

Hedgerows, pest control, and pollination services on farms

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Hedgerow Benefits:

- Enhance biodiversity



Loggerhead shrike



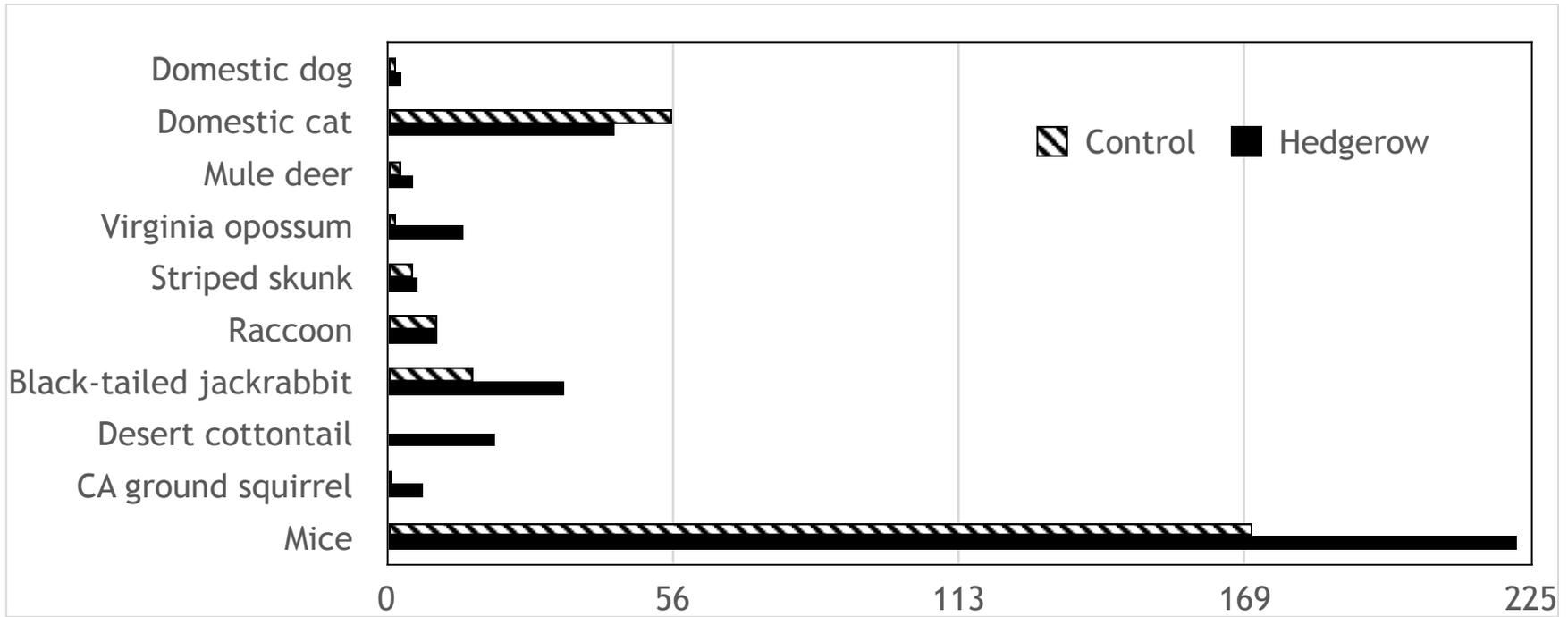
Robin



Goldfinch



Mammals in Hedgerows vs. Conventional Field Edges (walnuts and tomatoes)





Hedgerow Benefits

- Enhance biodiversity
- **Filter traps**

Reduce sediments, pesticides, nutrients, and foodborne pathogens.



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- Erosion control (water, wind)



Zamora, Yolo Co.



Hedgerow Farms, Winters



Deergrass, Colusa Co.



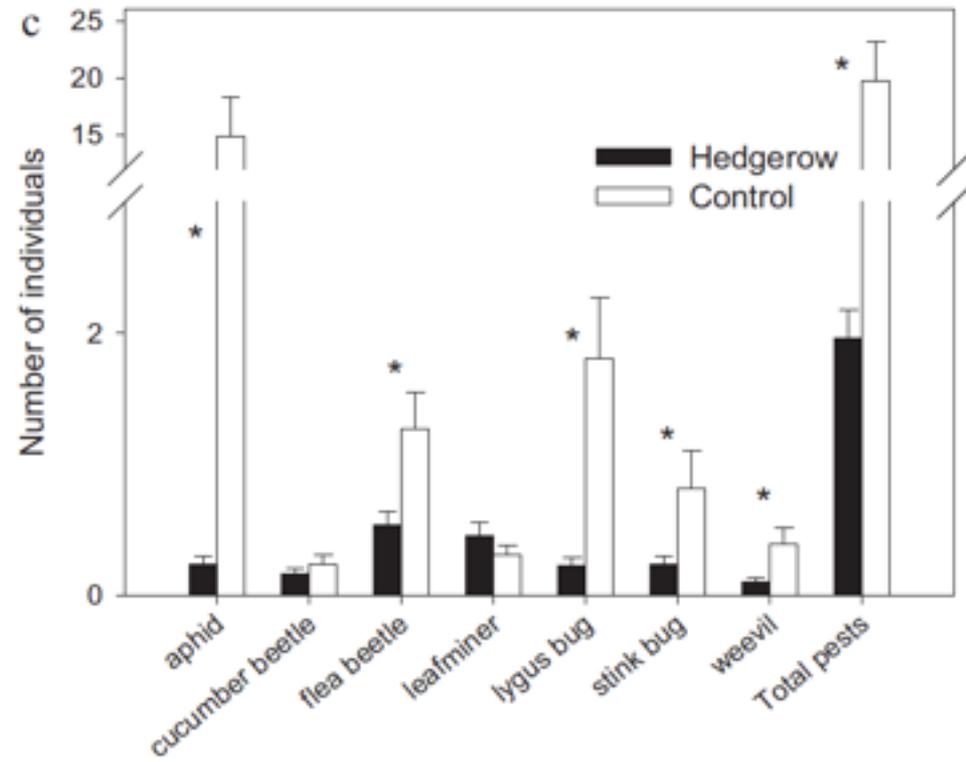
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- **Natural enemies (predators, parasitoids)**



Fresno Co.

Insect natural enemies depend on floral resources (pollen and nectar)

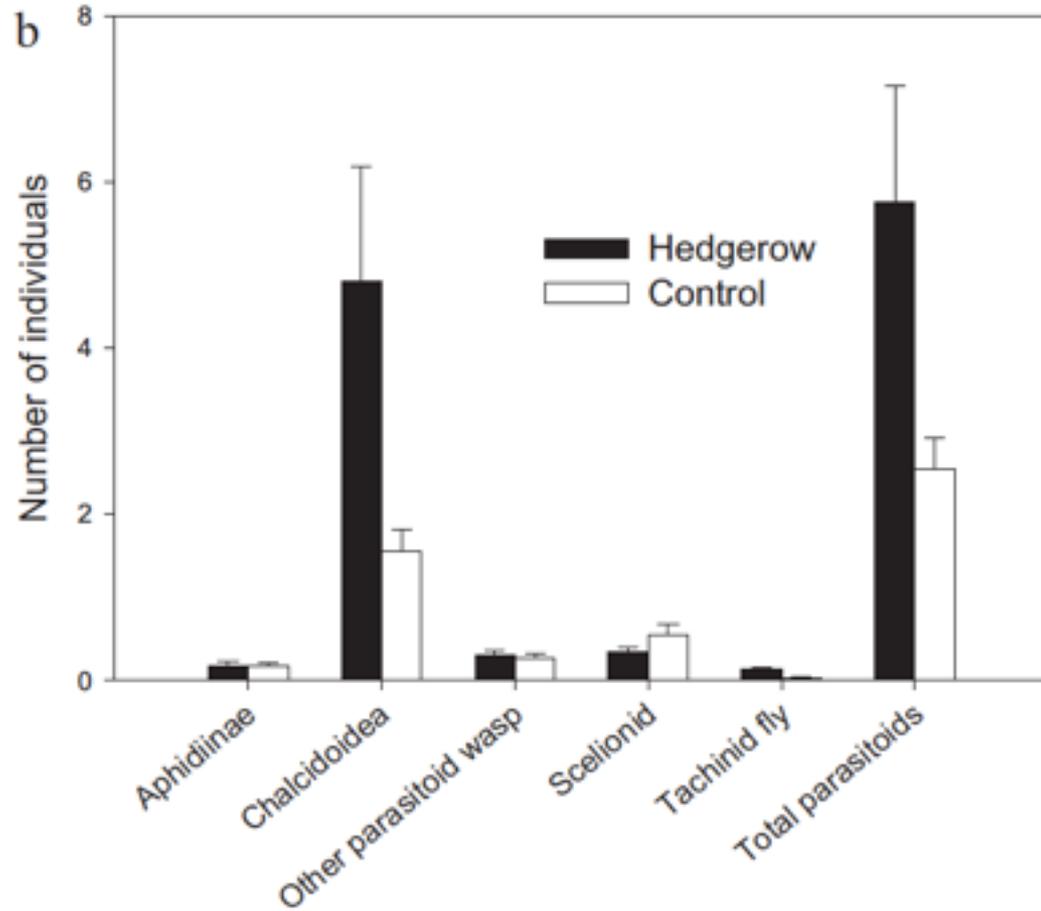
Syrphid fly adult, larva



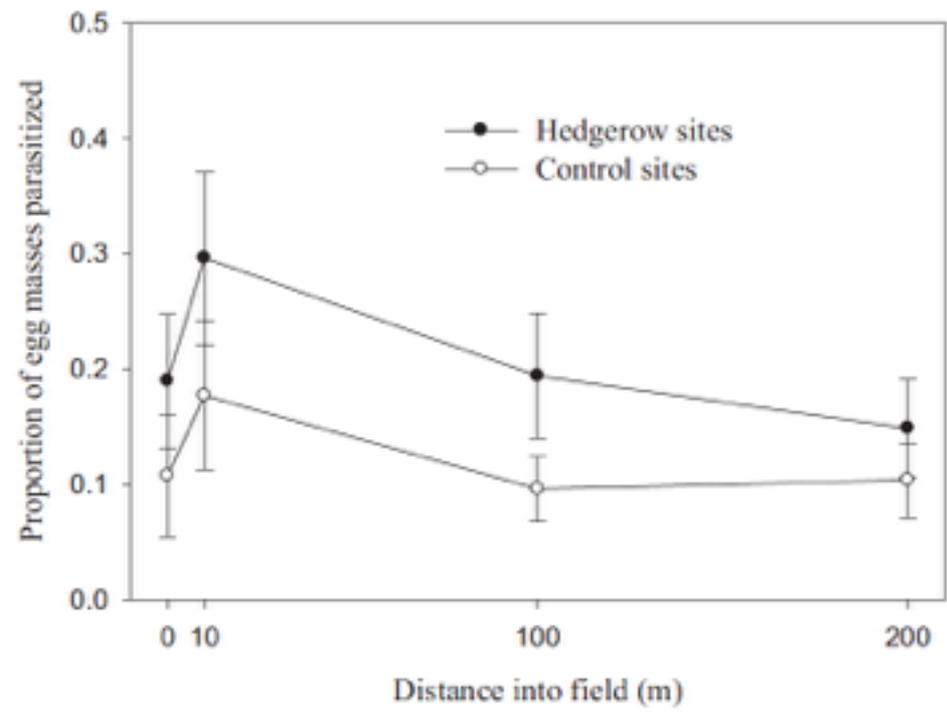
Green lacewing adult, larva Parasitoid wasp adult, larva



Hedgerows have higher numbers of natural enemies



Hedgerows export natural enemies into adjacent crops for better pest control



Hedgerow Economics

- Fewer insecticides applied for insect control in hedgerow fields.
- 4/8 control tomato fields sprayed versus 1/8 hedgerow fields sprayed.
- Savings of \$260/field/year.



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- Natural enemies (predators of pests)
- **Pollinators (native bees, honey bees)**

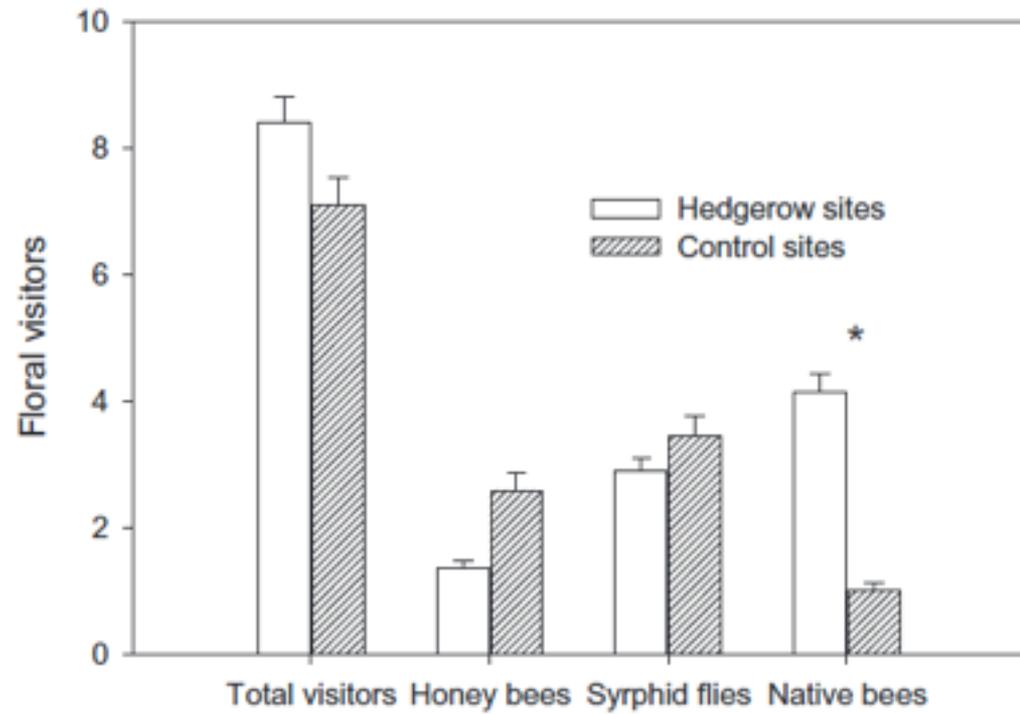


Native bees need food, nesting habitat, and protection from pesticides.

- About 70% of native bees nest underground.
- About 30% are cavity nesters (nest in hollow stems or old logs).

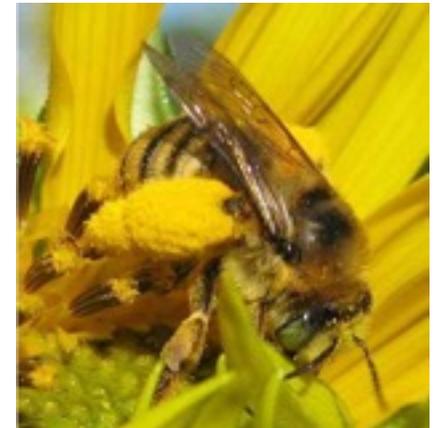


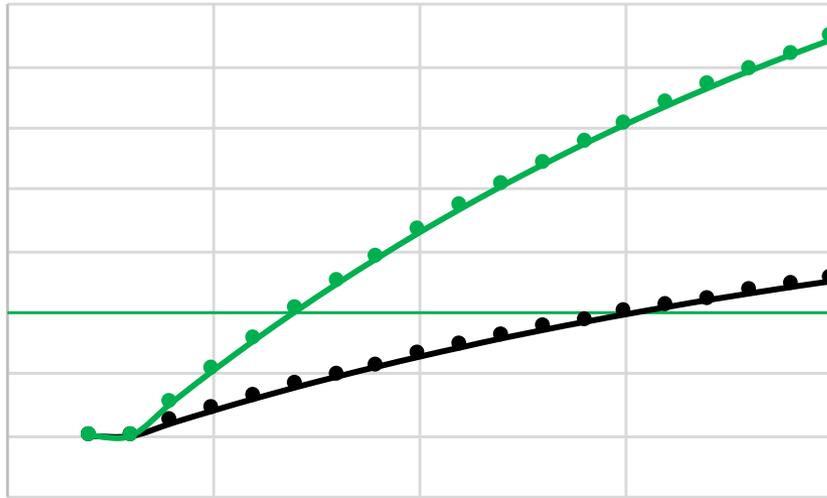
Native bee numbers greater in adjacent crops with hedgerows



Pollination from enhanced bee visitation, using canola as model crop:

- 21% seed increase with native bees (excluding honey bees).
- \$400 profit every 3-years





Impacts on a 40 acre field, 1000 ft long hedgerow

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Sacramento Valley



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“This paper is particularly poignant right now when the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is calling for farmers to implement co-management of wildlife and agriculture, instead of clear cutting wild habitat around their crops.

The paper provides support for this ruling, showing that the presence of hedgerows does increase wildlife diversity, but does not increase wildlife intrusion into the fields and more importantly, does not increase the prevalence of animals carrying foodborne pathogens.”

Anonymous reviewer