jelly was melted, with stirring, until pollen grains were homogeneously spread  
136 across the microscope slide. Slides were sealed with Canada Balsam (Rublev Colours, Willits, CA) followed

137 by sealing with nail polish to prevent oxidation; all samples are noted in *APPENDIX 3*. To identify the pollen  
138 present in corbiculae loads, light microscopy at 400x (Zeiss Axioscope A1) was used. In initial sampling in  
139 three transects, each pollen grain was identified to morphotype and counted; an additional two transects  
140 were scanned for morphotypes unique to that slide, if either transect contained an unique morphotype than  
141 all grains in that transect were also identified and counted. Subsequent to the first round of sampling, non-  
142 parametric species richness rarefaction curves (Oksanen *et al.* (2022)), and non-parametric species diversity  
143 rarefaction curves were used to assess the completeness of sampling (Chao *et al.* (2014), Hsieh *et al.* (2020)).  
144 Slides not approaching the asymptote of the rarefaction curve were then re-sampled, and analysed iteratively  
145 for up to a total of seven transects *APPENDIX 2*.

146 **2.4 | Molecular Barcoding**

147 **2.4.1 | Species reference list**

148 **2.4.1.1 Spatial Analyses** We generate a short list of potential candidate species we downloaded from the  
149 Botanical Information and Ecology Network ‘BIEN’ (Maitner (2022)) all records adjacent to the field sites  
150 to develop an ecologically relevant list of vascular plant species, with expected biotic pollination, which may  
151 be present at the study area. To reduce the list of species to include in the genomic sequence databases, we  
152 then generated Species Distribution Models (SDMs) for these taxa to predict their distribution throughout  
153 the study area.

154 In order to minimize the number of species for which SDM’s were to be generated, BIEN was queried at a  
155 distance of up to 100km from our study area and all plant species records were downloaded. To account  
156 for the stochasticity of botanical collecting and offset the number of records associated with the research  
157 station, this data set was bootstrap re-sampled 250 times, with 90% of samples selected, to create a testing  
158 data set. The median of the logistic regression assessing the probability of occurrence of a species record as  
159 a function of distance from the study area was used as a threshold distance, under which, to include species  
160 as candidates for distribution modelling.

161 **2.4.1.2 Distribution Modelling** We used all occurrence records from BIEN ( $n = 23,919$ ) within a 50km  
162 border of the Omernik level 3 ecoregion, which includes the study area (*No. 21 “Southern Rockies”*) to  
163 construct the species distribution model (Omernik (1987)). These records were copied into two, initially  
164 identical, sets, one for generating machine learning models (ML; Random Forest, and Boosted Regression

165 Tree's), and the other for Generalised Linear (GLM) and Generalized Additive Models (GAM) (Barbet-  
166 Massin *et al.* (2012)). Ensembled predictions have been shown to outperform their constituent models, on  
167 average, and to reduce the ecological signal to the analytical noise of individual runs (Araujo & New (2007)).  
168 No single method of producing SDMs has been shown to universally outperform others when faced with  
169 a large and diverse number of applications, in our case a great number of species with differing biologies  
170 and ecologies (Elith\* *et al.* (2006), Qiao *et al.* (2015)). In the spirit of these findings, multiple families of  
171 models, which can be generated together as they have similar requirements regarding the number and ratios  
172 of Presence to Absence records were ensembled together (Barbet-Massin *et al.* (2012)).

173 We then generated 4,029 absence points, locations where the focal taxon is anticipated missing, through a  
174 random stratification of 19% of the land cover in the area and included them in (Land Management (2019)).  
175 To achieve a larger absence data set, we generated 1,000 pseudo-absence records for each taxon by randomly  
176 selecting coordinates located at least 10km away from an occurrence record. For ML models, these pseudo-  
177 absences were reduced so that the ratio of presence to absence records were balanced (Barbet-Massin *et al.*  
178 (2012)). To achieve this, we removed absence records inside of 10% of the mean sample value of any predictor  
179 variable the presence records; the required number of absence records were then randomly sampled.

180 To predict the potential distribution of each species we used 26 environmental variables at 30m resolution,  
181 six related to climate, five soil, four topographic, four related to cloud cover, with the remaining reflecting  
182 assorted abiotic parameters (Wilson & Jetz (2016), Wang *et al.* (2016), Hengl *et al.* (2017), Robinson *et al.*  
183 (2014)) (**APPENDIX 6**). **These publicly available data sets, were selected as they . . . .** For linear  
184 regression models these predictors underwent both *vifstep* (theta = 10, max observations = 12,500) and  
185 *vifcor* (theta = 0.7, max observations = 12,500) to detect highly correlated variables, and collinear features  
186 were removed leaving 16 variables (Naimi *et al.* (2014)).

187 Modelling: Random Forest and Boosted Regression Trees, were sub sampled with 30% test and two replicates  
188 each before weighted ensemble based on True Skill Statistics (tss) (Naimi & Araujo (2016)). Generalised  
189 linear models (GLM) and Generalised additive models (GAM) with 30% sub sampling and three replicates  
190 each were also ensembled using the tss (Naimi & Araujo (2016), @). TSS was chosen as the ensemble  
191 criterion as it has been shown to work across a wide range of species occurrences prevalence (Allouche *et*  
192 *al.* (2006)). The results of these models were extracted on a cell-by-cell basis to a polygon feature derived  
193 from a minimum-spanning tree which encompasses the study sites, and species from either ensemble with  
194 greater than 50% mean habitat suitability across all cells were considered present for further purposes (Prim  
195 (1957)).

196 A total of 535 species were modelled using Generalized Linear Models and Generalized Additive Models and

197 534 species were modelled using Random Forest and Boosted Regression Trees. To evaluate the accuracy of  
198 the species distribution models, additional presence records from GBIF ( $n = 61,789$ ), and AIM ( $n = 12,730$ )  
199 were used as test and training sets ( $n = 74,519$ ) for logistic regression (Occdownload Gbif.Org (2021), Land  
200 Management (2019)). Additional novel absence records were generated from the AIM data set to create a  
201 data set where each species has balanced presence and absences. Eleven or more paired presence and absence  
202 records were required for this testing, resulting in 334 species being included in the logistic regression ( $Mdn$   
203  $= 110.0$ ,  $\bar{x} = 223.1$ , max  $= 1568$  record pairs used) with a 70% test split (Kuhn (2022)).

204 **2.4.2 | Temporal Analyses**

205 To estimate the duration of dates in which plant species were flowering weibull estimates of several pheno-  
206 logical parameters all spatially modelled taxa were developed (Belitz *et al.* (2020), Pearse *et al.* (2017)).  
207 Only BIEN records which occurred in the Omernik Level 4 Ecoregions within 15km of the study area ( $n =$   
208 5 Level 4 Ecoregions, or conditionally 6 ecoregions if enough records were not be found in the nearest 5),  
209 and which were from herbarium records were included. To remove temporally irrelevant herbarium records,  
210 i.e. material collected during times which flowering is impossible at the study area due to snow cover, we  
211 used the SnowUS data set (Iler *et al.* (2021), Tran *et al.* (2019)) from 2000-2017 were analyzed for the first  
212 three days of contiguous snow absence, and the first three days of contiguous snow cover in Fall. Herbarium  
213 records after the 3<sup>rd</sup> quantile for melt, and the 1<sup>st</sup> quantile for snow cover of these metrics were removed.  
214 Species with  $> 10$  records had their weibull distributions generated for the date when 10% of individuals had  
215 begun flowering, when 50% were flowering, and when 90% of individuals had flowered, we used the initiation  
216 and cessation dates, respectively, as effective start and ends of flowering.

217 **2.5.2 | Barcode references library**

218 All lab work was carried out at The Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center at the  
219 Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois, U.S.A.

220 **2.5.2.1 | Sampling Species for Barcoding** Using five years (2015-2020) of observational data on *Bombus*  
221 Queen Bee foraging at these studies sites, we identified the plant taxa most frequently visited by Queens  
222 across all years. We sequenced the 12 most commonly visited taxa twice using samples collected from one site  
223 within the Gunnison Basin River Drainage and one individual collected from another more distal population.  
224 In addition we included a congener - or a species from a closely related genus to serve as an outgroup for  
225 all 12 taxa. In addition we sequenced another 15 taxa commonly visited by *Bombus* workers, based on the

abundances, and immediate access to plant tissue, in the aforementioned data set (*APPENDIX 4*). Plant collections were identified typically using a combination, of dichotomous keys and primary literature as required (Flora of North America Editorial Committee (1993+), Hitchcock & Cronquist (2018), Ackerfield (2015), Lesica *et al.* (2012), Cronquist *et al.* (1977+), Allred & Ivey (2012), *Jepson flora project* (2020), Mohlenbrock (2002)).

**2.5.2.2 | Plant Genomic DNA Extraction** Plant genomic DNA was isolated from ~ 1 cm<sup>2</sup> of leaf tissue from silica-gel dried or herbarium material using a modified cetyltrimethylammonium (CTAB) protocol (Doyle & Doyle (1987)) that included two chloroform washes. DNA was quantified using a Nanodrop 2000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA) and Qubit fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

**2.5.2.3 | Pollen Genomic DNA Extraction** Pollen genomic DNA was extracted from corbiculae using a CTAB based protocol modified from Lahlamgiah et al. and Guertler et al. (2014, 2014). A SDS extraction buffer (350µL , 100mM Tris-HCl, 50 mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl, 10% SDS v/v., pH 7.5) was added followed by vortexing to allow dissolution of corbiculae. Pollen grains were then macerated with Kontes Pellet Pestles, and the tip of these washed with 130 µL of the SDS extraction buffer, samples were then incubated for 1 hour at 30°C. This was followed by the addition of 10% CTAB solution (450ul, of 20 mM Tris-Cl pH. 8.0, 1.4 M NaCl, 10 mM EDTA pH 7.5, 10% CTAB, 5% PVP, ~85% Deionized water) and RNase (10 uL of 10 mg/mL) and samples were incubated for 40 minutes at 37°C, on heat block (Multi-Blok, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham Massachusetts) set to 40°C. After 20 minutes incubation, Proteinase K (15 µL of 20mg/ml) and DTT (12.5 µL of 1M in water) were added, and the samples were further incubated at 60°C for 1 hour. Samples were then incubated overnight at 40°C. 500 µL of Phenol-Chloroform-Isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) were added, vortexed, and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes and the aqueous phase was pipetted to a 1.5 ml centrifuge tube.

To precipitate the DNA, chilled Isopropyl alcohol & 3 mM Sodium acetate (5:1) equivalent to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the volume of sample were added, with 1 hour of chilling at -20°C, followed by 10 minutes of centrifuging at 13,000 rpm. The supernatant was pipetted to a new 1.5 ml centrifuge tube, and 70% EtOH (400 µL) were added before chilling at -20°C for 20 minutes followed by centrifugation at 13,000 rpm for 10 minutes. Both tubes were then washed with 75% EtOH (400 µL), inverted, centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 4 minutes, and the solution discarded, then washed with 95% EtOH (400 µL) , inverted, centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 4 minutes, and the solution discarded. Pellets were dried at room temperature overnight before resuspension in nuclease free H<sub>2</sub>O. Extractions were assessed using a Nanodrop 2000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and Qubit

256 fluorometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). DNA extracts were then cleaned using 2:1 v./v. Sera-Mag beads  
257 (Cytiva, Little Chalfont, UK) to solute ratio following the manufacturer's protocol, eluted in 0.5x TE, and  
258 the eluent allowed to reduce by half volume in ambient conditions. DNA was quantified using a Qubit  
259 fluorometer.

260 **2.5.2.4 | Fragmentation, Library Preparation & Target Enrichment** Library preparation was  
261 performed using the NEBNext Ultra II FS-DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (New England BioLabs,  
262 Ipswich, Massachusetts, USA) using slightly modified manufacturers recommendation. Fragmentation was  
263 performed at  $\frac{1}{2}$  volume of reagents and  $\frac{1}{4}$  enzyme mix for 40 minutes at 37°C, with an input of 500 ng cleaned  
264 DNA. Adapter Ligation and PCR enrichment were performed with  $\frac{1}{2}$  volumes, while cleanup of products  
265 was performed using SPRI beads (Beckman Coulter, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA) and recommended volumes  
266 of 80% v./v. ethanol washes. The exception was the herbarium specimens which were not fragmented and  
267 only end repaired, with similar library preparation of all samples. Products were analysed on 4% agarose  
268 gels, and a Qubit fluorometer. Libraries were pooled and enriched with the Angiosperms 353 probe kit V.4  
269 (Arbor Biosciences myBaits Target Sequence Capture Kit) by following the manufacturer's protocol and  
270 Brewer et al. 2019. Sequencing was performed using an Illumina mi-Seq with 150-bp end reads, (NUSeq  
271 Core, Chicago, Illinois).

272 **2.6 | Computational Processes and Analyses.**

273 **2.6.1 | Reference Library Data Processing** Sequences were processed using Trimmomatic, which  
274 removed sequence adapters, clipped the first 3 bp, discarding reads less than 36 bp, and removing reads  
275 if their average PHRED score dropped beneath 20 over a window of 5 bp (Bolger & Giorgi (2014), Tange  
276 (2021)). Contigs generated were mapped to a reference with HybPiper with using target files created by  
277 M353 (Johnson *et al.* (2016), McLay *et al.* (2021)).

278 **2.6.2 | Sequence Identification** A custom Kraken2 database was created by downloading representative  
279 species indicated as being present in the study area by the spatial analyses from the Sequence Read Archive  
280 (SRA) NCBI (Wood *et al.* (2019)). These sequences were processed in the same manner as our novel  
281 sequences. The Kraken2 database was built using default parameters. Kraken2 was run on sequences using  
282 default parameters (*APPENDIX 5*). Following Kraken2, Bracken was used to classify sequences to terminal  
283 taxa (Lu *et al.* (2017)). Results from both Kraken2 and Bracken, results were reclassified manually to  
284 identify terminal taxa. For example, when only a single species of a genus was known in the study area, but

285 our database used a representative of another taxon in the genus, this species was coded as the result.

286 **2.6.3 | Identification of Sequence Matching Loci** A local NCBI database was built using the same  
287 processed novel and downloaded sequences as the previous database (Camacho *et al.* (2009)).

## 288 **3 | RESULTS**

### 289 **3.1 | Floral Observations**

290 The six sites were surveyed once weekly from May 27-July 27 for a total of 52 hours from . A total of 723  
291 queen-pollen foraging interactions were observed (range per bee species by week range = 1-18,  $\bar{x} = 3.46$ ,  
292 Mdn = 2), with a range of total observed interactions per bee species across this time period (min = 1,  $\bar{x}$   
293 = 59.08, Mdn = 19, max = 184). Plants varied widely in the number of interactions which they partook in  
294 with each species of bee (range per plant species by week min = 1 - 20,  $\bar{x} = 3.51$ , Mdn = 2), with a range  
295 of total observed interactions per plant species over this time period (min = 1,  $\bar{x} = 20.26$ , Mdn = 4, max =  
296 141). The number of plant species which bees were observed interacting with varied more narrowly (range  
297 = 1 - 18,  $\bar{x} = 8$ , Mdn = 6).

298 A total of 66 corbiculae loads were collected from Bees, 64 of them from Queens.

299 [Figure 1 about here.]

### 300 **3.1 | Spatial Analyses**

301 [Table 1 about here.]

302 [Table 2 about here.]

303 The median (25.009 km) of the logistic regression assessing the probability of occurrence of a species record as  
304 a function of distance from the study area was used as a threshold distance to include species for distribution  
305 modelling. A 2-sample test for equality of proportions with continuity correction (X-squared = 13.254, df  
306 = 1, p-value = 0.000136, 95% CI 0.04-1.00) was used to test whether more of the records located in the  
307 broad ecological sites present at the field station, between the distance of the median (25.009 km) to the  
308 third quantile (ca 43.830 km) of the regression distance, were true presences at the field station. Including

309 these records would have resulted in modelling an additional 222 species distributions of which 30 are true  
310 presences, these taxa were not modelled.

311 Across the entire spatial domain of modelling all ensembled models ( $n = 968$ ) had an accuracy of 0.84 (95%  
312 CI 0.8356 - 0.8443), kappa = 0.68, p-value < 0.001, sensitivity = 0.80, specificity = 0.87, AUC = 0.92.

313 In the area of the minimum-spanning tree encompassing the field sites, of the 554 vascular plants with biotic  
314 pollination syndromes, the 493 ML ensembles accurately predicted the presence of 362 (65.3%), incorrectly  
315 predicted the presence of 64 (11.6%), incorrectly predicted 34 true presences (6.1%) as being absent, and  
316 correctly predicted the true absence of 33 (6.0%). The balanced accuracy of the ensembled models is 0.627  
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320 true absence of 55 (9.9%). The balanced accuracy of the ensembled models is 0.664 (Sensitivity = 0.573,  
321 Specificity 0.754). Of the 554 vascular plants with biotic pollination syndromes in the flora 13 (2.3%) were  
322 in the Orchid family and 41 (7.4%) are non-natives, both of which are restricted from the database, and can  
323 only reduce the number of true predicted presences by roughly 10%.

324 At the six study plots, of the 117 plant species identified to the species level across the spatial extents of all  
325 plots and duration of queen bee activity, the ML ensembles predicted the presence of 105 (89.7%) of them,  
326 and LM ensembles 102 (87.2%). Of the missing species two (1.7%) are Orchids, six (5.1%) are non-native,  
327 and one (0.85%) is of contested taxonomic standing, all of which (7.65%) are restricted from the initial query  
328 database.

## 329 3.2 | Microscopic Pollen identification

330 Using the fuchsin jelly preparation and light microscopic analyses of grains and scoring of 10 character states  
331 resulted in the establishment of 28 morphotypes which grains could be classified into. APPENDIX 7. From  
332 the 60 samples that were counted and based on rarefaction we **had over % of expected morphotypes**  
333 **found** (morphotype richness,  $\bar{x} = 4.5$ , Mdn = 4, min = 1, max = 9), all samples had expected morphotype  
334 diversity reach the asymptote APPENDIX 8. The number of counted pollen grains in each sample range  
335 from (MIN - 16,293,  $\bar{x} = 2788.685$ , Mdn = 1453).

336 **SUMMARY REQUIRED - Number of species from number of families, and how many species**  
337 **are identified to species versus number only to genera**

339 **3.3 | Metabarcoding Pollen Identification**

340 **3.3.1 | Spatial Analyses to identify candidate taxa**

341 The median (25.009 km) of the logistic regression assessing the probability of occurrence of a species record as  
342 a function of distance from the study area was used as a threshold distance to include species for distribution  
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365 and one (0.85%) is of contested taxonomic standing, all of which (7.65%) are restricted from the initial query  
366 database.

367 **3.3.2 | Temporal Analysis**

368 The first date of modeled snow melt in the Gothic area ( $n = 17$ ,  $\bar{x} = 137.9$ , Mdn = 135, 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile =  
369 151), and the first date of a consistent winter snow base ( $n = 17$ ,  $\bar{x} = 299.9$ , Mdn = 300, 1<sup>st</sup> quartile =  
370 291) from 2000-2017, were used as delimiters for the inclusions of herbarium records in modelling. Of the  
371 439 species predicted likely present in the area via logistic regression, 332 species (64.4%) with more than 10  
372 records in the focal level 4 ecoregions ( $\bar{x} = 35.016$ , Mdn = 35, max = 96) had weibull estimates calculated,  
373 an additional 56 species (11.2%) with enough contributing records from the “Sedimentary Mid-Elevation  
374 Forests”, a large ecoregion generally just beneath the elevation bands occupied by the five ecoregions around  
375 the study area had weibull estimates also calculated ( $\bar{x} = 13.868$ , Mdn = 13, max = 24).

376 Only 58 of these 388 species ( $n = 34.568$ , Mdn = 31) were able to be compared to plot based observational  
377 data from the long term (1974–2012) data set (CaraDonna *et al.* (2014)). Of these species relatively high  
378 accord was observed between the long-term ground truthed data set, and the modelled species. There was  
379 very strong evidence that the weibull estimates were positively associated with the observed onset ( $r^2 =$   
380 0.72,  $p < 0.0001$ ,  $\tau = 0.61$ ) and peak ( $r^2 = 0.70$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ,  $\tau = 0.65$ ) of flowering, and that the number  
381 of herbarium samples had a moderate effect on the estimates ( $p = 0.004$  and  $p = 0.034$  respectively). There  
382 was very strong evidence that the weibull estimates had a positive association with the observed cessation  
383 of flowering ( $r^2 = 0.4339$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ,  $\tau = 0.489$ ), however there was no evidence that sample size had an  
384 effect ( $p = 0.349$ ). There was moderate evidence that the weibull estimates, with an effect of sample size,  
385 had a weak positive association with the observed duration of flowering ( $p = 0.0401$ ,  $r^2 = 0.07$ ,  $\tau = 0.17$ ).

386 [Figure 3 about here.]

387 **3.3.1 | Molecular analysis of corbiculae loads**

388 The 54 corbiculae loads had DNA extracted and underwent various steps towards hyb-seq, in the end a total  
389 of 44 corbiculae samples were sequenced, 7,752,353 reads were recovered from sequencing. The number of  
390 reads per sequence varied widely (range = 76 - 508,795,  $\bar{x} = 176,189.8$ , Mdn = 138,395). Of the possible 353  
391 loci, the number which were recovered from each sample, and informative to BLAST were range = 24 - 353,  
392  $\bar{x} = 305.5$ , Mdn = 331. The number of reads per loci from across all samples had a range of 178 - 506,653,  
393  $\bar{x} = 20,688$ , Mdn = 12,616. **APPENDIX X Reads Per Loci.**

394 ... with samples 22, and 41 both having < 100 reads indicates, virtual failure of these records (REMOVE  
395 from analyses).

396 After trimming 7,865,680 sequences remained. 10,682,538 reads were matched using Kraken, of the reads  
397 classified by Kraken 10,160,768 reads were matched using Bracken, of the reads classified by Kraken 7,549,608  
398 reads were matched using BLAST. Based upon subjective review of the three classifiers **APPENDIX X**  
399 **MOLECULAR NETWORKS - 3 DIFFERENT ONES**, BLAST was chosen as the classification  
400 method which yielded the most probable results by the field ecologist, and it's values were used for all  
401 subsequent analyses.

402 [Table 3 about here.]

403 The initial classification of sequences which were made by BLAST were reviewed programmatically, using  
404 predicted presence of the species (from spatial modelling), modelled flowering time (from temporal mod-  
405 elling), and taxonomy (from existing sources). A sequential process was utilized which reassigned sequences  
406 based on binary combinations of the factors above (Appendix XX). Given the relative sparsity of the number,  
407 and relatedness, of species represented in the sequence database this was performed to: 1) Identify locally  
408 present species represented by surrogates in the DB 2) Reduce false classifications of focal species 3) Identify  
409 high confidence sequence matches. Of the top ten taxa which were identified by BLAST for the 679 distinct  
410 records, 59.79% of the reads were classified to a species 42.49% representing of all classified reads, 36.38% of  
411 the reads were classified to genus representing 42.49% of all classified reads, and 3.83% of the records were  
412 classified to family 2.01% of all total sequences.

413 Of the 17 classifications which were assigned to genera without any species predicted by spatial analyses, were  
414 investigated by hand after post-processing steps. These were all assigned via post-processing conditions (B:  
415 10, E: 6, F: 1, APPENDIX XX). These were manually assigned to a variety of ranks, occasionally to genus -  
416 10, and species - 4, by consultation of the alpha-taxonomic literature (Sadeghian *et al.* (2015), Sennikov &  
417 Kurtto (2017), Rabeler & Wagner (2016), Pusalkar & Singh (2015), Moore & Bohs (2003), Weber (1998)).

418 To determine at which level species in pollen loads could be detected the results of light microscopy were  
419 compared to the molecular results. The pollen samples contained three morphotypes which could readily  
420 be identified via microscopy. Two of these mapped to the clades (Boraginaceae & Heliantheae Alliance),  
421 and one to a Asteraceae less Heliantheae. Boraginaceae grains were detected in 57.1% of samples where the  
422 proportion of target grains were between 0.01-1 ( $n = 14$  Mdn = 0.36). Asteraceae type 1, non-helianthoids,  
423 were detected in 40% of samples where the proportion of target grains were between 0.001-0.01 ( $n = 5$  Mdn  
424 = 0.003) Asteraceae type 2, Helianthoids, were detected in 42.9% of samples where the proportion of target  
425 grains were between 0.001-0.01 ( $n = 7$  Mdn = 0.007); however, Asteraceae were detected in 58.3% of samples  
426 where the proportion of target grains were between 0.001-0.01 ( $n = 12$  Mdn = 0.004). Both morphotypes

427 of Asteraceae pollen were detected in 66.7% of samples where the proportion of target grains were between  
428 0.01-1 (n = 3 Mdn = 0.664).

429 To detect whether the sequencing reads were semi-quantitative the subset of all pollen morphotypes distin-  
430 guishable by microscopy were compared to the sequence reads. In all instances sequence reads were pooled  
431 to the highest taxonomic rank associated with the morphotype, e.g. if both species of *Mertensia* Huth, or  
432 one species and read only classified to genus were present in a sample, the reads were summed. The total  
433 percentage of the ten most abundant grains per sample were then were then relativized to constitute the  
434 entire sample.

435 The relationship between the number of pollen grains in a sample and the number of sequence reads is roughly  
436 *curvilinear*, where grains which are present in trace amounts are overestimated by sequence counts, while  
437 grains present in high amounts are underestimated. This is likely due to the proportion of high false positives  
438 which occur in the classification process with NGS (BELL NOVEMEBER 2021). There was evidence of a  
439 strong correlation between the proportion of grains per morphotype and the number of sequences per group  
440 (0.19, p < 0.0001, n = 32).

441 To ascertain the extent to which records of multiple species in a family, which were suspected to be sampling  
442 artefacts occurred in molecular samples an index of similarity, ala jaccard, the affinity index was used  
443 to assess co-occurrence (Mainali *et al.* (2022), Mainali & Slud (2022)). Numerous taxa from the family  
444 Ranunculaceae Jussieu (*Caltha* L. sp., *Thalictrum* L. spp., *Trollius* L. sp., *Aquilegia* L. spp.), had  $\alpha$  scores  
445 which indicated that they are only present when a more common confamilial taxa *Delphinium barbeyi* (Huth)  
446 Huth *nuttallianum* Pritz. were recorded. A similar relationship was observed in the Hydrophyllaceae R.Br.  
447 with samples placed in *Nemophila* Nutt., which only occurred when the more abundant *Hydrophyllum* L.  
448 species were present.

### 449 3.6 | Integrated Observational, Molecular, and Palynological Network

450 While the spatial results were used to declare the taxonomic composition of the sequence database, temporal  
451 results were used in consideration with plant phylogeny to retroactively, reassign the assignment of sequences  
452 to taxa. Essentially, if a sequence was identified to a taxon which was not known from the field site  
453 For example a many sequences which mapped to the Asteraceae family, but which was flagged by temporal  
454 filters and is present in both *B. nevadensis* Cresson and *B. rufocinctus* Cresson pollen is most likely *Frasera*  
455 Walter, which failed extractions for the reference library failed (APPENDIX XX). A similar likely mismatch  
456 could be between what was fide molecular evidence as *Agastache pallidiflora* (A. Heller) Rydb. but where

457 feeding was infrequently observed on *Pedicularis* L., likely due to this entire order being represented by only  
458 a single molecular reference species.

459 Situations where SDM's led to incorrect results at the species level are evident with classification to *Scabrethia*  
460 *Scabra* (Hooker) W.A. Weber, this match almost certainly representing *Wyethia arizonica* A. Gray (Weber  
461 (1998)), a taxon known to be visited by Queen bee's via our floral observations.

462 It is not unlikely that much of the difference in the results between the observational and molecular work  
463 are attributable to the challenges in detecting rare events in these smaller sizes. For example, no more than  
464 10 bee corbiculae loads per species were sequenced with the Mdn = 9 . . . , and the median of interactions  
465 with the top 5 plant sizes constituted 0.9085145 of the top.

466 An expected inaccuracy of the classification scheme is in genus level placements, e.g. were *Epilobium* L.  
467 (Onagraceae Juss.) spp. were classified. However, given the small size of their flowers in the study area, these  
468 results more likely indicate that a species of *Chamaenerion* Seg. (a segregate genus) such as *C. angustifolium*  
469 (L.) Scop. or *latifolium* (L.) Sweet is occasionally utilized, as it supported by limited palynology data.

470 Accordingly, combining the results of floral observations, and palynology, molecular sequencing - both pre  
471 and post processing, we subjectively developed re-classifications of the contents of pollen grains . . .

## 472 4 | DISCUSSION

473 ~ **What we DEMONSTRATED** ~ We have demonstrated how the Angiosperms533 hyb-seq probes may  
474 be used for plant barcoding in a metagenomic context (Johnson *et al.* (2019), Hollingsworth *et al.* (2016)).  
475 This was exemplified in an ecologically relevant scenario, where the results have immediate implications  
476 for natural history driven fundamental science and land management. The test pollen loads contained  
477 a number of closely related taxa, some in notoriously morphologically difficult clades with rapid rates of  
478 diversification (e.g. *Mertensia*, *Lupinus* L.), at naturally occurring proportions (Nevado *et al.* (2016), Nazaire  
479 & Hufford (2014)). We incorporated spatial and temporal approaches for creating custom sequence databases  
480 an approach which is readily applicable to any lab group with the capacity to perform next-generation  
481 sequencing across the entirety of multiple continents, and which we expect to be highly beneficial in many  
482 study areas. By combining insights from these novel approaches with an extensive observational field based  
483 study we show how these methods may be applied to test a variety of hypotheses related to ecological  
484 interactions.

485 ~ **What CHALLENGES we FACED** ~ The SDM's which we generated, with relatively few occurrence  
486 records and few modelling iterations, performed beyond expectations, likely due to the utility of the predictor  
487 variables and strong alignment of vegetation by orographic precipitation in the study area. However, we had  
488 difficulties in evaluating our predictions in an operational context. We utilized the database query approach,  
489 to only model species with a high probability of not being dispersal limited to the focal area, and focused  
490 on a relevant subset of many of these species ranges to reduce the contributions of range wide adaptions  
491 on habitat (Sork (2018), Joshi *et al.* (2001)). While the models worked well compared to both test, and  
492 validation with external point data, moving from points to polygon features was more difficult. We were able  
493 to compare our results to 1) a Flora, 2) lists of plants used by Bumble Bees at plots; the former inappropriate  
494 in that it contained a great number of species which we sought to use modelling to reduce *e.g.* all strictly  
495 alpine species, and the latter inappropriate in that it contained only species relevant to *Bombus* but had no  
496 official 'absence' data. Further given the size of the minimum spanning tree (AREA???) which we extracted  
497 points to, a formal floristic inventory would still be a time intensive process. Accordingly, we expect the  
498 real results of our data lay somewhere in between these two evaluations; with an excess of species predicted  
499 present (Dubuis *et al.* (2011), Calabrese *et al.* (2014), Pinto-Ledezma & Cavender-Bares (2021)), but few  
500 enough that they lend themselves to metabarcoding. We observe that our models seemed very capable of  
501 effectively identifying alpine species and removing them in binomial contexts. Difficulties in temporal models  
502 related to variability in drivers of flowering phenology.

503 ~ **WHAT we learned about Bee foraging (BASIC)** ~ These results show that the overall results  
504 between **Bumble Bee ecology** observational and barcoding are largely congruent. But that ... We  
505 analyzed pollen loads from all of the most common bumble bee species in the area (Pyke (1982)) Future  
506 analyses of the long term data set...

507 Results from palynological analyses show that several species of bee show near perfect fidelity to the genus  
508 *Hydrophyllum* on a per visit basis... General results show high congruence between foraging and molecular  
509 results, indicating that concerns regarding mismatch between observational networks need not persist with  
510 *Bombus* studies...

511 ~ **WHAT this tells us about Bee foraging (APPLIED)** ~ Some foraging preferences of *Bombus*,  
512 both at this field site and across a great many localities globally emerge from this work, which reiterates the  
513 needs for land managers to maintain relatively high amounts of members of the Fabaceae, Boraginaceae, and  
514 Ranunculaceae, in Western North American montane landscapes (Goulson *et al.* (2005), Goulson (2010),

515 Liang *et al.* (2021), Bontsutsnaja *et al.* (2021)). Numerous historic, and some ongoing, land management  
516 practices reduce the ability of many landscapes to support stable populations of *Bombus*. Historic livestock  
517 grazing was often associated with the targeted removal of many species of plants which are known to have  
518 compounds toxic to cattle. In particular, the removal of locoweeds (Fabaceae: *Astragalus* L. & *Oxytropis* DC.)  
519 and larkspurs (Ranunculaceae: *Delphinium*) were common across public lands administered by the United  
520 States Forest Service (Ralphs & Ueckert (1988), Aldous (1919), Ralphs *et al.* (2003)). Further actions,  
521 generally initiated by early settlers, involved the channelization and incising of streams, culling of beavers,  
522 and leaving cattle concentrated on higher order stream banks for significant periods of time, all processes  
523 which lower the water tables and reduced the extent of stream-associated [riverine] wetlands and the mesic  
524 meadows fringes which provide habitat for many species of tall *Mertensia* (Boraginaceae, e.g. *M. ciliata* Torr.  
525 G. Don.) widely distributed across Western North America, and to an extent *Delphinium barbeyi* and many  
526 species of native *Trifolium* L. (Dahl (1990), Naiman *et al.* (1988), Belsky *et al.* (1999), Cooke & Reeves  
527 (1976)). Fire suppression further resulted in the succession of many Aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx.)  
528 groves to Conifer stands, decreasing the mosaic of age structured habitats in many landscapes, adversely  
529 effects habitat for tall *Mertensia* species and several species of *Delphinium* (Brewen *et al.* (2021), Keane  
530 (2002)). Finally the effects of Nitrogen deposition, especially given the West's rapidly growing population  
531 still pose adverse effects on the abundance of a variety of species of Fabaceae at Urban-Rural interfaces  
532 (see Stevens *et al.* (2018), Fenn *et al.* (2003)). Current solutions to these issues, involve targeted burns,  
533 reintroduction of beavers and beaver habitat analogs, and the possibility of re-seeding a variety of 'locoweeds'  
534 and 'larkspurs' in areas now seldom used, or only used for early, grazing. The highly enthusiastic response of  
535 land managers, and homeowners, to plant *Asclepias* L., using genetically appropriate materials, to improve  
536 Monarch Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus* L.) habitat provides an effective framework for the latter (Oberhauser  
537 *et al.* (2015), Basey *et al.* (2015)).

538 ~ **WHERE we see spatial/temporal going** We have concerns regarding the number of persons training  
539 to become and practice botany, and grave concerns regarding the funding mechanisms for floristic and field  
540 based botanical research and for centralized authorities to produce consensus opinions on alpha taxonomy  
541 (Prather *et al.* (2004b), Kramer & Havens (2015), Prather *et al.* (2004a), Crisci *et al.* (2020), Manzano  
542 (2021), Stroud *et al.* (2022)). To reduce the effects of a low population density of botanists on the mainte-  
543 nance of and production of flora's and to foster meta-genomics across landscapes without field stations we  
544 utilized Species Distribution Modelling to generate predictive species lists. In this proof of concept example  
545 we performed several iterations of modelling runs, and several approaches (i.e. the 'linear models', and the  
546 'machine learning'), which took notable amounts of compute power. We suspect the possible deleterious

547 nature of this endeavor may be reduced by: 1) more field surveying by crews will reduce the need to generate  
548 as many species 2) fewer runs of models, 3) only running machine learning models which do not require an  
549 explicitly process to reduce spatial autocorrelation. However, given the time required to perform all aspects  
550 of a study, even our amount of computation was negligible. Further, we are very optimistic about the pos-  
551 sibility for persons to perform these tasks, as mentioned we utilized roughly only one quarter of the records  
552 which were digitally available for presence, and we suspect others will have enough records to perform this  
553 process nearly anywhere else in the temperate. In certain scenarios modelling of predicted species via more  
554 formally tailored S(tacked)-SDM or J(oint)-SDM approaches may be beneficial (Wilkinson *et al.* (2021),  
555 Pinto-Ledezma & Cavender-Bares (2021), Schmitt *et al.* (2017)).

556 Tandem to the lack of continued expertise required to generate and maintain species lists, is the expertise  
557 required to continue tracking when major phenological events occur in many plant species at relatively fine  
558 scales or under novel climates. Knowledge of these events is currently limited to general time periods of only  
559 a handful of phenological events and groups of organisms (e.g. flowering initiation, or trees) (Prather *et al.*  
560 (2004a), Li *et al.* (2016)). While many programs and initiatives exist to collect phenological information on  
561 subsets of easily identifiable charismatic species to detect major trends in phenology, these capture only a  
562 subset of the extent diversity (Betancourt *et al.* (2005), Havens *et al.* (2007)). In many instances it appears  
563 that while landscapes respond similarly to environmental variables which predict phenological responses,  
564 that individual species vary widely in their responses to similar environmental cues, or respond to different  
565 cues (Augspurger & Zaya (2020), Xie *et al.* (2015), Xie *et al.* (2018), CaraDonna *et al.* (2014)). **As can**  
566 **be seen here, predictions of when a single, major phenological event occurs is already data**  
567 **limited, with sample size having an effect on the subset of species which we could even generate**  
568 **weibull estimates for. ; check assumptions of model again and just do a quasi something A**  
569 more promising approach for the tropics may lay in circular statistics (Park *et al.* (2022)).

570 ~ WHERE we see MOLECULAR going The nearly complete Plant and Fungal Tree of Life (PAFTOL)  
571 will provide a comprehensive phylogenetic backbone of the entire plant kingdom, and the inclusion of  
572 A353 probes with lineage specific probe sets is common in producing massive genetic datasets (Baker *et*  
573 *al.* (2021b)). We predict that the A353 probes which it is utilizing to work nearly immediately for DNA  
574 barcoding of whole plant material, and that more elaborate validation studies in controlled metabarcoding  
575 settings, utilizing existing experimental designs, will have favorable results (Bell *et al.* (2017), Bell *et al.*  
576 (2019), Bell *et al.* (2021), Lamb *et al.* (2019)). In particular the harvesting of loci with more variation  
577 in certain lineages, and or with more variable flanking regions, will prove promising for identifying closely

578 related plant material (CITE). We suspect that conserved reaches of genes resulted in the high amounts  
579 of reads in somewhat obscure species. Given that the A353 loci are nuclear, single copy, and a variety are  
580 present the possibility of identifying target loci for quantitative purposes is high, without continual PCR  
581 enrichment is possible; this would align with relatively high efficacy of WGS (Lang *et al.* (2019), Peel *et al.*  
582 (2019), Bell *et al.* (2021)). Recent evidence indicates that the potential for identifying nearly cryptic taxa  
583 and even infra-specific inference, of either whole plant material, and perhaps in metagenomic context are  
584 possible (Ottenlips *et al.* (2021), Wenzell *et al.* (2021), Loke et al. in prep, Slimp *et al.* (2021), Beck *et al.*  
585 (2021)). We further believe that in synthetic phylogenetic trees - with incorporation of NGS backbones - will  
586 allow in automatic reassignment of reads as a function of phylogenetic distance with measures of uncertainty  
587 (Hinchliff *et al.* (2015), Smith & Brown (2018), Baker *et al.* (2021a)).

## 588 5 | CONCLUSION

589 We believe that the combination of spatial and temporal models, united and guided by localized natural  
590 history knowledge, provides the essential components of a bayesian framework for approaching the coarse  
591 elucidation of ecological interactions using DNA Barcoding. Herein we crudely utilized this thinking via  
592 binary outcomes, should a species predicted be predicted present or not? Is it unequivocally flowering  
593 or not? Myriad data show biological systems and ecological interactions have more variance than can be  
594 reasonably discretely parsed. We expect that within a bayesian framework studies of pollinator behavior  
595 may be enacted via this approach at a landscape level, e.g. the scale of an entire drainage basin such as the  
596 Gunnison which is quickly becoming one of the worlds few model ecosystems. We hope that the promise of  
597 A353 probes as tools for metabarcoding play a role in these endeavors.

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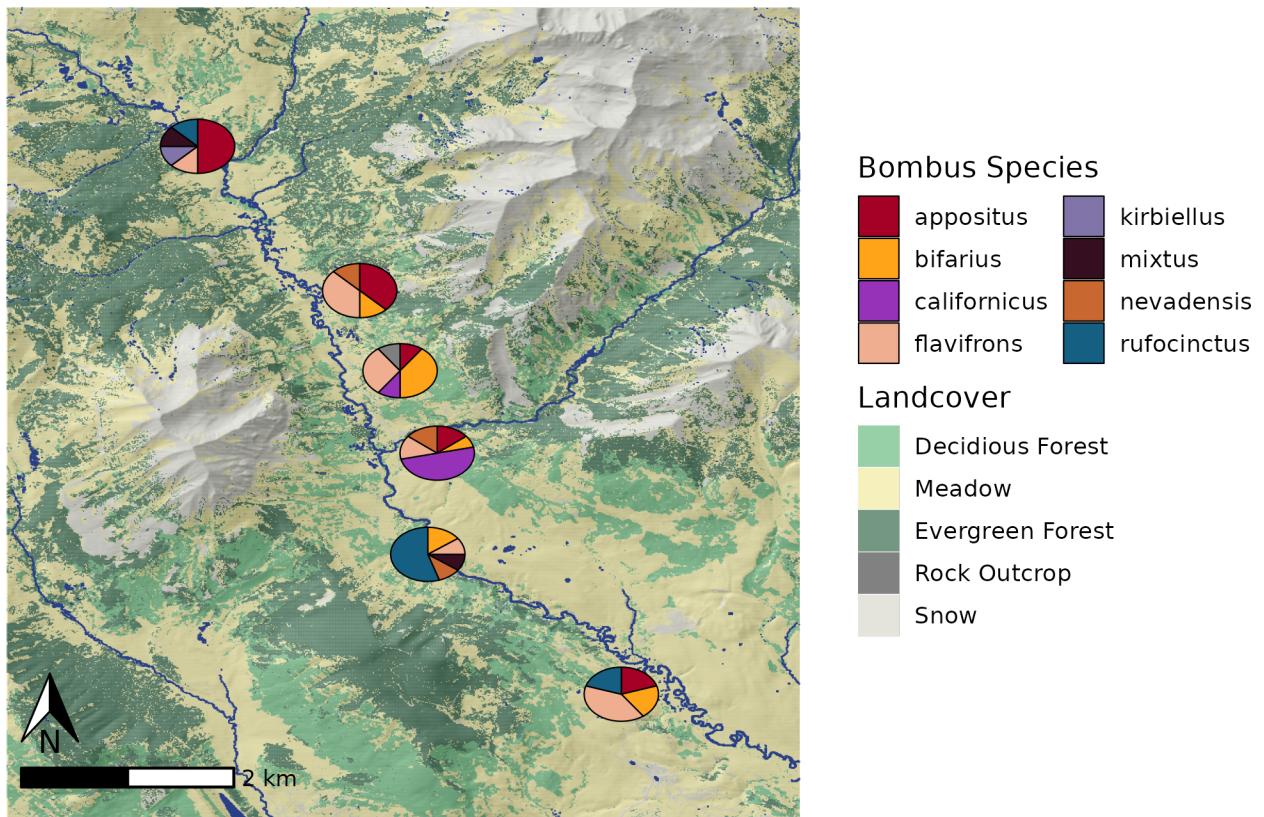
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634 **Supporting**

## Origins of Corbiculae Loads



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## 637 Appendix 2 - Species Distribution Models Predictors

Layer	LM	Description	Source
1.	N	Mean annual cloudiness - MODIS	Wilson et al. 2016
2.	Y	Cloudiness seasonality 1 - MODIS	Wilson et al. 2016
3.	N	Cloudiness seasonality 2 - MODIS	Wilson et al. 2016
4.	Y	Cloudiness seasonality 3 - MODIS	Wilson et al. 2016
5.	N	Beginning of the frost-free period	Wang et al.
6.	N	Climatic moisture deficit	Wang et al.
7.	N	Degree-days above 5C	Wang et al.
8.	N	Mean annual precipitation	Wang et al.
9.	Y	Mean annual precipitation as snow	Wang et al.
10.	Y	Temperature seasonality	Wang et al.
11.	Y	2015 Percent Grass/Herbaceous cover - MODIS	(MOD44B)
12.	Y	2015 Percent Tree cover from Landsat 7/8	(GLCF)
13.	Y	Soil probability of bedrock (R Horizon)	SoilGrids
14.	N	Soil organic carbon (Tonnes / ha)	SoilGrids
15.	N	Surface soil pH in H <sub>2</sub> O	SoilGrids
16.	Y	Surface soil percent sand	SoilGrids
17.	Y	Soil USDA class	SoilGrids
18.	N	Topographic elevation	EarthEnv DEM
19.	Y	Topographic elevation, moving window.	EarthEnv DEM
20.	Y	Topographic percent slope	EarthEnv DEM
21.	Y	Topographic wetness index	EarthEnv DEM
22.	Y	Topographic aspect	EarthEnv DEM
23.	Y	Annual potential solar radiation computed	r.sun
24.	N	Estimated actual (w/-cloud) solar radiation	r.sun / Wilson et al. 2016
25.	Y	Log-transformed distance to surface water	Global Surface Water Explorer
26.	Y	Percent surface water	Global Surface Water Explorer

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<i>Cirsium parryi</i> (A. Gray) Petr.	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	20.IX.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Cirsium parryi</i> (A. Gray) Petr.	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	20.IX.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Ericameria parryi</i> (A. Gray) G.L. Nesom & Baird	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	20.IX.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i> (Lindley) De Candolle	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Erigeron subtrinervis</i> Rydb. Ex Porter & Britton	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	20.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Helianthella quinquenervis</i> (Hook.) A. Gray	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Helianomeris multiflora</i> Nutt.	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Heterotheca villosa</i> (Pursh) Shinners	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	20.IX.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Senecio sera</i> Hook.	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	P	Idaho, Idaho	26.VII.2020	tba	105.0
<i>Symplytrichum foliacum</i> (Lindl. Ex D.C.) G.L. Nesom	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Illinois, McHenry	28.VII.2020	tba	1624.6
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F.H. Wigg.	Asteraceae	CHIC tba	S	Illinois, McHenry	28.VII.2020	tba	1624.6
<i>Mertenia ciliata</i> (James ex Torr.) G. Don	Boraginaceae	ID 1754185	S	Idaho, Valley	18.VI.2018	tba	979.3
<i>Mertenia ciliata</i> (James ex Torr.) G. Don	Boraginaceae	ID 169837	P	Idaho, Adams	10.VII.2014	tba	991.5
<i>Mertensia fusiformis</i> Greene	Boraginaceae	RMH 720522	P	Colorado, Gunnison	7.VI.1997	tba	44.8
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> L.	Campanulaceae	RMH 720600	P	Colorado, Gunnison	9.VII.1997	tba	38.9
<i>Lathyrus lanszwertii</i> Kellogg var. leucanthus (Ryd.) Dorn	Fabaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Lathyrus lanszwertii</i> Kellogg var. leucanthus (Ryd.) Dorn	Fabaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Pursh	Fabaceae	CHIC tba	P	Nevada, Pershing	29.V.2018	tba	971.2
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Pursh	Fabaceae	ISU 10387	P	Colorado, Gunnison	29.VI.2010	tba	0.2
<i>Lupinus bakeri</i> Greene	Fabaceae	ISU 10142	P	Colorado, Gunnison	15.VIII.2010	tba	2.6
<i>Vicia americana</i> Muhl. ex Willd.	Fabaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Vicia americana</i> Muhl. ex Willd. var. minor Hook.	Fabaceae	CHIC tba	S	Montana, Carbon	4.VII.2019	tba	10020.8
<i>Frasera speciosa</i> Douglas ex Griseb	Gentianaceae	RMH 721930	P	Colorado, Gunnison	20.VI.1997	tba	66.2
<i>Frasera speciosa</i> Douglas ex Griseb	Gentianaceae	RMH 719305	P	Colorado, Gunnison	7.VII.1997	tba	19.8
<i>Hydrophyllum capitatum</i> Douglas ex. Benth	Hydrophyllaceae	RMH tba	P	Colorado, Mesa	30.VI.2011	tba	64.6
<i>Hydrophyllum capitatum</i> Douglas ex. Benth	Hydrophyllaceae	RMH tba	P	Colorado, Delta	8.VI.2011	tba	65.3
<i>Hydrophyllum fendleri</i> (Gray) Heller	Hydrophyllaceae	ID 161100	P	Washington, Yakima	9.VI.2008	tba	1429.7
<i>Hydrophyllum fendleri</i> (Gray) Heller	Hydrophyllaceae	ID 164040	P	Idaho, Idaho	27.V.2009	tba	1014.4
<i>Agastache pallidiflora</i> (Heller) Rydberg	Lamiaceae	CHIC tba	S	Arizona, Coconino	17.VII.2020	tba	617.7
<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> (L.) Holub	Lamiaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Delphinium barbeyi</i> (Huth) Huth	Ranunculaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i> Pritz.	Ranunculaceae	ID 166162	P	Idaho, Gem	15.VI.2011	tba	9825.5
<i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i> Pritz.	Ranunculaceae	ID 179376	P	Idaho, Gooding	29.IV.2017	tba	733.7
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> Pursh	Rosaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> Pursh	Rosaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6
<i>Potentilla hippiana</i> Lehman.	Rosaceae	CHIC tba	S	New Mexico, Catron	15.VIII.2020	tba	573.8

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Potentilla pulcherrima Lehman.	Rosaceae	CHIC tba	S	Colorado, Gunnison	18.VII.2020	tba	3.6

<sup>a</sup> Accession includes both Herbarium and Accession number

<sup>b</sup> Pres. refers to Preservation method. 'S' denotes silica gel dried, 'P' denotes pressed

<sup>c</sup> All Localities are in the United States of America

641 Appendix 4 - All Pollen Reference Slides Used to Establish Morphotypes

Table 1: All Pollen Voucher Slides Consulted

Taxon	Family	Locality	Accession	Type	Prepared by	Date
<i>Cymopterus lemnoides</i> (J.M. Coulter & Rose) Dorn	Apiaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> L.	Apiaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Ligusticum porteri</i> J.M. Coulter & Rose	Apiaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Osmorhiza depauperata</i> Phil.	Apiaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i> (L.) Link	Asparagaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Achillea millefolium</i> L.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Acourtia wrightii</i> (A. Gray) Reveal & King	Asteraceae	NV, Clark, Gold Butte	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Antennaria racemosissima</i> Hook.	Asteraceae	WY, Park, Ishawooa Mesa	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Arnica latifolia</i> Bong.	Asteraceae	ID, Blaine, Wildhorse Canyon	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Artemisia scopulorum</i> A. Gray	Asteraceae	CO, Hinsdale, Uncompahgre Peak	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Canadanthus modestus</i> (Lindl.) G.L. Nesom	Asteraceae	ID, Idaho, Whiskey Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Chaenactis douglasii</i> (Hook.) Hook. & Arn.	Asteraceae	MT, Carbon, Pryor Mtn. Rd.	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Erigeron corymbosus</i> Nutt.	Asteraceae	MT, Carbon, Pryor Mtn. Rd.	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Erigeron flagellaris</i> A. Gray	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i> (Lind.) DC.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Erigeron speciosus</i> (Lindl.) DC.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Helianthella quinquenervis</i> (Hook.) A. Gray	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Heliotropium multiflorum</i> Nutt.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Heliotropium multiflorum</i> Nutt.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Heterotheca villosa</i> (Pursh) Shinners	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Heterotheca villosa</i> (Pursh) Shinners	Asteraceae	AZ, Coconino, Lake Mary Rd. & 209	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i> (A. Gray) Bierner	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Hymenoxys rusbyi</i> (A. Gray) Cockerell	Asteraceae	AZ, Coconino, Lake Mary Rd. & 209	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Ionactis stenomeria</i> (A. Gray) Greene	Asteraceae	ID, Idaho, Marshall Mountains	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Senecio hydrophilus</i> Nutt.	Asteraceae	ID, Custer, E. fl. Salmon River	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Senecio integrerrimus</i> Nutt.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Senecio serrula</i> Hook.	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Senecio wootonii</i> Greene	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Solidago lepida</i> DC.	Asteraceae	ID, Idaho, American River	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Symphotrichum foliacum</i> (Lindl. ex DC.) G.L. Nesom	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Symphotrichum subspicatum</i> (Nees) G.L. Nesom	Asteraceae	ID, Custer, E. fl. Salmon River	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F.H. Wigg	Asteraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F.H. Wigg	Asteraceae	IL, McHenry, Barrington	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lappula squarrosa</i> (Retz.) Dumort.	Boraginaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Mertensia ciliata</i> (James ex Torr.) G. Don	Boraginaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Mertensia fusiformis</i> Greene	Boraginaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Boechera</i>	Brassicaceae	NV, Washoe, Mt. Rose	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Boechera stricta</i> (Graham) Al-Shehbaz	Brassicaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Cardamine cordifolia</i> A. Gray	Brassicaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Draba aurea</i> Vahl. Ex Hornem	Brassicaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014

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<i>Draba spectabilis</i> Greene	Brassicaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Erysimum capitatum</i> (Douglas ex Hook.) Greene	Brassicaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Lepidium montanum</i> Nutt.	Brassicaceae	NM, Catron, Zuni Dry Lake	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Smelowskia americana</i> Rydb.	Brassicaceae	ID, Blaine, Pioneer Mtns Crest	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i> L.	Brassicaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> L.	Campanulaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> L.	Campanulaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Downingia</i>	Campanulaceae	CA, Nevada, Truckee Meadows	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lonicera involucrata</i> (Richardson) Banks ex Spreng.	Caprifoliaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Minuartia nuttallii</i> (Pax.) Briq.	Caryophyllaceae	ID, Blaine, Wildhorse Canyon	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Stellaria longifolia</i> Muh. Ex. Willd.	Caryophyllaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Parnassia kotzebuei</i> Cham. ex Spreng	Celastraceae	ID, Lemhi, Terrace Lakes	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i> Torr.	Crassulaceae	ID, Lemhi, Terrace Lakes	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Astragalus robbinsii</i> (Oakes) A. Gray	Fabaceae	ID, Custer, Lake Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i> Nutt.	Fabaceae	ID, Butte, Warm Springs Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lathyrus eucomus</i> Butters & H. St. John	Fabaceae	NM, Catron, Zuni Salt Lake	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lathyrus lanszwertii</i> var. <i>leucanthus</i> (Rydb.) Dorn	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Lathyrus lanszwertii</i> var. <i>leucanthus</i> (Rydb.) Dorn	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Pursh	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Pursh	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lupinus argenteus</i> Pursh	Fabaceae	NV, Pershing, Star Peak Canyon	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Lupinus crassus</i> Payson	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Lupinus sericeus</i> Pursh	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Melilotus albus</i> Medik.	Fabaceae	NM, Catron, Hwy 159	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Trifolium hybridum</i> L.	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Vicia americana</i> Muhl. Ex Willd.	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Vicia americana</i> Muhl. Ex Willd.	Fabaceae	UT, Cache, Spawn Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Vicia americana</i> Muhl. Ex Willd.	Fabaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Geranium</i>	Geraniaceae	NM, Catron, Jim Smith TH. Rd.	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Geranium richardsonii</i> Fisch. Trautv.	Geraniaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Phacelia</i> sp.	Hydrophyllaceae	NV, Nye, Toiyabe Crest	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Iris missouriensis</i> Nutt.	Iridaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Agastache palliflora</i> (A. Heller) Rydb.	Lamiaceae	AZ, Coconino, Lake Mary Rd. & 209	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Erythronium grandiflorum</i> Pursh	Liliaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Linum lewisii</i> Pursh	Linaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Zigadenus elegans</i> Pursh	Melanthiaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Anticlea elegans</i> (A. Gray) Zomlefer & Judd	Melanthiaceae	ID, Blaine, Wildhorse Canyon	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Cistanthe/Calyptidium</i>	Montiaceae	NV, Nye, Toiyabe Crest	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> (L.) Holub	Onagraceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Epilobium obcordatum</i> A. Gray	Onagraceae	ID, Lemhi, Bighorn Crags	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Castilleja miniata</i> Douglas ex Hook.	Orobanchaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010

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<i>Castilleja sulphurea</i> Rydb.	Orobanchaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Pedicularis groenlandica</i> Retz.	Orobanchaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Pedicularis racemosa</i> Douglas ex Benth.	Orobanchaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Corydalis aurea</i> Willd.	Papaveraceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Erythranthe guttata</i> (DC.) G.L. Nesom	Phrymaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Penstemon wilcoxii</i> Rydb.	Plantaginaceae	MT, Missoula, Mission Mtns vic.	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Collomia linearis</i> Nutt.	Polemoniaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Phlox condensata</i> (A. Gray) E.E. Nelson	Polemoniaceae	CO, Hinsdale, Uncompahgre Peak	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Polemonium foliosissimum</i> A. Gray	Polemoniaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Polemonium occidentale</i> Greene	Polemoniaceae	ID, Custer, Lake Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Polemonium viscosum</i> Nutt.	Polemoniaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2010
<i>Bistorta bistortoides</i> (Pursh) Small	Polygonaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Eriogonum</i> spp.	Polygonaceae	NV, Washoe, Hwy 445	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Polygala barbeyana</i> Chodat	Polygonaceae	NM, Eddy, Yeso Hills	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Polygonum polygaloides</i> L.	Polygonaceae	MT, Missoula, Mission Mtns	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Androsace filiformis</i> Retz.	Primulaceae	ID, Custer, Bradshaw Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> E. James	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> E. James	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Aquilegia elegantula</i> Greene	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Delphinium barbeyi</i> (Huth) Huth	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i> Pritz. Ex Walp.	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Ranunculus alismifolius</i> Geyer ex Benth.	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Ranunculus glaberrimus</i> Hook.	Ranunculaceae	ID, Lemhi, Agency Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Ranunculus inamoenus</i> Greene	Ranunculaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Ranunculus</i> spp.	Ranunculaceae	NV, Washoe, Mt. Rose	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Thalictrum sparsiflorum</i> Tuzc. Ex Fisch. & C.A. Mey.	Ranunculaceae	ID, Custer, E. fk. Salmon River	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Dasiphora fruticosa</i> (L.) Rydb.	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Dasiphora fruticosa</i> (L.) Rydb.	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i> Duchesne	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Geum triflorum</i> Pursh	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Potentilla biennis</i> Greene	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Potentilla hippiana</i> Lehm.	Rosaceae	NM, Catron, Jim Smith TH.Rd.	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Potentilla pulcherrima</i> Lehm.	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Physical	P.J.C.	2014
<i>Potentilla pulcherrima</i> Lehm.	Rosaceae	CO, Gunnison, Washington Gulch	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Salix bebbiana</i> Sarg.	Salicaceae	ID, Custer, Lake Creek	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Salix geyeriana</i> Andersson	Salicaceae	ID, Butte, Clyde	tba	Novo	E.J.W.	2021
<i>Mitella stauropetala</i> Piper	Saxifragaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Valeriana occidentalis</i> A. Heller	Valerianaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010
<i>Viola canadensis</i> L.	Violaceae	CO, Gunnison, Gothic	None	Image	H.M.B.	2010

\* All Localities are in the United States of America

† Accession refers to whole-plant vouchers, all specimens are deposited at CHIC.

‡ Type Refers to whether both a physical and digital copy exist; 'Image' denotes only digital

§ Date refers to the Date of preparation.

645 POLLEN CLUSTER RESULTS SHOULD BE HERE

- 1a: Pollen shed in clumps (tetrads/polyads); grains generally triangular, with an annulus subtending the porate apertures (go 34)
- 1b: Pollen generally dispersed as single units (monads); grains seldom if ever with annulus.
- 2a: Apertures porate, always lacking colpi
- 3a: grain outline from equatorial view circular
- 4a: Pores distributed along the equator.
- 5a: Pores > 5 (stephanoporate)
- 6a: Ornamentation homobrochate (~ *MENTZELIA*)
- 6b: Ornamentation otherwise (~ *POLYGALA*)
- 5b: Pores < 5 (*CURRENTLY OPEN*)
- 4b: Pores +/- distributed across grain (pantoporate)
- 7a: Ornamentation with striate ornamentation (~ *POLEMONIUM*)
- 7b: Ornamentation otherwise
- 8a: Ornamentation, slightly irregular - without regularly repeating features (scabrate) (~ *STELLARIA*)
- 8b: Ornamentation forming regularly repeating (reticulate) cells of varying shapes.
- 9a: spacing between the grid cells large (lophate), the walls of the cells with another set of projecting ornamentation (~ *OPUNTIA*)
- 9b: spacing between cells small, the wall of the cells without projecting features.
- 10a: Pores extending beyond the reticulate grids (~ *ARENARIA*)
- 10b: Pores extending beyond the reticulate grids (~ *PHLOX*)
- 3b: Outline from equatorial view otherwise (usually slightly triangular)
- 11a: Outline elliptic (*CURRENTLY EMPTY*)
- 11b: Outline not elliptic, grains often with acute, if rounded, angles along sides (e.g., triangular, polygonal) (*EMPTY*)
- 2b: Apertures with colpi, occasionally also with pores in addition (coporate)
- 12a: Grains with bristles tapering to points (echinate), and tri-colporate.
- 13a: Grains uniformly echinate, less the apertures. (Asteraceae 1)
- 13b: Grains with echinate bristles on ridges of lophae (Asteraceae 2)
- 12b: Grains without echinate ornamentation - this lead includes projections with ornamentation with round tips.
- 14a: Grains with either less than 3 apertures, or with two distinct ornamentation types (generally  $\frac{1}{2}$  psilate,  $\frac{1}{2}$  reticulate).
- 15a. Grains apparently lacking any apertures. (~ *IRIS*)
- 15b. Grains aperturate
- 16a. Ornamentation on one face of grain psilate, the other homobrochate (~ *ZIGADENUS + ANTICLEA*)
- 16b. Ornamentation psilate across both faces of grain (~*ERYTHONIUM*)
- 14b. Grains with either 3 or more apertures, or with an elongated spiral like aperture
- 17a. Grain with spiral like colpi
- 18a. Spiral with deep well-defined furrows (~ *ERYTHRANTHE GUTTATA*, syn. obsolete. *MIMULUS*)
- 18b. Spirals without well-defined grooves, ornamentation evidently perforate (~ *RANUNCULUS ALISMIFOLIUS*)
- 17b. Grains with colpi these not forming irregular spiral motifs.
- 19a. Grains elliptic, essentially perfectly cylindrical along longest axis, except for minor inundations along equatorial region. Apertures, of two types (heteroaperturate). (~ *BORAGINACEAE*)
- 19b Grains shaped similar or not, but never heteroaperturate.
- 20a. From a polar view, grains notably polygonal (hexagonal), also evident when seldom seen from a equatorial view. (~ *PHACELIA*/ maybe *Hydrophyllaceae*, *Hydrophyllum* not sampled)
- 20b. From a polar view, grains not with 6 convex apices

- 21a. Grains elliptic, with a short colporate aperture on each psilate face, the edges of each face and the apices with a distinct (homobrochate) textured ornamentation. (~ POLYGONUM)
- 21b. Grains otherwise, not featuring a mix of ornamentations independent of the apertures.
- 22a. Ornamentation perforate, the three colpi very short, their longest axis parallel to the equator rather than perpendicular. These colpi often times almost appearing to be slightly raised on an annulus like feature (~ LONICERA)
- 22b. Grains not as described in all aspects of the above.
- 23a. Apertures colporate
- 24a. Outline of grain in equatorial view circular, ornamentation smooth. (~MORPHOTYPE A).
- 24b. Grains otherwise
  - 25a Grains distinctly triangular from polar view (go 26)
  - 25b Grains elliptic (go 27)
    - 26a Grains very large, clearly strongly triangular in cross section. (~ GERANIUM)
    - 26b Grains smaller (SIZE), weakly triangular in cross section (~ POTENTILLA/DASIPHORA in part)
    - 27a Grains elliptic to weakly circular (~MORPHOTYPE B)
    - 27b Grains elliptic, much longer pole to pole than across equator.
    - 28a Grains with evident protrusions of the pore, colpi short, scarcely noticeable (~ APIACEAE)
- 23b. Apertures colpate
  - 30a Ornamentation psilate (~MORPHOTYPE C).
  - 30b Ornamentation otherwise
    - 31a Ornamentation homobrochate (~ MORPHOTYPE D)
    - 31b Ornamentation otherwise
      - 32a. Ornamentation bacculate, grains large, (~LINUM)
      - 32b. Ornamentation otherwise
        - 33a. Ornamentation of minor cross-corrugated grooves (fossulate) (~CORYDALIS)
        - 33b. Ornamentation of scarcely perceptible irregular features (scabrate) (~RANUNCULUS IN PART)

34a: Annula subtending the apertures – making grains appear more or less triangular; Pollen often with viscin threads (ONAGRACEAE)

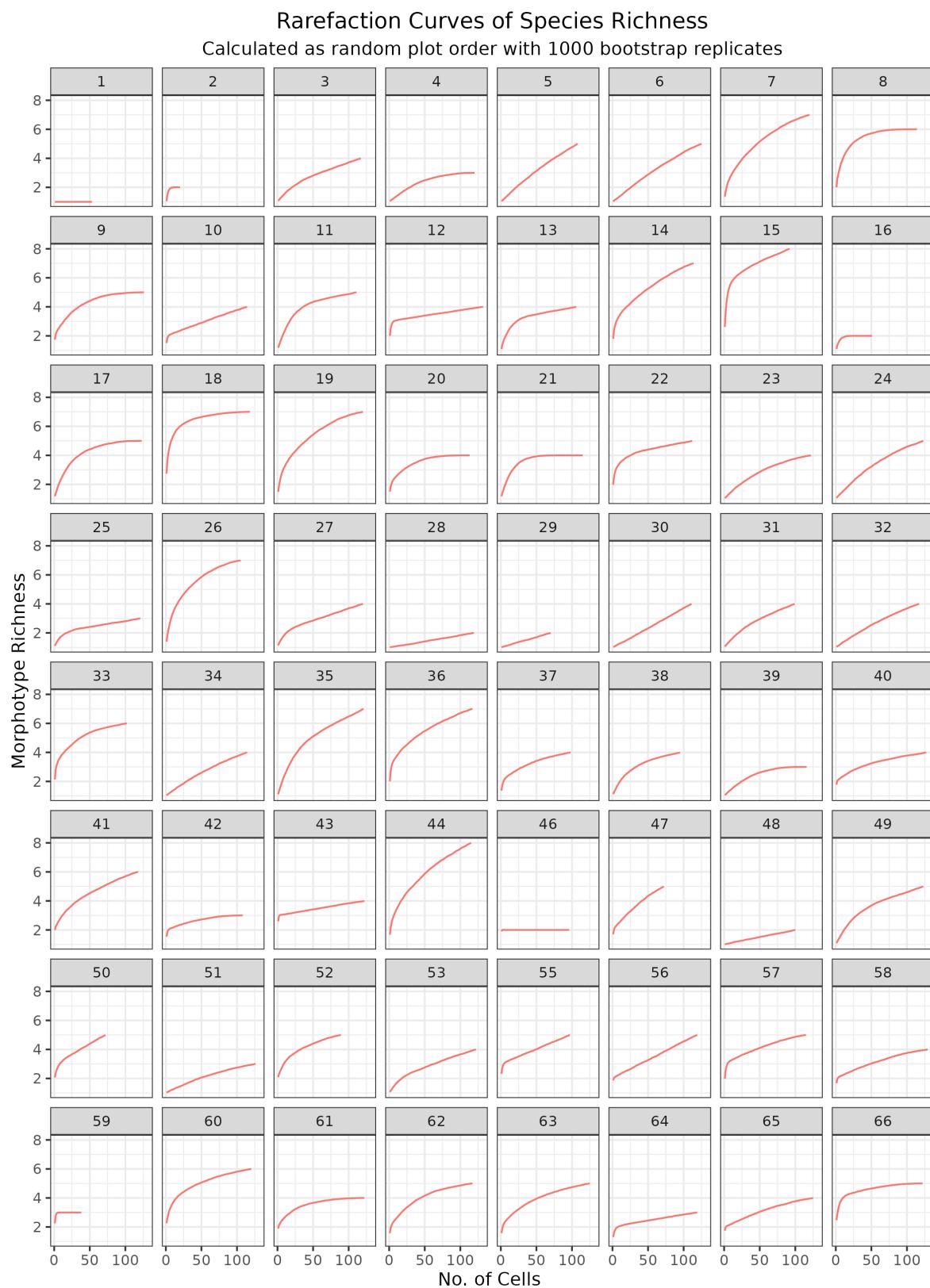
34b: Apertures not annulate – grains appear more or less circular (~ERICACEAE)

Morphotype A: Trifolium, Lupinus, Glycrrhiza, Mitella, Geum

Morphotype B: Lupinus, Lathyrus, Potentilla, Androsace, Bistorta, Vicia

Morphotype C: Jeffersonia, Micranthes, Prunus, Delphinium, Androsace, Penstemon, Orthocarpus, Scutellaria, Aquilegia, Castilleja, Draba)

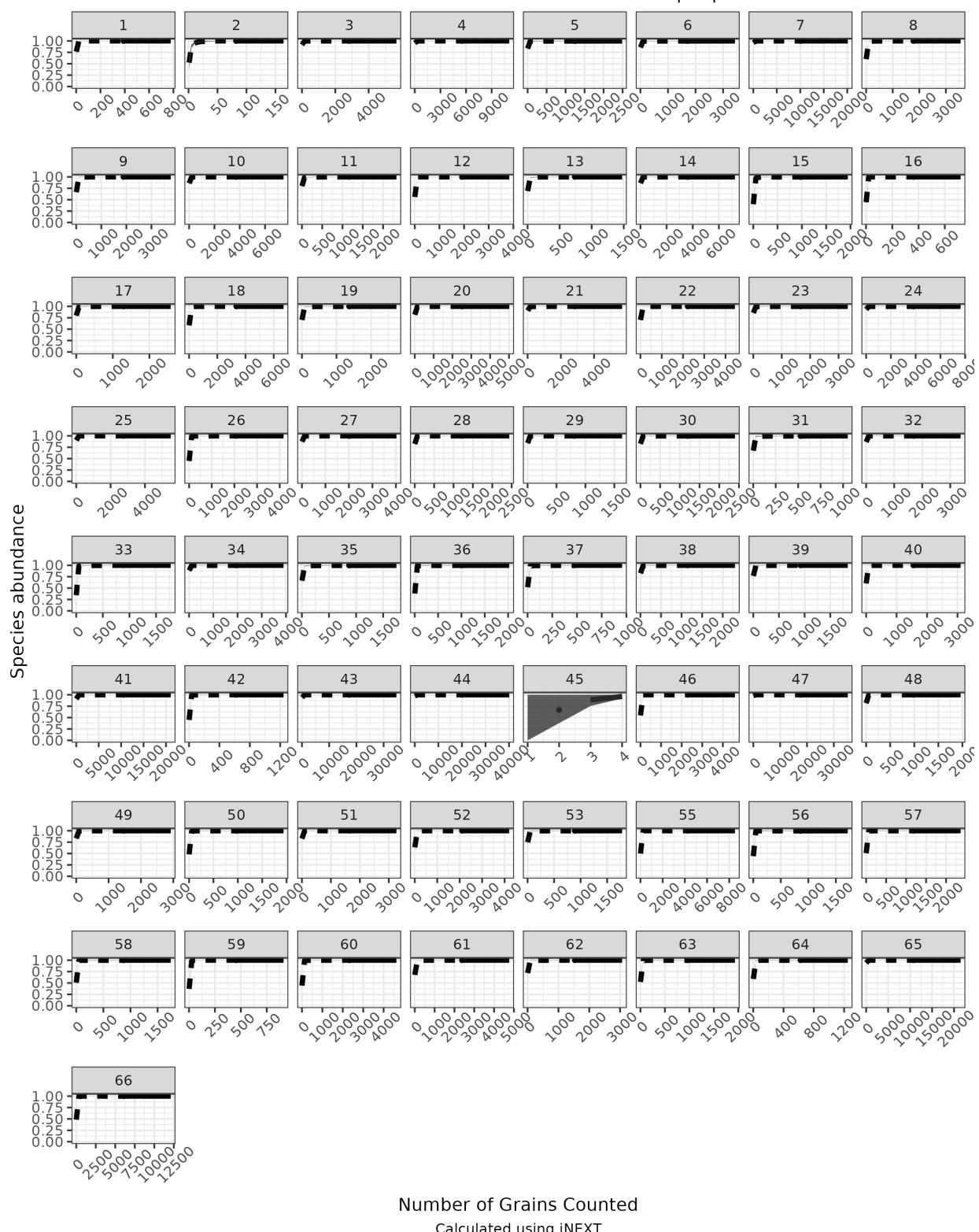
Morphotype D: Salix, Boechera



Used to assess completeness of subsampling. VEGAN package 'specaccum' function used

### Species Richness Abundance Estimating via Hill Numbers ( $q = 0$ )

Confidence Interval of 99% with 1000 Bootstrap replicates



Number of Grains Counted

Calculated using iNEXT

Table 1: All species present in the Reference Sequence Databases  
(Kraken and BLAST)

Order	Family	Taxon
Alismatales	Potamogetonaceae	<i>Potamogeton wrightii</i>
Apiales	Apiaceae	<i>Osmorhiza aristata</i>
Asparagales	Amaryllidaceae	<i>Allium stamineum</i>
	Asparagaceae	<i>Streptopus amplexifolius</i>
Asterales	Asteraceae	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i> <i>Antennaria carpatica</i> <i>Antennaria dioica</i> <i>Artemisia sibirica</i> <i>Brickellia dentata</i> <i>Chrysanthemus greenei</i> <i>Cirsium pannonicum</i> <i>Cirsium parryi</i> <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> <i>Crepis pygmaea</i> <i>Ericameria parryi</i> <i>Erigeron ecuadoriensis</i> <i>Erigeron grandiflorus</i> <i>Erigeron rosulatus</i> <i>Erigeron uniflorus</i> <i>Helianthella quinquenervis</i> <i>Heterotheca villosa</i> <i>Hieracium avilae</i> <i>Hieracium jubatum</i> <i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i> <i>Leucanthemum graminifolium</i> <i>Microseris lindleyi</i> <i>Omalotheca supina</i> <i>Packera quercetorum</i> <i>Pseudognaphalium attenuatum</i> <i>Pseudognaphalium frigidum</i> <i>Pseudognaphalium lacteum</i> <i>Pseudognaphalium oxyphyllum</i> <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> <i>Scabrethia scabra</i> <i>Senecio adenophyllus</i> <i>Senecio algens</i> <i>Senecio apolobambensis</i> <i>Senecio candollei</i> <i>Senecio chionogeton</i> <i>Senecio formosus</i> <i>Senecio funcii</i> <i>Senecio gilliesii</i> <i>Senecio humillimus</i> <i>Senecio nutans</i> <i>Senecio puchei</i> <i>Senecio rufescens</i> <i>Senecio spinosus</i> <i>Senecio tephrosioides</i>

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Table 1: All species present in the Reference Sequence Databases  
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Order	Family	Taxon
Boraginales	Campanulaceae	<i>Solidago chilensis</i> <i>Stilpnolepis intricata</i> <i>Symphytum foliaceum</i> <i>Taraxacum cucullatum</i> <i>Taraxacum officinale</i>
		<i>Tonestus lyallii</i>
		<i>Townsendia formosa</i>
		<i>Campanula argaea</i>
		<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>
	Hydrophyllaceae	<i>Cynoglossum amplifolium</i> <i>Cynoglossum anchusoides</i> <i>Cynoglossum pringlei</i> <i>Mertensia ciliata</i> <i>Mertensia fusiformis</i>
		<i>Hydrophyllum canadense</i>
		<i>Hydrophyllum capitatum</i>
		<i>Hydrophyllum fendleri</i>
		<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>
Caryophyllales	Caryophyllaceae	<i>Arenaria globiflora</i> <i>Arenaria serpyllifolia</i> <i>Cerastium arvense</i> <i>Cerastium lanceolatum</i> <i>Minuartia recurva</i> <i>Odontostemma leucasterium</i> <i>Pseudostellaria heterophylla</i> <i>Sagina procumbens</i> <i>Schizotechium monospermum</i> <i>Shivparvatia glanduligera</i>
		<i>Stellaria graminea</i>
		<i>Stellaria holostea</i>
		<i>Stellaria obtusa</i>
		<i>Rumex induratus</i>
		<i>Rumex spinosus</i>
		<i>Parnassia faberi</i>
		<i>Parnassia palustris</i>
		<i>Paxistima canbyi</i>
		<i>Gaultheria prostrata</i>
Celastrales	Ericaceae	<i>Moneses uniflora</i> <i>Orthilia secunda</i> <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> <i>Collomia grandiflora</i> <i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>
		<i>Phlox douglasii</i>
		<i>Primulaceae</i>
		<i>Androsace studiosorum</i>
		<i>Androsace vitaliana</i>
	Fabaceae	<i>Astragalus pelecinus</i>
		<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>
		<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>

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Table 1: All species present in the Reference Sequence Databases  
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Order	Family	Taxon
Gentianales	Gentianaceae	<i>Vicia americana</i> <i>Frasera speciosa</i> <i>Gentiana cruciata</i>
Hyphomicrobiales	Xanthobacteraceae	<i>Azorhizobium caulinodans</i>
Lamiales	Lamiaceae	<i>Agastache pallidiflora</i>
Liliales	Colchicaceae	<i>Prosartes smithii</i>
	Liliaceae	<i>Erythronium dens-canis</i>
	Melanthiaceae	<i>Anticlea elegans</i> <i>Veratrum viride</i>
Malpighiales	Hypericaceae	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
	Salicaceae	<i>Populus alba</i>
	Violaceae	<i>Viola odorata</i>
Myrtales	Onagraceae	<i>Chamaenerion angustifolium</i> <i>Epilobium canum</i> <i>Epilobium parviflorum</i>
Ranunculales	Berberidaceae	<i>Berberis sibirica</i>
	Papaveraceae	<i>Corydalis aitchisonii</i>
	Ranunculaceae	<i>Actaea heracleifolia</i> <i>Anemone anemonoides</i> <i>Anemone obtusiloba</i> <i>Aquilegia ecalcarata</i> <i>Caltha palustris</i> <i>Delphinium barbeyi</i> <i>Delphinium gracile</i> <i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i> <i>Pulsatilla chinensis</i> <i>Thalictrum thalictroides</i> <i>Thalictrum tuberosum</i> <i>Trollius europaeus</i>
Rosales	Elaeagnaceae	<i>Shepherdia argentea</i>
	Rosaceae	<i>Crataegus bipinnatifida</i> <i>Dasiphora fruticosa</i> <i>Geum ternatum</i> <i>Hedlundia austriaca</i> <i>Holodiscus argenteus</i> <i>Karpatiosorbus devoniensis</i> <i>Micromeles japonica</i> <i>Potentilla anserina</i> <i>Potentilla pulcherrima</i> <i>Potentilla tetrandra</i> <i>Rubus chingii</i>
Sapindales	Sapindaceae	<i>Acer campestre</i>
Saxifragales	Crassulaceae	<i>Rhodiola rosea</i> <i>Sedum nudum</i>
	Grossulariaceae	<i>Ribes rubrum</i>
	Saxifragaceae	<i>Lithophragma parviflorum</i> <i>Saxifraga biflora</i> <i>Saxifraga fortunei</i>

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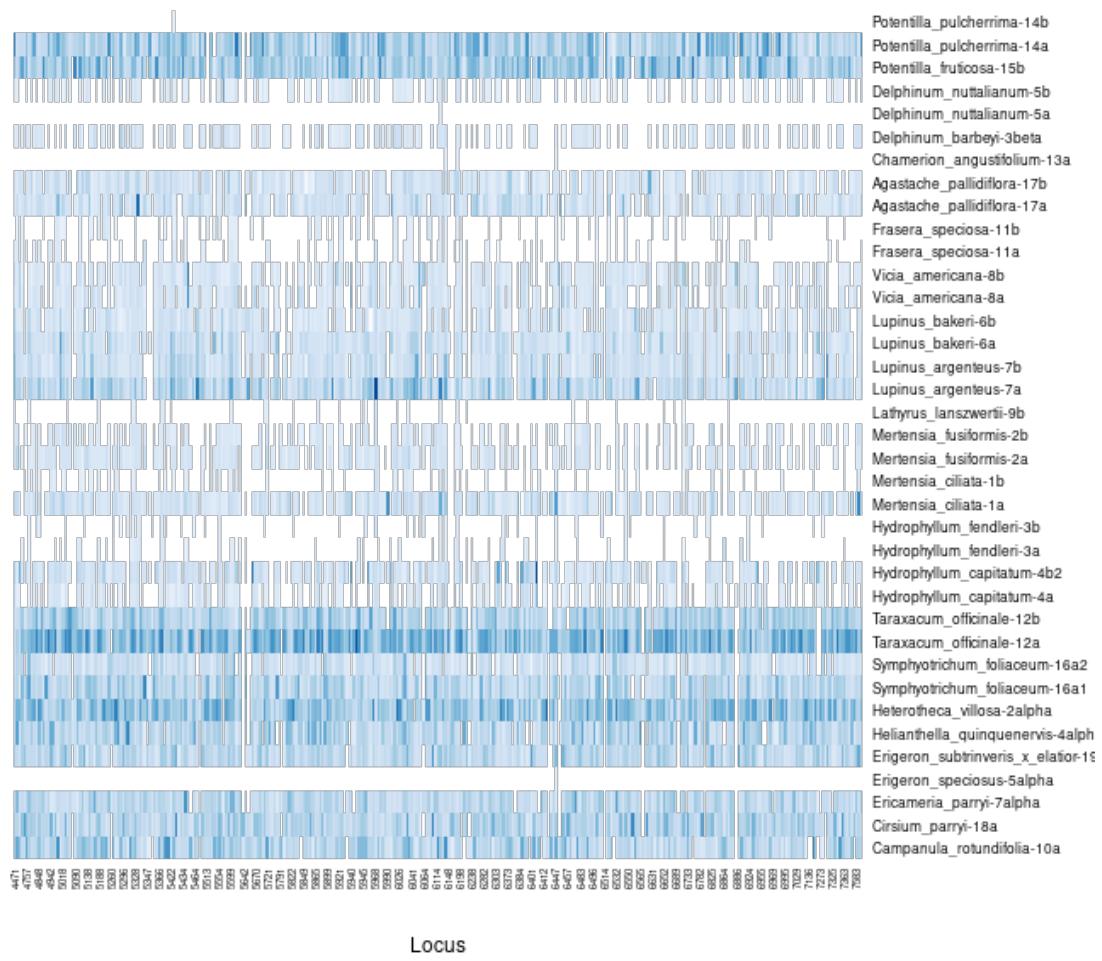
658 Appendix XX - All Species in the Sequence Databases (con't)

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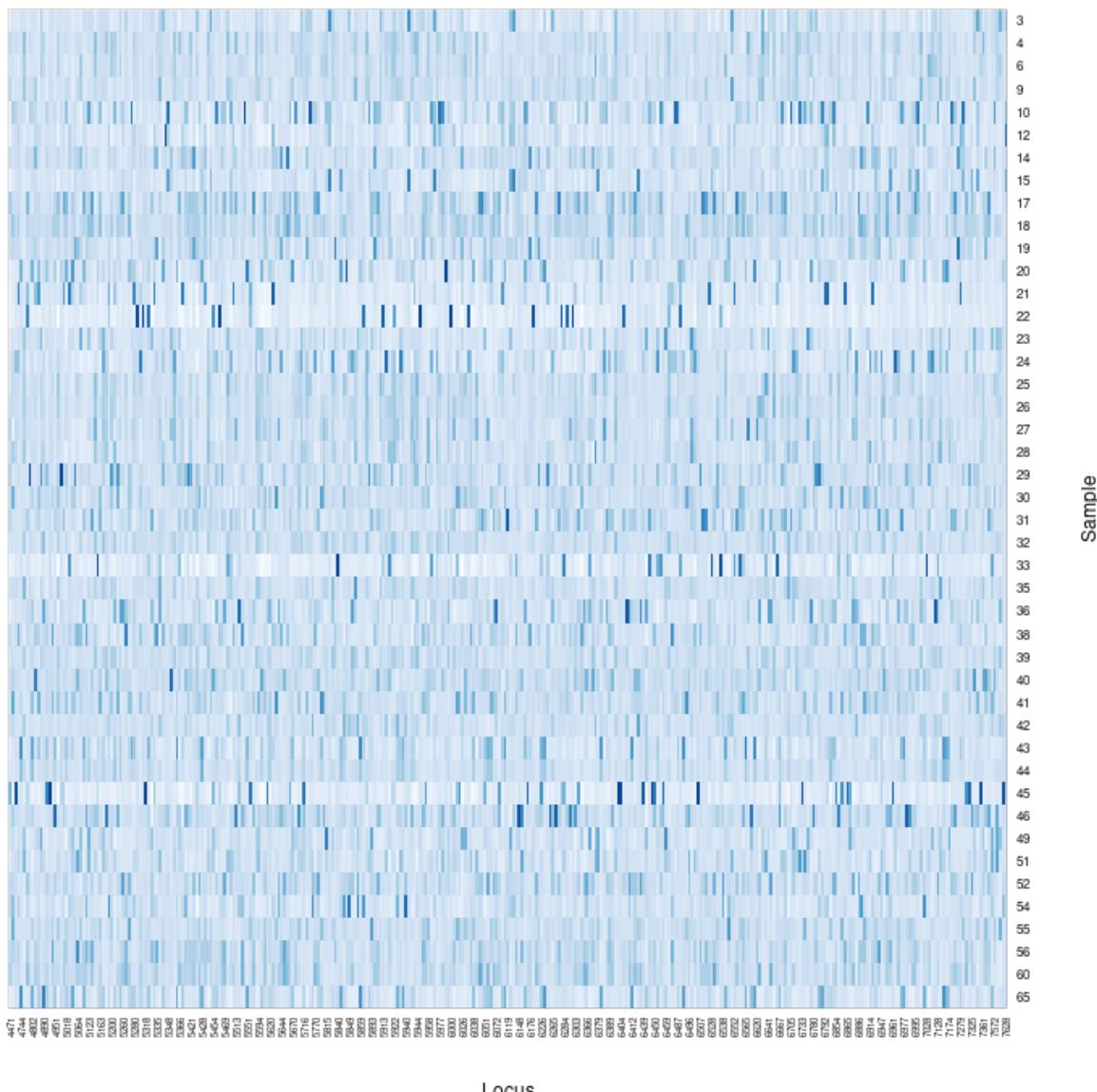
Order	Family	Taxon
		Saxifraga maderensis
		Saxifraga oppositifolia
		Saxifraga portosanctana
		Saxifraga x geum

x geum\\* \end{longtable}

## Loci & Nucleotides Returned per Reference Sample

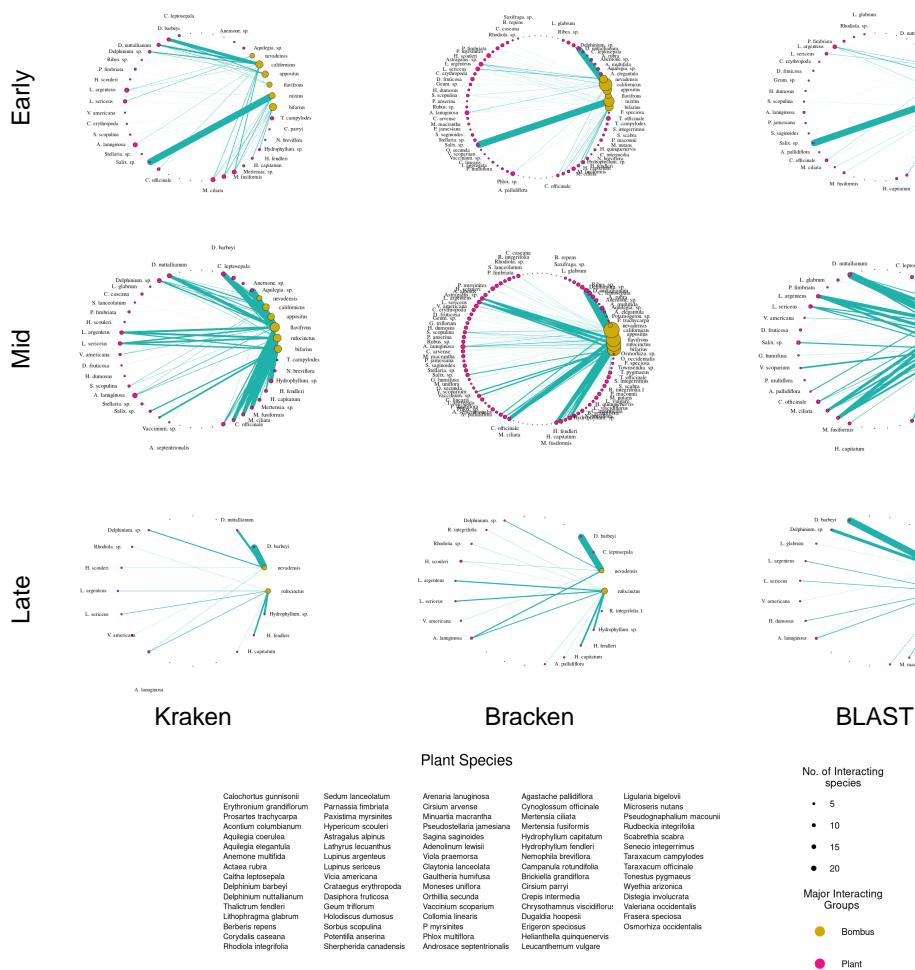


### Percent matched reads





### Comparision of Foraging Patterns from Three Sequence Alignment Algorithms



665 Appendix XX - Models used for Species Distribution Model Ensembles

666 The two machine learning models utilize Ensemble learning.

667 **Ensemble learning** utilizes many sets of trees, each tree being composed of many binary decisions, to  
668 create a single model. Each independent variable (- or *feature*) may become a node on the tree - i.e. a  
669 location on the tree where a binary decision will move towards a predicted outcome. Each of the decision  
670 tree models which ensemble learning utilizes is a weak model, each of which may suffer due to high variance  
671 or bias, but which produce better outcomes than would be expected via chance. When ensembled these  
672 models generate a strong model, a model which should have more appropriately balanced variance and bias  
673 and predicts outcomes which are more strongly correlated with the expected values than the individual weak  
674 models.

675 **Random Forest (RF)** the training data are continually bootstrap re-sampled, in combination with random  
676 subsets of features, to create nodes which attempt to optimally predict a known outcome. A large number  
677 of trees are then aggregated, via the most common predictions, to generate a final classification prediction  
678 tree. Each individual prediction tree is generated independently of the others.

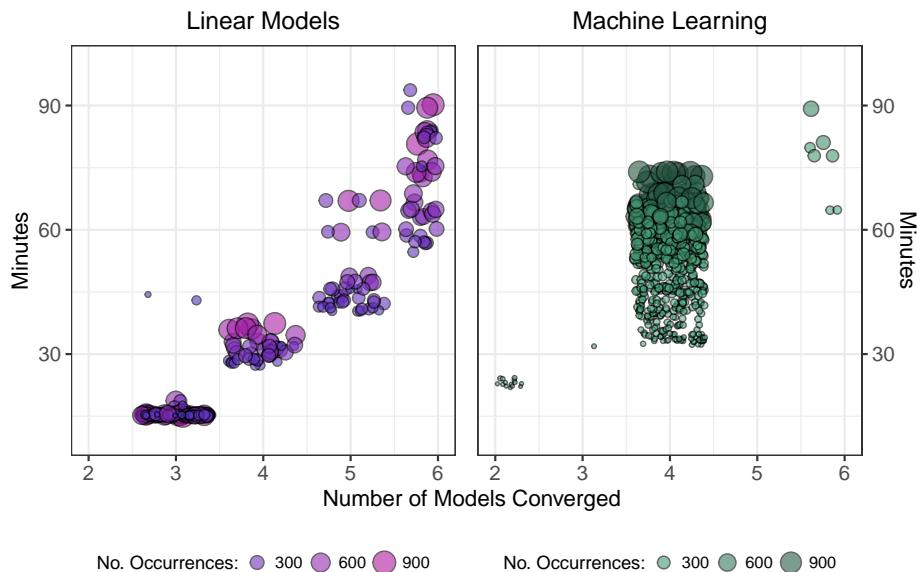
679 **Boosted Regression Tree (BRT)** (or Gradient Boosted tree) An initial tree is grown, and all other trees  
680 are derived sequentially from it, as each new tree is grown the errors in responses from the last tree are  
681 weighed more heavily so that the model focuses on selecting dependent variables which refine predictions.  
682 All response data and predictor variables are kept available to all trees.

683 **Bias** predictions from an algorithm are systematically in error due to being prejudiced for or against certain  
684 results, due to assumptions during learning.

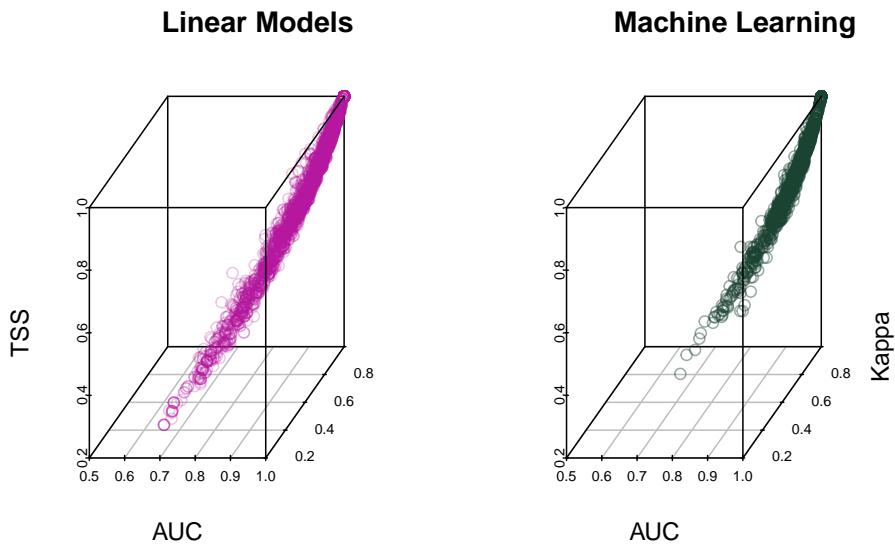
685 **Variance** errors in models due to an over-reliance and sensitivity of training to outliers in training data.

686 In general, Random Forest models have high bias and low variance, where boosted regressions trees have lower  
687 bias and higher variance. Theoretically, the weaknesses and strengths of bootstrap aggregation (bagging) as  
688 implemented by Random Forests are supplemented by the boosting.

### Time Spent Fitting and Projecting Models onto Gridded Surfaces



Collectively it took 215 hours for all of the GLM and GAM to run, and for the converged models to be ensembled, and predicted onto a raster surface; it took 419 hours for the same process to be carried out for the Random Forest and Boosted Regression Tree models.



Results for each converged individual model which were then ensembled, using weights from the True Skill Statistic (TSS).

Table 1: Subset of Possible Combinations for re-classifying Sequences by Incorporating Ecological Factors

Spatial	Temporal	Congener	Confamilial	Congeners	Confamilials	Condition	Return	Rank
1	1	1	1	0	0	A.1	Input	Species
1	1	1	1	1	0	A.2	Input	Species
1	1	1	1	0	1	A.3	Input	Species
1	1	1	1	1	1	A.4	Input	Species
1	1	1	0	0	0	A.5	Input	Species
1	1	1	0	1	0	A.6	Input	Species
1	1	0	1	0	0	A.7	Input	Species
1	1	0	1	0	1	A.8	Input	Species
1	1	0	0	0	0	A.9	Input	Species
1	0	1	1	0	0	B.1	Congener	Species
1	0	1	1	0	1	B.2	Congener	Species
1	0	1	0	0	0	B.3	Congener	Species
1	0	1	1	1	0	C.1	Congener	Genus
1	0	1	1	1	1	C.2	Congener	Genus
1	0	1	0	1	0	C.3	Congener	Genus
1	0	0	1	0	0	D.1	Confamilial	Species
1	0	0	1	0	1	E.1	Confamilial	Family
1	0	0	0	0	0	F.1	Input	Species
0	0	1	1	0	0	G.1	Congener	Species
0	0	1	1	0	1	G.2	Congener	Species
0	0	1	0	0	0	G.3	Congener	Species
0	0	1	1	1	0	H.1	Congener	Genus
0	0	1	1	1	1	H.2	Congener	Genus
0	0	1	0	1	0	H.3	Congener	Genus
0	0	0	1	0	0	I.1	Confamilial	Species
0	0	0	1	0	1	J.1	Confamilial	Family

Note, for both ‘Congener’ and ‘Confamilial’ (*in the singular*) ‘1’ denotes that a species is present; in a sense the genus is monotypic in space and time. For both ‘Congeners’ and ‘Confamilials’ (*in the plural*), ‘1’ denotes that two or more species are present; ‘Confamilial’ again representing a monotypic entity in space and time.

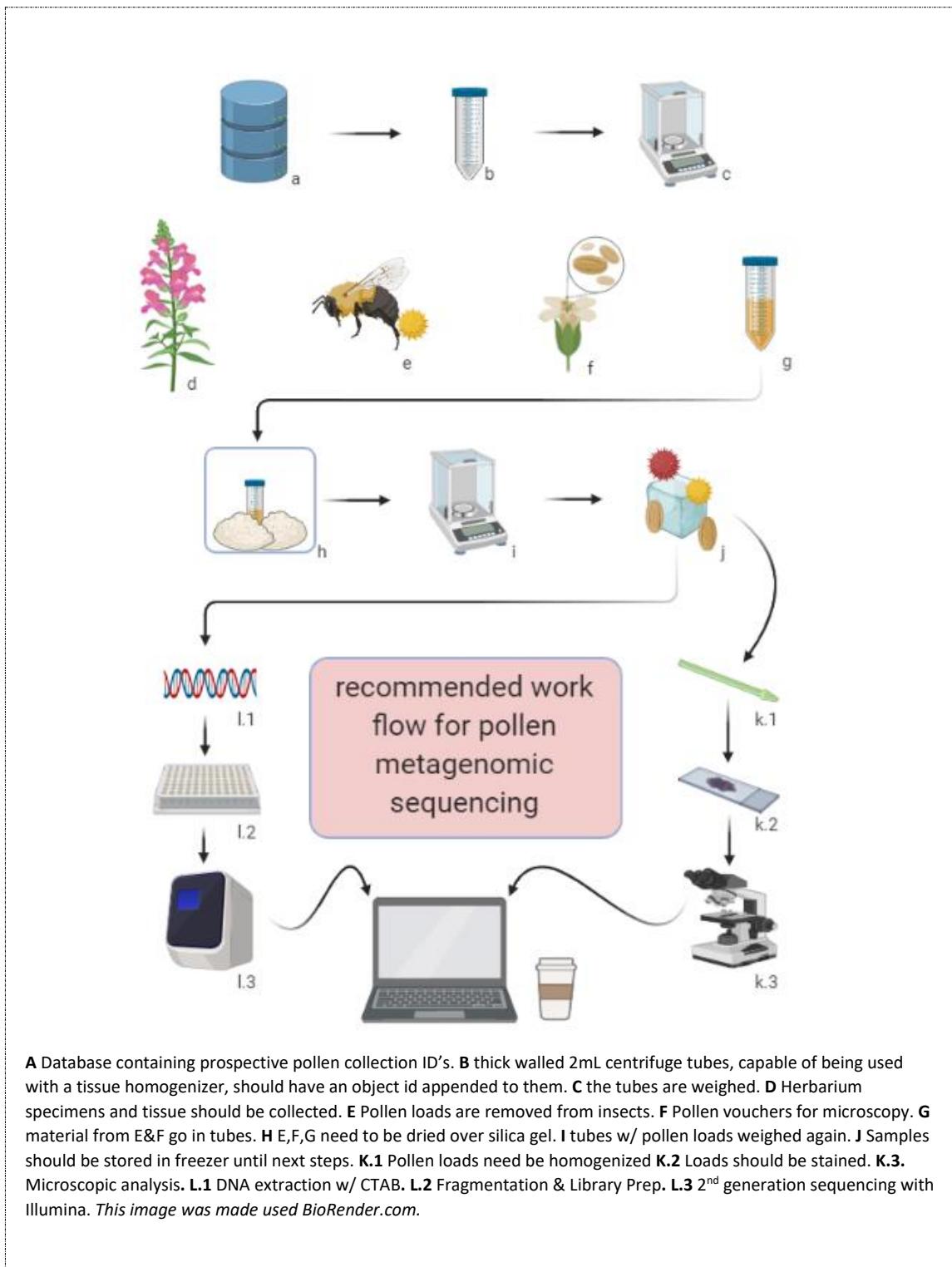
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} == 1 \sim \mathbf{A} \\ \text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congener} = 1 \sim \mathbf{B} \end{aligned}$$

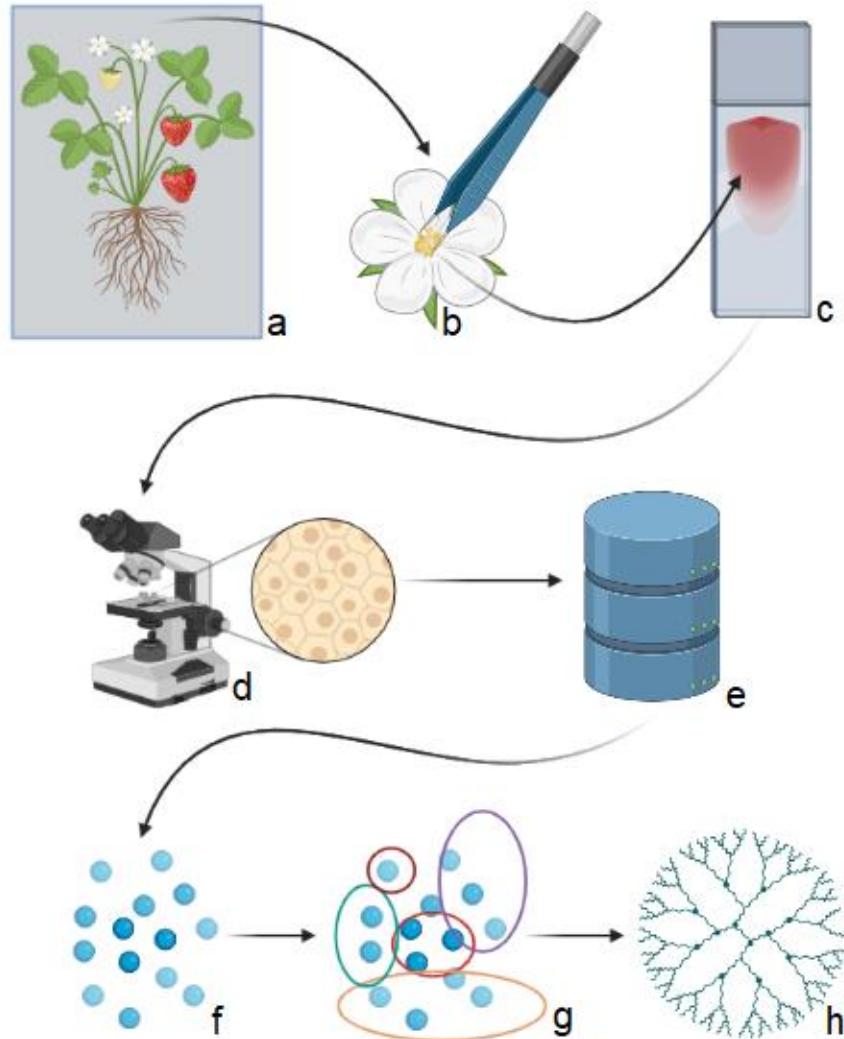
*The temporal dimension is now buffered and a form of  $\mathbf{A}$  is employed*  
 $\text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} +/- \text{ Buffer} == 1 \sim \mathbf{X}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congeners} >= 2 \sim \mathbf{C} \\ \text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congeners} == 0 \& \text{ Confamilial} == 1 \sim \mathbf{D} \\ \text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congeners} == 0 \& \text{ Confamilial} >= 2 \sim \mathbf{E} \\ \text{Spatial} == 1 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congener|s} == 0 \& \text{ Confamilial|s} == 0 \sim \mathbf{F} \end{aligned}$$

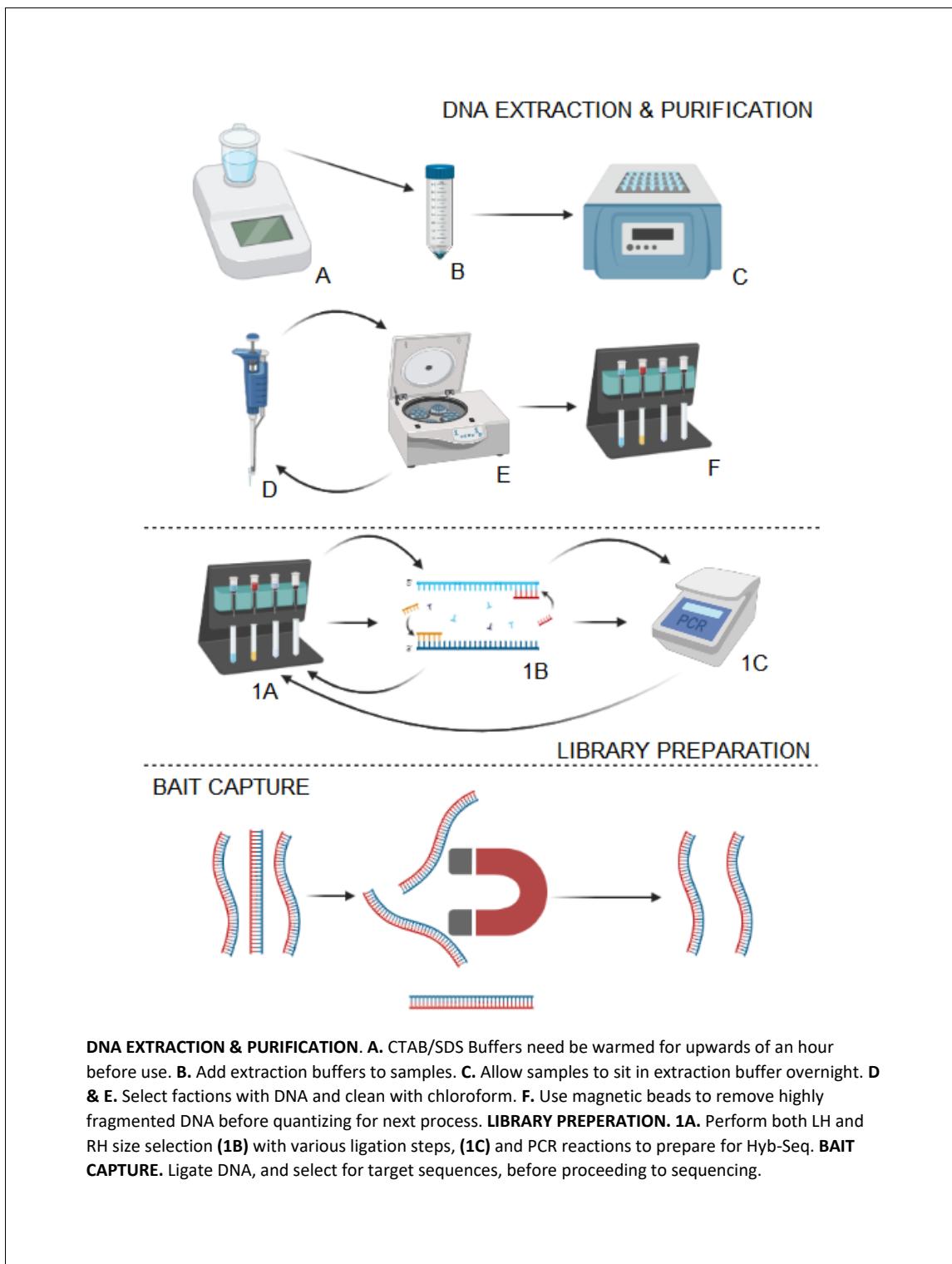
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Spatial} == 0 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congener} == 1 \sim \mathbf{G} \\ \text{Spatial} == 0 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Congeners} == 1 \sim \mathbf{H} \\ \text{Spatial} == 0 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Confamilial} == 1 \sim \mathbf{I} \\ \text{Spatial} == 0 \& \text{ Temporal} == 0 \& \text{ Confamilials} == 1 \sim \mathbf{J} \end{aligned}$$

While the overall order matters,  $\mathbf{X}$  in particular may significantly alter conclusions.





**A.** An herbarium collection in flower from which pollen may be removed. **B.** The careful removal of pollen from dehiscent anthers using dissection tools. **C.** Place the pollen on a fuchsin jelly cube and melt it with stirring on a hotplate, for ca. 30 seconds. **D.** Microscopic imaging, of specimens and collection of character trait data. **E.** Immediate input and accessioning of files to a database. **F.** Ordination of traits into 2-dimensional space. **G.** Agglomerative clustering of data points into similar groups. **H.** Recovery of bifurcating decisions in development of clusters, or handwritten keys to visually diagnosable groups.



**DNA EXTRACTION & PURIFICATION.** A. CTAB/SDS Buffers need to be warmed for upwards of an hour before use. B. Add extraction buffers to samples. C. Allow samples to sit in extraction buffer overnight. D & E. Select fractions with DNA and clean with chloroform. F. Use magnetic beads to remove highly fragmented DNA before quantizing for next process. **LIBRARY PREPARATION.** 1A. Perform both LH and RH size selection (1B) with various ligation steps, (1C) and PCR reactions to prepare for Hyb-Seq. **BAIT CAPTURE.** Ligate DNA, and select for target sequences, before proceeding to sequencing.

## CTAB-DNA POLLEN EXTRACTIONS

Adapted from Lalhmangiahi et. al & Guertler et al. by Benkendorf, Fant, & Noble.

### SAMPLE PREPARATION AND GRINDING

- a1) Add 380  $\mu$ L extraction buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl, 50 mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl, 10% SDS, pH 7.5). This solution will need to be warm enough for the SDS to be in solution, requires heat and stirring.
- a2) Vortex samples at speed > 2000, until pellet breaks apart, ca. 20-30 seconds.
- a3) Use the Pellet Pestle Motor (Kontes) for ca. 15 seconds to macerate samples.
- a4) Add 100  $\mu$ L extraction buffer to wash the tip of the pestle into the centrifuge tube, and burst bubbles.
- a5) Allow to sit at 35°C for 1 hour, use vortex occasionally if sedimentation of pollen occurs.

### EXTRACTION AND ISOLATION OF DNA

- b1) Warm CTAB buffer to remove any precipitants if present.
- b2) Add 480  $\mu$ L 10% CTAB buffer.
- b3) Add 10  $\mu$ L RNase (10mg/mL); invert by hand, incubate for 40 minutes at 37°C, increase heat to 60°C wait 20 minutes before continuing to b4.
- b4) Add 15  $\mu$ L proteinase K (20mg/mL) & 12.5  $\mu$ L DTT (1 molar in H<sub>2</sub>O); invert by hand, incubate for 1 hr. at 60°C.
- b5) Incubate overnight at 40°C (*note: this is a hard stopping point*)
- b6) Add 500  $\mu$ L of Phenol-chloroform-isoamyl alcohol vortex samples, centrifuge at 10,000 rpm (10 min.)
- b7) Transfer the uppermost aqueous layer to a new 2 mL centrifuge tube.

### DNA PRECIPITATION

- c1) Add slightly chilled Isopropyl alcohol & Sodium Acetate 3mM 5:1, equivalent to ca. 2/3 of the removed layer. Store at -20°C, 1 hour to allow precipitation.  
*(Note: potential stopping point for a day or more, samples can stay at -20°C for days)*
- c2) Centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 10 minutes.
- c3) Pour supernatant into new 2mL centrifuge tube, add 400  $\mu$ L 70% EtOH. Store at -20°C for 20 minutes.
- c4) Spin at 13,000 rpm for 10 minutes, discard supernatant.  
*for both tubes the following steps apply*
- c3) Add 400  $\mu$ L of 75% EtOH, invert tube x3, centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 4 minutes; discard supernatant
- c4) Add 400  $\mu$ L of 95% EtOH, invert tube x3, centrifuge at 13,000 rpm for 4 minutes, discard supernatant
- c5) Dry tubes in vacuum centrifuge for 30 minutes on medium heat at 15 mmHG.

### RESUSPENSION OF DNA

- d1) Add 40  $\mu$ L of dna free H<sub>2</sub>O to sample.
- d2) place on heat block at 37°C until pellet resuspends with occasional use of vortexes.

**NOTES:** a 10% CTAB preparation will not readily stay in solution, maintain it on heatblock until you are ready to use it. After adding it to extraction tubes move them to heat block immediately (*i.e.* in batches of 5-10).

## Solutions

### **Extraction buffer (100 mM Tris-HCl, 50 mM EDTA, 50 mM NaCl, 10% SDS - pH 7.5, ca. 32 mL H<sub>2</sub>O)**

#### For 100 samples (50 mL solution)

10 grams SDS (Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate , d = 1.01 g/cm3)

146.1 mg Sodium Chloride (NaCl, mw = 58.4 g/mol)

930.6 mg EDTA (EthyleneDiamineTetraacetic Acid Disodium Salt dihydrate, mw = 372.24 g/mol)

Add 20 mL deH<sub>2</sub>O

5 mL Tris-HCl pH 8.0 (1 molar- kept in fridge)

Fill to 50 mL with deH<sub>2</sub>O

Auto clave on 'Liquid' setting for 15 minutes.

Dissolution may require heat and stirring (3 & 4 settings respectively, ca. 15 min.)

### **10% CTAB solution (20 mM Tris-Cl pH 8.0, 1.4 M NaCl, 10 mM EDTA pH 7.5, 10% CTAB, 5% PVP, 40 mL DiH<sub>2</sub>O)**

#### For 100 samples (50 mL solution)

add ~30 mL deH<sub>2</sub>O,

1 ml Tris-HCl pH 8.0 (1 molar- kept in fridge; 2-Amino-2-(hydroxymethyl)propane-1,3-diol)

4.08 g Sodium Chloride (NaCl, mw = 58.4 g/mol)

4 mL EDTA pH 7.5 (0.125 molar – kept in fridge; 2,2',2'',2'''-(Ethane-1,2-diyl)dinitrilo)tetraacetic acid)

5 g CTAB (hexadecyl(trimethyl)ammonium bromide, mw = 364.45, FYI this is 274 mM)

Auto clave on 'Liquid' setting for 15 minutes.

2.5 g PVP-40 (1-ethenylpyrrolidin-2-one) – add after autoclave

Fill to 50 mL with deH<sub>2</sub>O

Dissolution of PVP will require 2-3 hrs, at 65°C with stirring. Before use allow one hour of stirring and heat to resuspend all salts in the solution.

### **Sodium acetate solution (3mM)**

#### For 100 samples (10 mL solution)

20.4 mg Sodium Acetate trihydrate (mw = 136.08 g/M)

to 50 mL deH<sub>2</sub>O

Auto clave on 'Liquid' setting for 15 minutes.

### **Phenol-chloroform Isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) Saturated with 10 mM Tris pH 8.0, EDTA**

#### For 100 samples (50 mL solution) (no need to make, is bought)

25 mL Phenol

24 mL Chloroform (Trichloromethane)

1 mL Isoamyl alcohol

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Table 1: Queen Bee Pollen Loads examined

Subgenus	Species	Author	Tongue Length	Microscope Slides	Metagenome Samples
Subterraneobombus Vogt	<i>B. appositus</i>	Cresson 1879	Long	11	NA
Pyrobombus Dalla Torre	<i>B. bifarius</i>	Cresson 1879	Short	11	NA
Thoracobombus Dalla Torre	<i>B. californicus</i>	Smith 1854	Long	8	NA
Pyrobombus Dalla Torre	<i>B. flavifrons</i>	Cresson 1864	Medium	13	NA
Pyrobombus Dalla Torre	<i>B. mixtus</i>	Cresson 1879	Short	3	NA
Bombias Robertson	<i>B. nevadensis</i>	Cresson 1874	Long	5	NA
Cullumanobombus Vogt	<i>B. rufocinctus</i>	Cresson 1864	Short	13	NA
Pyrobombus Dalla Torre	<i>B. sylvicola</i>	Kirby 1837	Short	1	NA

<sup>a</sup> All subgenera follow the system of Williams et al. 2008, and placements were found from the NMH website.<sup>b</sup> Tongue Lengths collected from Pyke et al. 2012

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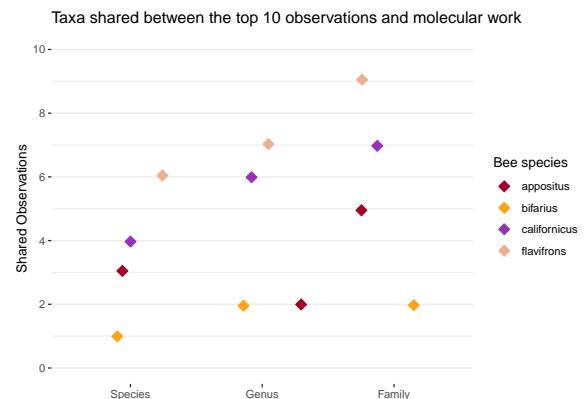
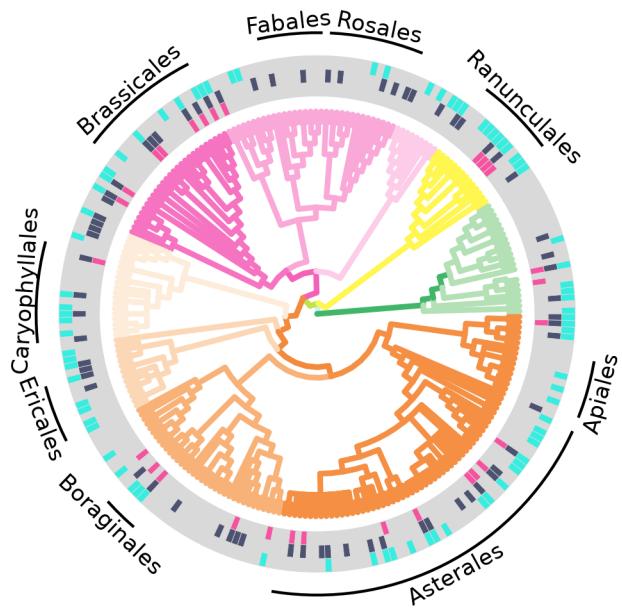


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## Biotically pollinated plant genera with morphological or molecular data



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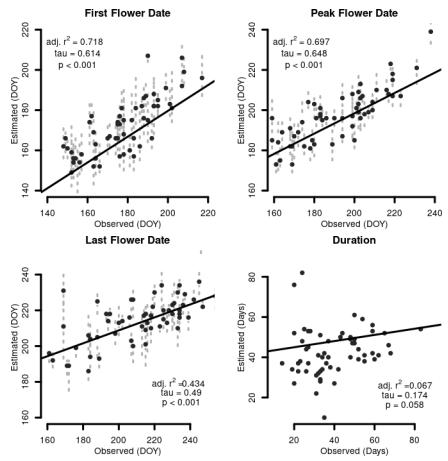


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Table 2: Logistic regression assessing accuracy of SDMs

Metric	Value	Metric	Value
Accuracy (Training)	83.75	F-Score	0.84
Accuracy (Test)	84.00	AUC	0.92
Recall	81.03	Concordance	0.92
True Neg. Rate	86.97	Discordance	0.08
Precision	88.04	Tied	0.00

Table 3: Species Distribution Modeling evaluation contingency table

		Training		Testing	
		Absence	Presence	Absence	Presence
Absence	Absence	25620	3838	11130	1653
	Presence	6614	28248	2758	12024

Table 4: Post classification of Sequences via Taxonomy and Ecology, top 15 most abundant reads

Condition	No. Class.	Prcnt. Class.	Total Seqs	Rank
A	145	21.35	31.59	Species
B	210	30.93	10.45	Species
C	247	36.38	42.49	Genus
D	6	0.88	0.81	Species
E	26	3.83	2.01	Family
F	14	2.06	0.55	Species
X	31	4.57	12.09	Species