- Non-crop sources of beneficial arthropods vary within-season across a prairie agroecosystem
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## 6 Abstract

Ground-dwelling arthropods can be important generalist predators in agroecosystems, and can use non-crop features as overwintering habitats. However, it is unclear which types of landscape features constitute useful non-crop habitat, and at what spatial scale organisms gather resources. Additionally, the same landscape feature may act as a source or a destination for arthropods at different times of the year, but this is rarely considered. We modeled the abundance of four common species of Canadian prairie arthropods caught in a set of 198 in-field and roadside pitfall traps (June to August of 2017). Functional regression was used in order to simultaneously consider both the habitat preferences and the timing of movement from the land cover classes. Pterostichus melanarius (Coleoptera: Carabidae) and Pardosa moesta (Araneae: Lycosidae) were attracted to canola (Brassica napus) during the early summer, then dispersed to grasslands, wetlands, and grassy road margins at the end of the summer. In particular, Pterostichus melanarius aggregated in canola early in the growing season, suggesting that its role in suppressing crop pests may be underestimated. Pardosa distincta (Araneae: Lycosidae) and Phalangium opilio (Opiliones: Opilionidae) showed weak patterns of seasonal migration, and were more influenced by large-scale geographic patterns rather than landscape composition. Our results suggest that predatory arthropods migrate into canola crops during the early summer, and that grasslands and wetlands act as seasonal reservoir habitats. Farmers and land managers should consider preserving existing habitat in order to maintain pest-control services across the season.

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#### 1. Introduction

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Arthropods are one of the most influential groups of animals in agricultural systems. Pest arthropods can cause large reductions in crop yield (Oerke 2005), which can result in negative downstream economic effects and food insecurity. However, beneficial arthropods living in non-crop patches can increase crop yields by providing ecosystem services, such as extra pollination or pest suppression (Losey & Vaughan 2006; Klein et al. 2007; Garibaldi et al. 2013). Seasonal "pulses" of food resources act as bottom-up drivers of arthropod communities in crop fields, meaning that agricultural land can increase arthropod abundance in adjacent non-crop land (Diekötter et al. 2010; Galpern et al. 2017). These movements of mobile arthropods in and out of crops are important for managing both crop yield and biodiversity in agroecosystems. In this context, finding "win-win" practices – that is, practices that result in better conservation outcomes while maintaining or improving crop yields – is of particular importance.

Uncultivated semi-natural land (SNL) can act as important habitat for beneficial arthropods (Duelli 19 & Obrist 2003), which may spill over into adjacent cropland. Therefore, landscape management is a strategy to increase beneficial arthropod abundance in crops (Landis et al. 2000; Albrecht et al. 2010; 21 Martin et al. 2020; but see Tscharntke et al. 2016; Karp et al. 2018). For example, wild bee abundance 22 in agricultural landscapes is driven by food and nest availability (Roulston & Goodell 2011), and the effect of SNL on bee abundance and diversity is generally positive. Pest-suppressing predators, such as beetles or spiders, can be limited by water, food, and egg-laying sites (Lövei & Sunderland 1996; Purtauf et al. 2005; Gardiner et al. 2010), but the effect of SNL on their abundance and diversity is less consistent (Macfadyen & Muller 2013; Shackelford et al. 2013) as some taxa may use SNL as a travel 27 corridor or overwintering site, but are not completely dependent on it for reproduction. Some taxa are not dependent on SNL at all, and thrive in cultivated landscapes, while others exclusively inhabit SNL and do not venture beyond the edge of cultivated fields. For example, carabid beetles are thought to reproduce in field margins, while the adults feed in fields (Desender & Alderweireldt 1988). Habitat 31 preference also depends on the life history of the organisms in question, such as the seasonal timing of emergence, feeding, and reproduction, as well as their traits such as dispersal capability. Non-adjacent 33 cropland can also influence arthropod abundance if the organisms are long-distance dispersers (Öberg et al. 2008). In this way, the spillover of beneficial arthropods into crops depends not only on the 35 amount of adjacent SNL, but the specific habitat type, the time of the year, and the spatial scale at which an organism forages. 37

Despite what is known about the spatial and temporal aspects of beneficial arthropod spillover, these

are rarely considered together. First, some non-crop habitat may act as sources of arthropods during some times of the year, but as destinations during other times, meaning that the timing of spillover from non-crop habitat may not align with important periods in crop development. Arthropods can disperse from managed crops back into adjacent SNL at the end of the season (Desender & Alderweireldt 1988; Tscharntke et al. 2005), but this is seldom considered. Second, the scale at which the landscape is relevant to an organism depends on their traits and life history (Ahrenfeldt et al. 2015). For instance, bumblebee abundance can be influenced by both nearby and far-away SNL abundance (Westphal et al. 2006), but this is poorly studied for other groups of beneficial organisms (but see Sander et al. 2006). This makes it difficult to make generalizations of which habitat types harbour beneficial arthropods, making it even more difficult to provide accurate information to farmers about land management practices.

In this study, we used pitfall traps to determine how landscape composition affects the seasonal 50 abundance of predatory arthropods in a Canadian prairie agroecosystem. We considered the following hypotheses: 1. Untilled semi-natural land provides egg-laying and feeding areas for predatory arthropods, 52 meaning that it should act as a source of arthropods during the early part of the season, and a destination during the later part of the season. 2. Crops provide food (pest insects) for predatory arthropods during 54 the growing season. This should result in agricultural land becoming a destination for predators in the 55 early part of the season as they disperse into the crop, and a source at the end of the season as they disperse out of the crop. 3. Crops may act as a temporary feeding site for predators. Therefore, crops 57 may act as a nearby destination for arthropods, but will also be negatively associated at more-distant scales. Using a large pitfall trapping dataset, we related seasonal changes in arthropod abundance to 59 landscape composition at multiple spatial scales.

#### 2. Methods

## 2.1. Data collection

We used a set of 198 pitfall traps installed in road margins (minimum of 5 m away from the road edge, 85 traps) and in-field locations (113) across southern Alberta, Canada in 2017 (Figure 1). The sites spanned a west-to-east gradient of four natural subregions, including foothills parkland, foothills fescue, mixedgrass, and dry mixedgrass (Natural Regions Committee 2006). These data were collected as a continuation of an earlier study that examined pollination services in crops (Vickruck et al. 2019), and here we use pitfall trap data to examine the predatory arthropod community with a focus on canola

crops (*Brassica napus* L.). Canola is one of the most commonly-grown crops in southern Alberta, and represented 15% of the total land cover within the spatial extent of our sampling region during 2017 (Figure 1). We did not collect information on soil fertilization, pesticide application, mowing, or tillage (approximately 82% of planting in Vulcan County was done with zero-till in 2016; (Statistics Canada 2016)). Diverse crop rotations may increase predatory arthropod abundance (Bertrand *et al.* 2016; Busch 2016), but this was beyond the scope of the study.

Traps in canola were installed in 27 fields at 25, 75, and 200 m along a transect heading away from
the nearest non-crop feature (wetland, grassy field edges, or remnant prairie), while the trap at 0 m
was installed in the non-crop feature itself. The remaining 90 sites had only a single trap. In-field
traps were placed in canola crops (68), wetlands (16), grassy field edges (11), and remnant prairie
grasslands (18). Traps were placed starting on May 17, and collections ended on August 29, with
collection occurring continuously and traps being emptied every 14 days on average (SD: 3). This
resulted in 850 unique collection events, taking place across a total of 11614 trapping days. We used
582 mL Solo® cups buried up to the rim and partially filled with propylene glycol, with 2 cm wire mesh
mounted over the rim to prevent vertebrates from falling into the traps. Specimens were identified to
species using appropriate taxonomic literature (Lindroth 1966; Dondale & Redner 1990; Edgar 1990;
Vogel 2004; Yigit et al. 2007).

We used counts of organisms in our pitfall traps as proxies of ecosystem services (specifically, pest control). However, increased counts of organisms in pitfall traps can represent higher activity levels (same number of organisms but more mobile) or higher abundances in the vicinity of the trap. This makes it impossible to disentangle arthropod activity from density using single traps (Lang 2000), meaning that counts from traps represent the "activity-density" of a given organism, not absolute density. Despite this drawback, activity-density is generally positively related to pest consumption, at least in carabids (Trichard et al. 2014; Boetzl et al. 2018; González et al. 2020), making it acceptable for our study.

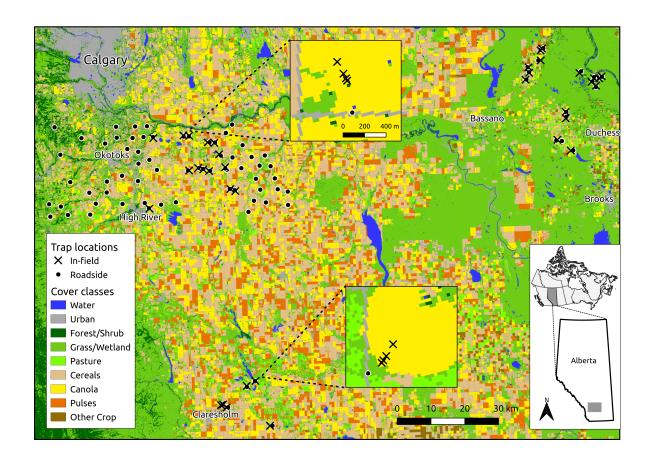


Figure 1: Classified land cover and location of pitfall traps during 2017. Inset map shows study location within Alberta provincial boundaries. Roadside traps were installed in road margins, while in-field traps were installed directly in canola fields, wetlands, or grassy field edges.

We used four highly-abundant species of predatory arthropods found in the pitfall traps, as common 94 species are more important for ecosystem service provision than rare species (Kleijn et al. 2015; Winfree 95 et al. 2015, but see 2018). Pterostichus melanarius is an introduced predatory ground beetle (Coleoptera: Carabidae) that is a wide-ranging generalist known to prev upon crop pests (Cárcamo & Spence 1994; 97 Larsen et al. 2003; Busch 2016). It is commonly found in untilled grasslands (Purtauf et al. 2005) and may use grassy field edges as larval habitat (Desender & Alderweireldt 1988). Pardosa are a genus of 99 wolf spiders (Araneae: Lycosidae) that use an active wandering predation strategy (Young & Edwards 100 1990), and are common across the Canadian prairies. Both Pardosa distincta and Pardosa moesta are 101 found in a wide variety of habitats, but are common in ungrazed pastures (Dondale & Redner 1990; 102 Cárcamo et al. 2014). P. distincta is also commonly found in disturbed environments (Collins et al. 103 1996; Wade & Roughley 2010), while P. moesta appear to prefer less frequent disturbances (Graham et 104 al. 2003; Kowal & Cartar 2011; but see Dondale & Redner 1990). Other Pardosa are known to use

road margins and wooded areas as habitat (Buddle 2000; Drapela et al. 2011). Finally, Phalangium opilio is an introduced harvestman (Opiliones: Phalangiidae) that is found in drier disturbed areas (Bragg & Holmberg 2009). Juveniles hatch from eggs during the spring, becoming adults during the summer, and eggs are laid during the fall [adults do not overwinter; Bragg & Holmberg (2009)]. They are commonly found in human-altered landscapes (Muster & Meyer 2014; Van de Poel 2015) and are nocturnal generalist hunters and scavengers (Halaj & Cady 2000; Allard & Yeargan 2005a), mainly eating small soft-bodied invertebrates (Allard & Yeargan 2005b; Acosta & Machado 2007).

To characterize landscape composition surrounding the traps, we used publicly available classified 113 landscape data [30 m resolution; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (2018)]. AAFC cropland landscape 114 classifications from 2017 were very accurate for cultivated fields (~90%), but were less accurate for 115 non-crop areas (~70%). We combined functionally similar landscape categories (cereals: Triticum aestivum and Hordeum vulgare, pulses: Pisum sativum and Lens culinaris, forest: coniferous and 117 broadleaf). At each site, we extracted the proportion of each cover class within 30m annuli (rings), with the inner radius of each annulus ranging from 30 to 1470m in increments of 30m (total of 49 annuli, 119 1.5 km maximum). The ten most-common cover classes surrounding our sites represented 98% of the total land cover in our study region: grassland, cereal, canola, pasture, pulses, wetland, urban (road 121 margins), shrubland, flax, and forests (Figure S2); flax was removed, as only a single site had nearby 122 flax cover. 123

## 2.2. Analysis

Functional regression (Ramsay & Silverman 2004; Yen et al. 2014) was used to incorporate 125 landscape information at different distances, allowing assessment of both nearby and far-away landscape 126 composition (Galpern & Gavin 2020). Scalar-on-function regression is a special type of linear regression 127 model  $(y = X\beta + e)$ , where the columns of the model matrix X contain some continuous predictor 128 of the scalar y, and the values of the coefficients  $(\beta)$  are modeled as a smooth function f(x) of the 129 predictors. In our case, the proportion of landscape cover (X) within each annulus surrounding the 130 trap is a function of distance away from the trap, meaning that the coefficients are a smoothed function 131 of distance  $(\beta_i = f(distance_i))$ , and represent the additive effect of a given type of landscape cover at distances away from the trap (i.e.  $X\beta$ ). This allows for the possibility that the scale of landscape 133 relevant to a given organism may change over the course of its life (Addicott et al. 1987; Lima & 134 Zollner 1996; Gardiner et al. 2010). It also allows for the possibility that small amounts of certain land 135 cover types may be beneficial, but are detrimental at large scales, indicating that the cover type may 136

not constitute a completely usable habitat.

Scalar-on-function regression of activity-density was fit using generalized additive models  $\lceil mqcv \rceil$ version 1.8.35; Wood (2017)]. Count data of arthropods were modeled using a negative binomial distribution with a log-link function and a single dispersion parameter  $(\theta)$ . To account for different lengths of trap exposure, log-days since trap placement were used as a fixed effect with their slope held at 1 ("offset" variable). Trapping location was included as a fixed effect with 5 levels (canola, field edge, grassland, road margin, and wetlands) to account for the effect of local cover independent of the surrounding landscape composition. Day of year was included as a 1-dimensional smooth, and easting and northing (km east and north of the trap extent centroid) were included as 2-dimensional smooths in order to account for underlying spatial and temporal autocorrelation in the data. 

For each landscape cover class, we used three scalar-on-function terms. First, we used the proportion cover in the annuli surrounding each trap location (spatial effect of cover class - *i.e.* does the effect of cover differ with distance?). Second, we used the average proportion cover in all annuli across days of the year (temporal effect of cover class - *i.e.* does the effect of cover differ with time?). Finally, we used a tensor-product interaction of landscape cover and day of year (spatio-temporal interaction of cover class - *i.e.* does the effect of cover differ with distance and time?). We used 10 basis dimensions for the spatial and temporal landscape smoothers, and 16 basis dimensions for the spatio-temporal interaction. The effective degrees of freedom for all smoothing terms were far below the number of basis dimensions, indicating that no additional basis dimensions were needed (see Tables S2, S4, S6, S8). To remove unimportant terms from the model, we used thin-plate regression splines with extra shrinkage, a continuous analog to stepwise model selection where weaker terms are completely removed from the model rather than reduced to a line (Marra & Wood 2011). Deviance residuals from each model were visually inspected for normality and equal variance (Hilbe 2011; Wood 2017). Finally, we calculated the proportion of explained variance (R<sup>2</sup>) for each set of terms (Nakagawa *et al.* 2013, 2017).

To compare scalar-on-function (annular) regression to the more traditional (radial) regression approach, we also fit radial models of abundance using the same cover classes. We fit models using proportion cover in radii of increasing distances around each trap location (30 - 1500m, as above), and chose the model with the lowest AIC as the "best" model. As in the annular regression model, trapping location, log-days of trap placement, day of year, and easting and northing were also included in the radial models.

Preliminary model fits revealed that some of the landscape terms in our model were strongly

concurved with each other, so we removed them from the model or combined them. Concurvity is a 168 nonlinear analogue of multicollinearity which can bias estimates of standard errors (Buja et al. 1989). 169 There is no agreed-upon threshold of unacceptable" concurvity, but 0.5 is commonly used 170 [@dominici2002; @ramsay2003]. <!-- Some landscape terms were strongly concurved , namely 17 forest and shrubland (max: 0.71), canola and cereal (max: 0.74), and grassland and wetland 172 (max: 0.63). --> For highly concurved classes, we examined the spatial nature of the concurvity 173 using scatterplots of proportion cover within each annulus to determine whether the cover 174 classes should be merged (if classes were consistently related) or removed (if classes 175 were inversely related to one another). Forests and shrubland were combined into a singlewoodland" 176 category, and grassland and wetland were combined into a single "grassland" category, as they were 177 strongly positively related to each other at all distances of annuli, indicating similar feature classes. Cereal was removed from the model, as it was highly concurved with canola; in particular, it was 179 negatively associated with canola cover at annulus distances of less than 200m and was positively associated at distances over 500m, reflecting the most common crop rotations (canola  $\rightarrow$  wheat  $\rightarrow$ 181 barley) and the commonly-used 800 m block structure of farmland in our study region (quarter-sections). This resulted in a reduced set of landscape terms, none of which were strongly concurved with each 183 other (cropland: canola, pulses; SNL: grassland, pasture, woodland, roadside; see Figure S1). 184

#### Box 1: Interreting Functional Regression Plots

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Functional linear regression is a special case of linear regression, where the independent variable 187 is predicted by a functional dependent variable, meaning that the slope is a function (vector) rather 188 a fixed (scalar) value (Ramsay & Silverman 2004; Yen et al. 2014). Therefore, the interpretation of 189 a functional regression plot is very different from that of a simple linear regression plot. Figure 2a 190 shows a simple linear regression plot of a hypothetical relationship between trap activity-density (y) 191 and a single predictor, proportion cover (x), which is measured in a circle of a fixed radius surrounding 192 each trap. If we suppose that the relationship between x and y is similar at all radii at which x is 193 measured, then Figure 2b shows the resulting functional linear regression plot, where the slope  $(\beta)$  is the same at all distances (we avoid the problem of overlapping concentric circles by using concentric 195 annuli). In reality, it is more likely that nearby cover will be more influential on activity-density than 196 far-away cover, which could result in a relationship similar to Figure 2c. As functional regression takes 197 any continuous predictor of y, it is also possible to use proportion cover as a predictor of measurements

taken across time, allowing the effect of a (fixed) proportion cover on activity density to vary over the course of the season (Figure 2d). Finally, the effect of proportion cover over distance and time may be modeled as a smoothed surface, representing the joint spatio-temporal influence of landscape cover on activity-density.

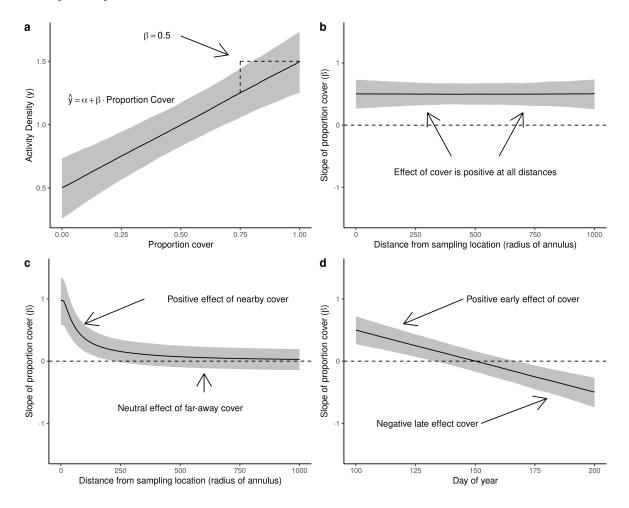


Figure 2: Examples of (functional) linear regression plots. a) shows a simple linear regression plot, with a single slope value for a single regressor. b) shows the equivalent plot in functional regression form, where the the slope is a smoothed function that maps onto a function-valued regressor. c) and d) show functional linear regression plots where the slope varies with the location of the regressor.

Functional regression plots of landscape composition reveal which cover classes are acting as sources or destinations of a given arthropod, and at what spatial scale (Figure 2). Positive effects of nearby landscape cover classes indicate that arthropods are spilling over *from* it, therefore acting as a source. However, negative responses to nearby landscape cover classes can indicate one of two things: 1) It

may indicate that arthropods are spilling over *into* it (therefore acting as a destination) or 2) it may indicate that no arthropods are available to spill over *from* it. We consider 1) to be the more likely scenario, as it is unlikely that any one cover class is *completely* unoccupied. For example, a cover class with low-quality habitat could act as an ecological trap (Galpern *et al.* 2017) if it acts as a destination but never as a source. Alternatively, a cover class could act as a destination by providing high-quality habitat at certain times of the year (e.g. egg laying/feeding), but act as a source at other times (e.g. during emergence).

In the Results section, we refer to near" and far landscape effects, where near indicates the effects of landscape composition at scales of <500 m, and far indicates scales of >500 m. Similarly, we refer to early- and late-season effects, where landscape composition affected activity-density on June 20th or August 20th, respectively.

#### 3. Results

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## 3.1. Landscape composition and trap catches

Grassland, cereal, and canola were the three most-abundant landcover classes surrounding our 221 traps, accounting for 78% of land cover (Figure S2). Several landscape "fingerprints" were evident in the landscape annuli, with cereal cover increasing with distance away, along with a corresponding decrease in canola cover. Study sites were originally chosen for sampling arthropods surrounding canola 224 agroecosystems, so canola was a dominant signal in the landscape, but there was also a large amount 225 of variation in grassland and pasture surrounding each site (Figure S2). Grassland cover was largely 226 constant with distance, but a cluster of sites had uniformly high or low cover of grassland with distance. 227 The pitfall traps caught a total of 18968 Pterostichus melanarius, 5397 Pardosa distincta, 2350 Pardosa 228 moesta, and 34090 Phalangium opilio (mean trapping rates per day: 1.58, 0.49, 0.22, 2.92, SD: 5.69, 229 1.08, 1.09, 5.48, respectively). 230

#### 3.2. Ground beetle: Pterostichus melanarius

P. melanarius activity-density was strongly influenced by trap location and landscape composition (Tables S1, S2). Canola crops had a marginally higher activity-density of P. melanarius than other trap locations (Figure 3a). Grassland cover was the most important land cover type in explaining activity-density ( $R^2$ : 0.104, Table 1), and near grassland had a negative effect late in the summer (Figure 3b), suggesting that P. melanarius may move into grasslands later in the year. Near canola

had a positive effect in the early season, but landscape-level canola had a negative effect, indicating
that areas with widespread canola coverage had lower *P. melanarius* activity-density (Figure 3c).

Pulses acted as a late-season source, indicating that *P. melanarius* may disperse out of pulses after
(or during) harvest (Figure 3d). Finally, *P. melanarius* activity-density had a strong temporal and
spatial component (both p <0.001), indicating that phenology and large-scale geographic factors were
important drivers of ground beetle activity-density (Figure S3). Landscape composition and trap
location explained 19% of the variance in activity-density, while the spatial and temporal smoothers
accounted for 51% (Table 1).

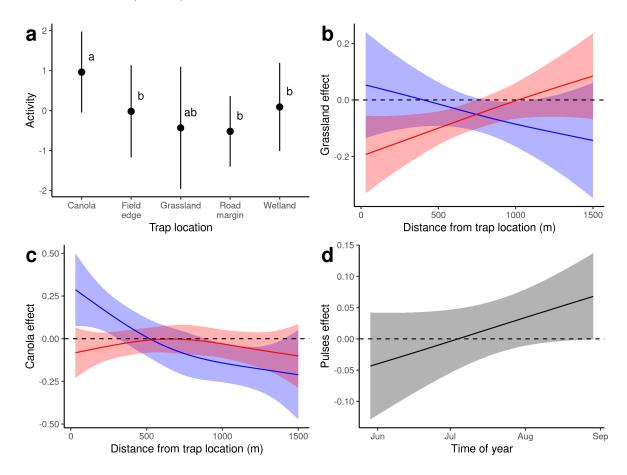


Figure 3: Landscape influence on *Pterostichus melanarius* activity-density. a) shows the effect of trap location, and b-c) are functional regression plots of the proportion grassland and canola at distances away from each trap. d) is a functional regression plot over time, showing the effect of pulses at different times of the year. Lines and dots represent means, and bars and shaded regions represent 95 % confidence regions (1.96 x SE). Coloured regions represent early- and late-season effects (blue = June 20, red = August 20).

### 3.3. Wolf spiders: Pardosa distincta and Pardosa moesta

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Activity-density of P. distincta and P. moesta was influenced by trap location and landscape composition (Tables S3, S4, S5, S6), but landscape composition had relatively weak effects on both 247 species ( $R^2$ : 0.0252, 0.0445). Unlike P. melanarius, both Pardosa species had far lower activity-density 248 in canola than any other cover type (Figures 4a, 5a). Activity-density of both Pardosa species had 240 a strong temporal and spatial component, although the temporal component was dominant for P. 250 distincta, whereas the spatial component was dominant for P. moesta (Figures S4 and S5; both p<0.001). 251 P. distincta activity-density was negatively affected by far pasture (Figure 4b), suggesting that 252 large amounts of pasture are unsuitable habitat for P. distincta. There was also a negative effect of 253 woodlands late in the summer (Figure 4c) that did not depend on spatial scale, indicating that P. 254 distincta may disperse into woodlands at this time. However, trap location and the temporal smoother (Figure S4a) explained roughly 10 times more variance than landscape composition ( $R^2$ : 0.51 versus 256 0.025), meaning that while P. distincta may be abundant in certain cover types, its overall habitat 257 preferences are fairly general. 258

 $P.\ moesta$  activity-density responded to grassland, canola, and road margins. Grasslands had a near negative effect, but a positive far effect, indicating that these cover types act as a local destination, the general amount of grassland in the area had a positive effect (Figure 5b). Near canola cover had a positive early effect on activity-density, but a negative effect later in the season (Figure 5c). Near road margins also had a similar effect, acting as an early source and a late destination (Figure 5d). Pulses also had a positive effect at the landscape level (Figure 5e), but this explained very little variance in  $P.\ moesta$  activity-density (Table 1,  $R^2$ : 0.01). Similar to  $P.\ distincta$ , trap location and an East-West spatial smoother (Figure S5b) explained roughly 5 times more variance in  $P.\ moesta$  activity-density than landscape composition ( $R^2$ : 0.52 versus 0.045), meaning that  $P.\ moesta$  is also fairly general in its overall habitat preferences, and is influenced more heavily by larger-scale abiotic factors.

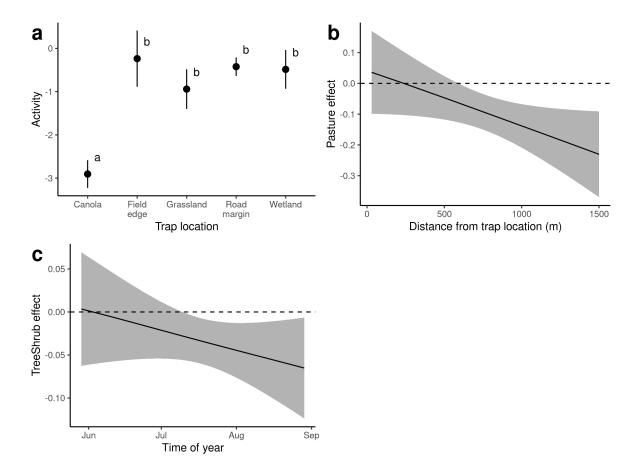


Figure 4: Landscape influence on  $Pardosa\ distincta$  activity-density. a) shows the effect of trap location, b) is a functional regression plot of the proportion pasture at distances away from each trap, and c) is a functional regression plot over time, showing the effect of woodland at different times of the year. Lines and dots represent means, and bars and shaded regions represent 95 % confidence regions (1.96 x SE).

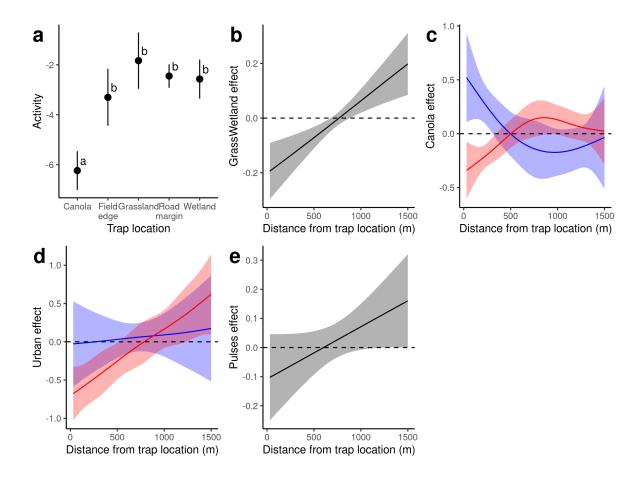


Figure 5: Landscape influence on  $Pardosa\ moesta$  activity-density. a) shows the effect of trap location, and b-e) are functional regression plots of the proportion grassland, canola, road margins, and pulses at distances away from each trap. Lines and dots represent means, and bars and shaded regions represent 95 % confidence regions (1.96 x SE). Coloured regions represent early- and late-season effects (blue = June 20, red = August 20).

## 3.4. Harvestman: Phalangium opilio

P. opilio activity-density was somewhat influenced by trap location, with field edges and wetlands having the highest activity-density (Figure 6a), but this effect was dwarfed by the spatial and temporal smoothers (Table 1), meaning that P. opilio activity-density is only mildly influenced by landscape composition. Nearby grassland and woodland both had negative effects on Phalangium opilio activity-density Figures 6b,c), but the effect of grassland was negative only early in the season (only weakly for woodland: p=0.07), suggesting that P. opilio may preferentially disperse to these cover classes. The temporal smoother was overwhelmingly the most important predictor of P. opilio activity-density (R<sup>2</sup>: 0.42), showing that activity-density increased during the spring, and showed very little decline during the rest of the season (Figure S6a). Similar to P. moesta, P. opilio also showed a distinct East-West

spatial smoother (Figure S6b), indicating that their activity-density is also influenced by larger-scale abiotic factors.

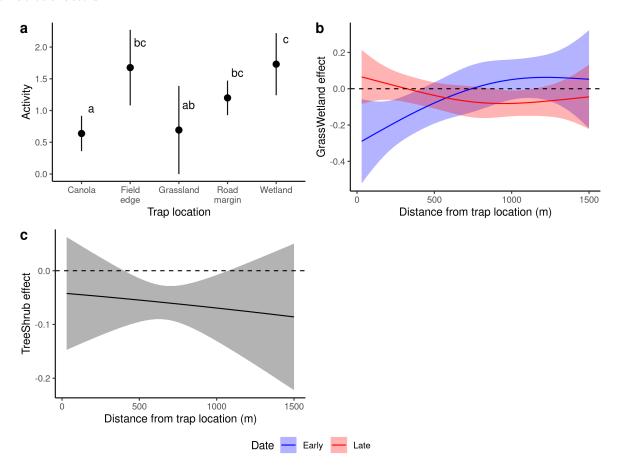


Figure 6: Landscape influence on *Phalangium opilio* activity-density. a) shows the effect of trap location, and b-c) are functional regression plots of the proportion grassland and woodland at distances away from each trap. Lines and dots represent means, and bars and shaded regions represent 95 % confidence regions (1.96 x SE). Coloured regions represent early- and late-season effects (blue = June 20, red = August 20).

# 3.5. Comparison of annular and radial models

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Functional regression provided a better abundance model for two out of the four species (P. melanarius and P. distincta), while radial regression performed better for P. moesta, and the null model (no landscape terms) was the best model for P. opilio (Table 3). The best radial model of P. melanarius used a landscape radius of 1230 m, lending strength to the interpretation of the functional model where far-away landscapes have an influence on P. melanarius abundance. The best landscape radii identified for P. distincta and P. moesta were much smaller (270 and 180 m, respectively), so it may be that the functional regression incorrectly identified effects of far-away land cover classes on

Table 1:  ${\bf R}^2_{GLMM}$  for model components, representing the proportion of total variance explained by each term.  ${\bf R}^2$  was calculated using methods from Nakagawa et al. 2013 and Nakagawa et al. 2017.

Term	Pterostichus	Pardosa	Pardosa	Phalangium
Term	melanarius	distincta	moesta	opilio
Trap Location	0.142	0.322	0.385	0.019
Day of Year	0.053	0.186	0.066	0.425
Spatial Location	0.454	0.039	0.138	0.235
Grassland	0.008	0.005	0.000	0.001
Canola	0.001	0.007	0.013	0.000
Pasture	0.006	0.000	0.001	0.003
Woodland	0.013	0.000	0.008	0.002
Pulses	0.004	0.009	0.010	0.000
Road margins	0.018	0.005	0.013	0.000
Residual	0.301	0.428	0.367	0.314

Table 2: Synthesis of model results. Pest control potential is based on likelihood of early-season aggregation to canola crops.

Species	Summary	Pest control potential
Pterostichus melanarius	Moves to canola during early season     Disperses to grassland during late season	High
Pardosa distincta	<ul><li> Negative effect of pasture</li><li> May move locally to field edges</li></ul>	Low
Pardosa moesta	<ul> <li>Moves to canola during early season</li> <li>Disperses to road margins and grassland during late season</li> <li>Moves to grasslands across the season.</li> </ul>	Medium
Phalangium opilio	· Moves to grassland early in the season	Low

Table 3: Comparison of models. The null model includes trap location and a spatial and a temporal smoother, but contains no landscape terms. The annular model includes the terms in the null model plus scalar-on-function landscape terms. The radial model includes the terms the null model plus radial landscape smoothers. Radius indicates the radius of landscape composition used in the best-fitting radial model.

	Null Model Annular Model		Model	Radial Model		Model	
Species	AIC	edf	AIC	$\operatorname{edf}$	AIC	edf	Radius (m)
Pterostichus melanarius	4732.1	51.3	4717.3	71.0	4733.1	58.6	1230
Pardosa distincta	3897.1	29.3	3882.5	43.6	3885.0	36.0	270
Pardosa moesta	2013.3	13.2	2008.2	23.1	1975.4	49.9	180
Phalangium opilio	6562.2	33.2	6566.7	45.8	6565.3	38.0	90

abundance. However, none of the radial models accounted for the temporal effects of specific land cover classes, so it is difficult to compare the models directly. Interestingly, the radial model of P. moesta provided a much better fit than the functional regression model ( $\delta$ AIC: -33), suggesting that a simpler model may be more appropriate for some species than others. Finally, the null model (no landscape terms) provided the best model of P. opilio abundance, indicating that the organism has very general landscape preferences.

#### 295 4. Discussion

Our prediction of SNL having late-season effects on beneficial arthropods was supported (Table 296 2). Specifically, grassland had a negative effect on P. melanarius activity-density, woodlands on P. 297 distincta activity-density, and road margins on P. moesta activity-density, all during late summer (August - September). This suggests that these arthropods disperse to these habitats at the end of the 290 summer to prepare for oviposition or overwintering. However, P. opilio showed no evidence of this, 300 instead showing a negative effect of grassland early in the season, suggesting that a) they aggregate in 301 grasslands or b) grasslands do not constitute suitable habitat for P. opilio, resulting in low spillover. 302 There was little evidence of SNL acting as early-season sources, aside from road margins having a 303 positive early effect on P. moesta activity-density. However, some cover classes had a positive effect 304 at the landscape level (grassland and road margins on P. moesta), suggesting earlier or larger-scale dispersal away from these cover classes. Canola had a positive effect on P. melanarius and P. moesta 306 in the early season, suggesting that these organisms aggregate to canola crops and disperse at the end of the season (mass effects sensu Shmida & Wilson 1985). Canola also had negative landscape-level 308 effects on P. melanarius while pasture had negative effects on P. distincta, meaning that these cover types likely represent only partial habitat for these arthropods. Finally, the influence of landscape 310 composition tended to be limited to a radius of about 500m, indicating that nearby landscapes are 311

associated with beneficial arthropod abundance. There was also a strong temporal component to most of the landscape effects, meaning that it is important to consider how destinations and sources may change over the season.

The predatory ground beetle *Pterostichus melanarius* responded to landscape composition, primarily 315 to canola, pulses, and grass and wetland cover. Grassland and wetland cover had a negative late-season 316 effect, suggesting that they act as a destination for P. melanarius at the end of the summer. Other 317 studies have found similar results, suggesting that untilled land is important off-field habitat for carabids 318 (Desender & Alderweireldt 1988; Fournier & Loreau 2002; but see Hatten et al. 2007). In particular, 319 Purtauf et al. (2005) found that carabid density increased with proportion of nearby grasslands, so our 320 negative late-season effect of grasslands may represent P. melanarius moving to overwintering habitat 321 at the end of the season. However, P. melanarius is also found in a wide variety of habitats, and tends to prefer agricultural fields (Larsen et al. 2003). Our models confirmed this, as they showed that canola 323 and pulse crops had positive effects on P. melanarius activity-density early in the season. Early in the season, canola crops had a near positive effect, but a landscape-level negative effect, which may indicate 325 that they provide only temporary feeding habitat. The effect of pulse crops on carabid abundance is not well-studied, but our results suggest that pulses may represent a potential food resource for P. 327 melanarius, albeit a weak one (Table 1). Carabids are predators of pea-leaf weevils (Sitona lineatus) 328 on other Fabaceae (Hamon et al. 1990), and P. melanarius can prey upon other carabids that are 329 predators of S. lineatus, such as Bembidion quadrimaculatum (Vankosky et al. 2011), so this effect may 330 be direct or indirect. We did not consider the influence of previous years' crops, although carabids tend 331 to be more abundant in areas of high crop rotation (Bertrand et al. 2016; Busch 2016). Finally, P. 332 melanarius has long- and short-winged morphs with very different dispersal abilities (Niemelä & Spence 333 1999; Bourassa et al. 2011), which may influence the degree to which landscape-level proportion cover 334 impacts activity-density.

The wolf spiders *Pardosa distincta* and *Pardosa moesta* both responded to landscape composition, but it explained only a small fraction of their activity-density ( $R^2$ : 0.025, 0.045). This means that both species of *Pardosa* appear to have very general habitat preferences, but may be somewhat influenced by certain cover types. Pasture had a negative effect at the landscape scale, and woodland had a late-season negative effect, suggesting that *P. distincta* move to woodlands for overwintering or winter foraging (Aitchison 1984; Buddle 2000). *Pardosa* are found in areas close to disturbed roadside strips (Drapela *et al.* 2008; Drapela *et al.* 2011; Kowal & Cartar 2011), but *P. distincta* appears to be less sensitive

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to disturbances than P. moesta (Collins et al. 1996; Wade & Roughley 2010). Moring & Stewart (1994) showed that P. distincta were active in grassy habitats, which we found partial evidence of, as P. distincta tended to have higher activity-density in trap locations with higher grass cover (Figure 4a). 345 Canola had an early-season positive effect on P. moesta, indicating that P. moesta and P. melanarius may both use canola as foraging grounds. We also found that road margins had a positive early-season 347 and a negative late-season effect Drapela et al. (2011). Grassland and pulses also had a negative nearby effect but a positive faraway effect; this suggests that they may constitute suitable habitat for P. moesta 349 and attract them away from other cover types. Wolf spiders (Lycosidae) employ a wandering-active 350 predation strategy (Young & Edwards 1990), meaning that nearby landscape composition may be more influential to Pardosa than large-scale composition (Öberg et al. 2007, 2008). While trapping 352 location explained a large proportion of variance for both species (0.32 and 0.38), several landscape features were also important at large spatial scales, including grass and wetland, pasture, pulses, and 354 road margins. Therefore, Pardosa dispersal distances may be further than previously thought, either through ballooning as juveniles (Richter 1970; Greenstone 1982) or through other long-distance travel. 356 Phalangium opilio activity-density responded to grass and wetland cover, as well as wooded landscapes. Other studies have found that P. opilio is mostly found in human-altered landscapes with 358 a large proportion of farming (Muster & Meyer 2014; Van de Poel 2015). Since most of our study 359 area was in or near farmed land, the lack of variation is understandable, but there were a few notable landscape-level patterns that emerged. P. opilio activity-density was higher in grassy field edges and 361 wetlands, but grasslands and wetlands had a negative nearby effect on P. opilio until late in the season. 362 These indicate that while grass and wetlands could act as a reservoir, spillover into other land cover 363 types may be limited, as P. opilio avoids heavily grazed areas, possibly due to low humidity (Šajna et al. 2011). P. opilio is also found in large numbers at the edges of forests, and may disperse from 365 forests into farmlands (Van de Poel 2015). We found the opposite pattern: forests had a weak negative effect on P. opilio, at least early in the year. Unlike the other arthropods, most of the variation in 367 activity-density for P. opilio was explained by day of year  $(R^2 = 0.42)$ , indicating strong seasonal emergence cues. However, there was also a strong East-West pattern in the spatial smoother for both P. opilio and P. moesta, meaning that larger-scale geographic patterns (rainfall or temperature) are more important influences on their activity-density. 371

Many other studies have considered the overall effect of SNL on ecosystem service provision, but we have highlighted the different spatial and temporal aspects of these services. We have shown how

a relatively straightforward statistical technique can be used to consider multiple spatial scales of landscape composition, providing richer inference about the processes acting on beneficial arthropods. 375 Our results show empirical evidence of arthropod movement between cover types at different times of 376 year, which is rarely considered beyond single-field studies. Since we did not directly track individual 377 movements, future studies should directly examine arthropod movement and life-history within matrices 378 of cover types, with the goal of integrating landscape ecology and behavioural processes into a single model (Lima & Zollner 1996). This would also allow direct inference about landscape categories that 380 were combined in our dataset, allowing us to consider different landscape categories independently. 381 Finally, future work should explicitly link landscape structure, arthropod abundance, and ecosystem 382 services (Gagic et al. 2017). 383

Our work has three main applications. First, it adds to the basis of scientific evidence showing that SNL can act as reservoir habitats in intensely-managed agroecosystems. Based on our findings, farmers and land managers should consider preserving existing grassland and wetland habitat to act as habitat for pest-suppressing arthropods in crops. While nearby habitat appears valuable, even faraway habitat can be valuable, as it can increase the number of beneficial arthropods at larger spatial scales (e.g. Figures 3, 5). Secondly, our work suggests that *P. melanarius* and *P. moesta* should be investigated for their role as predators in canola crops (Table 2). They appear to aggregate in canola crops early in the season, meaning that they have the potential to provide valuable pest-control services to growers. Finally, we demonstrate that timing and spatial scale of spillover should be considered in future landscape studies of ecosystem services. We show important differences in the timing of landscape effects on activity-density (early-season vs. late-season spillover) that are typically ignored, but should be considered when assessing how SNL can deliver ecosystem services.

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### 607 Appendix A: Supplementary Material

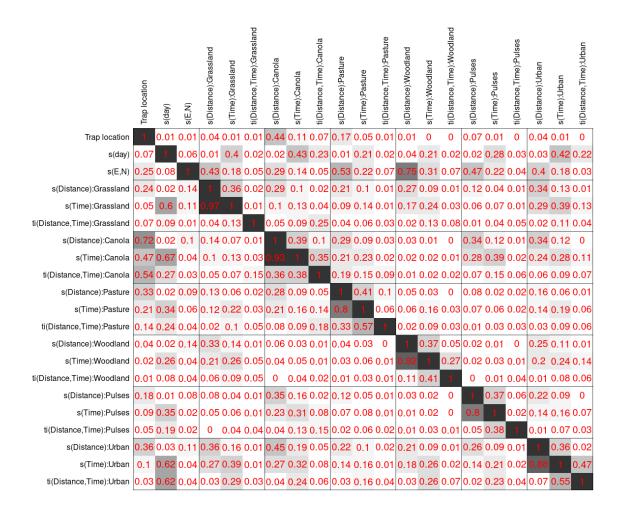


Figure S1: Concurvity estimates for reduced cover classes used in models.

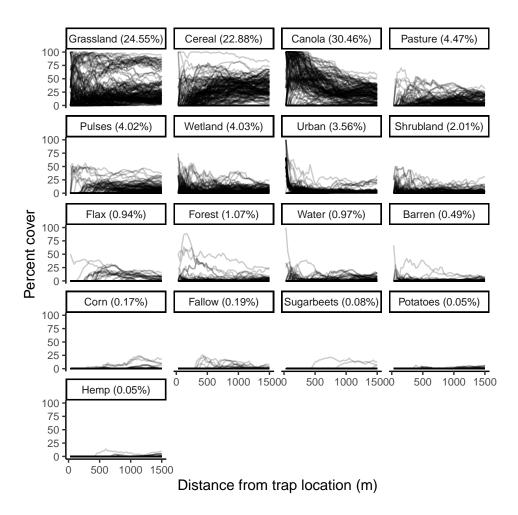


Figure S2: Percent cover of landscape cover classes in annuli surrounding each trap location. Sites are represented by individual lines. Mean cover for each class is listed in each sub-heading.

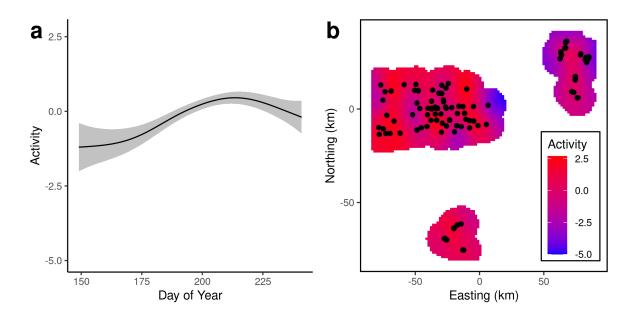


Figure S3: Temporal and spatial components of *Pterostichus melanarius* activity-density (after accounting for landscape composition and trap location). a) shows the effect of day of year, and b) shows the spatially smoothed effect of site location.

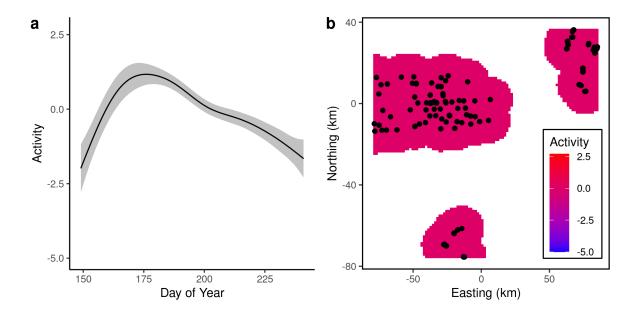


Figure S4: Temporal and spatial components of *Pardosa distincta* activity-density (after accounting for landscape composition and trap location). a) shows the effect of day of year, and b) shows the spatially smoothed effect of site location.

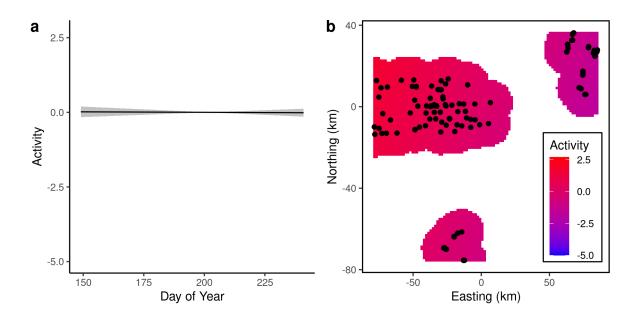


Figure S5: Temporal and spatial components of *Pardosa moesta* activity-density (after accounting for landscape composition and trap location). a) shows the effect of day of year, and b) shows the spatially smoothed effect of site location.

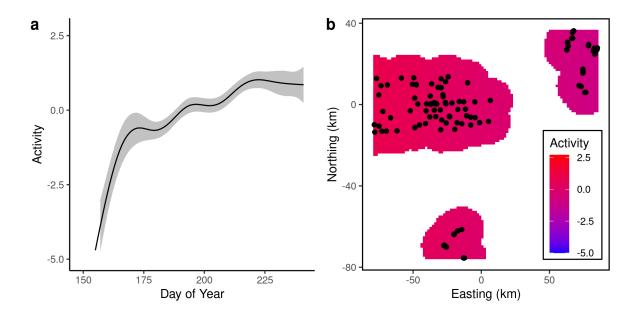


Figure S6: Temporal and spatial components of *Phalangium opilio* activity-density (after accounting for landscape composition and trap location). a) shows the effect of day of year, and b) shows the spatially smoothed effect of site location.

Table S1: Trap location (cover type that trap was located in) intercept estimates for Pterostichus melanarius

Trap location	β	S.E.	Z	р
Canola	0.35	0.22	1.62	0.105
Road margin	-1.83	0.17	-10.59	< 0.001
Grassland	-1.36	0.64	-2.11	0.035
Field edge	-0.89	0.36	-2.51	0.012
Wetland	-0.61	0.31	-1.93	0.054

Table S2: Smooth terms for Pterostichus melanarius. s indicates a thin-plate spline, ti indicates a tensor-product interaction. All terms except for day and (E,N) are functional regression fits.

Smoothing term	E.d.f.	$\chi^2$	р
s(Day)	1.14	16.18	< 0.001
s(E,N)	39.05	343.41	< 0.001
s(Distance):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.161
s(Day):Grassland	1.58	7.11	0.007
ti(Distance,Day):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.925
s(Distance):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.339
s(Day):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.495
ti(Distance,Day):Canola	0.76	1.82	0.075
s(Distance):Pasture	1.33	6.06	0.009
s(Day):Pasture	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.541
ti(Distance,Day):Pasture	1.02	2.34	0.091
s(Distance):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.292
s(Day):Woodland	1.8	12.06	0.001
ti(Distance,Day):Woodland	1.87	12.68	< 0.001
s(Distance):Pulses	1.57	4.83	0.035
s(Day):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.759
ti(Distance,Day):Pulses	0.59	1.22	0.139
s(Distance):Roads	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.329
s(Day):Roads	0.52	0.66	0.237
ti(Distance,Day):Roads	3.49	26.8	< 0.001

Table S3: Trap location (cover type that trap was located in) intercept estimates for Pardosa distincta

Trap location	β	S.E.	Z	p
Canola	-3.48	0.21	-16.95	< 0.001
Road margin	-0.62	0.18	-3.45	0.001
Grassland	-1.54	0.35	-4.42	< 0.001
Field edge	-0.72	0.34	-2.09	0.037
Wetland	-1.06	0.27	-3.91	< 0.001

Table S4: Smooth terms for  $Pardosa\ distincta.\ s$  indicates a thin-plate spline, ti indicates a tensor-product interaction. All terms except for day and (E,N) are functional regression fits.

Smoothing term	E.d.f.	$\chi^2$	p
s(Day)	5.92	207.13	< 0.001
s(E,N)	14.44	48.23	< 0.001
s(Distance):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.722
s(Day):Grassland	0.04	0.04	0.333
ti(Distance,Day):Grassland	2.42	7.68	0.014
s(Distance):Canola	1.57	6.51	0.012
s(Day):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.482
ti(Distance,Day):Canola	0.3	0.41	0.212
s(Distance):Pasture	0.28	0.33	0.274
s(Day):Pasture	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.55
ti(Distance,Day):Pasture	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.578
s(Distance):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.988
s(Day):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.727
ti(Distance,Day):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.623
s(Distance):Pulses	1.51	6	0.016
s(Day):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.544
ti(Distance,Day):Pulses	0.97	5.63	0.01
s(Distance):Roads	1.45	7.19	0.007
s(Day):Roads	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.455
ti(Distance,Day):Roads	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.938

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Table S5: Trap location (cover type that trap was located in) intercept estimates for {\it Pardosa moesta}. \end{tabular}$ 

Trap location	β	S.E.	Z	p
Canola	-5.89	0.42	-13.90	< 0.001
Road margin	-1.77	0.28	-6.37	< 0.001
Grassland	-2.10	0.52	-4.03	< 0.001
Field edge	-3.15	0.60	-5.22	< 0.001
Wetland	-2.63	0.43	-6.13	< 0.001

Table S6: Smooth terms for  $Pardosa\ moesta.\ s$  indicates a thin-plate spline, ti indicates a tensor-product interaction. All terms except for day and (E,N) are functional regression fits.

Smoothing term	E.d.f.	$\chi^2$	р
s(Day)	1.12	20.9	< 0.001
s(E,N)	1.99	66.86	< 0.001
s(Distance):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.953
s(Day):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.768
ti(Distance,Day):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.499
s(Distance):Canola	1.58	6.56	0.015
s(Day):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.478
ti(Distance,Day):Canola	1.03	2.33	0.094
s(Distance):Pasture	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.968
s(Day):Pasture	0.88	1.35	0.208
ti(Distance,Day):Pasture	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.949
s(Distance):Woodland	1.23	7.26	0.005
s(Day):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.511
ti(Distance,Day):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.413
s(Distance):Pulses	1.44	7.72	0.005
s(Day):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.557
ti(Distance,Day):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.711
s(Distance):Roads	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.265
s(Day):Roads	1.41	4.97	0.025
ti(Distance,Day):Roads	2.88	10.68	0.002

Table S7: Trap location (cover type that trap was located in) intercept estimates for Phalangium opilio

Trap location	β	S.E.	Z	p
Canola	-0.22	0.15	-1.43	0.153
Road margin	0.20	0.12	1.59	0.112
Grassland	-0.13	0.34	-0.39	0.695
Field edge	0.84	0.31	2.71	0.007
Wetland	0.80	0.25	3.26	0.001

Table S8: Smooth terms for  $Phalangium\ opilio.\ s$  indicates a thin-plate spline, ti indicates a tensor-product interaction. All terms except for day and (E,N) are functional regression fits.

Smoothing term	E.d.f.	$\chi^2$	p
s(Day)	7.18	147.87	< 0.001
s(E,N)	17.81	220.24	< 0.001
s(Distance):Grassland	0.72	1.87	0.084
s(Day):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.4
ti(Distance,Day):Grassland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.956
s(Distance):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.711
s(Day):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.793
ti(Distance,Day):Canola	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.575
s(Distance):Pasture	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.659
s(Day):Pasture	1.3	3.01	0.089
ti(Distance,Day):Pasture	0.87	3.29	0.038
s(Distance):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.813
s(Day):Woodland	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.633
ti(Distance,Day):Woodland	2.24	5.16	0.059
s(Distance):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.714
s(Day):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.512
ti(Distance,Day):Pulses	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.622
s(Distance):Roads	0.62	1.05	0.163
s(Day):Roads	0.03	0.03	0.266
ti(Distance,Day):Roads	< 0.01	< 0.01	0.639

# 608 Appendix B: R Code

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#...
      #...
      s(distanceMatrix,by=Roads) +
      s(dayMatrix,by=Roads)+
      ti(distanceMatrix,dayMatrix,by=Roads),
    family= 'nb'
)
# where:
\# count = N x 1 vector of activity density from traps (count)
# trapdays = N x 1 vector of number of days that the trap was installed for (numeric)
# trapLoc = N \times 1 vector of trap location type (factor)
\# day = N x 1 vector of day of year that the trap was installed on (numeric)
\# E, N = N \times 1 \ vector(s) of Easting and Northing (numeric)
\# distanceMatrix = N x M matrix of distances, where the Nth row contains a vector
      of distances to the annuli (numeric)
# dayMatrix = N x M matrix of days, where the Nth row contains a vector of days
      that spans the range of days of the year (numeric)
\# Canola, Pasture, ... = N x M matrix of cover measurements, where the Nth row
      contains a vector of proportion cover measurements within each annulus (numeric)
# 'nb' = Negative binomial family
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