EISI Plant-Pollinator Networks 2017

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 - **Pollinator preferences**
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 - Beta diversity in montane meadows
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Modularity of plant-pollinator networks

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Modeling bee behavior



Examining phylogenetic relatedness as a driver of plant-pollinator interactions in montane meadows.

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Introduction

HJ Andrews Experimental Forest

- Blue River, OR
- LTER estd. 1948
- "a center for forest and stream ecosystem research in the Pacific Northwest" (AND LTER)

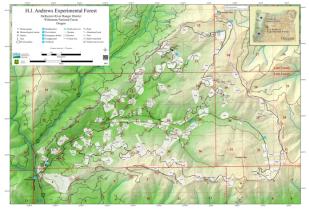
Plant-Pollinator Networks

- Agricultural significance
- Integral to healthy ecosystems

Phylogeny

- No existing phylogeny for plant or pollinators observed as part of the EISI program at HJ Andrews
- Minimal literature
- Phylogeny may inform conservation insights & practices







Map courtesy of Andrews LTER

How does phylogenetic relatedness of plant families correlate with frequency of interactions by members of the same pollinator families?

STUDY GOAL

Field Methods

Meadows & Plots

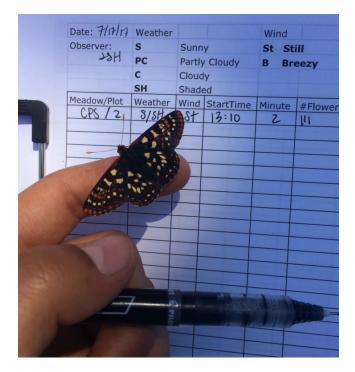
- 3 meadow complexes
- 4 meadows per complex, 10 plots per meadow
- 120 total plots surveyed

Anthesis

- Count number of stalks & flowers per stalk
 - Every species in anthesis in the plot

Interactions

- 15 minute watch period
- All plant-pollinator interactions (successful or otherwise) recorded



Phylogenetic Methods

Pollinators

- Bug Guide (Iowa State University Dept. of Entomology)
- American Insects 2nd Edition

Plants

- National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Taxonomy Browser
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service PLANTS Database

Tree Building & Visualization

- phyloT & NCBI
- Interactive Tree of Life (iTOL)

Distance Metrics (Plants)

- Distance matrix

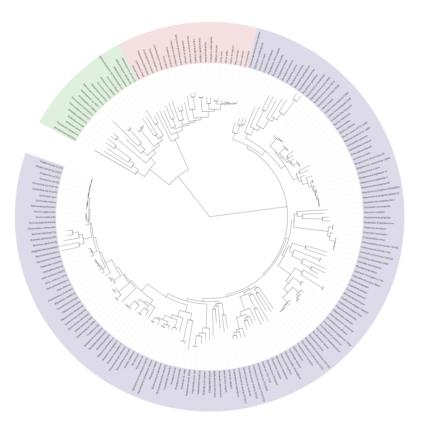


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Analytical Methods

Jaccard Index

- Pairwise comparison between plant families
- Intersection & union of sets
 - Percent of shared pollinator families

Scatterplot

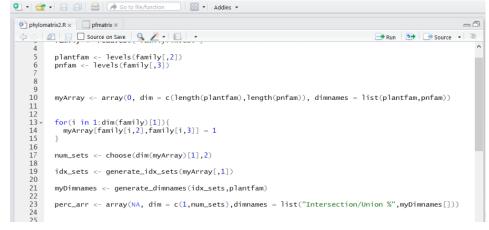
Linear Regression

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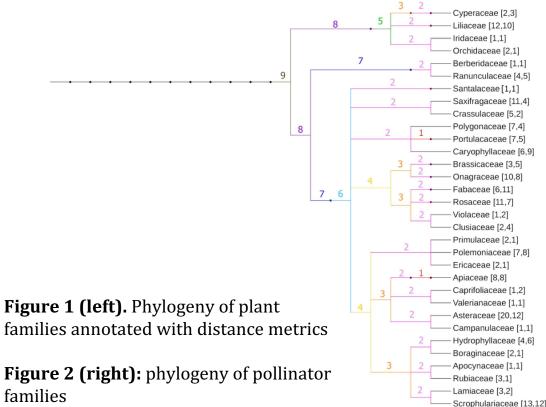
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Liliaceae	0.07407407	1.00000000	0.07407407	0.00000000	0.37142857	0.07407407	0.03703704	0.26666667
Orchidaceae	0.33333333	0.07407407	1.00000000	0.00000000	0.09523810	1.00000000	0.00000000	0.18181818
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Ranunculaceae	0.09523810	0.37142857	0.09523810	0.04761905	1.00000000	0.09523810	0.04761905	0.28000000
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Saxifragaceae	0.08333333	0.41666667	0.08333333	0.04166667	0.32352941	0.08333333	0.00000000	0.29629630
Crassulaceae	0.07407407	0.42105263	0.07407407	0.00000000	0.37142857	0.07407407	0.03703704	0.31034483
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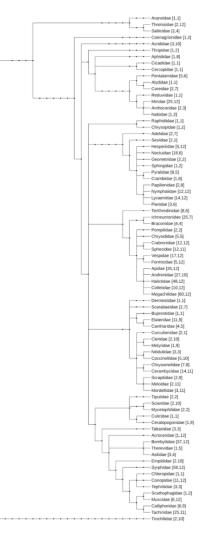
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Results | Phylogenies

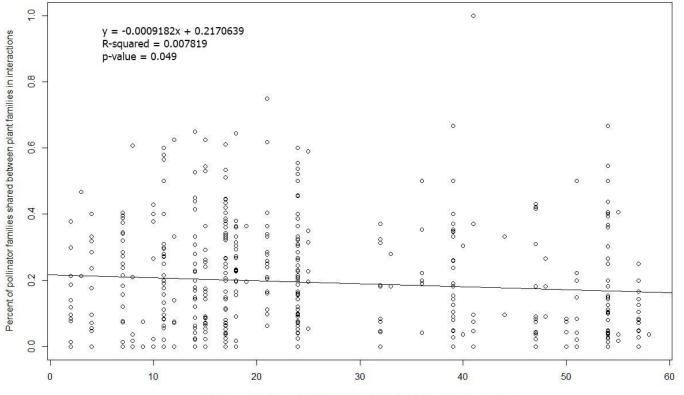




families annotated with distance metrics

Figure 2 (right): phylogeny of pollinator families

Results | Phylogenetic distance versus shared pollinators



Phylogenetic distance between plant families using shorthand distance metrics

Figure 3. Relationship of shared pollinator family interactions as a function of phylogenetic distances between pairwise comparisons of plant families.

Results | Points of interest

Plant families compared	Percent of pollinator families shared	Phylogenetic distance
Berberidaceae x Orchidaceae	75	41
Violaceae x Orchidaceae	66.7	54
Boraginaceae x Orchidaceae	66.7	54
Berberidaceae x Violaceae	66.7	39
Boraginaceae x Berberidaceae	66.7	39
Polemoniaceae x Polygonaceae	66.9	14
Apiaceae x Polygonaceae	64.5	18

Table 1. Points of interest due to their highpercentage of pollinator families shared.

Plant families compared	Phylogenetic distance	Percent of pollinators shared
Iridaceae x Orchidaceae	2	0
Berberidaceae x Ranunculaceae	2	9.5
Caryophyllaceae x Polygonaceae	2	21
Crassulaceae x Saxifragaceae	2	38
Polemoniaceae x Ericaceae	2	8.3
Polemoniaceae x Primulaceae	2	14
Ericaceae x Primulaceae	2	30
Campanulaceae x Asteraceae	2	1.4
Valerianaceae x Caprifoliaceae	2	7.7
Apocynaceae x Rubiaceae	2	0
Scrophulariaceae x Lamiaceae	2	12
Hydrophyllaceae x Boraginaceae	2	19

Table 2. Percent of pollinators shared between plantfamilies with low phylogenetic distance.

Discussion & Conclusions

Goal

How is phylogenetic relatedness of plant families correlated with frequency of visits by the same pollinator families?

Key Findings

Slight negative correlation between phylogenetic distance & shared pollinator families

Further Directions

Flower morphology



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