Using Native Plants on Farms



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Hedgerows, Grassed Waterways, Filter Strips, Riparian Plantings, Windbreaks

Beneficial insect and pollinator habitat

Wildlife habitat

Soil erosion control

Weed control

Non-point source water pollution reduction

Air quality and dust control

Barriers

Riparian stabilization

Windbreak and climate modification

Aesthetic value

Economic returns

Increase in local and regional biodiversity

Native Plant Hedgerow



Perennial Grasses In Ditch for Erosion and Weed Control



Grass Filter Strip between Field and Hedge



Windbreak



Riparian Planting



Insects Associated with Native Hedgerows

Plant species sampled:

California lilac Ceanothus
Buckwheat Eriogonum
Coffeeberry Rhamnus c
Coyote Brush Baccharis p
Toyon Heteromlel
Elderberry Sambucus

Eriogonum fasciculatum Rhamnus californica Baccharis pilularis Heteromleles arbutifolia Sambucus mexicana





Beneficial Insects Monitored:

Minute pirate bug
Assassin bug
Soldier beetle
Green lacewing
Colops
Lady beetle
Damsel
Hymenoptera
Hoverflies
Tachinid flies

Pest Insects Controlled

Aphids
Mealy Bugs
Leaf Hoppers
Scale
Mites





Whitefly
Thrips
Squash Bug
Stink Bug
Lygus Bug

Beneficial Insects











Beneficial Insects









Wasps



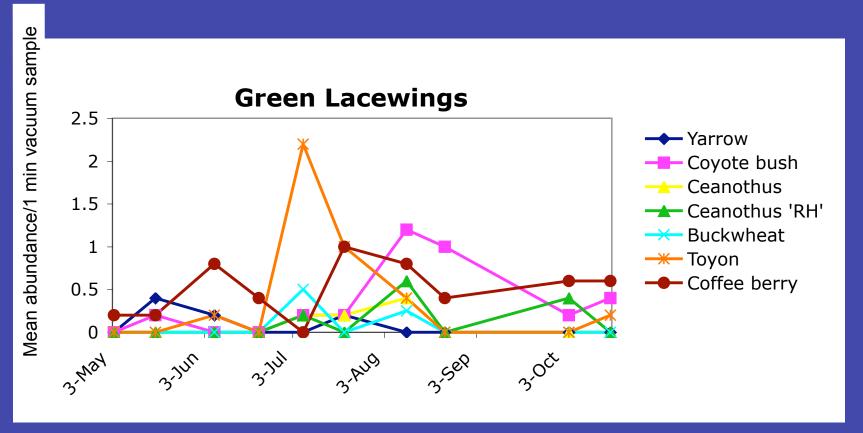








Abundance of a Predator

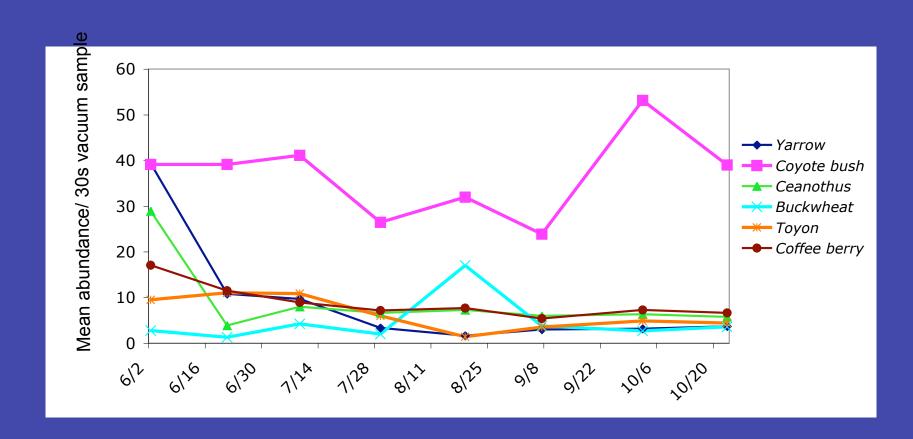


San Juan Bautista site, 2006

Abundance of Wasp Parasitoids



Photos credit: UC IPM website



Means of 5 sites, 2005

Data from Tara Pisani Gareau <tlp19@psu.edu>

Flowering Chart over One Year

Known Pollen and Nectar Sources for Beneficial Insects

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Ceanothus spp.	,									si ke	20	< h
Yarrow	3		,				,					
Elderberry		£.	7				6				6	
Coffeeberry	8	8									9	
Hollyleaf Cherry	16 25	8									8	
Toyon	10	8									8	
Buckwheat spp.	2											
Deergrass												
Saltbush, Fourwing	1	9										
Milkweed		9										
Goldenrod												
Coyote Brush						v						

Bees Increase Yields







Bees on Black Sage



Birds Eat Pests

Birds Eat Rodents, and the Following Insects:

Caterpillars

Ants

Grubs

Moths

Grasshoppers

Leafhoppers

Aphids

Snails

Scale insects

Sow bugs

Codling Moth

Insect eggs





Birds eat bugs



<u>Issues</u>, <u>Problems with Native Plantings</u>

- Pests (insects, rodents, birds) attracted to plantings
- Food Safety concerns
- Movement of insects into fields
- Genetic Pollution-not using plants from specific area
- Hosting Diseases: Pierce's Disease,
 Sudden Oak Death (SOD), Eutypa
- High costs of maintenance

Factors to be considered before deciding on whether animals are a <u>food safety</u> concern:

- number of animals
 - type of animals
 - type of crop
- harvest procedure
- neighboring influences
 - pathogen of concern
 - additional processing

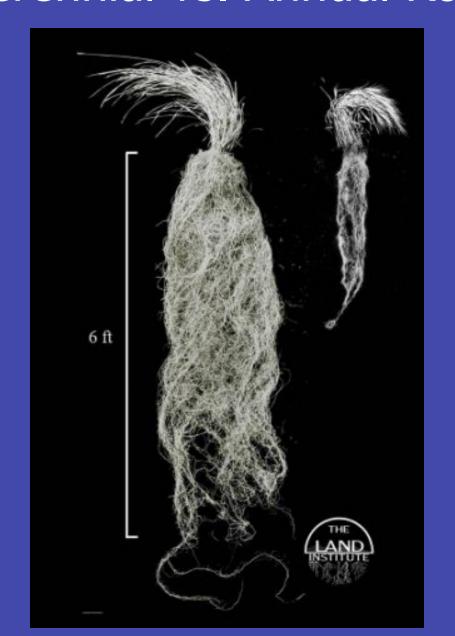
Monitor the crop, not the habitat planting. Take action if crop damage or animal feces are observed.

Source: Wild Farm Alliance - www.wildfarmalliance.org

From Eroding Ditch to Grassed Waterway



Perennial vs. Annual Roots



Planning a hedgerow



Yarrow

Achillea millefolium





Manzanita

Arctostaphylos spp.







Quailbush/Saltbush

Atriplex lentiformis



Coyote Brush

Baccharis pilularis









California Buckwheat

Eriogonum fasciculatum



Flannelbush

Fremontodendron californicum







Coast Live Oak

Quercus agrifolia





Wild Rose

Rosa Californica



White Sage

Salvia apiana





Elderberry

Sambucus mexicana



Redwood

Sequoia sempervirens



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