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Interesting papers 1

Projected decreases in species richness of rainforest climbing plant communities have little effect on functional diversity, due to redundant species (Gallagher et al, 2013, Ecography).

Plant trait values collected from a database may be of limited use for testing hypotheses about local processes (e.g., niche partitioning) (Cordlandwehr et al 2013 JEcol), but lab measured traits of phytoplankton can predict species' performances under natural conditions (Edwards et al, 2013, Ecology).

Integrating observational (e.g., along latitudinal gradients) and experimental approaches will assist in understanding how species will respond to environmental change (Frenne et al, 2013, JEcol).

A blueprint for mapping and modelling ecosystem services (Crossman et al, 2013, Ecosystem Services).

Failure to conserve and invest in natural capital (Natural Capital Committee, 2013).

Stable coexistence of cooperators and cheaters, based on eco-evo feedback (Sanchez & Gore, 2013, PLoS Biol).

Sometimes historical patterns can be used to predict the future, sometimes they can't. A study of prairie forb species (Adler et al, 2013, GCB).

About 50% of assessed invasive species performed better in their introduced range (the other 50% didn't perform differently) (Parker et al, 2013, Ecology).

Intraspecific functional variation is important (Rudolf & Rasmussen, 2013, Ecology).

Importance of interspecific interactions for predicting community responses to environmental change (Sorte & White, 2013, PRSB).

A new generation of climate change experiments, using down-scaled climate predictions, is proposed (Thompson et al, 2013, Ecology Letters).

Better species distributions models provided when biotic interactions are included... sometimes (Giannini et al, 2013, Ecography).

Life after death, and its potential to affect population dynamics (López-Sepulere et al., 2013, PRSB).

Complementarity of consumption and predation influence biodiversity-ecoystem functioning relations (Poisot et al 2013 Ecology Letters).

Ontogenetic asymmetry as a foundation for future ecological theory (Persson and de Roos, 2013, Ecology).

Interactions among organisms novel to each other can be predicted (Pearse and Altermatt, 2013, Ecology Letters).

Clarifying effects of temperature on forager's handling time (Sentis et al., 2013, Ecology).

Independent effects of biodiversity on productivity and stability (Cardinale et al., 2013, Ecology).

Noisy gene expression (and other sources of noise) may be adaptive (Viney & Recce, 2013, PRSB).

Why small abundant organisms may not form ecospecies (Rossberg et al., 2013, PRSB).



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