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Spread of fleshy-fruited exotic shrubs when dispersal is structured by dispersers that vary over time



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...Welcome to life under our little subtropical patch of clouds



Latitude: Subtropical 26° N

Temperature: Cool mo: 26° C Hot mo: 33° C

Substrate: Oolitic limestone

Rainfall: Wet mo: 230 mm Dry mo: 33 mm

Floods, fires, hurricanes, The Army Corps of Engineers

#### Seedlings seen at point x at a certain time, where did they come from?



#### Seeds are produced Itravel germinate

## Main issues

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## Two population processes

- population change in numbers
- population change in space occupied

Two types of dynamic models in a structured world population change in numbers Population projection matrix population change in space occupied Dispersal kernels for each dispersing stage

Two population parameters in a structured constant world  $\lambda$ 

- projection matrix analysis of a matrix of growth, survival and reproduction
- c\*, wavespeed

analysis of integrodifference equation model based on analysis of a matrix that combines growth, survival and reproduction with movement

Neubert and Caswell 2000

Two population parameters in a structured random world  $\lambda_s$ 

Population projection with temporal variation = random matrix product analysis
Tuljapurkar 1982, 1990

c\*s, wavespeed

 analysis of integrodifference equation model with temporal variation = random matrix product ellner and Schreiber 2012

#### Stage-Structured Integrodifference Model with Temporal Variation





## Ardisia elliptica (Myrsinaceae)



- Tropical understory shrub
- Native to SE Asia
- Naturalized in Hawaii, Southern Florida, Okinawa and Jamaica.
- Can survive and reproduce under low light levels
- Tolerate high densities

#### **Biotic Dispersal**







Eastern Grey Catbird Dumetella carolinensis Common Raccoon Procyon lotor American Robin *Turdus migratorius* 

#### Study Location: Everglades National Park, Florida



#### **Everglades National Park**



#### Courtesy South Florida Water Management District



## Population projection matrix with structured dispersal

(An unstructured, composite model collapses all seeds into one stage)

							Time t					
		Drpoped	Raccoon	Cat Bird	Robin	SG	Small	Medium	Large	Pre Repro-	Small	Large
		Seed	Seed	Seed	Seed	Seedling	Juvenile	Juvenile	Juvenile	ductive	Adult	Adult
	DS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.20	36.59	52.62	90.03
	RacS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.69	2.08	2.99	5.12
	CatS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16.01	48.03	69.08	118.18
	RobS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Time	SG	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.312	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>t</i> + 1	SJ	0	0	0	0	0.624	0.738	0.034	0	0	0	0
	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0.24	0.517	0	0	0	0
	LJ	0	0	0	0	0	0.004	0.172	0.167	0	0	0
	PR	0	0	0	0	0	0.009	0.276	0.5	0	0	0
	SA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.333	1	0.7	0.017
	LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.3	0.978

"*Schinus* Thicket population of 1999"

low density abandoned farmland site, 5.4 individuals m<sup>-2</sup>

Adpated from Koop and Horvitz 2005 (Ecology 86:2661-2672),

#### Matrix of moment-generating functions, from matrix of dispersal kernels

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	RacS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>m1(s)</b>	<b>m1(</b> s)	<b>m1(s)</b>	<i>m1(s)</i>
	CatS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>m2(</b> s)	<b>m2(</b> s)	<b>m2(</b> s)	<i>m</i> 2(s)
	RobS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	<b>m3(s)</b>	<b>m3(s)</b>	<b>m3(s)</b>	<i>m3(s)</i>
Time	SG	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>t</i> + 1	SJ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	MJ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	LJ	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	PR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	SA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	LA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

the Gaussian dispersal kernel (which fit our data),

has moment generating function

 $m(s)=exp(((\alpha^*s)/2)^2),$ 

 $\alpha$  is related to mean dispersal distance and is estimated from data



- Jim Clark:
  - Developed a program that takes account of locations of adults and of seedlings
  - And estimates dispersal kernel parameters

#### Estimating the Dispersal Kernel: spatially referenced counts of adults and seedlings



- Mapped individuals (app. 100m X 90m)
- Grid size was 1 m<sup>2</sup>
- Classified plants into
   5 stage classes
  - Seedlings, Juveniles, Pre-Reproductives, Small Adults, & Large Adults

#### All Adults





#### All Inds



## Dispersal kernels from field data





**Bird Dispersed** (Isolated Seedlings) We mapped ALL individuals in 100 x 90 m grid **Composite 48,703 seedlings** Gravity 20,543 seedlings 27,019 seedlings Catbird 1,141 seedlings Raccoon Mammal Dispersed

(Seedlings in clusters)

#### Gaussian dispersal kernel parameter $\alpha$ estimated for composite, catbirds and raccoons



#### Composite vs Disperser-specific Dispersal Kernel parameters

	Composite	Raccoon	Catbird
α	15.3	77.0	18.5
mean dispersal			
distance, m	13.6	68.2	16.4

## Robin dispersal kernel parameter based loosely on related bluebirds

Non- Gaussian mode between 70 and 170 m

We guesstimated a Gaussian mean of ~133 m



Levey et al. 2008

#### Composite vs Disperser-specific Dispersal Kernel parameters

	Composite	Raccoon	Catbird	Robin
α	15.3	77.0	18.5	150.0
mean dispersal				
distance, m	13.6	68.2	16.4	132.9







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# Simulation: effects on $c^*$ of permanent changes in biotic dispersal



#### Christmas Bird Count : Long Pine Key, Everglades National Park, Florida



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#### Transitions among years with differing amounts of robins based on Christmas Bird Count : Long Pine Key, Everglades National Park, Florida

			Time t		
		No robins	Robins	More r	obins
Time	No robins	0.57	0.9999	0.05	
<i>t</i> + 1	Robins	0.29	0.0001	0.95	
	More robins	0.14	0	0	

Robins =10% of avian dispersed seeds taken by robins More robins = 30% of avian dispersed seeds taken by robins





#### Comparison of wavespeeds among dispersal models

Model	Rate of spread, m/yr		
Constant composite (ignore disperser structure)	3.9		
Constant disperser structured (many catbirds, no robins, few raccoons)	<mark>11.4</mark>		
Constant disperser structured (no robins, shift from catbird to raccoon)	17.9		
Constant disperser structured (shift from catbirds to robins, few raccoons)	34.7		
Time varying disperser structured (occassional robins)	21.6		

Note: Population growth rate was the same for all models,  $\lambda = 1.6244$ ,  $\lambda_s = 1.6244$ 

## Conclusions

Structured dispersal matters

Ignoring it underestimates the influence of rare longdistance dispersers

Temporal variability causes distinct effects from within year







## Future: Kelley Erickson will be working on stochastic spread of exotics vs natives



Schinus terebinthifolius Brazilian Pepper Invasive

llex cassine Dahoon Holly Native

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- Ellner, Schreiber for stochastic wavespeed inspiration and model

Extra slides in case of questions.



The dispersal kernel is created from the spatially referenced counts by a statistical model



 $b_i =$  size of each adult (where size predicts reproduction)

- $\alpha$  = Dispersion parameter estimated by statistical model
- $\beta$  = scaling parameter estimated by statistical model (turns probability density into numbers of seedlings)

#### Moment generating function

For the Gaussian dispersal kernel, the moment generating function is:

 $\alpha$  = Dispersion parameter estimated from data by statistical model

S = Waveshape parameter found by trial and error,

