

Care on ecological basis of human life = biodiversity

Social-Environmental

Environmental Justice

Nature Resources Stewardship

Locally & Globally

Environmental

Natural resource use Environmental Management Pollution Prevention (air, water, land, waste)

Environmental-Economic

Energy Efficiency Subsidies / Incentives for use of Natural Resources

Sustainability

Social

Standard of Living Education Community Equal Opportunity

Economic

Profit Cost Saving

Economic Growth

Research & Development



Economic-Social

Business Ethics Fair Trade Worker's Rights



Definitions of biodiversity

➤ The variability of living organisms inhabiting all environments and the variability of the ecological systems of which these organisms are a part, whereby variability so defined includes <u>intra-species diversity</u>, <u>interspecies diversity and ecosystem diversity</u> (Convention on Biological Diversity, 'Earth Summit', Rio de Janeiro, 1992).

> The abundance of life forms found on Earth, the diversity of species, intra-species genetic variability, and the variety of multi-species natural systems, i.e. ecosystems and landscapes (Sienkiewicz 2010)

What is biodiversity?





FIGURE 1. A-I) Outline and colour pattern: A-F) Adalia bipunctata, G-I. Adalia decempunctata

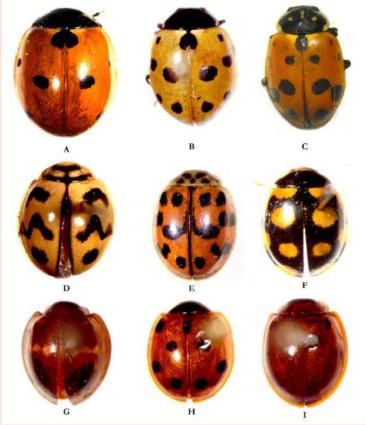
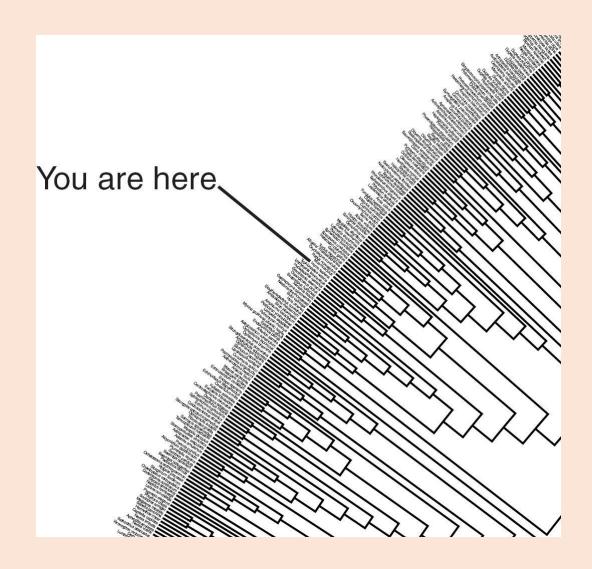
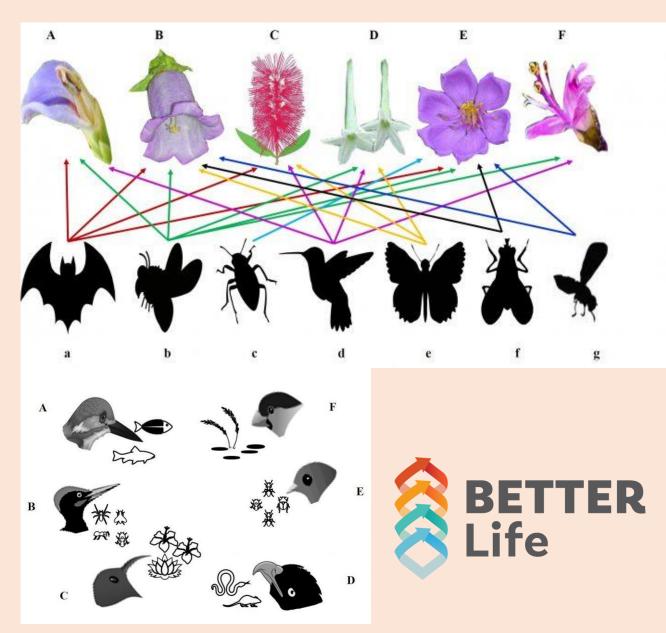


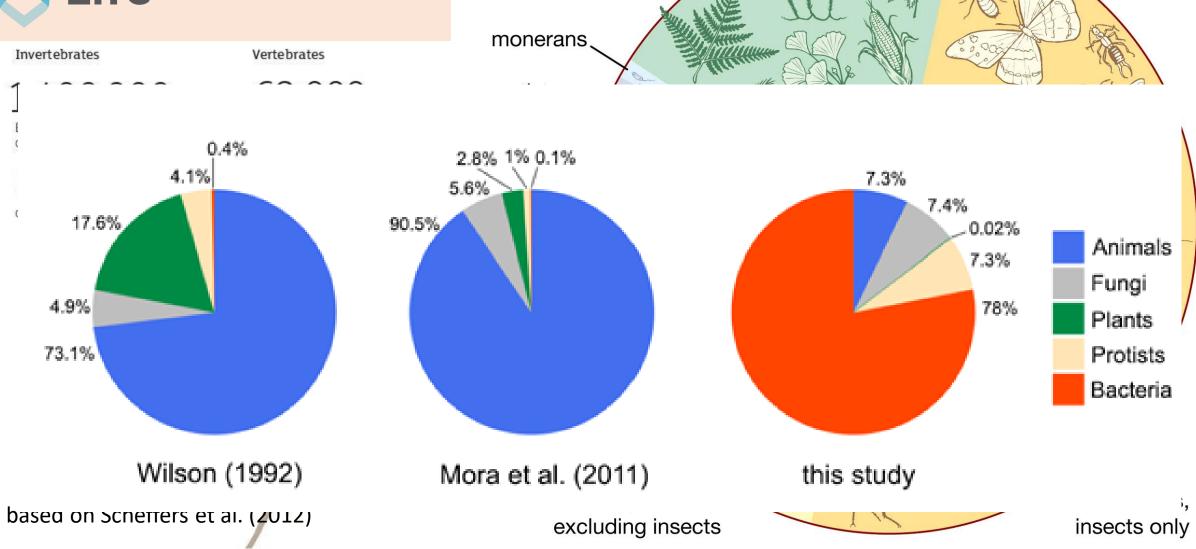
FIGURE 2. A-I) Outline and colour pattern: A) Coccinella septempunctata, B) Coccinella undecimpunctata, C) Hippodamia variegata, D) Menochilus sexmaculatus, E) Oenopia conglobata, F) Oenopia oncina, G) Chilocorus bipustulatus, H) Exochomus octosignatus, I) Exochomus quadripustulatus.

What is biodiversity?

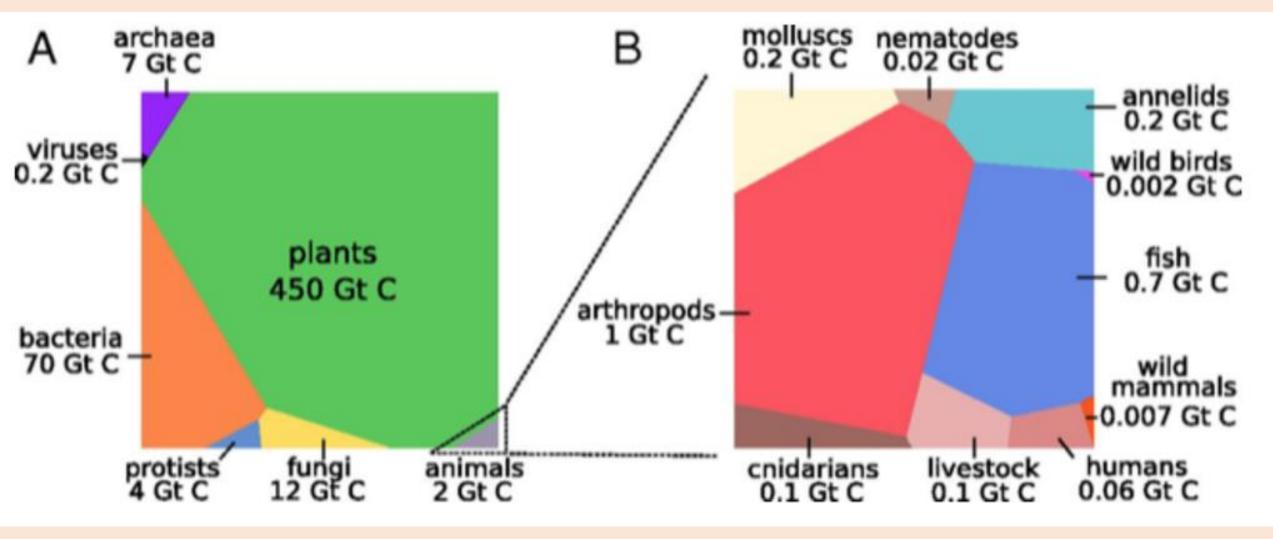








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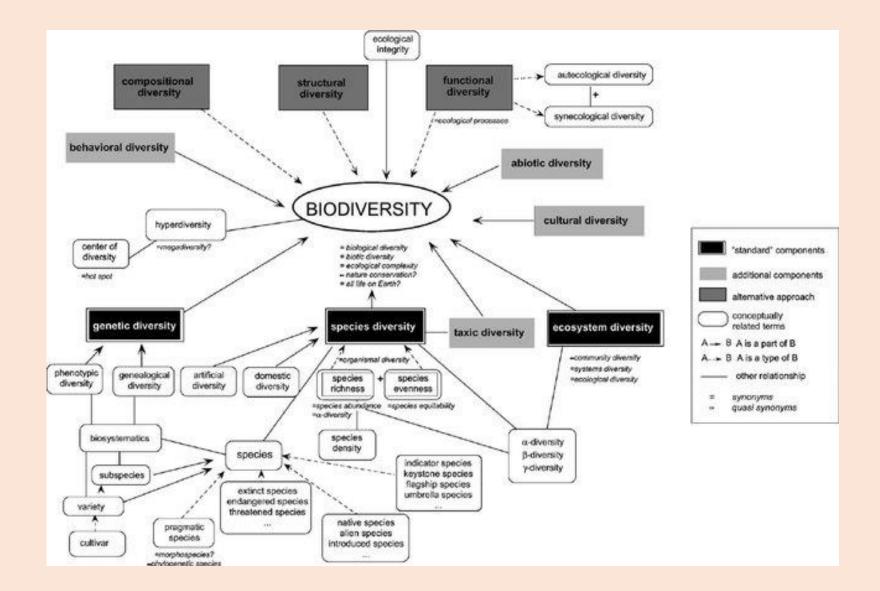
Biomass Study, Bar-on, Phillips, Milo: Proceedings of the US National Academy of Sciences, May 21, 2018; Article #17-11842; PNAS



BIODIVERSITY











Diversity levels - another perspective

geographical regions





Whittaker 1972



Beneficial arthropods









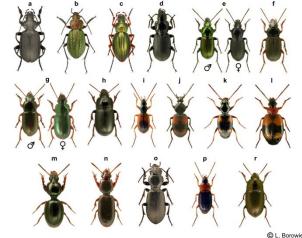




natural enemies parasites and
predators (also "true
seed predators")





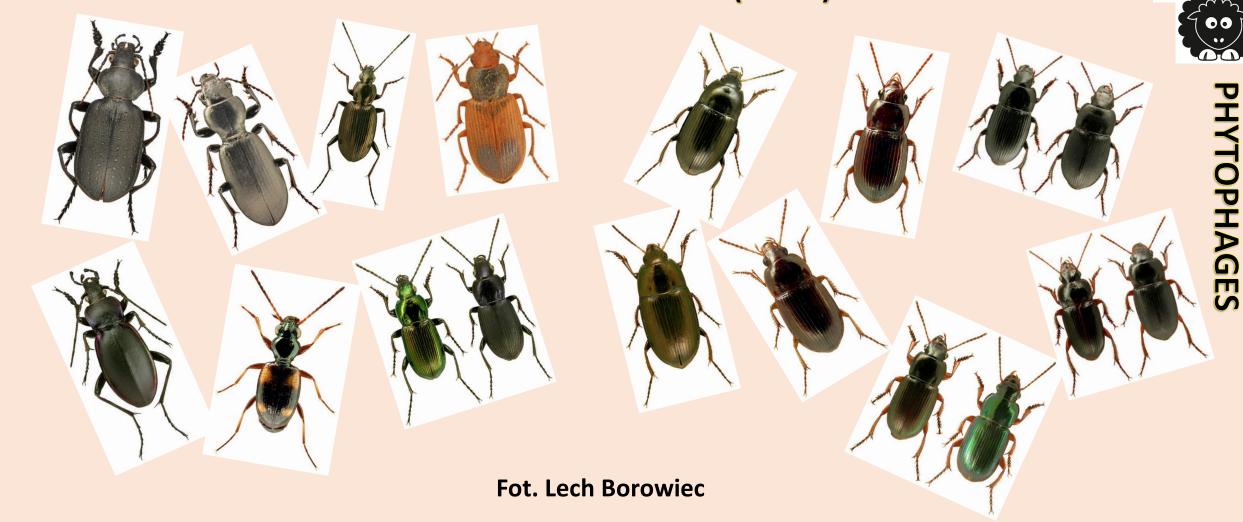


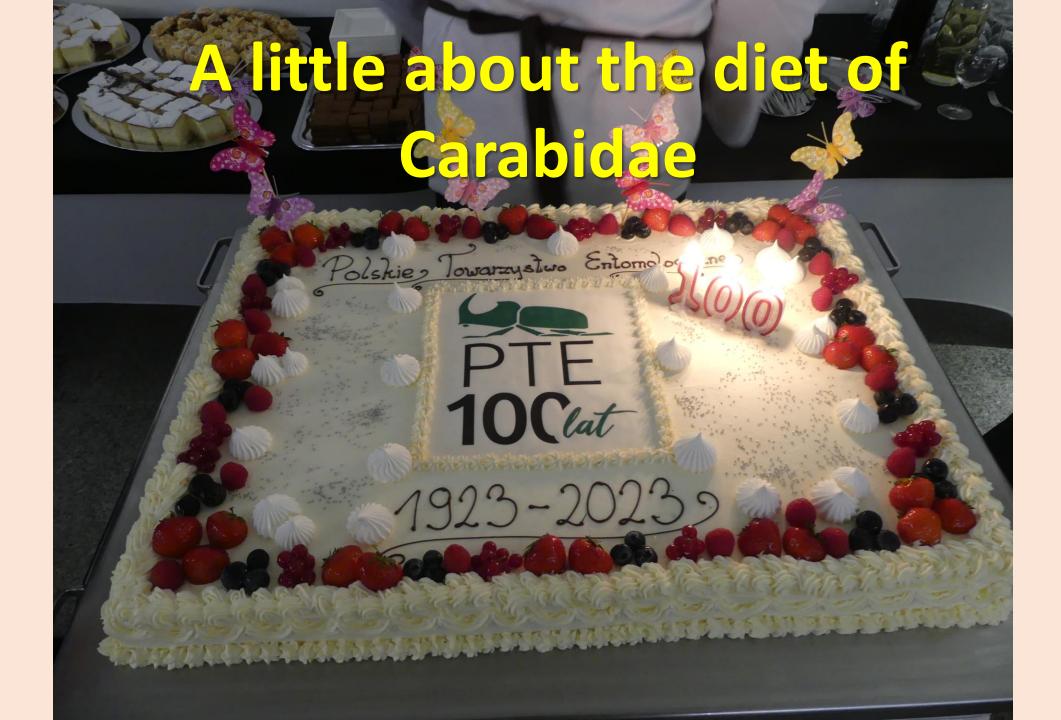


Which trophic groups of Carabidae dominate the fields in Poland?

ZOOPHAGES

HEMI(SEMI)ZOOPHAGES







Cychrus caraboides



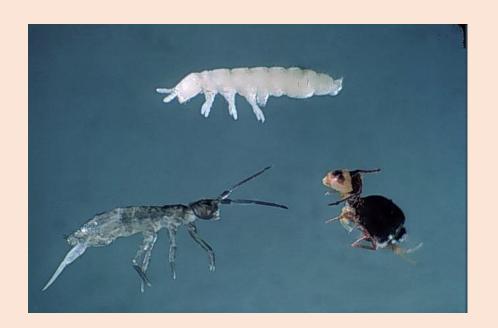






"Collembola-eaters"







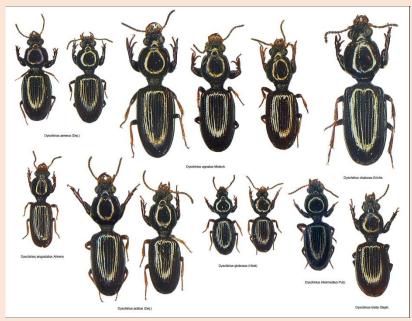








"Bledius-eaters"





Phytophages among predators













Difference in trophic position and resource use between con-specific Carabidae: isotopic study of seven common ground beetles on lake islands

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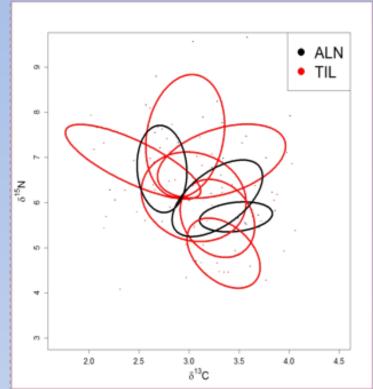


Fig. 2. The variability of isotopic trophic niche space of Carabus granulatus. Eigenvalue ellipses of isotopic niche space on different islands dominated by <u>Alnus</u> (ALN) and

AIM: Ground beetles are commonly considered as generalist predators. However, scale and the meaning of trophic generalism is not well established in this model taxon. Here we study the trophic positions of seven common European species.



METHOD:

Litter baseline corrected stable isotope ratios (δ¹³C and δ¹⁵N) were measured for 561 beetles of seven species inhabiting two types of habitat: Alder (ΔΙΝ) and Lime-Oak

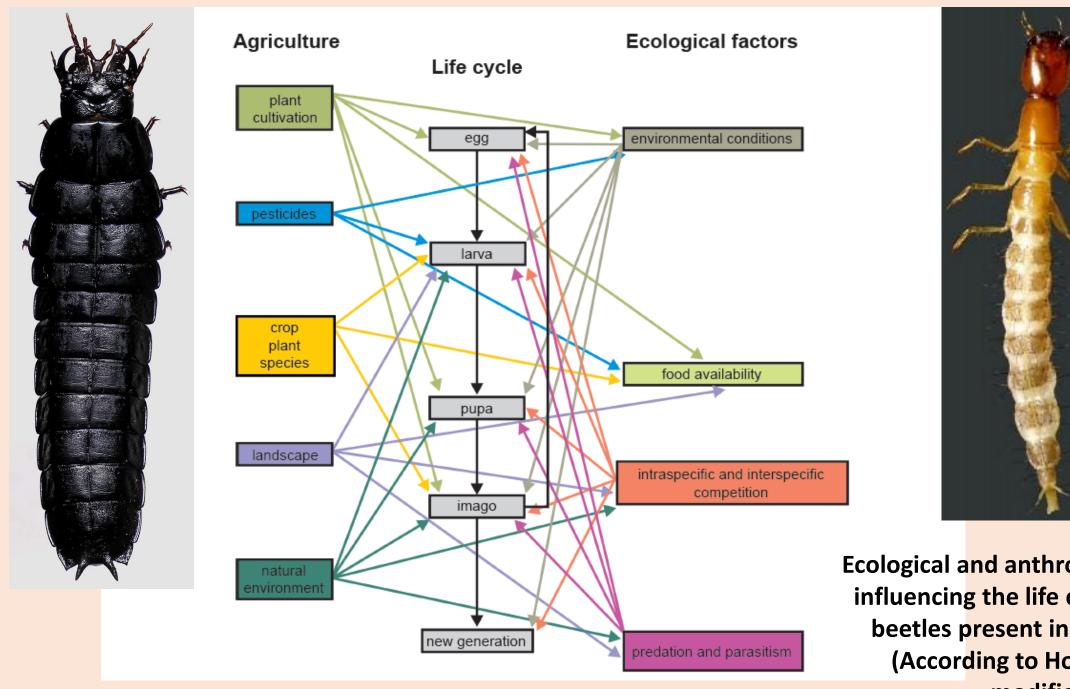




CONCLUSION:

Whereas we expected differences trophic in niches between habitats our results point to local trophic opportunism in common ground beetle species as expressed by isotopic differences between the lake islands of our study. Our results support literature claims that these species can make use of a wide variety food resources in dependence of local food availability (e. g. Fig 2).

Zalewski, M., Dudek, D., Tiunov, A. V., Godeau, J.-F., Okuzaki, Y., Ikeda, H., Sienkiewicz P. & Ulrich W. (2014): High niche overlap in the stable isotope space of ground beetles. Ann. Zool. Fennici 51: 301–312;



Ecological and anthropogenic factors influencing the life cycle of ground beetles present in arable fields.

(According to Holland 2002, modified)

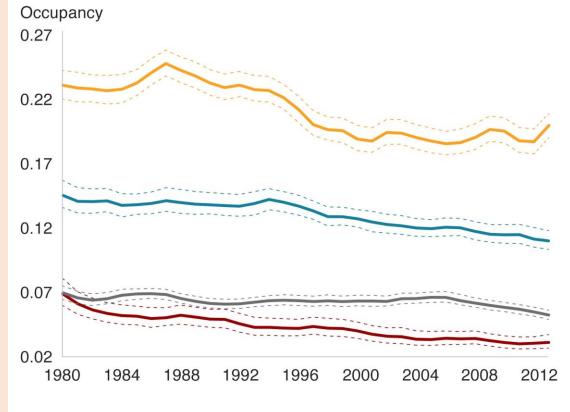




Ground beetles (Carabidae) are voracious slug predators. Slugs transmitted neonicotinoid insecticides, impairing or killing >60% of ground beetles. Photo by Stewart Taylor.

Decline in pollinating insects in Britain

- Widespread species of wild bee and hoverflies
- Widespread southern species of wild bees and hoverflies
- Wild bees and hoverflies living in southern areas
- Wild bees and hoverflies living in upland areas



Occupancy is an estimate of the proportion of 1km grid cells where the species is present

Source: Nature Communications



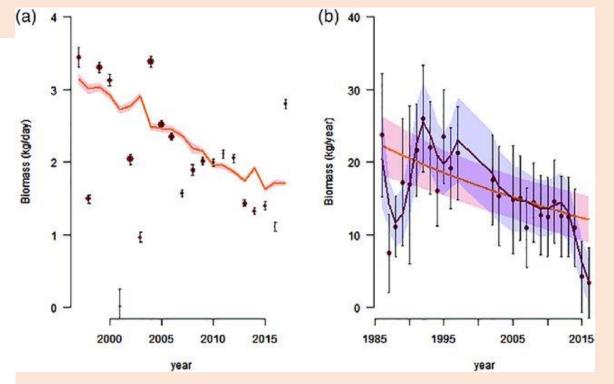


Fig. 5. Biomass trend of (a) macro-moths (Lepidoptera) per trapping night at De Kaaistoep and (b) ground beetles (Coleoptera: Carabidae) per year from pitfalls near Wijster. For each order, the annual indices (points), and estimates of the linear (orange) and non-linear (blue,) trends are given. Evidence for non-linearity is only apparent in Ground beetles, while for the remainder of the macro-moths the estimated trends of the two species are indistinguishable.

Hallmann, C.A.; et all. *Declining abundance of beetles, moths and caddisflies in The Netherlands*. Insect Conserv. Divers. 2020, 13, 127–139 (18)



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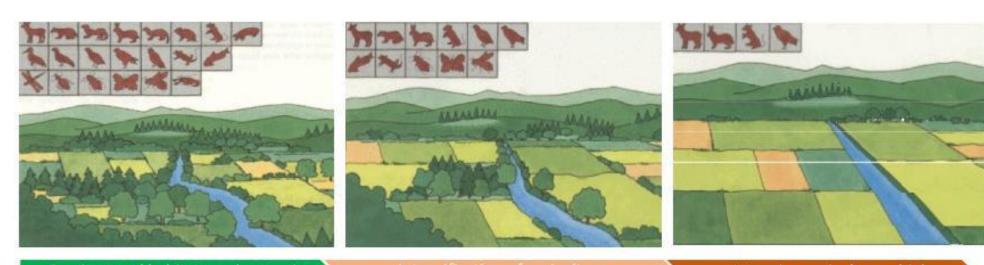
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Decreasing biodiversity

Figure 1 – Changes of biodiversity on farmland due to intensification of farmland use



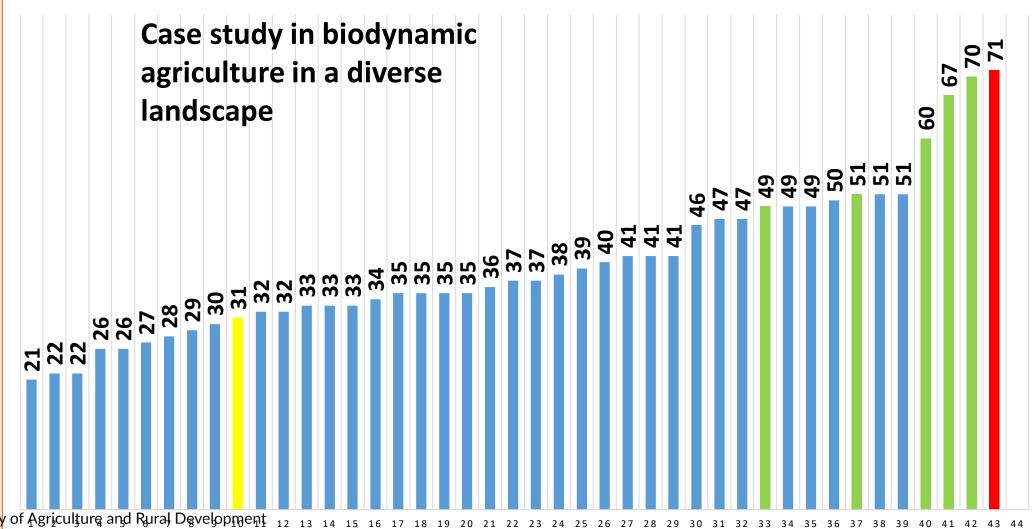
Semi-natural habitats and extensive agriculture - high number of species and grassland habitats

Intensification of agriculture gradual decline of species and grassland habitats Intensive agriculture - high nutrient input, significant decline of species and grassland habitats

Source: ECA, based on Landesanstalt für Umweltschutz Baden-Württemberg, Landschaft natürlich (1992).

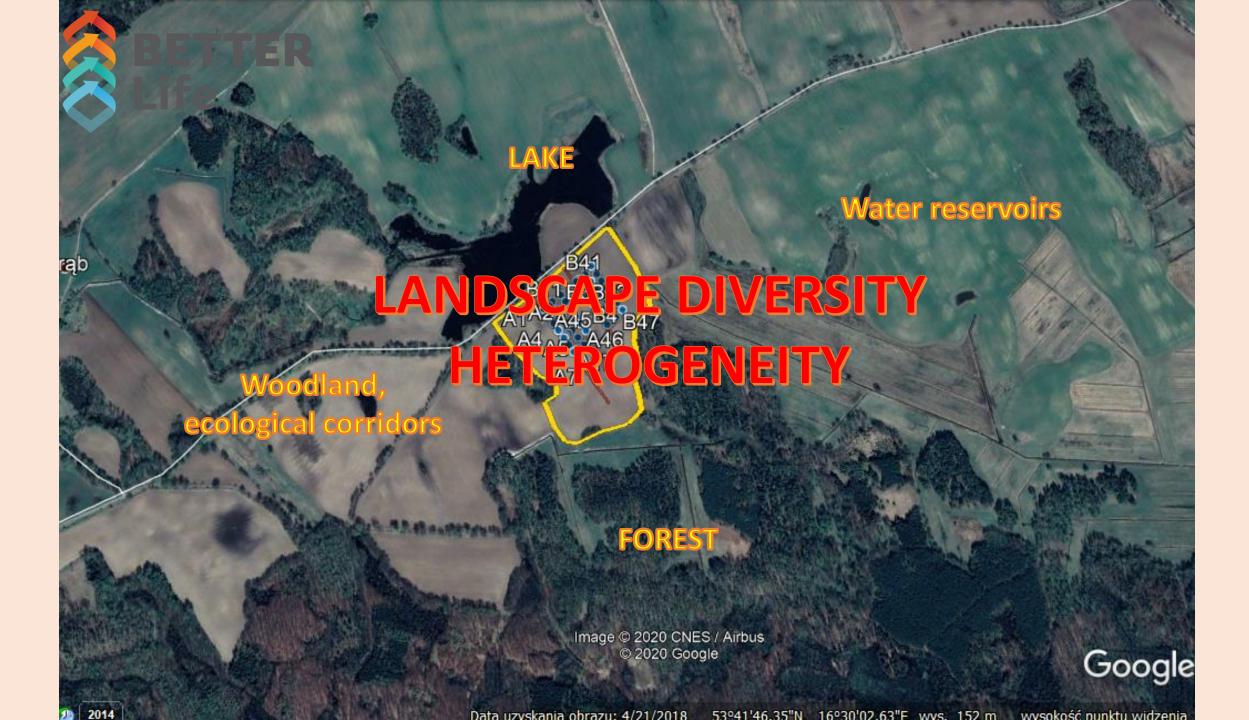


CEREAL CROPS - NUMBER OF CARABID SPECIES





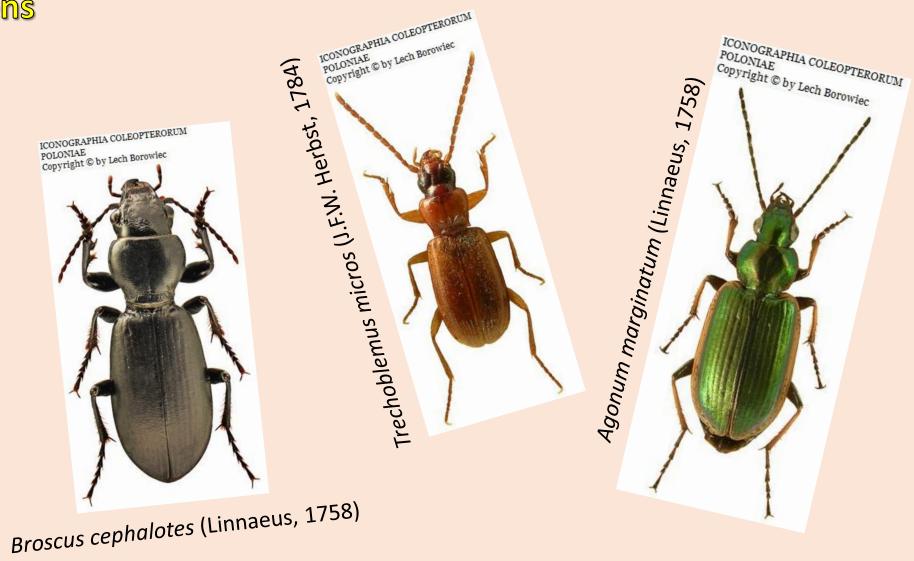
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Republic of Poland



What we have collected in the rye crop and in the flower strips?

- 15239 specimens
- 75 species!!!



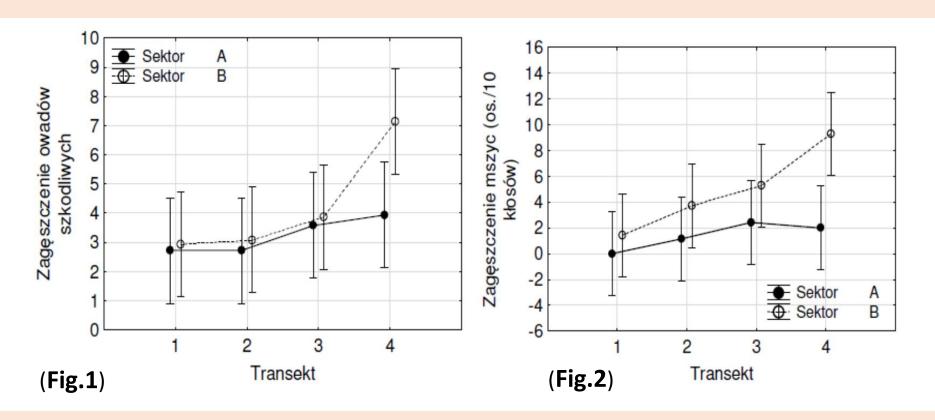


RESULTS - scarce hope?

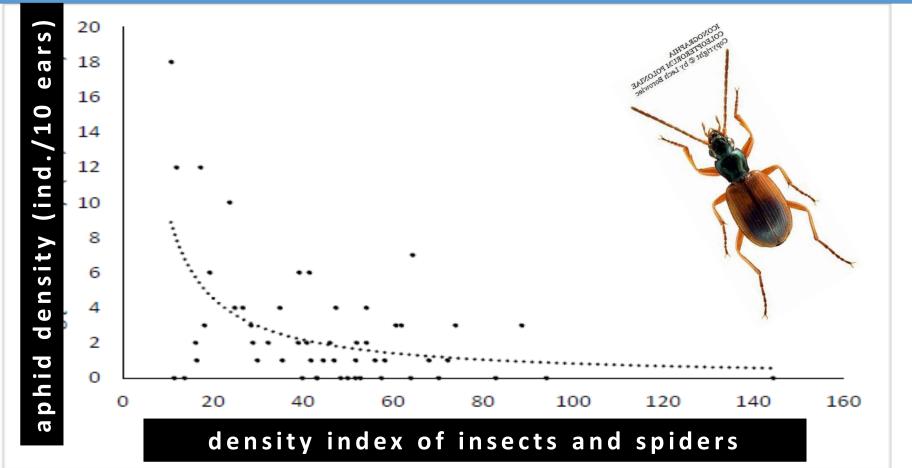
• The average total density of pest insects was related to distance from the flower strips, increasing from about 3 individuals/plant near the strips to an average of 7 away from the strips (Fig.1).

• This was also true for the aphids themselves (Fig.2) The repetition of this pattern in both sectors (A and B) suggests the existence of a mechanism to

reduce the density of pest insects near the flower strips.



A strong indication of a reduction in aphid abundance by predatory insects and spiders is the strong (r=0.58), highly statistically significant (P<0.001) relationship between aphid density and the index of the combined density of predatory insects (runners and others) and spiders. Thus, a mechanism of lowering aphid densities due to the presence of flower strips by maintaining high densities of predatory invertebrates near the strips is likely.





Kujawa K., Bernacki Z., Kowalska J., Kujawa A., Oleszczuk M., Sienkiewicz P., Sobczyk D. 2020, Agronomy, 10, 1696



SOLITARY TREES AND SOCIAL BEETLES

ecological analysis of the coleopterofauna of the middle ash tree hollows

SAMOTNE DRZEWA I TOWARZYSKIE CHRZĄSZCZE analiza ekologiczna koleopterofauny dziupli śródpolnego jesionu Szymon Konwerski 1, Andrzej Melke 2, Tomasz Rutkowski 1, Paweł Sienkiewicz 3 ¹ Zbiory Przyrodnicze, Wydział Biologii UAM, Poznań 2 ul. Św. Stanisława 11/5, Kalisz 3 Katedra Entomologii i Ochrony Środowiska UP, Poznań TEREN I METODY BADAN: Dolny Ślask: Glębowice ad Żmigród (XT20), pułapka Barbera w dziupli samotnego jesionu wyniosłego (Fraxinus excelsior L.) otoczonego terenem otwartym o charakterze rolniczym; próby pobierane od V 2014 do VI 2016. WYNIKI: stwierdzono występowanie 115 gatunków chrząszczy (Coleoptera) reprezentujących 29 rodzin, należących do różnych grup ekologicznych: Skróty wykorzystane w tabeli: d - drapieżnik f - myrmekofil A – związany z żywymi drzewami k - koprofag H - synantropijny ks - ksylofag

One, solitary hollow contained:

- > 115 species of beetles;
- from many trophic groups;
- pecies associated with open areas and hollows;
- ➤ 15 species of Carabidae, mostly predatory;
- 51 species of saproxylobionts;
- ➤ 9 nidicolls (associated with burrows or nests);
- ➤ 1 ectoparasite;
- ➤ 21 rare species.







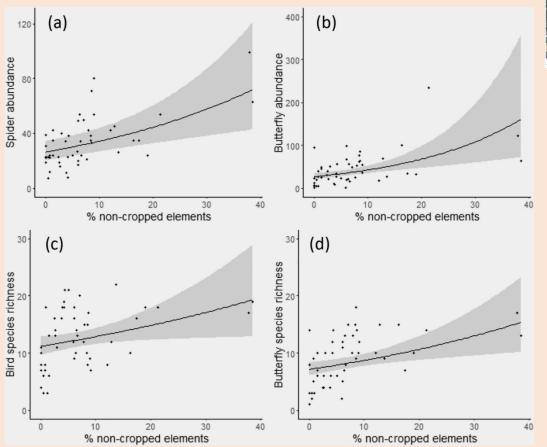
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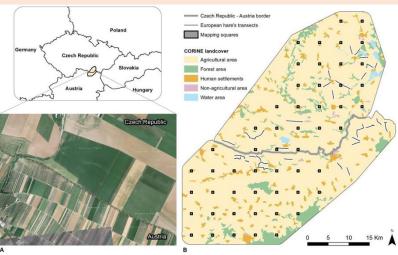
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Original Articles

Bringing diversity back to agriculture: Smaller fields and non-crop elements enhance biodiversity in intensively managed arable farmlands

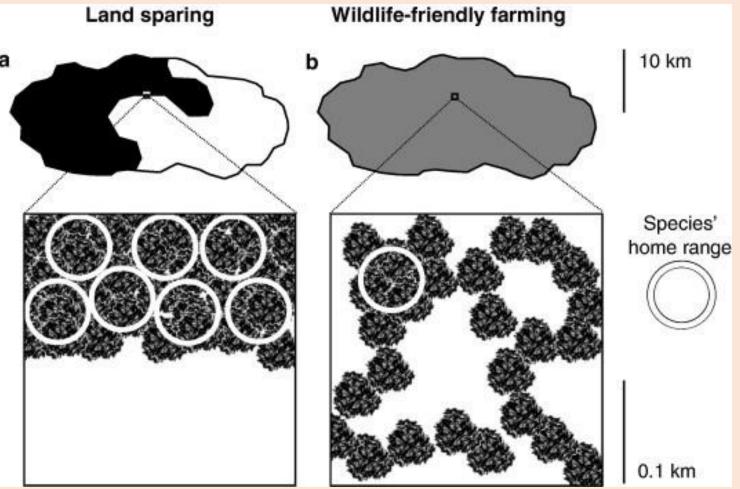
Martin Šálek^{a,b,*}, Vladimír Hula^c, Marina Kipson^d, Renata Daňková^c, Jana Niedobová^c, Anna Gamero^d





Significant effects of large-spatial-scale percentage of non-cropped elements on (a) spider abundance, (b) butterfly abundance, (c) bird species richness and (d) butterfly species richness. Dots represent the raw data, lines represent the model predictions based on the corresponding estimates of main effects of the GLMMs presented in Table 2, and bands represent the 95% confidence intervals.





https://conservationbytes.com/2015/10/09/to-spare-or-to-share-that-is-a-muddled-question/ - To spare or to share, that is a muddled question





that would confirm this. There were no human tests that would confirm such prohealth properties of goldenrod honey.

"So far, it has not been proven that goldenrod honey cures any diseases."

GOLDENROD HONEY - UNHEALTHY FOR NATURE

She added that beekeepers, online stores or even some medical portals increase the demand for goldenrod honey by repeating this unverified information. This, in turn, has an indirect impact on the environment. Goldenrod, from which honey is produced, is a highly invasive plant in Europe, and its impact on biodiversity is definitely unfavourable.

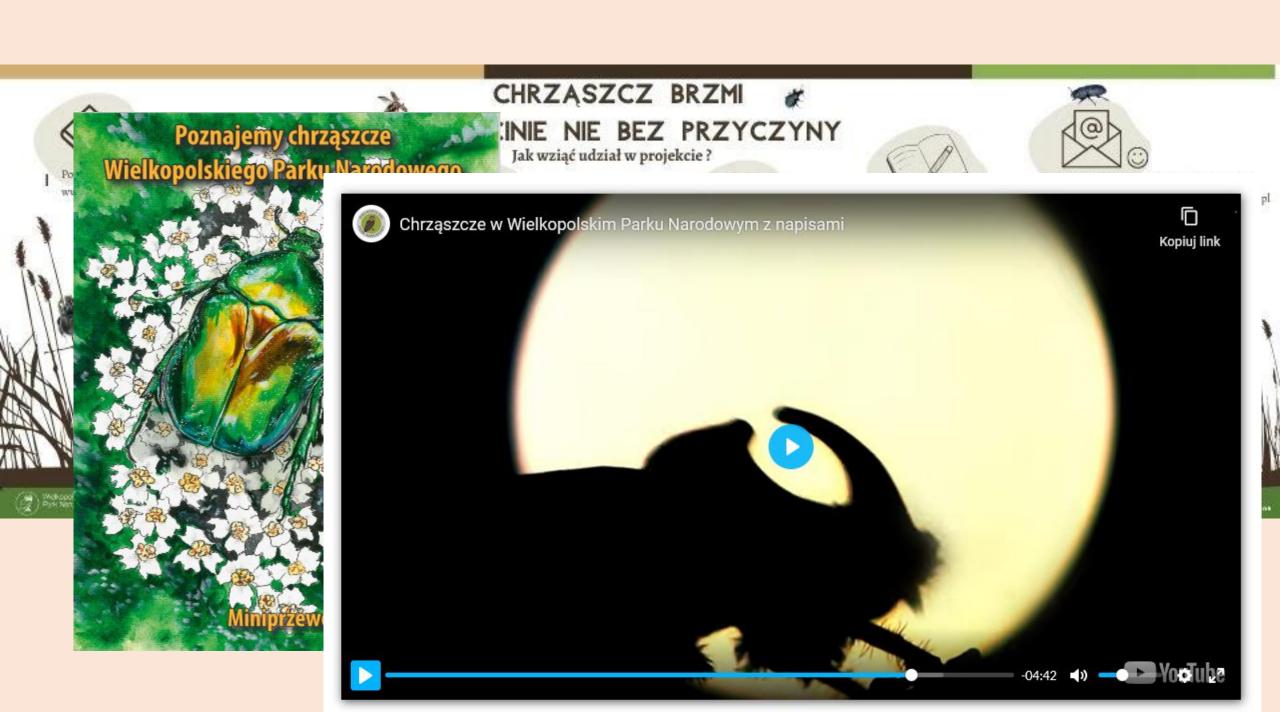
Dr. Lenda said: "Beekeepers should know that goldenrod is not a plant they want.

And consumers should be aware that buying goldenrod honey is bad for the environment.

"Nobody has shown before that dietary preferences, marketing of the so-called superfoods and pseudo-medicinal foods, can adversely affect the environment."

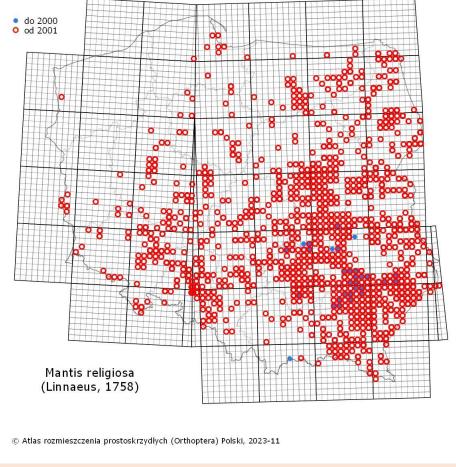
Goldenrod honey harms environment and agriculture, say scientists





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