

Climate Change and Wildlife

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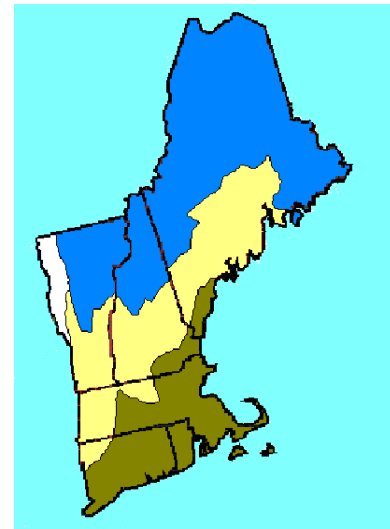
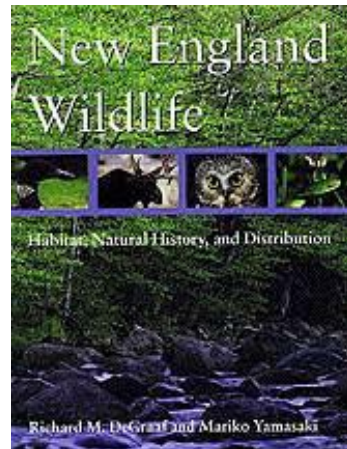
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Presentation scope

- “Wildlife”
 - As designated by DeGraaf and Yamasaki
 - Birds (226)
 - Mammals (65)
 - Reptiles (29)
 - Amphibians (23)
- New England



Climate change impacts

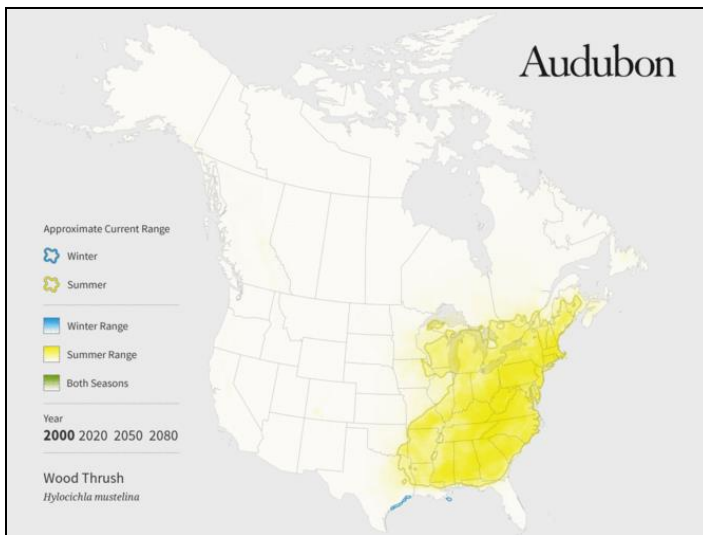
Direct effects – Temperature



Root 1988

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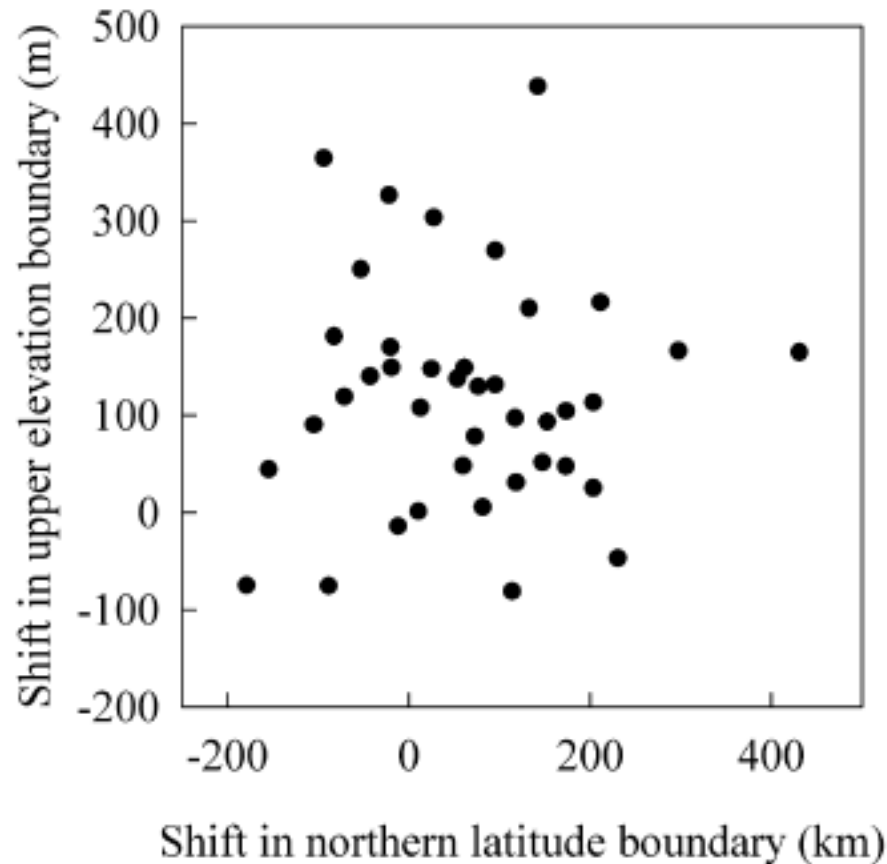


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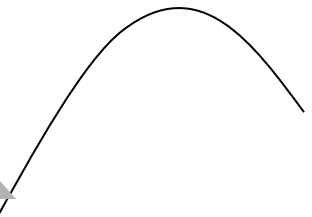
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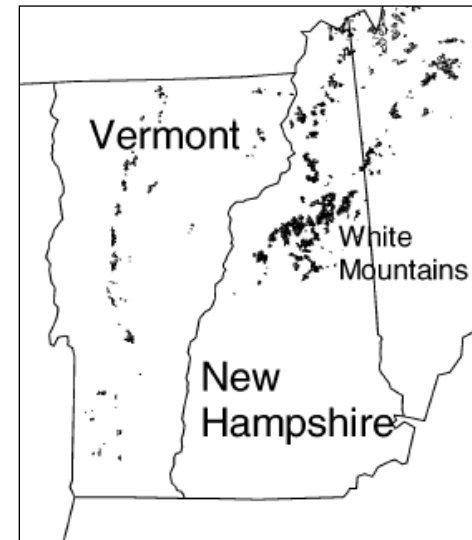


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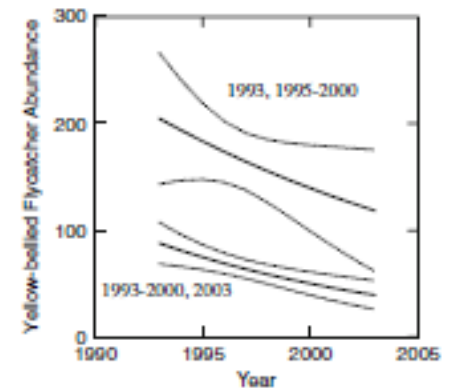
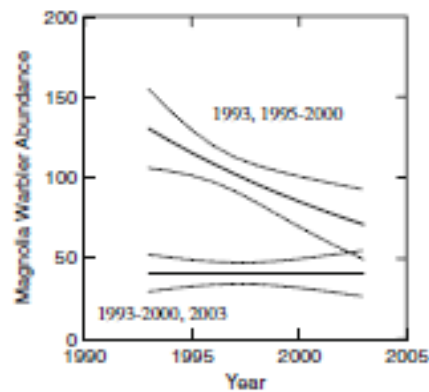
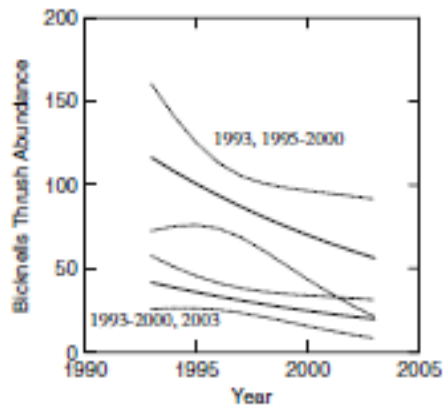
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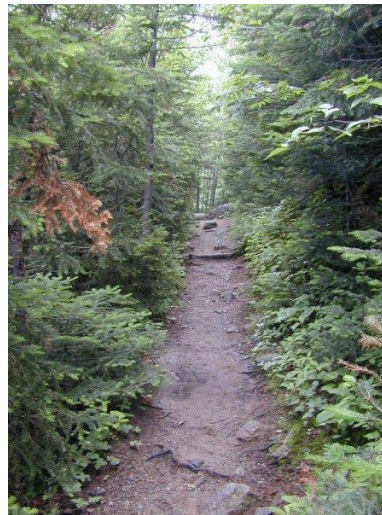
Spruce-fir birds

Montane and high latitude habitat specialists



| Species ^a | Total blood Hg (<i>n</i>) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| BITH | 0.094 ± 0.47 (43) |
| BLPW | 0.055 ± 0.017 (10) |
| YRWA | 0.091 ± 0.055 (13) |
| WTSP | 0.062 ± 0.026 (12) |

Rimmer et al. 2005

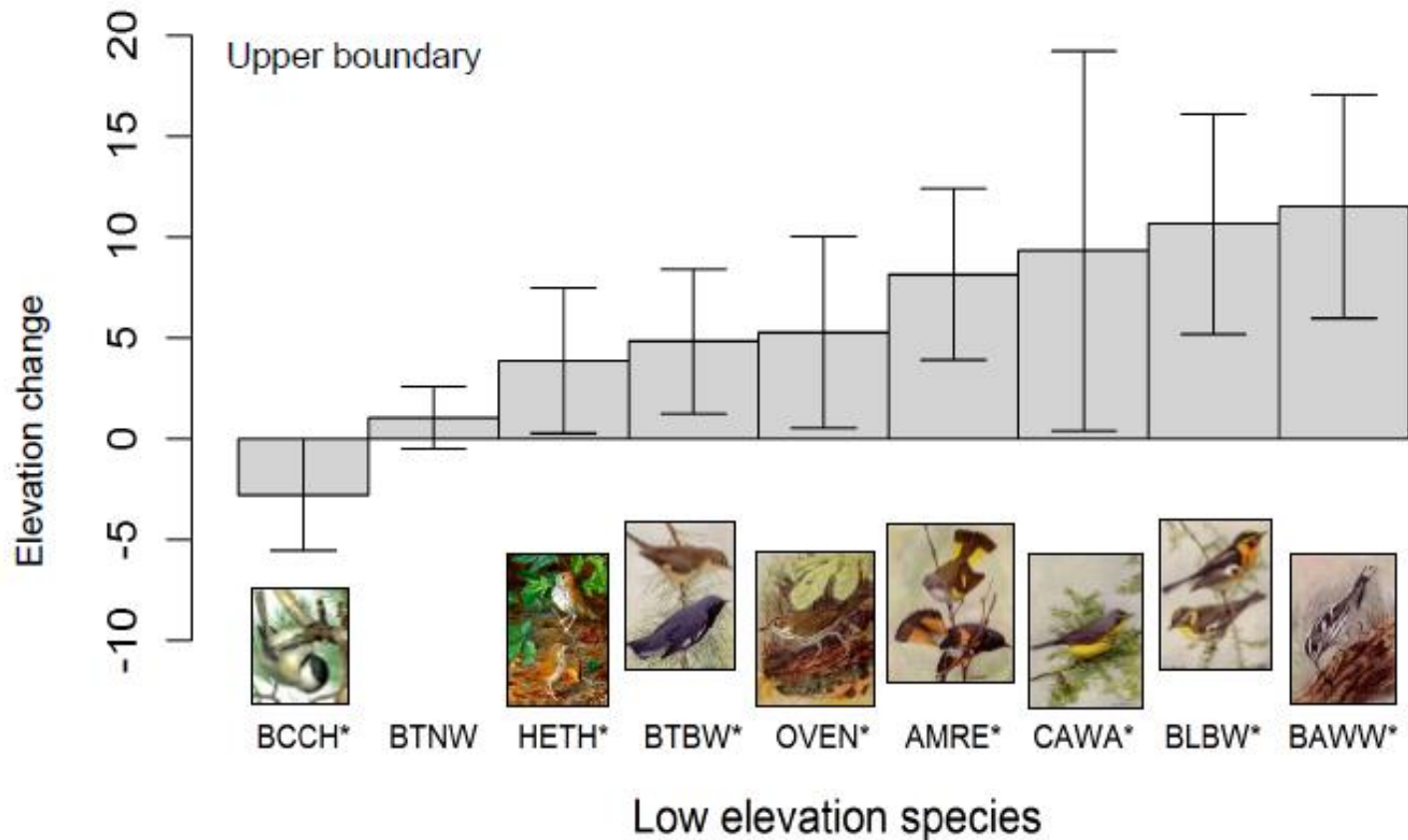


DeLuca and King 2014

Climate?

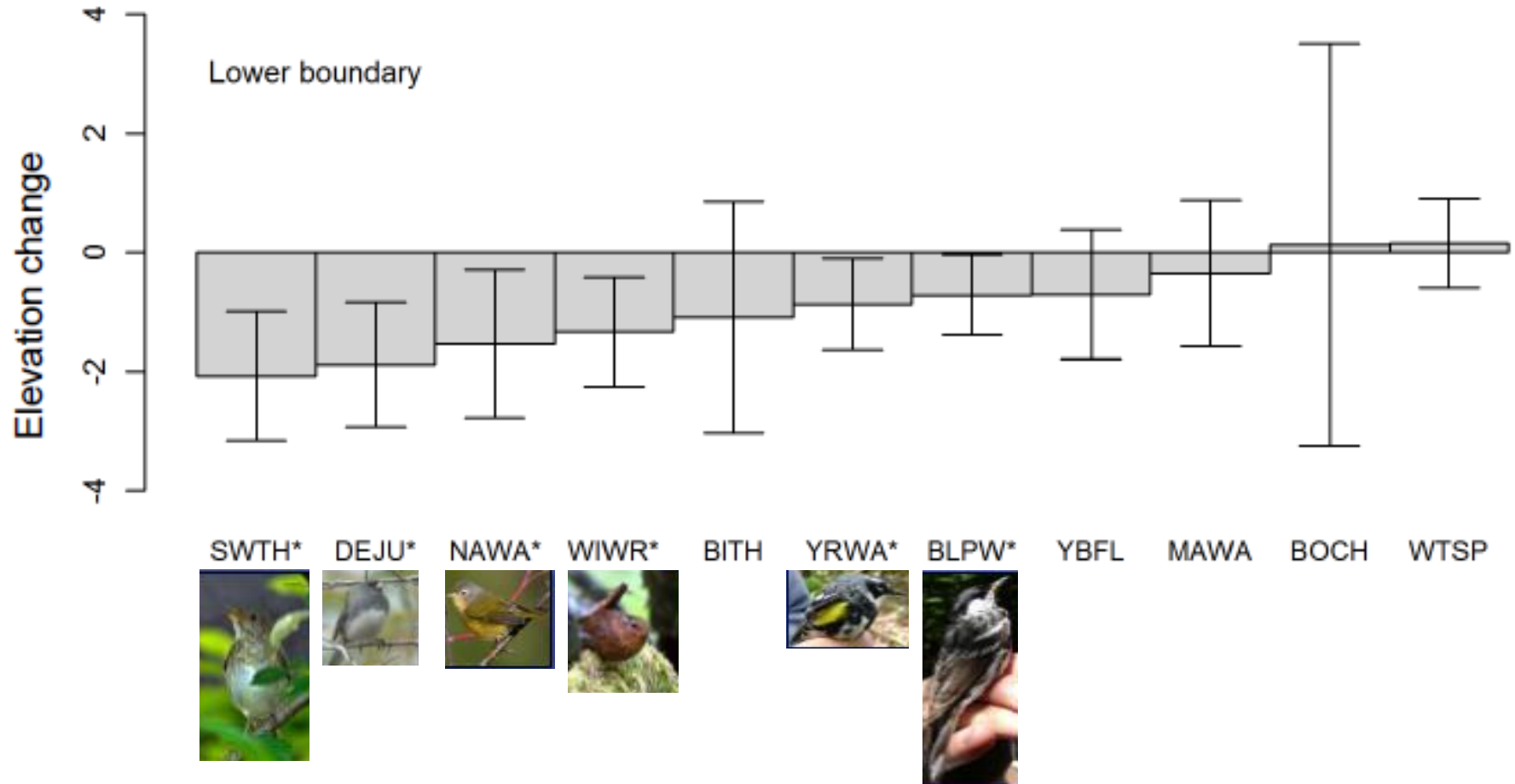
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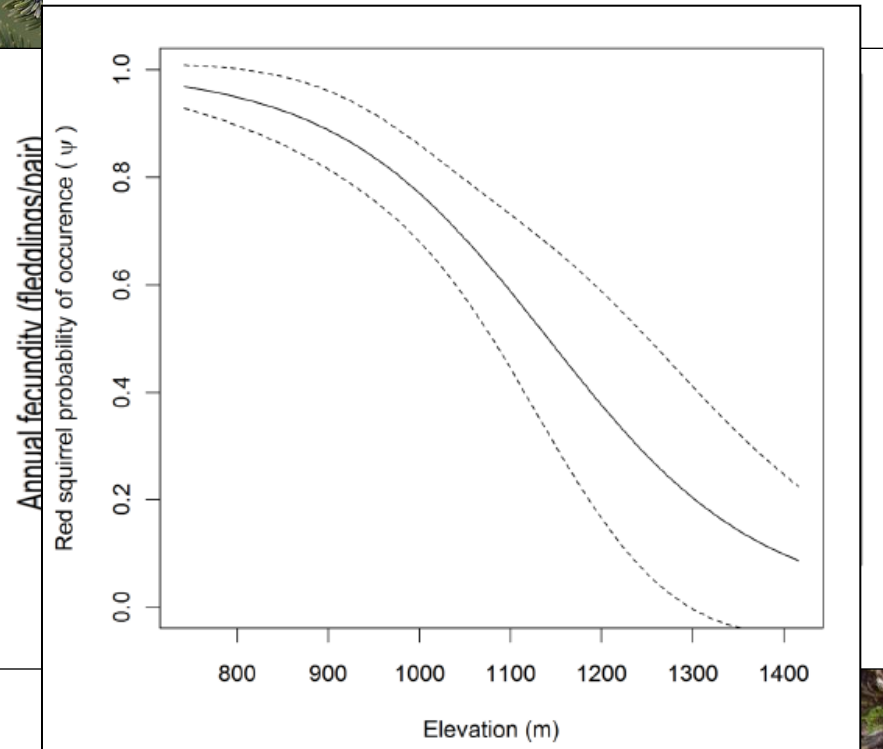
Direct effects – Precipitation?



DeLuca et al. In Prep.

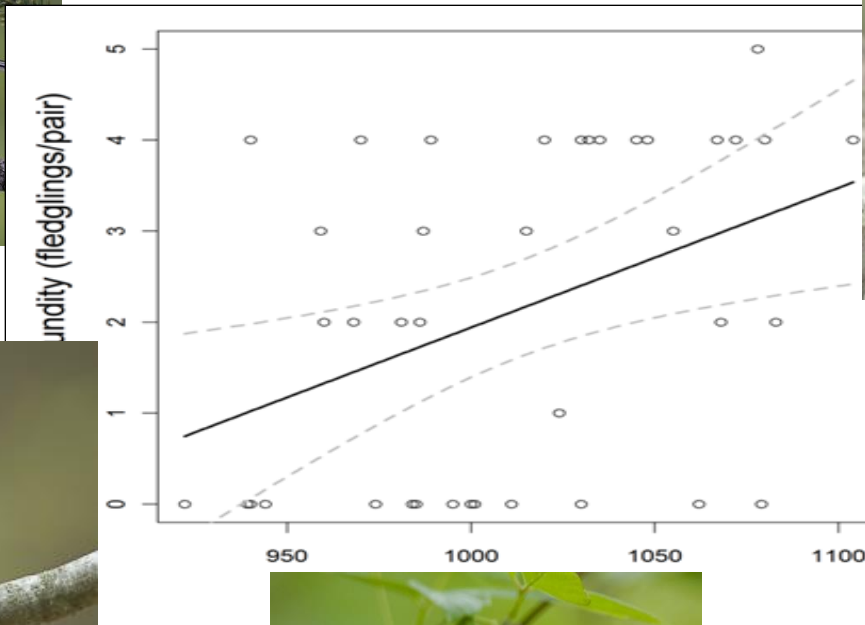
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Indirect effects – Predation?



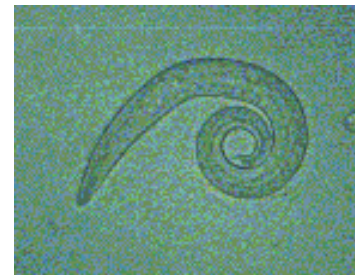
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Indirect effects – Competition?



Indirect and cascading effects

Moose and climate change



Indirect and cascading effects

Rodents



Pauli et al. 2013



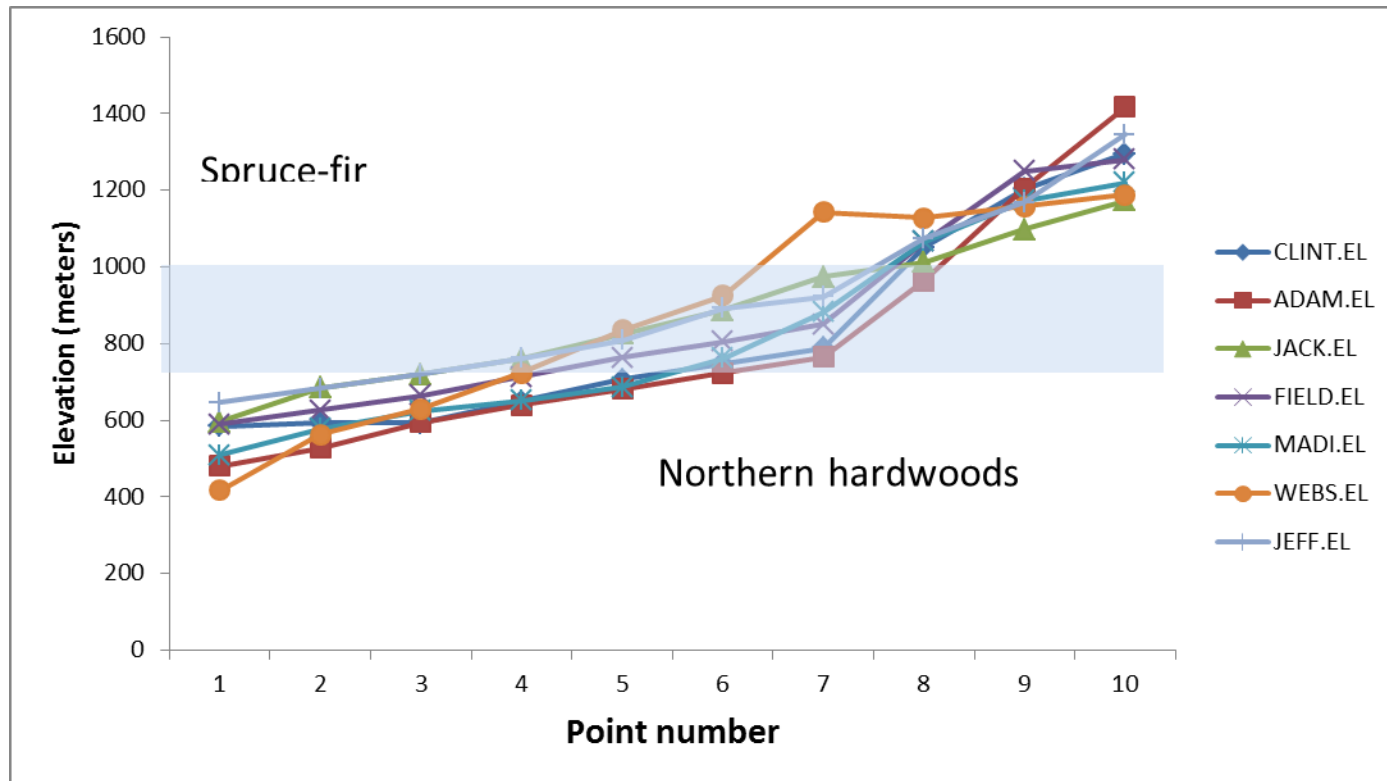
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Emergence of novel communities?



Phenological shifts and asynchrony with food



Both et al. 2006

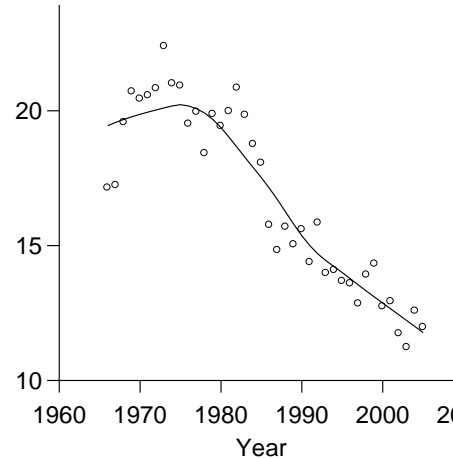


Rodenhouse et al. 2009



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Indirect effects - succession



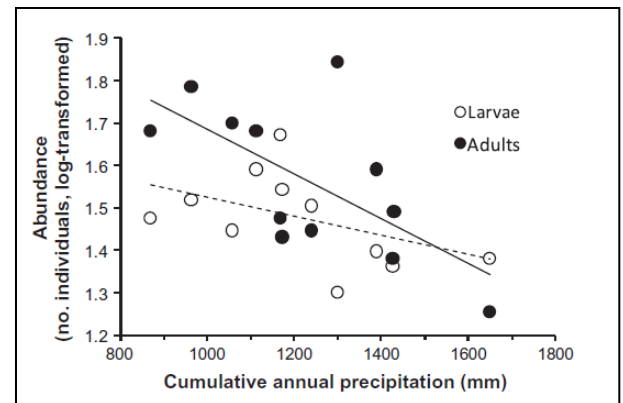
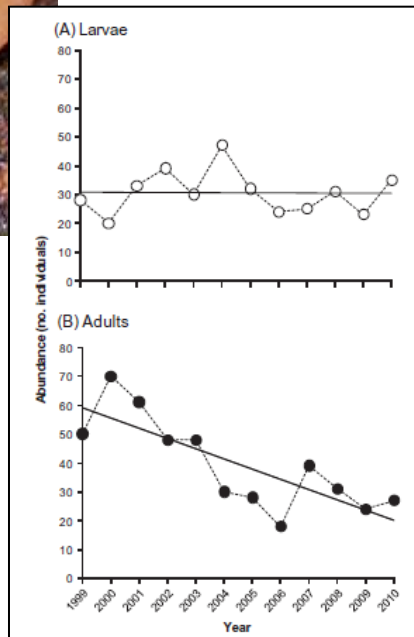
Extreme events

Flooding



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Drought



Conclusions and discussion

- Vulnerability varies with species' traits
- Shifts observed with latitude and elevation
 - Consider landscape context and local relief
- Impacts on habitat and hydrology
 - Manage for resistance resilience
- Reconsider conservation goals
 - Novel and no-analog communities
- Adopt strategies robust to uncertainty
 - “low regrets”



Questions?