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## A meta-analysis of bees' responses to anthropogenic disturbance

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**Abstract.** Pollinators may be declining globally, a matter of concern because animal pollination is required by most of the world's plant species, including many crop plants. Human land use and the loss of native habitats is thought to be an important driver of decline for wild, native pollinators, yet the findings of published studies on this topic have never been quantitatively synthesized. Here we use meta-analysis to synthesize the literature on how bees, the most important group of pollinators, are affected by human disturbances such as habitat loss, grazing, logging, and agriculture. We obtained 130 effect sizes from 54 published studies recording bee abundance and/or species richness as a function of human disturbance. Both bee abundance and species richness were significantly, negatively affected by disturbance. However, the magnitude of the effects was not large. Furthermore, the only disturbance type showing a significant negative effect, habitat loss and fragmentation, was statistically significant only in systems where very little natural habitat remains. Therefore, it would be premature to draw conclusions about habitat loss having caused global pollinator decline without first assessing the extent to which the existing studies represent the status of global ecosystems. Future pollinator declines seem likely given forecasts of increasing land-use change.

**Key words:** *Apis mellifera*; bee abundance; bee species richness; *Bombus*; ecosystem service; global change; habitat loss; land-use change; meta-analysis; pollination; pollinator; pollinator decline.

### INTRODUCTION

Pollinators are a critical component of natural ecosystems because the majority of the world's plant species rely on animal pollinators for sexual reproduction (Linder 1998). Pollination by animals is also an important ecosystem service: 35% of the global plant-based food supply comes from crops that benefit from animal pollination (Klein et al. 2007). There is concern that pollinators may be declining at a global scale (Buchmann and Nabhan 1996, Kearns et al. 1998, NRC 2007), but our understanding of potential declines is limited by a lack of long-term data on population trends

(Williams et al. 2001, Ghazoul 2005a). These limitations notwithstanding, European pollinator monitoring programs have found significant declines in pollinators as well as the plants they pollinate (Biesmeijer et al. 2006, NRC 2007). Although pollinators have been monitored less intensively outside of Europe (but see Roubik 2001), declines of some prominent taxa have been documented. For example, several North American bumble bee (*Bombus*) species are undergoing such steep declines that they are largely absent from much of their former range (NRC 2007).

Human disturbance, particularly the loss of natural and semi-natural habitats, is regarded as a primary cause of pollinator decline (Kearns et al. 1998, Aizen and Feinsinger 2003, Goulson et al. 2008). The negative effect of habitat loss on biodiversity in general is well documented (Fahrig 2003) and acts through a variety of mechanisms that decrease reproduction and survival. These mechanisms include the loss of forage and

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breeding habitat, population subdivision and the resultant demographic and genetic stochasticity, and disruptions in behavior and interspecific interactions (Fischer and Lindenmayer 2007). Our meta-analysis focuses on bees, which are the primary pollinators of both wild plants and crops (Aizen and Feinsinger 2003, Klein et al. 2007). Until recently there had been little research on how bees are affected by habitat loss, with previous reviews finding fewer than 10 such studies (Cane 2001, Aizen and Feinsinger 2003). Since that time research has accumulated rapidly, but there has been no quantitative synthesis of this growing literature. One might expect bees to be negatively affected by habitat loss as is the case for many better-studied taxa (Fischer and Lindenmayer 2007). In addition, the pollination and reproduction of animal-pollinated plants is negatively affected by habitat loss, suggesting that pollinators are negatively affected as well (Aguilar et al. 2006). On the other hand, many bee species are associated with open habitats (Klemm 1996) and due to their small body size might benefit from even small habitat fragments (Tscharnke et al. 2002). Furthermore, because different habitat types can provide the complementary resources bees need to complete their life cycle (Westrich 1996, Fahrig 2003), some bees might persist or even thrive in moderately human-disturbed landscapes.

Declines in the primary managed crop pollinator, the Western honey bee (*Apis mellifera*), have emphasized the need to better understand native bee ecology and conservation. Over the past few decades, managed honey bee populations in the United States have been reduced by 58% due to parasites, disease, and other problems (NRC 2007). Since 2006, honey bees have been affected by a new and as yet unexplained syndrome termed “colony collapse disorder,” raising concern about the sustainability of an agricultural pollination system that relies almost exclusively on a single bee species (Cox-Foster et al. 2007, Stokstad 2007). There are at least 17 000 other bee species globally (Michener 2000) and many of these are known to pollinate crops, either in situ as an ecosystem service (Ricketts et al. 2008), or potentially as managed species (Kevan et al. 1990).

In this paper we use meta-analysis techniques to review and synthesize the published literature on how bee abundance and species richness are affected by human disturbance. We address the following questions: (1) Do different forms of anthropogenic disturbance affect bees similarly? (2) Do results differ between more- and less-disturbed study systems? (3) Is there variation among bee taxa in their response to disturbance? (4) Do social and solitary bees exhibit different responses to disturbance? (5) Are the bee fauna of different biomes differently affected by disturbance? We performed separate analyses for unmanaged wild species, and for honey bees. Although these meta-analyses are based on studies conducted at local and regional scales, strong negative trends in bee abundance

and richness with increasing human disturbance might be indicative of a more widespread global decline.

## METHODS

### *Literature search*

To identify published studies of how pollinators respond to anthropogenic disturbance, we conducted an ISI Web of Science search covering the time period from 1945 to March 2007 using the following search terms: (pollinator\* OR bee OR bees OR Apoidea OR pollinat\*) AND (fragmentation OR disturbance OR perturbation OR grazing OR fire OR deforestation OR pesticide\* OR landscape). We also used the bibliographies of 24 recent papers, including a 2007 U.S. National Academy of Sciences report on the status of pollinators (NRC 2007), to search for additional studies. Our final database included 54 independent studies, 44 studies reporting abundance, and 38 studies reporting species richness, that were used in the meta-analyses (see the Supplement for the list of studies). Two of these studies were experimental and the rest were observational.

Our criteria for including a study in the meta-analysis were that the study (1) presents data on how pollinator abundance or species richness changes with anthropogenic disturbance; (2) includes replication; (3) reports the sample size; and (4) reports either the mean and standard deviation of each treatment (for categorical independent variables), or statistics such as correlation or regression coefficients (for continuous independent variables), as these are necessary to calculate effect sizes.

Authors of the original papers estimated bee abundance or richness by different means such as visitation frequency to flowers, transect surveys, pan and nesting traps, netting, etc. If a study reported multiple years of data, we used the year with the largest sample size, or if sample sizes were equal, the last year of data collection. We contacted authors for statistics on nonsignificant results, so that we could include these in the meta-analysis and avoid a bias against nonsignificant findings.

We here provide brief descriptions of the six unpublished studies used in our meta-analysis. C. Kremen (*unpublished a*), C. Kremen (*unpublished b*), and S. S. Greenleaf (*unpublished*) are described elsewhere (Greenleaf and Kremen 2006, Ricketts et al. 2008). N. M. Williams (*unpublished*) studied bee communities on farms and in oak woodland in Yolo and Solano counties, California, USA; bees were collected by hand-netting every three weeks between March and August 2002. C. Fenter and G. LeBuhn (*unpublished*) studied bee communities in 15 parks of differing area in San Francisco, California, USA; bees were collected by pan trap and hand-netting once per month from April through September 2005 within a 0.5-ha circular plots. G. LeBuhn (*unpublished*) studied oak woodland plots surrounded by varied degrees of vineyard agriculture vs. oak woodland in Napa and Sonoma Valleys, California, USA; bees were collected

by pan trap and hand netting every other week from March through September in 2002 within 1-ha plots.

#### *Grouping the data for analysis*

We performed a first analysis for honey bees alone. We expected that the abundance of managed honey bees would be determined by where hives are placed rather than by human disturbance in the landscape. However, in many parts of the world honey bees exist as feral populations, and these feral bees could be affected by human disturbance. We therefore grouped the data on honey bees according to whether bees were managed or predominantly feral (unmanaged) in the researcher's study system. Sample sizes for honey bees were too small to consider further grouping variables.

We performed a second analysis for all unmanaged bees, in which we included studies of honey bees in areas where they were predominantly feral. We grouped the data on unmanaged bees according to four variables that could be important in determining outcomes: disturbance type, taxonomic category, bee sociality system, and biome. Disturbance types included the loss and/or fragmentation of habitat surrounding the study site (we were not able to distinguish habitat loss from habitat fragmentation in the studies we reviewed, and hereafter use the term "habitat loss," which is the dominant effect; Fahrig 2003), agriculture, logging, grazing, fire, pesticide use, and tillage. Bees were grouped into four taxonomic categories, which was the maximum number that was possible based on the taxonomic resolution reported in the original papers: *Bombus* (any species belonging to this genus), *Apis* (mostly *Apis mellifera*), non-*Apis* (all species that are not *Apis*, including *Bombus* in some cases where the authors did not distinguish *Bombus* as a separate category), and non-*Apis* and non-*Bombus* (any species that were neither *Apis* nor *Bombus*). *Apis* and *Bombus* are common genera reported in many studies, whereas the other 425 genera worldwide were too rarely reported to be analyzed separately. In a second classification, bees were grouped according to whether they were social or solitary, using the information provided by the authors and/or published information on the sociality of different taxa. Studies that did not separate social and solitary bees, or that included semi-social taxa, were not included in this analysis. Finally, study system biomes were categorized following Olsen et al. (2001).

#### *Sample sizes and calculation of effect size*

The studies obtained in the literature search yielded 11 data points (effect sizes) for managed honey bee abundance, 8 data points for feral honey bee abundance, 71 data points for unmanaged bee abundance, and 48 data points for unmanaged bee species richness. Most of the studies compared bee abundance or richness between less vs. more disturbed sites (categorical designs; we include multiple-level ANOVA designs here because we used the lowest and the highest levels to calculate the

effect size). Thus, we used Hedge's unbiased standardized mean difference (Hedge's  $d$ ) as the metric of effect size for the meta-analyses. The effect size,  $d$ , can be interpreted as the inverse-variance-weighted difference in abundance or richness of bees between natural and disturbed conditions, measured in units of standard deviations. Large differences and low variability generate the largest effect sizes (Hedges and Olkin 1985, Rosenberg et al. 2000, Gurevitch and Hedges 2001). Positive values of the effect size ( $d$ ) imply positive effects of anthropogenic disturbance on bee abundance or richness whereas negative  $d$  values imply negative effects.

To calculate Hedge's  $d$  we obtained from each published paper the mean values, sample sizes, and standard deviation of bee abundance or richness in each of the two contrasting conditions (Gurevitch and Hedges 2001). For studies with continuous designs we obtained sample size along with one of the following metrics, in descending order of preference:  $t$  from multiple regression,  $r^2$  from single regression, Pearson's  $r$  from parametric correlation, or Spearman's  $\rho$  from nonparametric correlation. We then obtained Hedge's  $d$  through arithmetical transformations using the Meta-Win Calculator (Rosenberg et al. 2000).

#### *Analyses of effect size and heterogeneity*

The analyses were conducted using MetaWin version 2.0 (Rosenberg et al. 2000). Confidence intervals of effect sizes were calculated using bias-corrected bootstrap resampling procedures as described in Adams et al. (1997), except for groups with small sample sizes ( $\leq 10$  effect sizes), in which case bootstrap procedures were not used because they are biased due to resampling from the same small set of values (Bancroft et al. 2007). An effect of anthropogenic disturbance was considered significant if the 95% confidence intervals (CI) of the effect size ( $d$ ) did not overlap zero (Rosenberg et al. 2000). Data were analyzed using random-effect models (Raudenbush 1994), which are preferable in ecological data synthesis because their assumptions are more likely to be satisfied (Gurevitch and Hedges 2001).

The heterogeneity of effect sizes was examined with  $Q$  statistics (Hedges and Olkin 1985), which can be used to determine whether the variance among effect sizes is greater than expected by chance (Cooper 1998). For the categorical comparisons (types of disturbance, biome, etc.) we examined the  $P$  values associated with  $Q_{\text{bet}}$  categories (where the subscript "bet" stands for "between"), which describe the variation in effect sizes that can be ascribed to differences between the categories.

#### *Analyses of habitat-loss studies*

Habitat loss was the most frequently studied disturbance type, accounting for 66% of our data points. We therefore did further analyses with the habitat-loss studies alone. Studies differed in the levels used for the habitat loss "treatment," in terms of either the range of

variation or the extreme values encompassed. Studies including a greater range of variation, or more extreme treatment levels, might be more likely to detect significant effects. To assess the importance of the range of variation in treatment levels within a study, we divided the studies into two similar-sized groups using natural breaks in the data. This resulted in the “large range of variation” group consisting of studies in which the sites experiencing the greatest and the least habitat loss differed by  $\geq 100$  ha,  $\geq 50\%$  natural habitat cover in the landscape, or  $\geq 1$  km from natural habitat (depending on whether habitat patch area, percentage habitat cover surrounding the site, or distance to the nearest natural-habitat patch was used to measure habitat loss). Studies in the “small range of variation” group had less variation than this. To assess the importance of including extreme treatment levels, we compared study systems that did or did not include a site experiencing extreme habitat loss. “Extreme habitat loss” was defined as a habitat patch  $\leq 1$  ha in extent, a site surrounded by  $\leq 5\%$  natural-habitat cover, or a site  $\geq 1$  km from the nearest natural habitat. Systems classed as having “moderate habitat loss” did not include sites this extreme.

#### Publication bias

We explored the possibility of publication bias using funnel plots, which allow one to visually assess whether studies with small effect sizes are missing from the distribution of all published effect sizes. We also ran Spearman rank correlations on the same data, to examine the relationship between the standardized effect size and the sample size across studies (Begg 1994). A significant correlation would indicate a publication bias whereby larger effect sizes are more likely to be published than smaller effect sizes, when sample size is small. Finally, we used Rosenberg’s 2005 fail-safe number calculator to estimate the number of nonsignificant, unpublished studies that would need to be added to a meta-analysis to nullify its overall effect size (Rosenthal 1979).

## RESULTS

### Bee abundance

Anthropogenic disturbance had a significant negative effect on unmanaged bee abundance: the overall weighted-mean effect size was  $-0.32$  (95% CI =  $-0.55$  to  $-0.08$ ; Fig. 1a). Studies of different disturbance types showed different effect sizes ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 12.1$ ,  $P = 0.02$ ). In particular, studies addressing effects of habitat loss on bee abundance showed a collective negative response that differed significantly from 0, whereas other disturbance types such as logging, agriculture, and fire were not significant (Fig. 1a).

Taxonomic and ecological characteristics of unmanaged bees were less important predictors of bees’ response to anthropogenic disturbance. Groups defined according to coarse taxonomic affiliation criteria did not

differ significantly in their response to disturbance (Fig. 2a;  $Q_{\text{bet}} = 3.33$ ,  $P = 0.39$ ). However, the abundance of *Bombus* spp. (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.63$ , 95% CI =  $-1.33$  to  $-0.07$ ) and also the abundance of species that were neither *Bombus* spp. nor *Apis* spp. (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.52$ , 95% CI =  $-0.97$  to  $-0.11$ ) were significantly negatively affected by disturbance (Fig. 2a), while the other taxonomic groups were not. Similarly, although the difference between social and solitary bees was not significant ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 2.61$ ,  $P = 0.12$ ), social bees were significantly negatively affected by disturbance (Fig. 2a; weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.60$ , 95% CI =  $-0.97$  to  $-0.22$ ), whereas solitary bees were not (Fig. 2a; weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.08$ , 95% CI =  $-0.65$  to  $0.49$ ).

Biome type did not affect how unmanaged bees responded to disturbance ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 4.07$ ,  $P = 0.60$ ). Honey bee abundance was not significantly associated with human disturbance: the weighted-mean effect size was  $0.09$  (95% CI =  $-0.16$  to  $0.35$ ). Managed and feral honey bees showed similar responses to disturbance ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 0.12$ ,  $P = 0.69$ ).

### Bee species richness

Anthropogenic disturbance had a significant negative effect on unmanaged bee species richness: the overall weighted-mean effect size was  $-0.37$  (95% CI =  $-0.68$  to  $-0.07$ ; Fig. 1b). In contrast to the case for abundance, bee species richness was not differentially affected by different types of disturbance ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 6.4$ ,  $P = 0.15$ ). This lack of significance, however, may have been due to small sample sizes for some disturbance categories (Fig. 1b). As was the case for bee abundance, habitat loss was the only disturbance category that showed a significant effect on bee species richness (Fig. 1b; weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.50$ , 95% CI =  $-0.82$  to  $-0.15$ ).

Taxonomic and ecological characteristics of bees had less explanatory value for species richness than for abundance; again this lack of significance may have been due to our smaller sample sizes for species richness. Effect sizes on bee species richness did not differ significantly among taxonomic categories ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 2.63$ ,  $P = 0.55$ ), and none of the categories showed an effect that differed significantly from zero (Fig. 2b). The difference between social and solitary bees was not quite significant ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 3.29$ ,  $P = 0.07$ ), although the richness of social bees was significantly, negatively affected by disturbance (Fig. 2b; weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.85$ , 95% CI =  $-1.55$  to  $-0.15$ ) whereas the richness of solitary bees was not (Fig. 2b; weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.17$ , 95% CI =  $-0.744$  to  $0.405$ ). The effect of disturbance on bee species richness was similar across biomes ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 2.16$ ,  $P = 0.63$ ), and always nonsignificant.

### Analysis of habitat-loss studies

Studies done in systems experiencing extreme habitat loss showed significant negative effects of habitat loss on

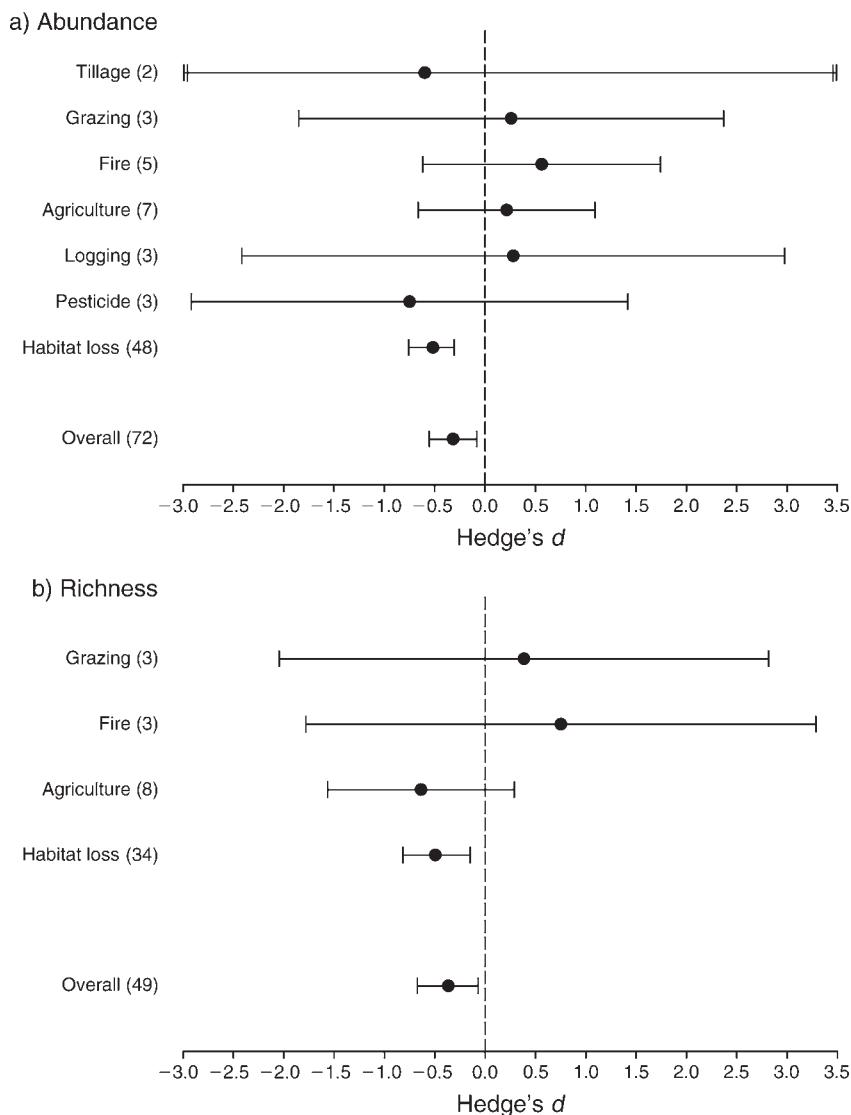


FIG. 1. Overall weighted-mean effect sizes and effect sizes of the different disturbance factors on (a) unmanaged bee abundance and (b) unmanaged bee richness. Error bars are 95% confidence intervals (CI), and effects are considered significant when a CI does not overlap 0. The CIs for tillage (truncated in the figure) are  $-8.49$  to  $7.30$ . Sample sizes (numbers of effect sites) are given in parentheses.

bee abundance (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.67$ , 95% CI =  $-0.92$  to  $-0.46$ ; Fig. 3a) whereas studies done in systems experiencing only moderate habitat loss did not (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.12$ , 95% CI =  $-0.52$  to  $0.14$ ; Fig. 3b). This difference between the extreme and moderate systems was highly significant ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 7.45$ ,  $P = 0.006$ ). Likewise for bee species richness, studies done in extreme systems showed significant negative effects (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.70$ , 95% CI =  $-1.21$  to  $-0.21$ ; Fig. 3a) whereas the studies done in moderate systems did not (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.38$ , 95% CI =  $-1.03$  to  $0.07$ ; Fig. 3b). For richness, however, the difference was not significant ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 0.69$ ,  $P = 0.41$ ).

In contrast, the range of variation in habitat loss treatment levels within a given study did not predict bee

responses to fragmentation in terms of either abundance (for low vs. high range of variation,  $Q_{\text{bet}} = 0.61$ ,  $P = 0.14$ ; Fig. 3b) or species richness ( $Q_{\text{bet}} = 1.93$ ,  $P = 0.16$ ).

#### Publication bias

Visual inspection of funnel plots suggested that no publication bias exists, and statistical analysis is consistent with this conclusion (for abundance, Spearman's  $\rho = 0.01$  and  $P = 0.93$ ; for richness,  $\rho = -0.14$  and  $P = 0.33$ ). Calculation of fail-safe numbers rendered a similar result: for abundance, the fail-safe number was 513 studies, and for richness it was 272 studies. Thus, these analyses suggest that the above results on bee abundance and richness were not the result of publication bias.

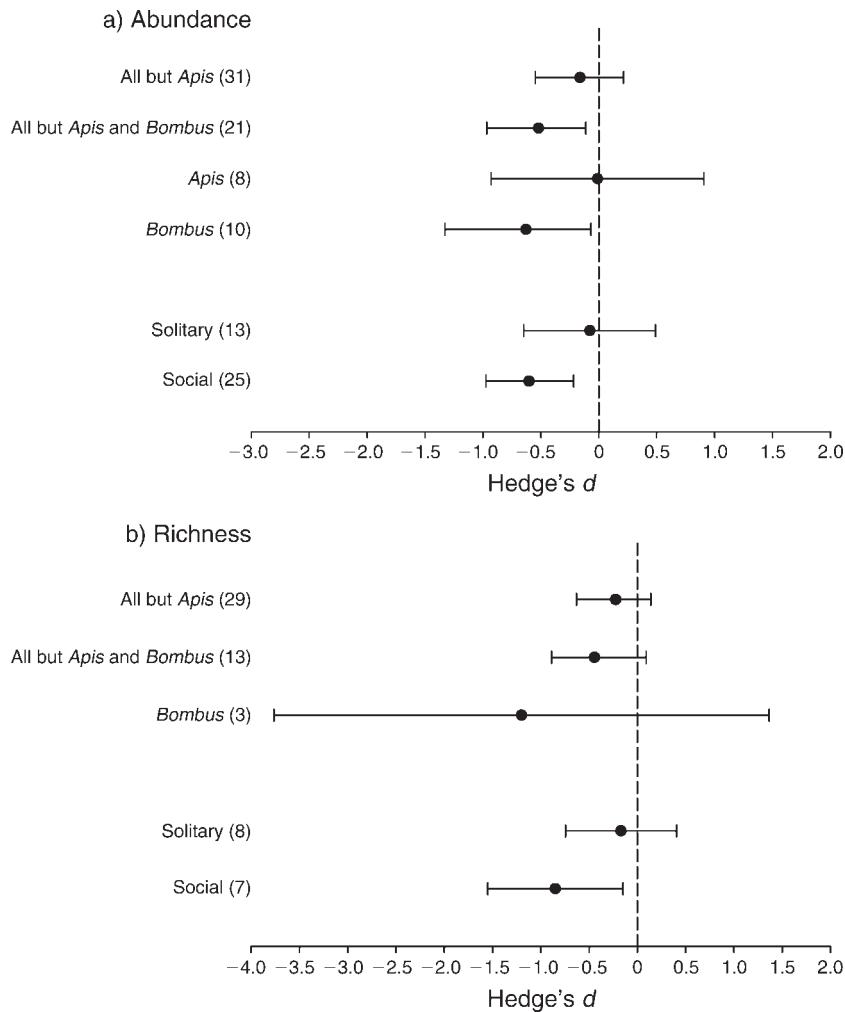


FIG. 2. Weighted-mean effect sizes as a function of bee taxon and sociality trait for (a) unmanaged bee abundance and (b) unmanaged bee species richness. Error bars are 95% confidence intervals, and effects are considered significant when CIs do not overlap zero. Sample sizes are given in parentheses.

#### DISCUSSION

We found a significant negative effect of human disturbance on the abundance and species richness of wild, unmanaged bees (Fig. 1). These findings represent the first quantitative review and synthesis of the literature on pollinators and human disturbance, and contribute important evidence to the debate about whether pollinators are in decline globally (Kearns et al. 1998, Ghazoul 2005a, b, Steffan-Dewenter et al. 2005, Biesmeijer et al. 2006, NRC 2007). Because pollinators are negatively affected by human land use (Fig. 1), and increasing land-use change is predicted to be the greatest cause of biodiversity losses in the future (Sala et al. 2000), future losses of pollinators seem likely. Pollinators perform a critical function in ecosystems, and their decline could affect plant communities and the pollination of crops (Kearns et al. 1998, Aizen and Feinsinger 2003, Aguilar et al. 2006, Kremen et al. 2007, Ricketts et al. 2008; but see Ghazoul 2005a). Many wild plant

populations show pollen limitation of reproduction, i.e., increases in seed set with experimentally supplemented pollination (Ashman et al. 2004; but see Knight et al. 2006). This suggests that the population growth of many wild plant species could decrease with increasing human land use and subsequent pollinator decline.

On the other hand, the effect of disturbance on bees was not strong (weighted-mean effect size =  $-0.32$  for abundance and  $-0.37$  for species richness), using a rule of thumb whereby effect sizes  $\leq 0.2$  are considered "small" and those  $\leq 0.5$  are "medium" (Cohen 1969). Furthermore, bee abundance and richness were significantly reduced by habitat loss only in systems experiencing extreme habitat loss (Fig. 3). For study systems with only moderate loss, there was no significant effect on either bee abundance or species richness, although the trends are negative (Fig. 3). At present, between 50% (Vitousek et al. 1997) and 75% (Ellis and Ramankutty 2008) of the earth's land surface is converted to human use, yet 61% of the

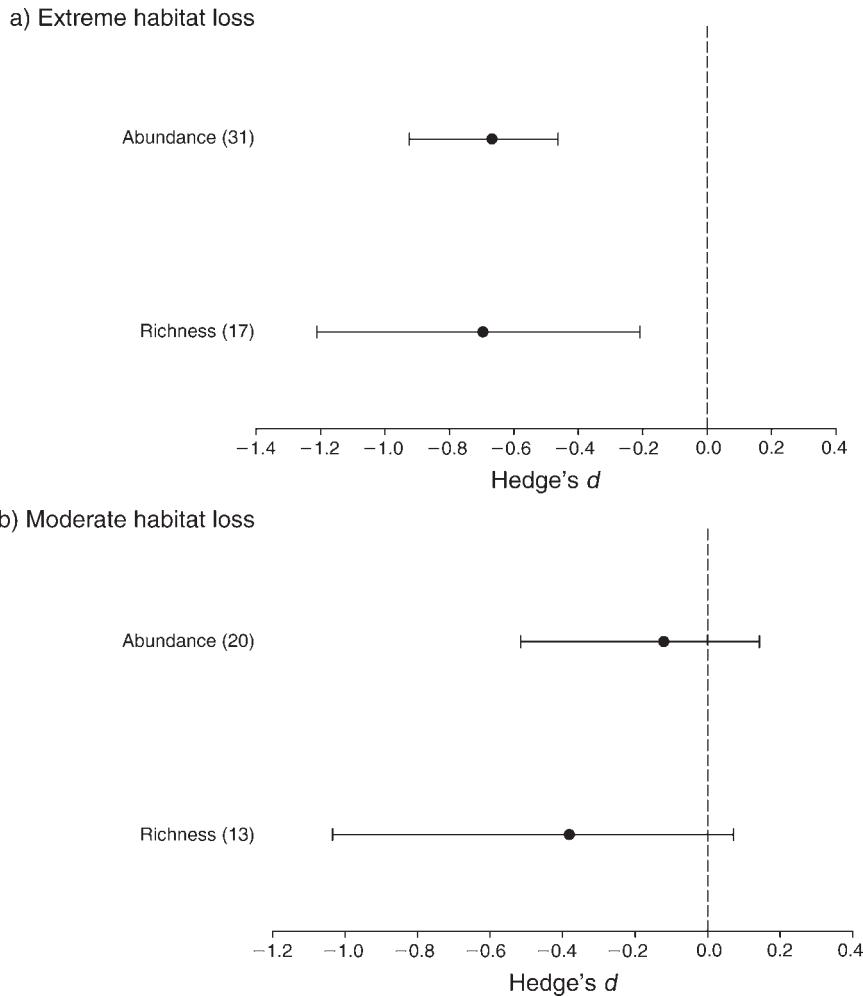


FIG. 3. Weighted-mean effect sizes for changes in bee abundance and species richness in study systems where habitat loss was (a) extreme and (b) moderate (for definitions see *Methods*). Error bars are 95% confidence intervals, and an effect is considered significant when the CI does not overlap 0. Sample sizes are given in parentheses.

studies in our meta-analyses were conducted in systems with extreme habitat loss where, for example,  $\geq 95\%$  of the land is converted to human use (see *Methods* for the complete definition of “extreme habitat loss”). This suggests that the studies in our meta-analysis may not be a random sample of global ecosystems. Rather, there may be a research bias whereby researchers choose to study habitat loss in systems where extreme habitat loss has occurred. If this is the case, then the appropriate scope of inference for our results is limited to ecosystems with levels of habitat loss similar to those that were studied. Expanding the scope of inference to all global ecosystems could lead to erroneously pessimistic conclusions about current global pollinator declines. To fully resolve this issue, more studies in systems with only moderate habitat loss are needed. In our review, we found only 20 studies, from a total of eight study systems, that were done in systems with moderate habitat loss.

The approach we take here provides a “snapshot” of pollinator declines across short time scales and spatial

disturbance gradients. This is a proxy for long-term pollinator monitoring, which as yet has been done only in a few locations throughout the world (NRC 2007). In Western Europe, where pollinators are best monitored and where human land use is intensive, many bee species have declined over time (Mohra et al. 2004, Biesmeijer et al. 2006, NRC 2007). These findings are consistent with the results we report here.

Our meta-analyses suggest that the response of bee abundance and richness to disturbance may vary among disturbance types. Bee abundance and richness declined significantly only for one disturbance type, habitat loss (Fig. 1). Interestingly, however, several disturbance types showed a positive effect on bee abundance or species richness, although the uncertainty was large and sample sites small (Fig. 1). This result might indicate that, in some ecosystems, some forms of human disturbance are not detrimental to pollinators (Klemm

1996, Ghazoul 2005a, Winfree et al. 2007), but more studies on these disturbance types are required.

As expected, we found that the abundance of managed honey bees is not associated with anthropogenic disturbance. More interestingly, even feral honey bees were little affected by disturbance. This indicates that honey bees may be less sensitive to landscape disturbance than other bee taxa, and that they might provide a “rescue effect” for pollinator-dependent plants (Aizen and Feinsinger 1994, Dick 2001, Aguilar 2005, Chacoff and Aizen 2006, Ricketts et al. 2008). However, in our analysis this difference between honey bees and other bee taxa was not significant, possibly due to the small sample size of honey bee studies (Fig. 2a). More work on the population dynamics and function of honey bees in human-dominated ecosystems is merited (NRC 2007).

We found that social bees were more sensitive to disturbance than were solitary bees (Fig. 2). Our finding is consistent with previous work reporting the greater sensitivity of social bees to human disturbance in tropical forest systems (Klein et al. 2003, Ricketts et al. 2008) but inconsistent with other work finding solitary bees to be more sensitive to disturbance in temperate grasslands (Steffan-Dewenter et al. 2006). One possible explanation for this inconsistency is that some social, often tropical bees such as the meliponines and feral *Apis* use mature forest trees as nest sites, and should therefore be sensitive to forest loss, whereas other social, predominantly temperate-zone taxa, such as *Bombus* and some halictids, are ground-nesting and can nest in disturbed areas (Kim et al. 2006, Osborne et al. 2008). In other words, the variation in results across studies may reflect which taxa constituted the social bees in each study. In contrast to the findings for social and solitary bees, we did not find strong patterns with regard to the biome in which the study took place.

In conclusion, we found that bees are negatively affected by human disturbance. However the magnitude of this effect was not large, and it was statistically significant only in study systems where habitat loss was extreme. This work lends support to the overall view that pollinators are threatened by increasing human land use. It also stresses the large heterogeneity existing in the response of different bees to disturbance, and the fact that extrapolation of small-scale studies to the global scale should be done only with care.

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#### SUPPLEMENT

List of studies included in the meta-analysis, along with the calculated effect sizes (*Ecological Archives* E090-143-S1).

Hedge's d richness? sociality	Variance (Hedge's d) Biome type Bee managed / unmanaged status	Abundance or species Disturbance type Reference	Bee taxon
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-1.381 0.422 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Pesticide Bombus Social managed "Plowright R.C., Pendrel B.A. & McLaren I.A. (1978). The impact of aerial fenitrothion spraying upon the population biology of bumble bees (*Bombus Latr.*: Hym.) in southwestern New Brunswick. *Can. Entomol.*, 110, 1145-1156."

-1.400 0.311 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Pesticide Bombus Social managed "Plowright R.C. & Rodd F.H. (1980). The effect of aerial insecticide spraying on hymenopterous pollinators in New Brunswick. *Canadian Entomologist*, 112, 259-269."

-1.144 0.465 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Pesticide Bombus Social managed "Plowright R.C. & Rodd F.H. (1980). The effect of aerial insecticide spraying on hymenopterous pollinators in New Brunswick. *Canadian Entomologist*, 112, 259-269."

-0.082 0.400 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fire Apis Social managed "Potts S.G., Dafni A. & Ne'eman G. (2001). Pollination of a core flowering shrub species in Mediterranean phrygana: variation in pollinator diversity, abundance and effectiveness in response to fire. *Oikos*, 92, 71-80."

0.989 0.748 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Agriculture Apis Social managed "Potts S.G., Petanidou T., Roberts S., O'Toole C., Hulbert A. & Willmer P. (2006). Plant-pollinator biodiversity and pollination services in a complex Mediterranean landscape. *Biological Conservation*, 129, 519-529."

4.486 2.344 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fire Apis Social managed "Potts S.G., Petanidou T., Roberts S., O'Toole C., Hulbert A. & Willmer P. (2006). Plant-pollinator biodiversity and pollination services in a complex Mediterranean landscape. *Biological Conservation*, 129, 519-529."

-0.061 0.067 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Grazing Apis Social managed "Vulliamy B., Simon G. Potts and P. G. Willmer (2006). The effects of cattle grazing on plant-pollinator communities in a fragmented Mediterranean landscape. *Oikos*, 114, 529-543."

0.459 0.068 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fire Apis Social managed "Vulliamy B., Simon  
G. Potts and P. G. Willmer (2006). The effects of cattle grazing on  
plant-pollinator communities in a fragmented Mediterranean landscape.  
*Oikos*, 114, 529-543."

-0.120 0.134 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Apis Social managed "Steffan-Dewenter  
I., M. nzenberg U., B. rger C., Thies C. & Tschardtke T. (2002). Scale-  
dependent effects of landscape context on three pollinator guilds.  
*Ecology*, 83, 1421-1432."

-0.216 0.134 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Apis Social managed "Heard T.A. & Exley  
E.M. (1994). Diversity, abundance, and distribution of insect visitors  
to macadamia flowers. *Environmental Entomology*, 23, 91-100."

0.158 0.167 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Apis Social managed "Winfree R.,  
Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. *Journal of Applied Ecology*,  
46, 793-803"

0.202 0.144 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Apis Social managed "Winfree R.,  
Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. *Journal of Applied Ecology*,  
46, 793-805"

0.154 0.087 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Apis Social managed "Winfree R.,  
Williams N.M., Dushoff J. & Kremen C. (2007b). Native bees provide  
insurance against ongoing honey bee losses. *Ecology Letters*, 10,  
1105-1113."

-0.284 0.088 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Apis Social managed "Winfree R.,  
Williams N.M., Dushoff J. & Kremen C. (2007b). Native bees provide  
insurance against ongoing honey bee losses. *Ecology Letters*, 10,  
1105-1113."

1.387 0.827 Abundance Tropical and subtropical dry  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Apis Social unmanaged  
"Aguilar R. (2005). Effects of forest fragmentation on the  
reproductive success of native plant species from the Chaco Serrano  
forest of Central Argentina. Ph.D. thesis. National University of

Cordoba Cordoba, Argentina."

-0.617 0.698 Abundance Tropical and subtropical dry  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Bombus Social unmanaged  
"Aguilar R. (2005). Effects of forest fragmentation on the  
reproductive success of native plant species from the Chaco Serrano  
forest of Central Argentina. Ph.D. thesis. National University of  
Cordoba Cordoba, Argentina."

-0.153 0.669 Abundance Tropical and subtropical dry  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus  
Solitary unmanaged "Aguilar R. (2005). Effects of forest  
fragmentation on the reproductive success of native plant species from  
the Chaco Serrano forest of Central Argentina. Ph.D. thesis. National  
University of Cordoba Cordoba, Argentina."

0.611 0.698 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Logging Apis Social unmanaged "Morales C.L. &  
Aizen M.A. (2006). Invasive mutualisms and the structure of plant-  
pollinator interactions in the temperate forests of north-west  
Patagonia, Argentina. *Journal of Ecology*, 94, 171-180."

0.585 0.695 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Logging Non-Apis and Non-Bombus All  
unmanaged "Morales C.L. & Aizen M.A. (2006). Invasive  
mutualisms and the structure of plant-pollinator interactions in the  
temperate forests of north-west Patagonia, Argentina. *Journal of  
Ecology*, 94, 171-180."

-1.304 0.606 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Apis Social unmanaged  
"Chacoff N.P. & Aizen M.A. (2006). Edge effects on flower-  
visiting insects in grapefruit plantations bordering premontane  
subtropical forest. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 43, 18-27."

-3.689 1.351 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus  
Social unmanaged "Chacoff N.P. & Aizen M.A. (2006). Edge  
effects on flower-visiting insects in grapefruit plantations bordering  
premontane subtropical forest. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 43, 18-27."

-0.899 0.367 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Bombus Social  
unmanaged "Lennartsson T. (2002). Extinction thresholds and  
disrupted plant-pollinator interactions in fragmented plant  
populations. *Ecology*, 83, 3060-3072."

-0.017 0.333 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Agriculture Bombus Social unmanaged "Mand M.,  
Mand R. & Williams I.H. (2002). Bumblebees in the agricultural  
landscape of Estonia. *Agriculture Ecosystems & Environment* 89, 69-76."

-1.305 0.545 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus All  
unmanaged "Kremen C., Williams N.M. & Thorp R.W. (2002). Crop  
pollination from native bees at risk from agricultural

intensification. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 99, 16812-16816."

-1.440 0.347 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Bombus Social  
unmanaged "Greenleaf S.S. & Kremen C. (2006). Wild bee species  
increase tomato production but respond differently to surrounding land  
use in Northern California. Biological Conservation, 133, 81-87."

0.000 0.278 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary  
unmanaged "Greenleaf S.S. & Kremen C. (2006). Wild bee species  
increase tomato production but respond differently to surrounding land  
use in Northern California. Biological Conservation, 133, 81-87."

-0.189 0.118 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary  
unmanaged Greenleaf S.S. (Unpublished). Bee life history  
mediates response to farm management and loss of natural habitat in a  
mixed wild and agricultural landscape.

-1.177 0.138 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Social  
unmanaged Greenleaf S.S. (Unpublished). Bee life history  
mediates response to farm management and loss of natural habitat in a  
mixed wild and agricultural landscape.

-1.307 1.214 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus All  
unmanaged "Kim J., Williams N.M. & Kremen C. (2006). Effect of  
cultivation and proximity to natural habitat on ground-nesting native  
bees in California sunflower fields. Journal of the Kansas  
Entomological Society, 79, 309-320."

-0.880 0.402 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Agriculture Bombus Social unmanaged "Sepp K.,  
Mikk M., Mand M. & Truu J. (2004). Bumblebee communities as an  
indicator for landscape monitoring in the agri-environmental  
programme. Landscape and Urban Planning, 67, 173-183."

0.144 0.182 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary  
unmanaged LeBuhn G. (Unpublished). Data from Napa and Sonoma  
counties.

-0.959 0.149 Abundance Temperate coniferous forest  
Fragmentation Bombus Social unmanaged "Hatfield R. &  
LeBuhn G. (2007). Patch and landscape factors shape community  
assemblage of bumble bees, *Bombus* spp. (Hymenoptera: Apidae), in  
montane meadows. Biological Conservation 139, 150-158."

1.824 0.405 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fire Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged  
"Potts S.G., Vulliamy B., Dafni A., O'Toole C., Roberts S. &  
Willmer P. (2003). Response of plant-pollinator communities following  
fire: changes in diversity, abundance and reward structure. Oikos,  
101, 103-112."

-1.532 0.517 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fire Bombus Social unmanaged "Potts S.G., Dafni A. & Ne'eman G. (2001). Pollination of a core flowering shrub species in Mediterranean phrygana: variation in pollinator diversity, abundance and effectiveness in response to fire. *Oikos*, 92, 71-80."

-0.475 0.411 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fire Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged "Potts S.G., Dafni A. & Ne'eman G. (2001). Pollination of a core flowering shrub species in Mediterranean phrygana: variation in pollinator diversity, abundance and effectiveness in response to fire. *Oikos*, 92, 71-80."

0.405 0.680 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Agriculture Non-Apis All unmanaged "Potts S.G., Petanidou T., Roberts S., O'Toole C., Hulbert A. & Willmer P. (2006). Plant-pollinator biodiversity and pollination services in a complex Mediterranean landscape. *Biological Conservation*, 129, 519-529."

1.955 0.985 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fire Non-Apis All unmanaged "Potts S.G., Petanidou T., Roberts S., O'Toole C., Hulbert A. & Willmer P. (2006). Plant-pollinator biodiversity and pollination services in a complex Mediterranean landscape. *Biological Conservation*, 129, 519-529."

0.869 0.073 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Grazing Non-Apis All unmanaged "Vulliamy B., Simon G. Potts and P. G. Willmer (2006). The effects of cattle grazing on plant-pollinator communities in a fragmented Mediterranean landscape. *Oikos*, 114, 529-543."

1.065 0.076 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fire Non-Apis All unmanaged "Vulliamy B., Simon G. Potts and P. G. Willmer (2006). The effects of cattle grazing on plant-pollinator communities in a fragmented Mediterranean landscape. *Oikos*, 114, 529-543."

-0.660 0.527 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests Fragmentation Apis Social unmanaged "Ricketts T.H. (2004). Tropical forest fragments enhance pollinator activity in nearby coffee crops. *Conservation Biology*, 18, 1262-1271."

-2.440 0.872 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Ricketts T.H. (2004). Tropical forest fragments enhance pollinator activity in nearby coffee crops. *Conservation Biology*, 18,

1262-1271."

0.023 0.160 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Pesticide Bombus Social unmanaged "Shuler  
R.E., Roulston T., & Farris, G. E. (2005). Farming practices influence  
wild pollinator populations on squash and pumpkin. *Journal of Economic  
Entomology*, 98, 790-795."

-0.039 0.250 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Tillage Bombus Social unmanaged "Shuler R.E.,  
Roulston T., & Farris, G. E. (2005). Farming practices influence wild  
pollinator populations on squash and pumpkin. *Journal of Economic  
Entomology*, 98, 790-795."

-0.213 0.161 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Pesticide Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged  
"Shuler R.E., Roulston T., & Farris, G. E. (2005). Farming  
practices influence wild pollinator populations on squash and pumpkin.  
*Journal of Economic Entomology*, 98, 790-795."

-1.177 0.278 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Tillage Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary  
unmanaged "Shuler R.E., Roulston T., & Farris, G. E. (2005).  
Farming practices influence wild pollinator populations on squash and  
pumpkin. *Journal of Economic Entomology*, 98, 790-795."

-0.137 0.084 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Bombus All  
unmanaged "Klein A.M., Steffan-Dewenter I. & Tscharntke T.  
(2003a). Fruit set of highland coffee increases with the diversity of  
pollinating bees. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B  
Biological Sciences*, 270, 955-961."

0.633 0.140 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged  
"Klein A.M., Steffan-Dewenter I. & Tscharntke T. (2003b).  
Pollination of *Coffea canephora* in relation to local and regional  
agroforestry management. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 40, 837-845."

-0.798 0.054 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-  
Dewenter I. & Tscharntke T. (1999). Effects of habitat isolation on  
pollinator communities and seed set. *Oecologia*, 121, 432-440."

-1.137 0.155 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-  
Dewenter I., M\_nzenberg U. & Tscharntke T. (2001). Pollination, seed  
set and seed predation on a landscape scale. *Proceedings of the Royal*

Society of London Series B, 268, 1685–1690."

-2.240 0.217 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-  
Dewenter I., Münzenberg U., Bürger C., Thies C. & Tscharrntke T.  
(2002). Scale-dependent effects of landscape context on three  
pollinator guilds. *Ecology*, 83, 1421–1432."

0.500 0.138 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Grazing Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-Dewenter  
I. & Leschke K. (2003). Effects of habitat management on vegetation  
and above-ground nesting bees and wasps of orchard meadows in Central  
Europe. *Biodiversity and Conservation*, 12, 1953–1968."

-0.452 0.046 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-  
Dewenter I. (2003). Importance of habitat area and landscape context  
for species richness of bees and wasps in fragmented orchard meadows.  
*Conservation Biology*, 17, 1036–1044."

-0.642 0.047 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-  
Dewenter I. (2003). Importance of habitat area and landscape context  
for species richness of bees and wasps in fragmented orchard meadows.  
*Conservation Biology*, 17, 1036–1044."

-0.343 0.135 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Bombus Social unmanaged "Westphal  
C., Steffan-Dewenter I. & Tscharrntke T. (2003). Mass flowering crops  
enhance pollinator densities at a landscape scale. *Ecology Letters*, 6,  
961–965."

1.775 0.279 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Agriculture Non-Apis Solitary unmanaged  
"Klein A.-M., Steffan-Dewenter I., Buchori D. & Tscharrntke T.  
(2002). Effects of land-use intensity in tropical agroforestry systems  
on coffee flower-visiting and trap-nesting bees and wasps.  
*Conservation Biology*, 16, 1003–1014."

-1.713 0.273 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Agriculture Non-Apis Social unmanaged  
"Klein A.-M., Steffan-Dewenter I., Buchori D. & Tscharrntke T.  
(2002). Effects of land-use intensity in tropical agroforestry systems  
on coffee flower-visiting and trap-nesting bees and wasps.  
*Conservation Biology*, 16, 1003–1014."

-0.786 0.090 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-  
Dewenter I., Klein A.M., Gaebele V., Alfert T. & Tscharrntke T. (2006).  
Bee diversity and plant-pollinator interactions in fragmented

landscapes. In: Plant-Pollinator Interactions: From Specialization to Generalization (eds. Waser N & Ollerton J). University of Chicago Press Chicago, pp. 387-407."

0.514 0.517 Abundance Tropical and subtropical dry  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Apis Social unmanaged  
"Aizen M.A. & Feinsinger P. (1994). Habitat fragmentation,  
native insect pollinators, and feral honey bees in Argentine ""chaco  
serrano"". Ecological Applications, 4, 378-392."

0.517 0.517 Abundance Tropical and subtropical dry  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Apis Social unmanaged  
"Aizen M.A. & Feinsinger P. (1994). Habitat fragmentation,  
native insect pollinators, and feral honey bees in Argentine ""chaco  
serrano"". Ecological Applications, 4, 378-392."

-0.913 0.552 Abundance Tropical and subtropical dry  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged  
"Aizen M.A. & Feinsinger P. (1994). Habitat fragmentation,  
native insect pollinators, and feral honey bees in Argentine ""chaco  
serrano"". Ecological Applications, 4, 378-392."

-1.327 0.610 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Grazing all All unmanaged "V. zquez D.P. &  
Simberloff D. (2003). Changes in interaction biodiversity induced by  
an introduced ungulate. Ecology Letters, 6, 1077-1083."

2.855 0.486 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Agriculture Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Griswold T. & Kremen C. (2007a). Effect of human disturbance on  
bee communities in a forested ecosystem. Conservation Biology, 21,  
213-223."

1.338 0.257 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Urbanization Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Griswold T. & Kremen C. (2007a). Effect of human disturbance on  
bee communities in a forested ecosystem. Conservation Biology, 21,  
213-223."

0.950 0.079 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Griswold T. & Kremen C. (2007a). Effect of human disturbance on  
bee communities in a forested ecosystem. Conservation Biology, 21,  
213-223."

1.171 1.171 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus  
Social unmanaged "Eltz T., Bruhl C.A., van der Kaars S. &  
Linsenmair K.E. (2002). Determinants of stingless bee nest density in  
lowland dipterocarp forests of Sabah, Malaysia. Oecologia, 131,

27-34."

-0.313 0.616 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist  
broadleaf forests Logging Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Social  
unmanaged "Eltz T., Bruhl C.A., van der Kaars S. & Linsenmair  
K.E. (2002). Determinants of stingless bee nest density in lowland  
dipterocarp forests of Sabah, Malaysia. *Oecologia*, 131, 27-34."

-2.797 0.539 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Pesticide Non-Apis All unmanaged "Kevan P.G.  
(1975). Forest application of the insecticide Fenitrothion and its  
effects on wild bee pollinators of low-bush blueberries (*Vaccinium*  
spp.) in southern New Brunswick, Canada. *Biological Conservation*, 7,  
301-309."

-1.713 0.182 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Social unmanaged  
"Heard T.A. & Exley E.M. (1994). Diversity, abundance, and  
distribution of insect visitors to macadamia flowers. *Environmental*  
*Entomology*, 23, 91-100."

-2.016 0.603 Abundance "Tropical and subtropical  
grasslands, savannahs, and shrublands" Fragmentation Apis  
Social unmanaged "Blanche K.R., Ludwig J.A. & Cunningham S.A.  
(2006). Proximity to rainforest enhances pollination and fruit set in  
macadamia and longan orchards in north Queensland, Australia. *Journal*  
*of Applied Ecology*, 43, 1182-1187."

0.871 0.365 Abundance "Tropical and subtropical  
grasslands, savannahs, and shrublands" Fragmentation Apis  
Social unmanaged "Blanche K.R., Ludwig J.A. & Cunningham S.A.  
(2006). Proximity to rainforest enhances pollination and fruit set in  
macadamia and longan orchards in north Queensland, Australia. *Journal*  
*of Applied Ecology*, 43, 1182-1187."

-0.321 0.338 Abundance "Tropical and subtropical  
grasslands, savannahs, and shrublands" Fragmentation Non-Apis  
and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged "Blanche K.R., Ludwig J.A. &  
Cunningham S.A. (2006). Proximity to rainforest enhances pollination  
and fruit set in macadamia and longan orchards in north Queensland,  
Australia. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 43, 1182-1187."

-0.505 0.344 Abundance "Tropical and subtropical  
grasslands, savannahs, and shrublands" Fragmentation Non-Apis  
and Non-Bombus Social unmanaged "Blanche K.R., Ludwig J.A. &  
Cunningham S.A. (2006). Proximity to rainforest enhances pollination  
and fruit set in macadamia and longan orchards in north Queensland,  
Australia. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 43, 1182-1187."

-0.565 0.407 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Agriculture Non-Apis All  
unmanaged "Williams N.M. (Unpublished). Data from Yolo County,  
2002."

-0.544 0.207 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged  
Kremen C. (Unpublished-a). Unpublished data on almond.

0.360 0.203 Abundance "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and  
scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary  
unmanaged Kremen C. (Unpublished-b). Unpublished data on  
muskmelon.

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forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Journal of Applied Ecology,  
46, 793-802"

-0.848 0.156 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Journal of Applied Ecology,  
46, 793-804"

-0.397 0.093 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Journal of Applied Ecology,  
46, 793-806"

0.037 0.118 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Journal of Applied Ecology,  
46, 793-807"

0.353 0.156 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed  
forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree  
R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild  
pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use  
gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Journal of Applied Ecology,  
46, 793-808"

-0.201 0.155 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed

forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 46, 793-809"

0.101 0.087 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Williams N.M., Dushoff J. & Kremen C. (2007b). Native bees provide insurance against ongoing honey bee losses. *Ecology Letters*, 10, 1105-1113."

0.070 0.087 Abundance Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Williams N.M., Dushoff J. & Kremen C. (2007b). Native bees provide insurance against ongoing honey bee losses. *Ecology Letters*, 10, 1105-1113."

-1.368 0.112 Abundance Boreal forests / taiga Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Morandin L.A. & Winston M.L. (2006). Pollinators provide economic incentive to preserve natural land in agroecosystems. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment*, 116, 289-292."

-1.828 1.418 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged "Becker P., Moure J.S. & Peralta F.J.A. (1991). More about euglossine bees in Amazonian forest fragments. *Biotropica*, 23, 586-591."

-4.249 1.629 Abundance Tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged "Powell A.H. & Powell G.V.N. (1987). Population dynamics of male euglossine bees in Amazonian forest fragments. *Biotropica*, 19, 176-179."

-0.656 0.703 Species richness Tropical and subtropical dry broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Aguilar R. (2005). Effects of forest fragmentation on the reproductive success of native plant species from the Chaco Serrano forest of Central Argentina. Ph.D. thesis. National University of Cordoba Cordoba, Argentina."

-0.062 0.191 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fragmentation All bees All unmanaged "Dupont Y.L. & Nielsen B.O. (2006). Species composition, feeding specificity and larval trophic level of flower-visiting insects in fragmented versus continuous heathlands in Denmark. *Biological Conservation*, 131, 475-485."

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 Agriculture All bees All  
 unmanaged "Holzschuh A., Steffan-Dewenter I., Kleijn D. & Tscharrntke T. (2007). Diversity of flower-visiting bees in cereal fields: effects of farming system, landscape composition and regional context *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 44, 41-49."

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 Agriculture Bombus Social unmanaged "Mand M., Mand R. & Williams I.H. (2002). Bumblebees in the agricultural landscape of Estonia. *Agriculture Ecosystems & Environment* 89, 69-76."

-1.769 0.624 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland"  
 Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus All  
 unmanaged "Kremen C., Williams N.M. & Thorp R.W. (2002). Crop pollination from native bees at risk from agricultural intensification. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 99, 16812-16816."

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 Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus All  
 unmanaged Greenleaf S.S. (Unpublished). Bee life history mediates response to farm management and loss of natural habitat in a mixed wild and agricultural landscape.

-1.747 0.553 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland"  
 Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus All  
 unmanaged "Kim J., Williams N.M. & Kremen C. (2006). Effect of cultivation and proximity to natural habitat on ground-nesting native bees in California sunflower fields. *Journal of the Kansas Entomological Society*, 79, 309-320."

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 Agriculture Bombus Social unmanaged "Sepp K., Mikk M., Mand M. & Truu J. (2004). Bumblebee communities as an indicator for landscape monitoring in the agri-environmental programme. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 67, 173-183."

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 Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary  
 unmanaged LeBuhn G. (Unpublished). Data from Napa and Sonoma counties.

-0.853 0.145 Species richness Temperate coniferous forest  
 Fragmentation Bombus Social unmanaged "Hatfield R. & LeBuhn G. (2007). Patch and landscape factors shape community assemblage of bumble bees, *Bombus* spp. (Hymenoptera: Apidae), in montane meadows. *Biological Conservation* 139, 150-158."

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Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged  
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-0.811 0.207 Species richness Deserts and xeric shrublands  
Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged  
"Cane J.H., Minckley R., Kervin L., Roulston T. & Williams N. (2006). Complex responses within a desert bee guild (Hymenoptera: Apiformes) to urban habitat fragmentation. Ecological Applications, 632-644."

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Fire Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Solitary unmanaged  
"Potts S.G., Vulliamy B., Dafni A., O'Toole C., Roberts S. & Willmer P. (2003). Response of plant-pollinator communities following fire: changes in diversity, abundance and reward structure. Oikos, 101, 103-112."

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Agriculture Non-Apis All unmanaged  
"Potts S.G., Petanidou T., Roberts S., O'Toole C., Hulbert A. & Willmer P. (2006). Plant-pollinator biodiversity and pollination services in a complex Mediterranean landscape. Biological Conservation, 129, 519-529."

0.226 0.671 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland"  
Fire Non-Apis All unmanaged  
"Potts S.G., Petanidou T., Roberts S., O'Toole C., Hulbert A. & Willmer P. (2006). Plant-pollinator biodiversity and pollination services in a complex Mediterranean landscape. Biological Conservation, 129, 519-529."

0.785 0.072 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland"  
Fire Non-Apis All unmanaged  
"Vulliamy B., Simon G. Potts and P. G. Willmer (2006). The effects of cattle grazing on plant-pollinator communities in a fragmented Mediterranean landscape. Oikos, 114, 529-543."

0.199 0.067 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland"  
Grazing Non-Apis All unmanaged  
"Vulliamy B., Simon G. Potts and P. G. Willmer (2006). The effects of cattle grazing on plant-pollinator communities in a fragmented Mediterranean landscape. Oikos, 114, 529-543."

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Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged

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0.436 0.046 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-Dewenter I. (2003). Importance of habitat area and landscape context for species richness of bees and wasps in fragmented orchard meadows. *Conservation Biology*, 17, 1036–1044."

-0.651 0.140 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed

forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Steffan-Dewenter I. (2002). Landscape context affects trap-nesting bees, wasps, and their natural enemies. *Ecological Entomology*, 27, 631-637."

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0.222 0.201 Species richness Tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests Agriculture Non-Apis Solitary unmanaged "Klein A.-M., Steffan-Dewenter I., Buchori D. & Tschardt T. (2002). Effects of land-use intensity in tropical agroforestry systems on coffee flower-visiting and trap-nesting bees and wasps. *Conservation Biology*, 16, 1003-1014."

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2.146 0.393 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Agriculture Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Griswold T. & Kremen C. (2007a). Effect of human disturbance on bee communities in a forested ecosystem. *Conservation Biology*, 21,

213-223."

0.670 0.225 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Urbanization Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Griswold T. & Kremen C. (2007a). Effect of human disturbance on bee communities in a forested ecosystem. *Conservation Biology*, 21, 213-223."

1.236 0.085 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Griswold T. & Kremen C. (2007a). Effect of human disturbance on bee communities in a forested ecosystem. *Conservation Biology*, 21, 213-223."

0.723 1.065 Species richness Tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forests Fragmentation Non-Apis and Non-Bombus Social unmanaged "Eltz T., Bruhl C.A., van der Kaars S. & Linsenmair K.E. (2002). Determinants of stingless bee nest density in lowland dipterocarp forests of Sabah, Malaysia. *Oecologia*, 131, 27-34."

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1.301 0.162 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Dauber J., Hirsch M., Simmering D., Waldhardt R., Otte A. & Wolters V. (2003). Landscape structure as an indicator of biodiversity: matrix effects on species richness. *Agriculture Ecosystems & Environment*, 98, 321-329."

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-2.252 0.623 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Agriculture Non-Apis All unmanaged "Williams N.M. (Unpublished). Data from Yolo County, 2002."

-1.841 0.285 Species richness "Mediterranean forest, woodlands and scrubland" Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged Kremen C. (Unpublished-a). Unpublished data on almond.

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-0.129 0.154 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Williams N.M., Gaines H., Ascher J.S. & Kremen C. (2008). Wild pollinators provide the majority of crop visitation across land use gradients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. *Journal of Applied Ecology*, 46, 793-810"

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0.272 0.088 Species richness Temperate broadleaf and mixed forests Fragmentation Non-Apis All unmanaged "Winfree R., Williams N.M., Dushoff J. & Kremen C. (2007b). Native bees provide insurance against ongoing honey bee losses. *Ecology Letters*, 10, 1105-1113."

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