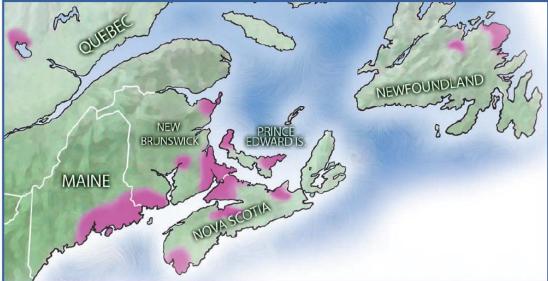
Wild bee communities in non-crop land cover in the Maine (USA) wild blueberry landscape

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Vaccinium angustifolium



Javorek et al. 2002, Drummond 2012

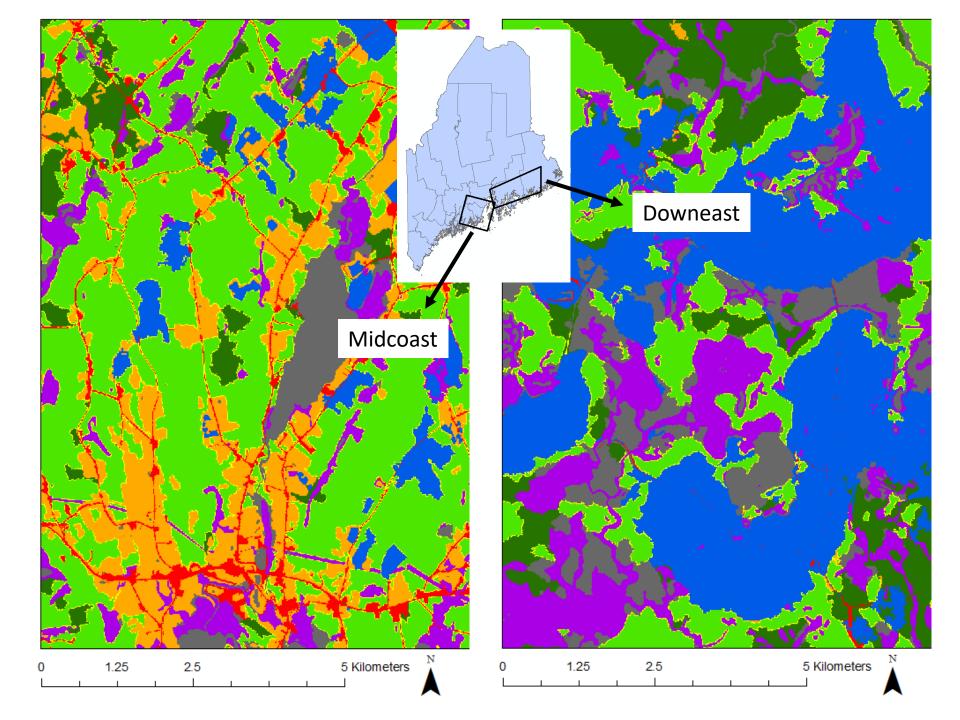




InVEST

integrated valuation of ecosystem services and tradeoffs Agriculture/field Blueberries Coniferous forest Deciduous/mixed forest Deciduous/mixed forest edge Developed/other Emergent wetlands/scrub-shrub Wetlands/water

Groff et al. 2016



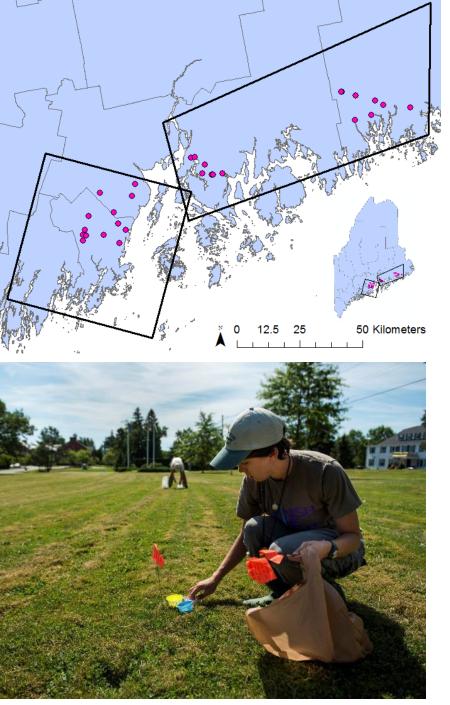
Research objective

Does bee community composition (species abundance and richness) differ by:

- 1. Land cover type?
- 2. Blueberry growing region?







Agriculture/field
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Statistical analyses

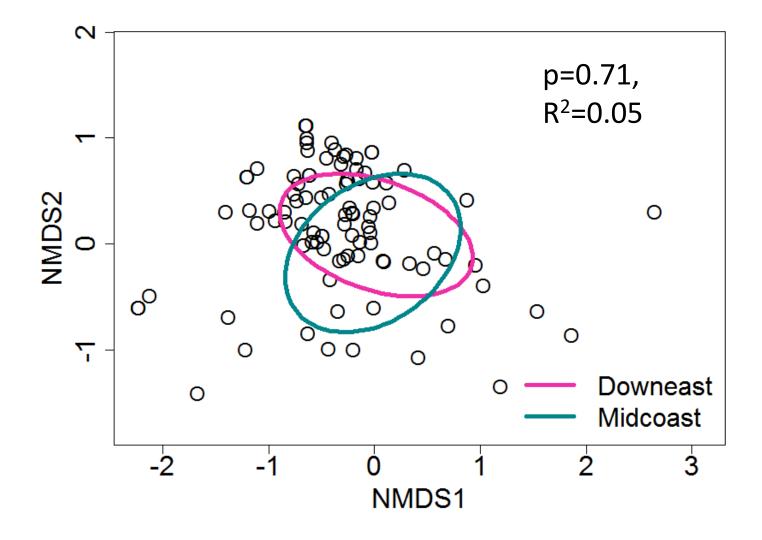
- Do bee communities differ by growing region and land cover type?
 - Non-metric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS)
- What cover types have different bee communities?
 Does this vary by growing region?
 - Negative binomial GLMs
 - Main effects: Analysis of Deviance
 - Post-hoc: Multiple comparisons of means with Tukey contrasts



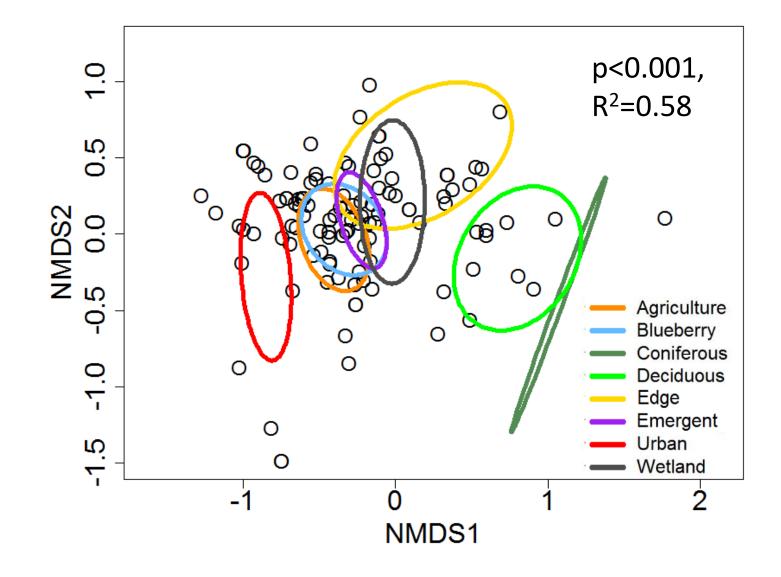
- 1370 individuals
 - 870 Downeast
 - 505 Midcoast
- 119 species
- 23 genera

- Two state records:
 - Andrena personata
 - Lasioglossum platyparium

Wild bee community by growing region



Wild bee community by land cover type

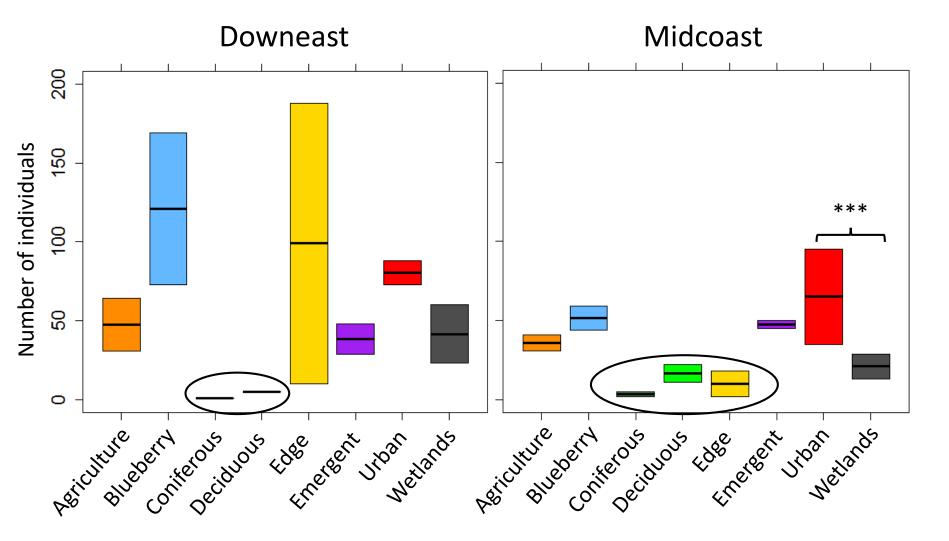


GLM results

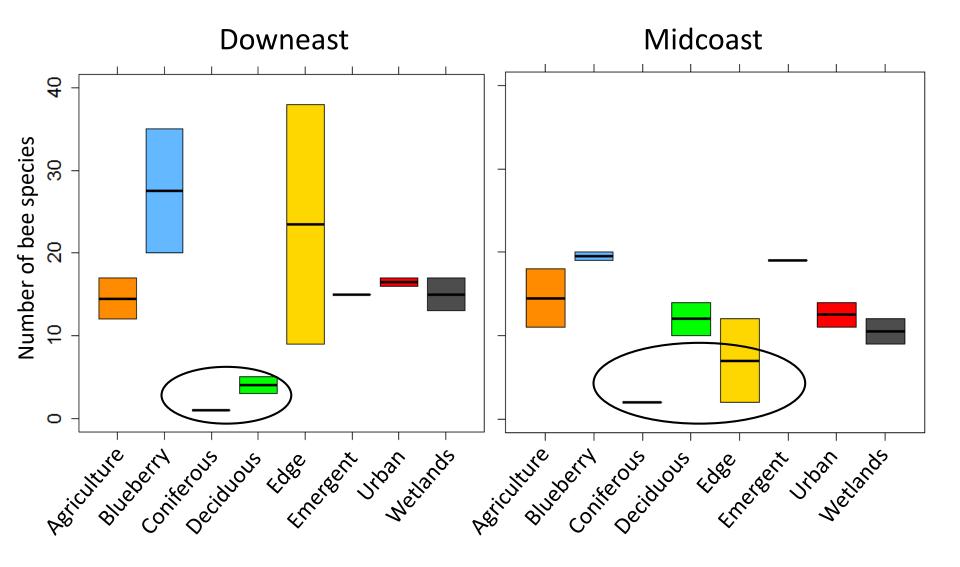
| Abundance | df | Deviance | р |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cover | 7 | 95.615 | <0.001*** |
| Region | 1 | 3.422 | 0.064 |
| Cover*Region | 7 | 27.272 | <0.001*** |
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| Richness | df | Deviance | р |
| Richness Cover | df 7 | Deviance 89.539 | p <0.001*** |
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- Multiple comparisons of means
 - Tukey contrasts, Bonferroni corrected

Abundance by growing region



Species richness by growing region



Conclusions

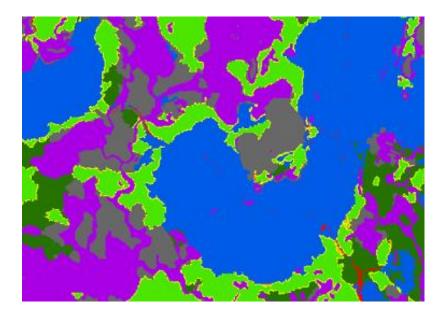
- Differ by land cover, but not growing region
- Influence of cover type differs by region
- Bee abundance more complex Midcoast
- Richness simpler overall
- High variation

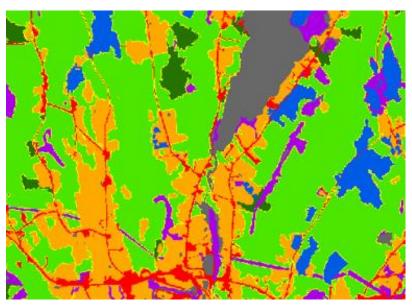


Future directions

- Does landscape pattern influence bee community composition?
- Does field data align with expert opinion? Will it improve modeling accuracy?







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