

# Battle of the brambles

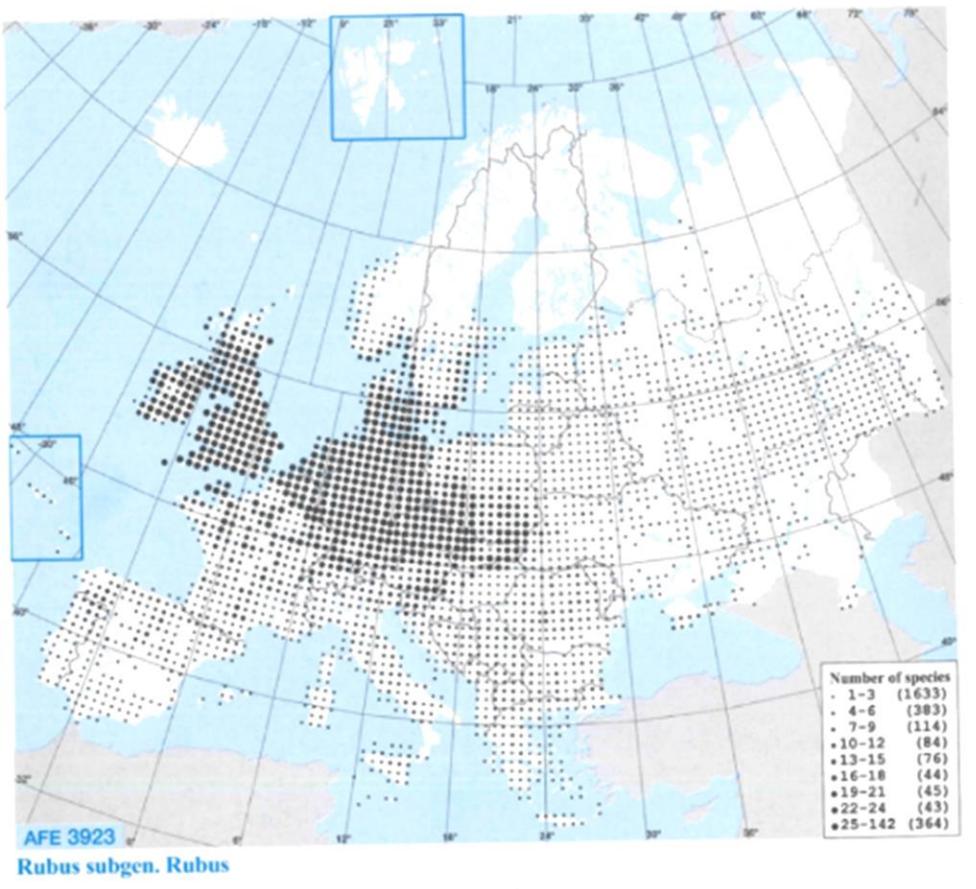
small scale dynamics between a disjunct  
native species and an invasive alien



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## Europe

- 763-(1000?) *Rubus*-species
- most of them apomicts (-17)





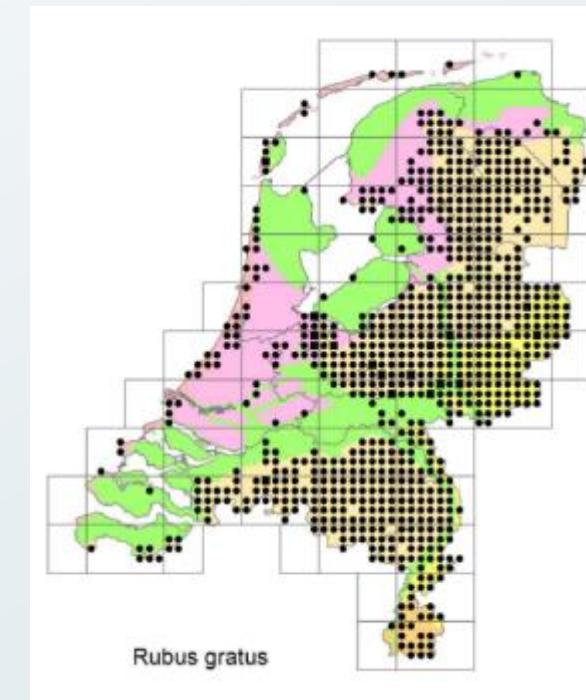
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- Natural distribution area of the apomictic species

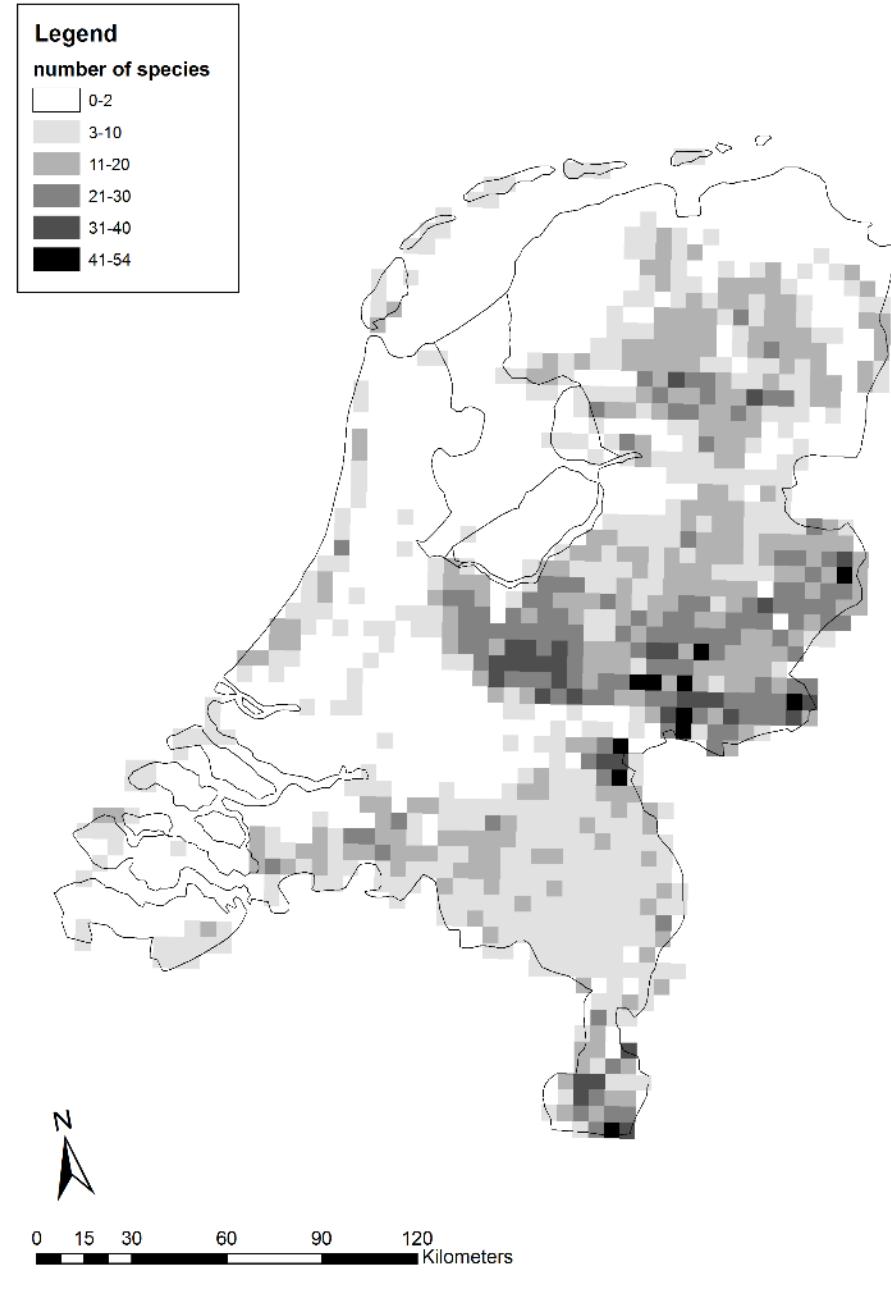


Large distribution area



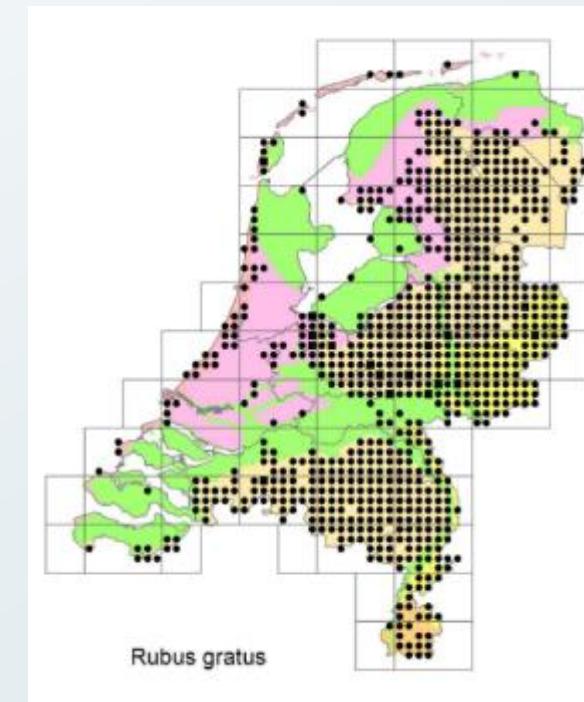
Small distribution area





## The Netherlands

- number of species (5x5 km)

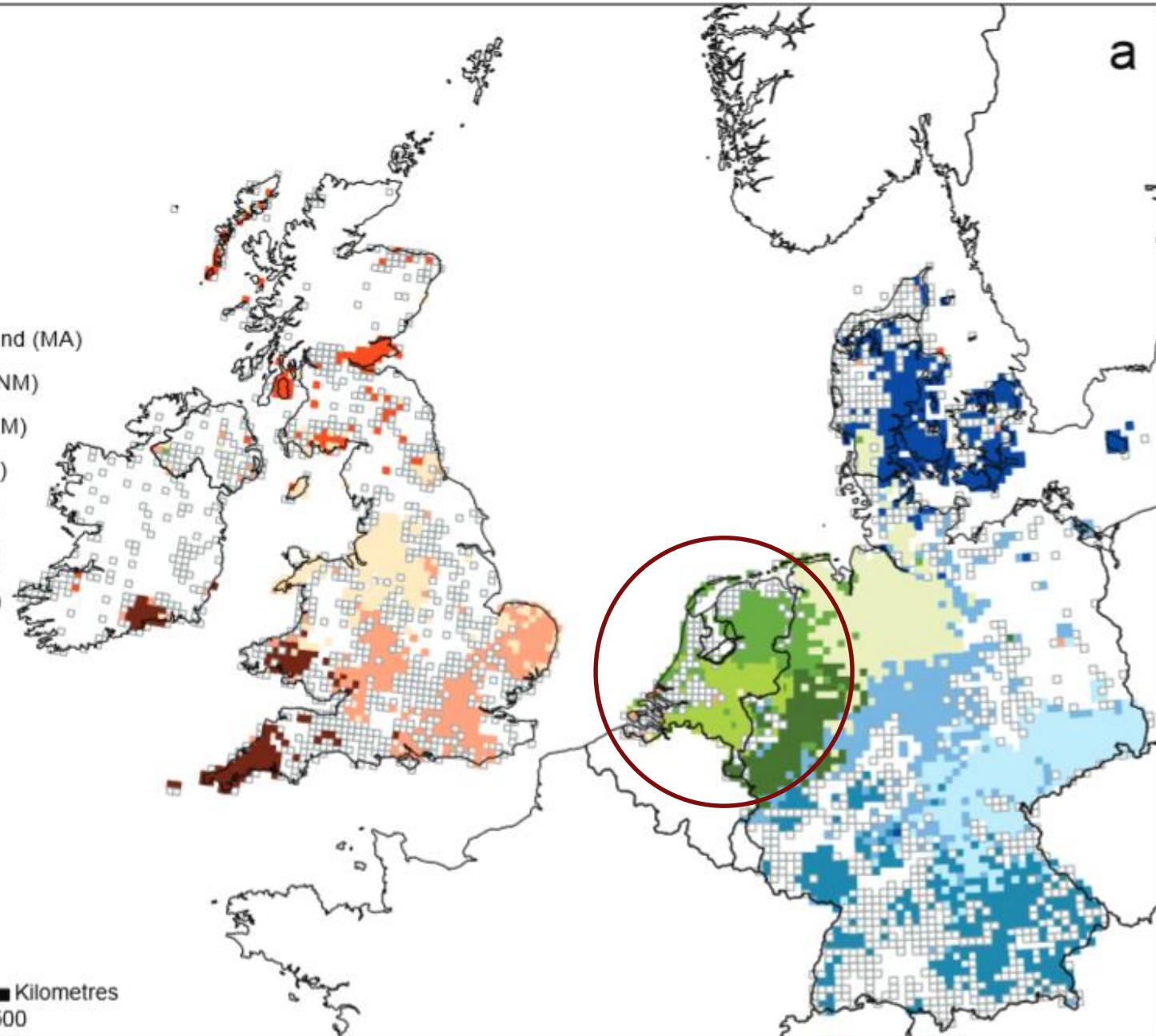


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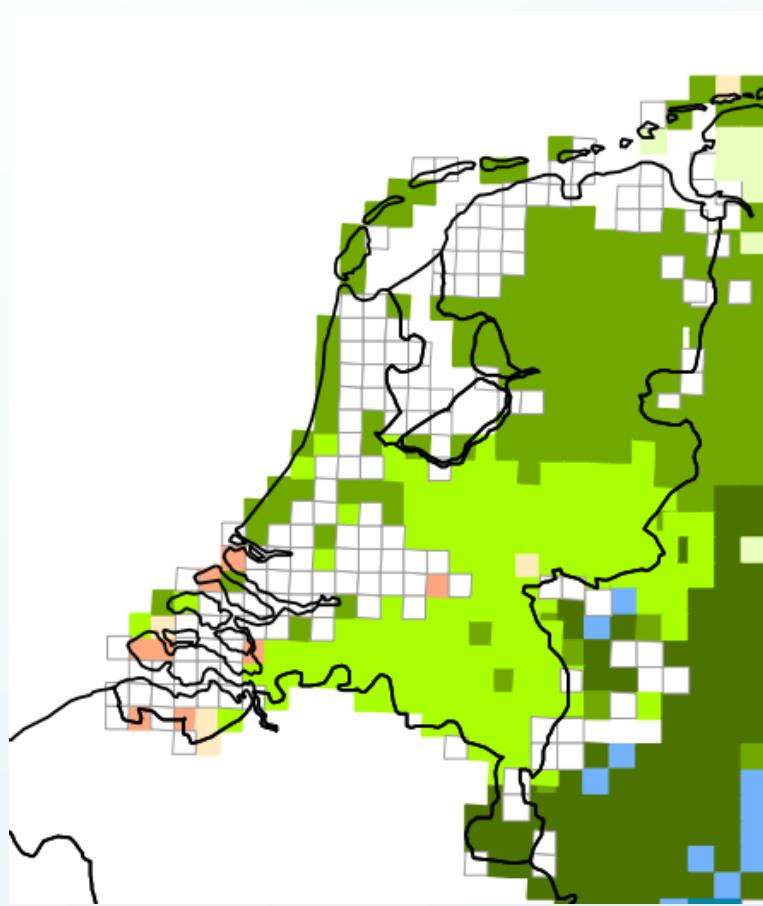
### Florulas

- Celtic Sea (CS)
- Scotland (AB)
- South-England (SE)
- North-England (NE)
- Denmark (DK)
- Mittelgebirge/Alpenvorland (MA)
- Northern Mittelgebirge (NM)
- Eastern Mittelgebirge (EM)
- Westfälische Bucht (WB)
- North-Netherlands (NN)
- South-Netherlands (SN)
- Deutsches Tiefland (DT)
- OGUs with < 4 species

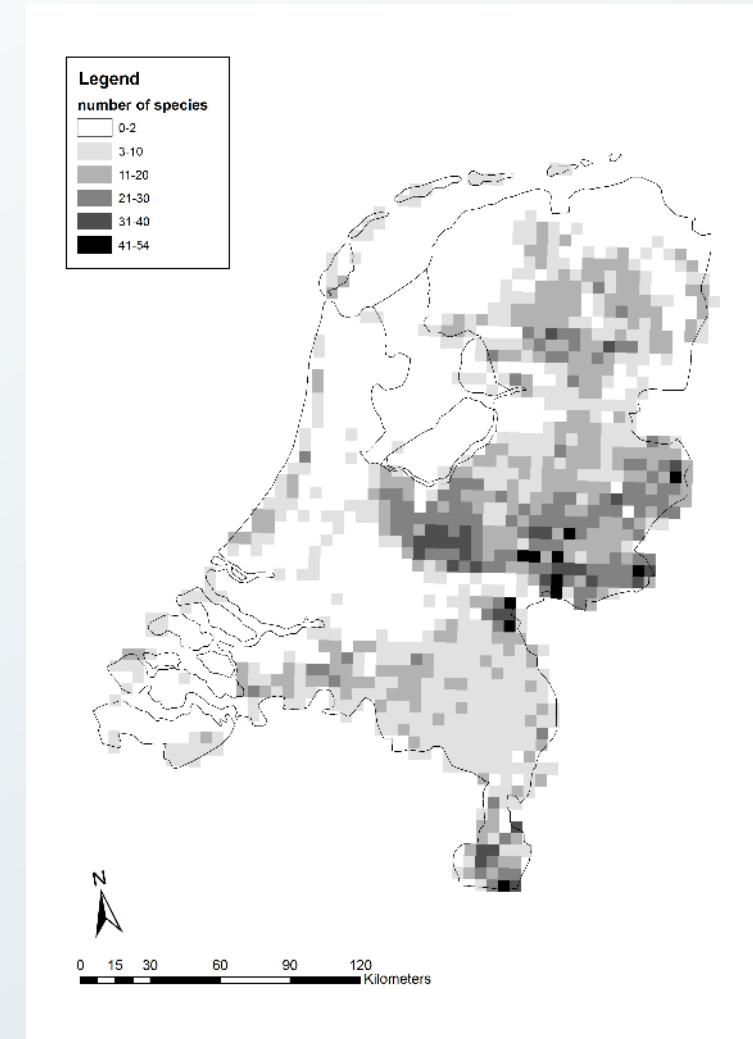
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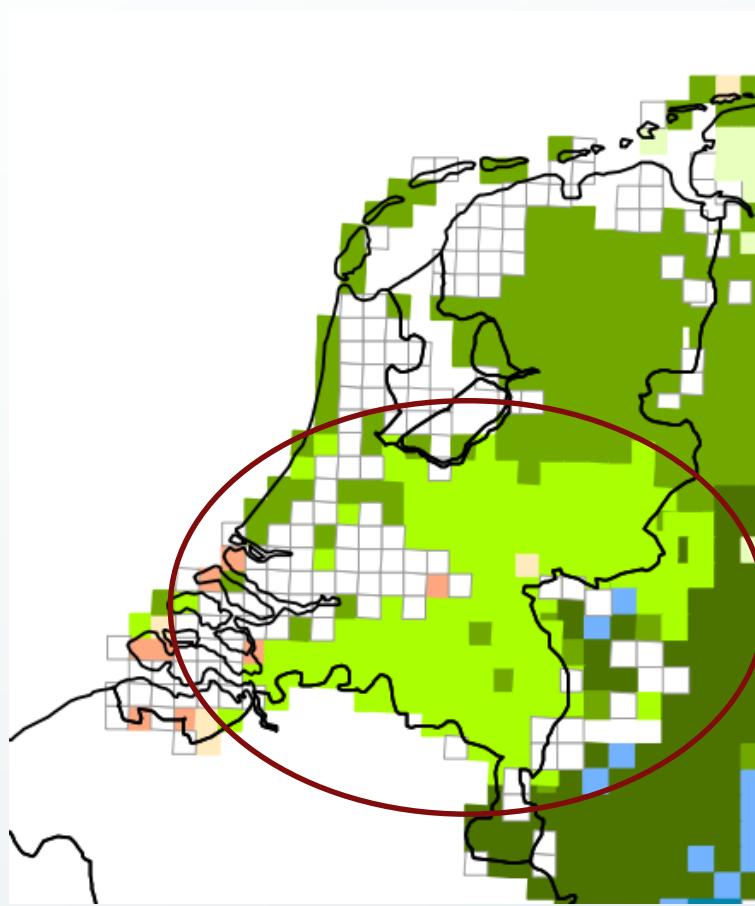
## North- and South-Netherlands



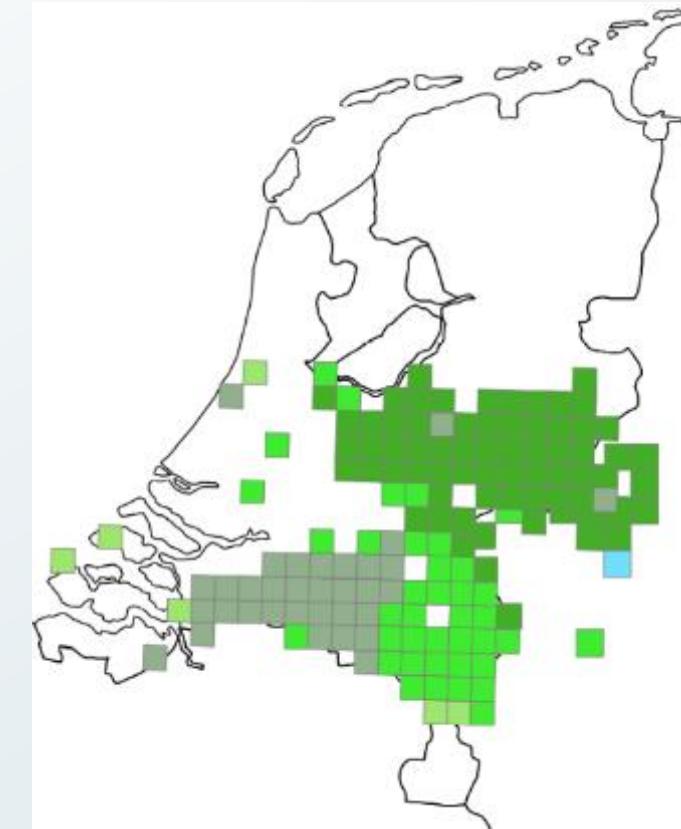
## Number of species



## South-Netherlands



## National clustering South-Netherlands



## *Rubus armeniacus*

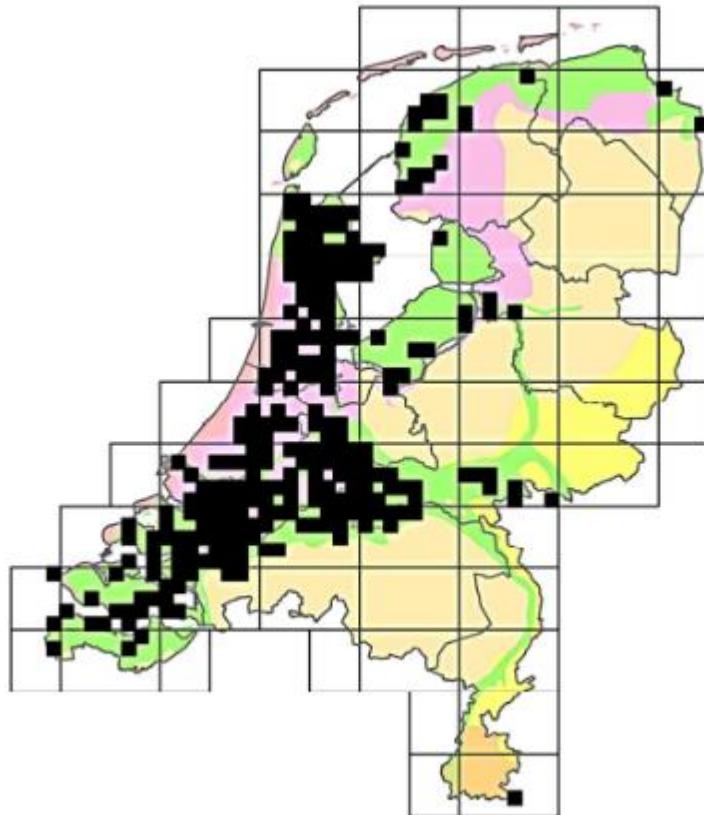
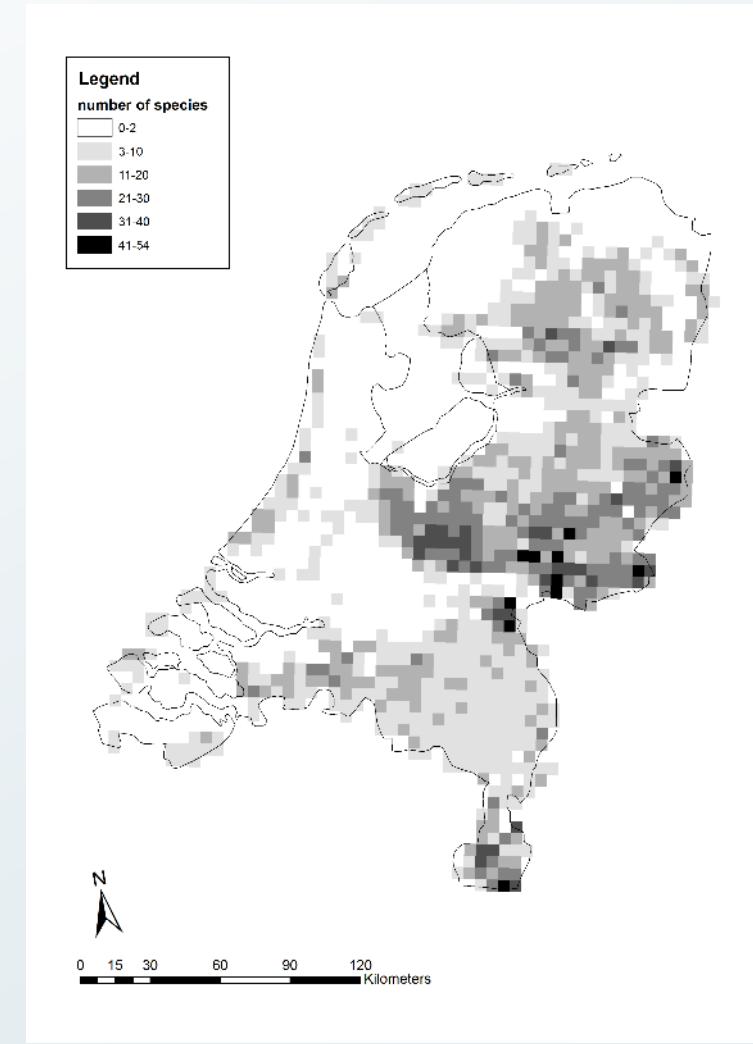
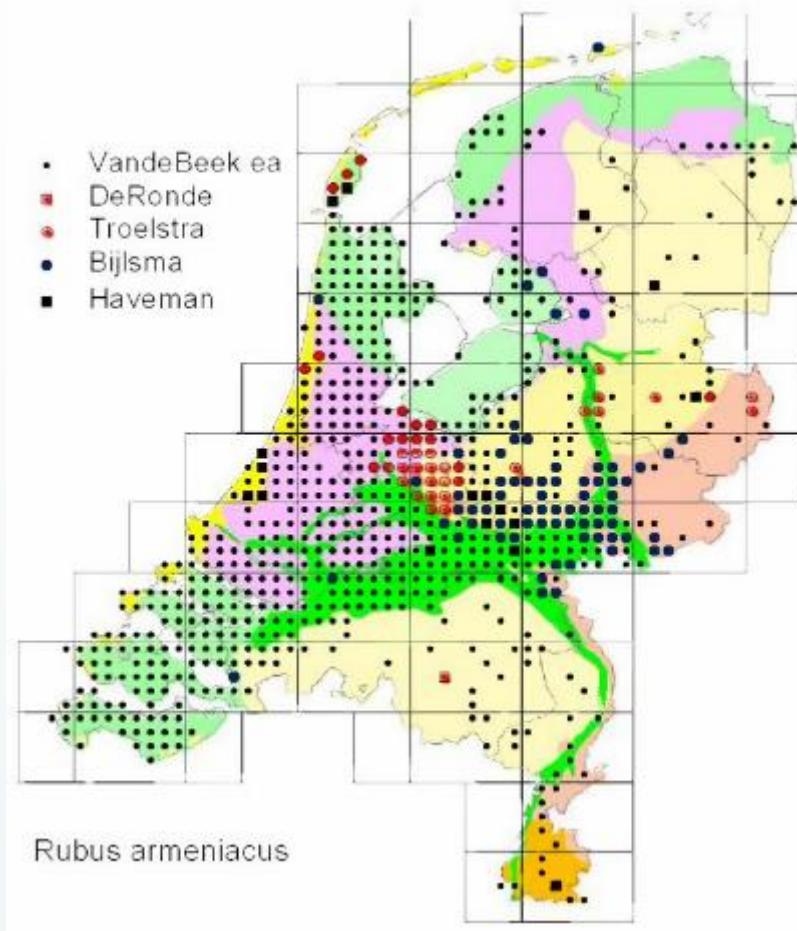


Figure 8.3. Distribution map of *Rubus armeniacus* in the Netherlands in grid cells (5 x 5 km) where other *Rubus* species (except *Rubus caesius* and/or *Rubus idaeus*) are lacking.

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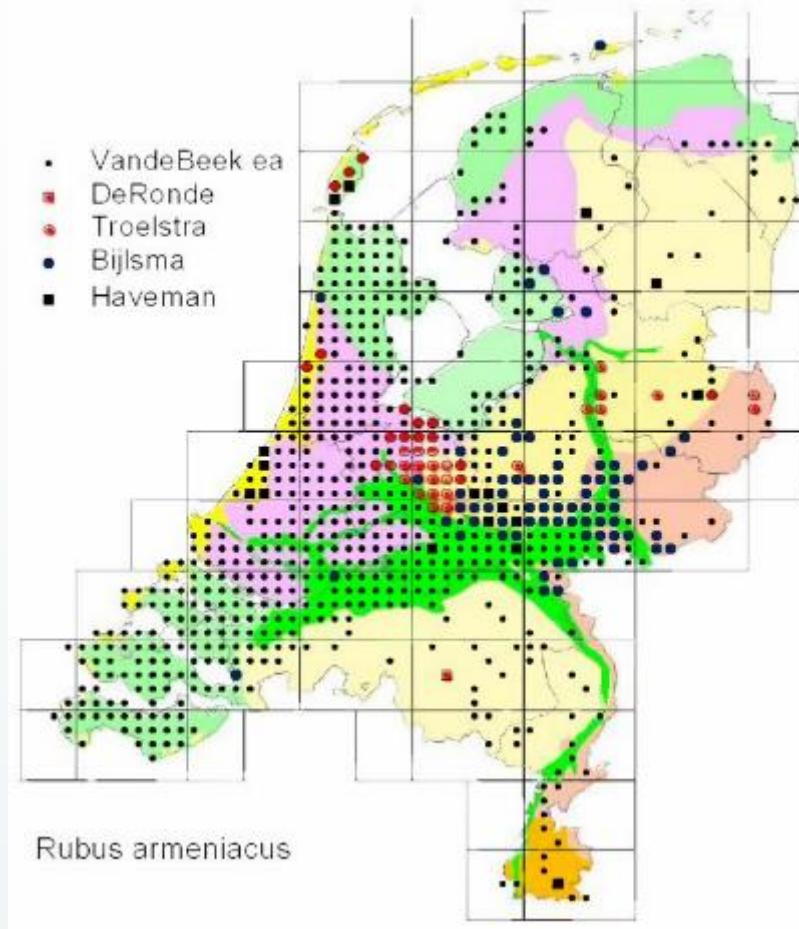
## *Rubus armeniacus* 2011



## Batologist Rubus-Konzil 2022



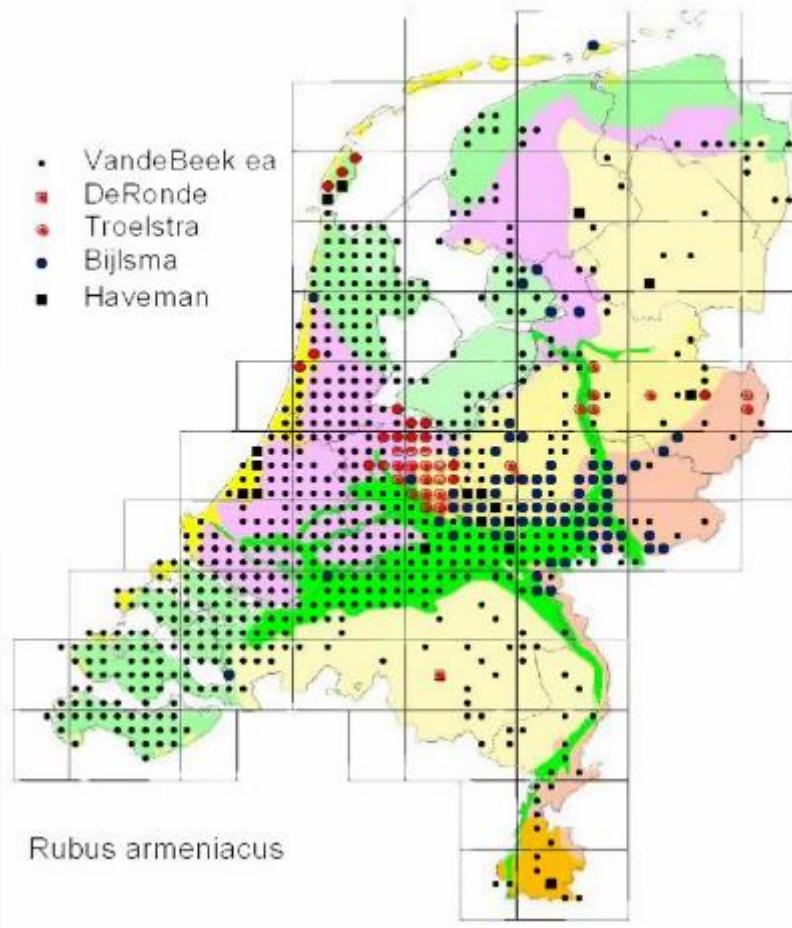
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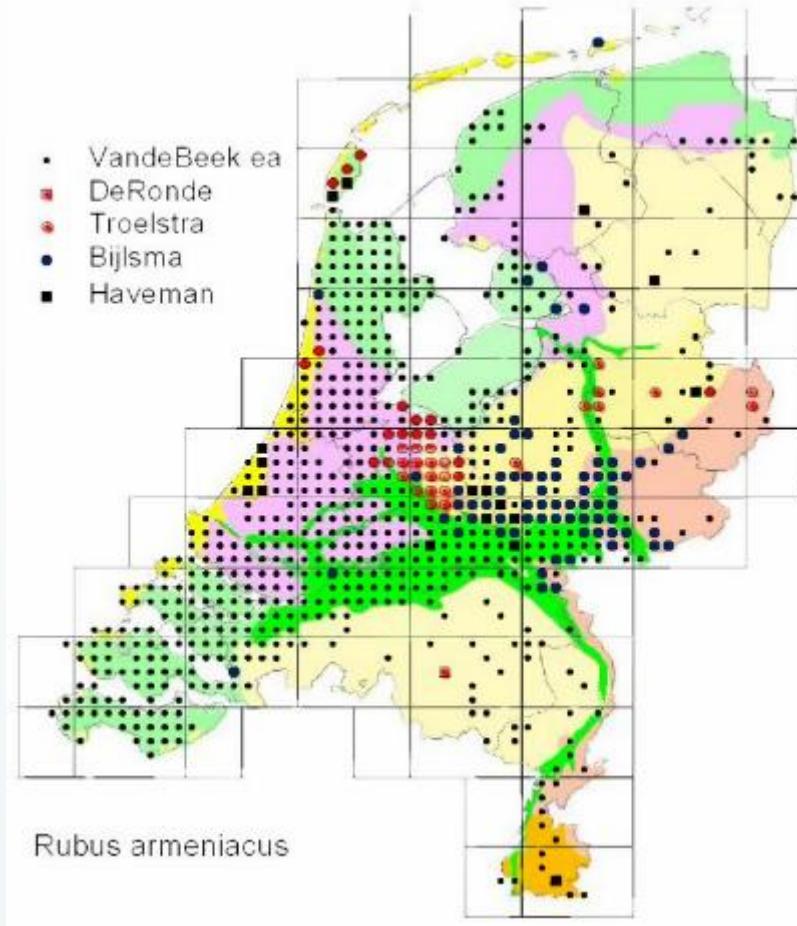


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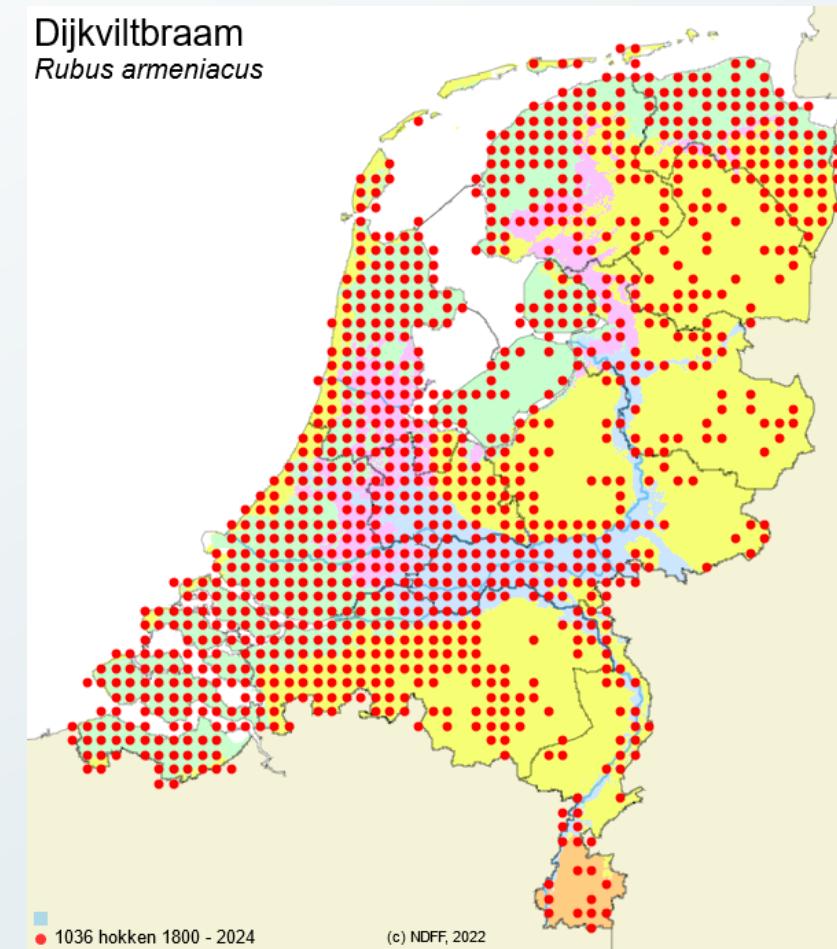
- 1 invasive alien
- still expanding



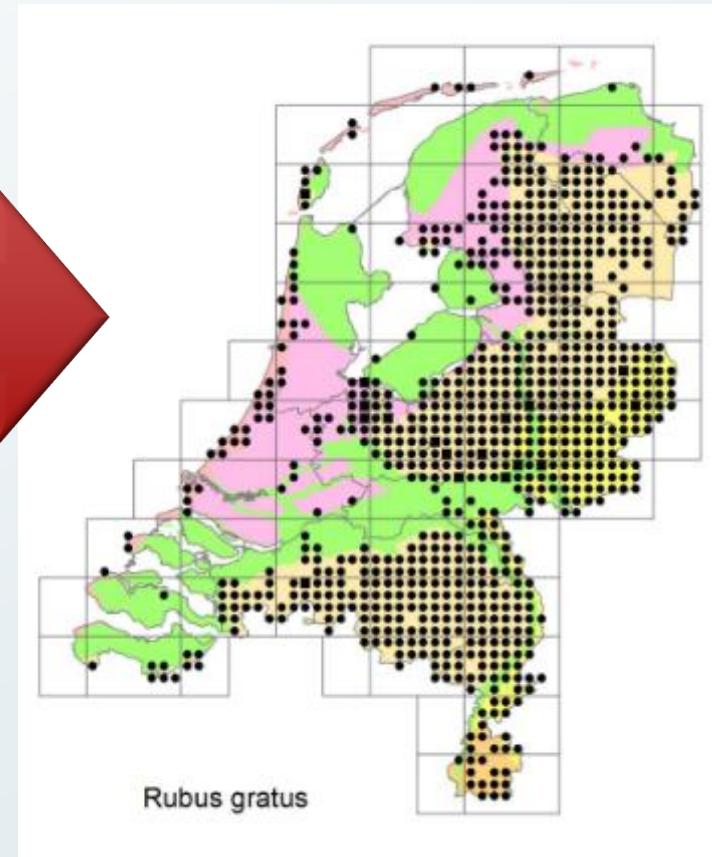
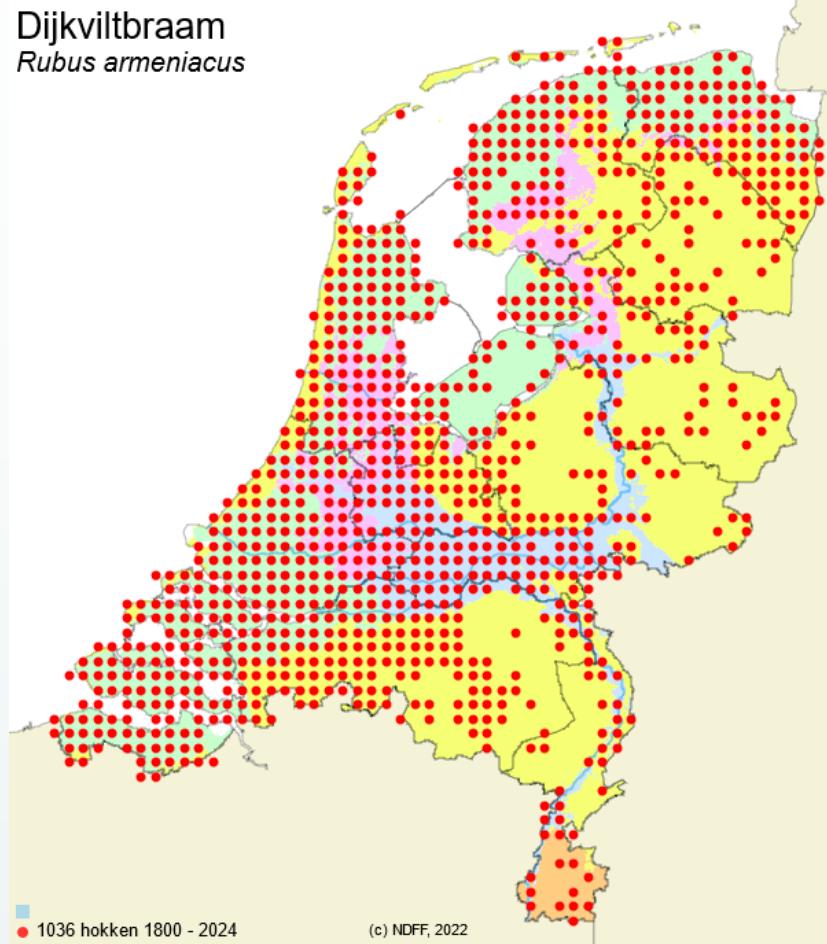
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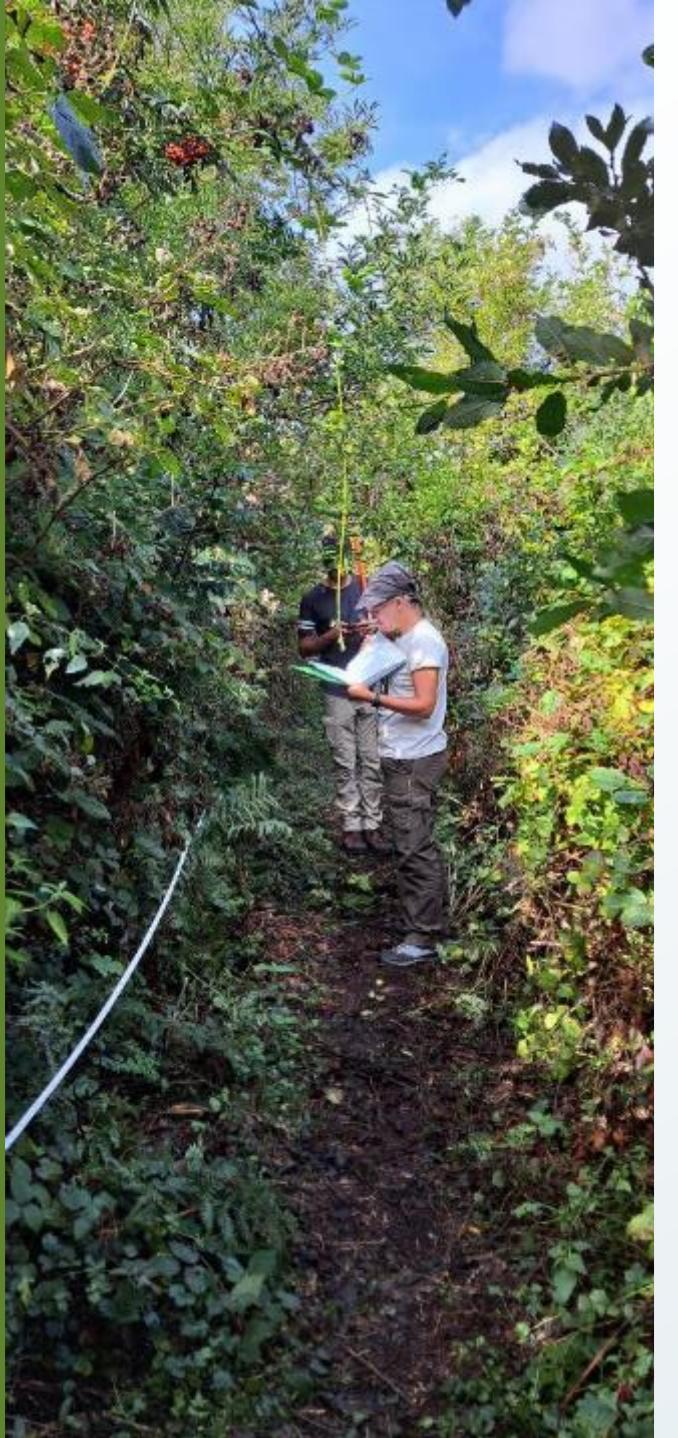


## *Rubus armeniacus* 2022



# *Is Rubus armeniacus a threat for native Rubus species?*





## Transect Texel

- *Rubus armeniacus* /disjunct native species
- Natural habitat →  
*Roso rubiginosae-Rubetum affinis*
- Followed the woody-species for  
13 years







## ***Roso rubiginosae-Rubetum affinis***

- Coastal *Rhamno-Prunetea* scrubtype
- *Rubus vadalis*, *Rubus ceratifolius*, *Rubus guestphalicooides*
- *Sambucus nigra*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Rosa rubiginosa*, *Lonicera periclymenum*, *Urtica dioica* and *Solanum dulcamara*



## *Rubus guestphalicooides*





*Rubus guestphalicoïdes*

1.5 m



*Rubus armeniacus*

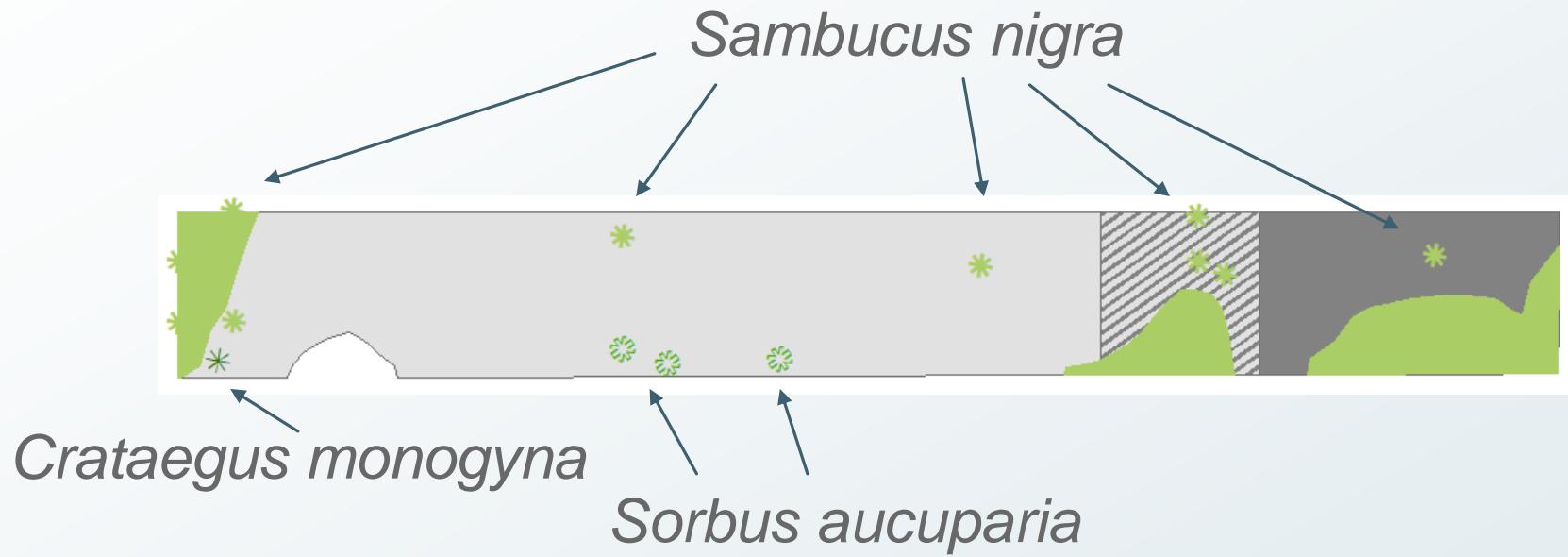
2.5 m

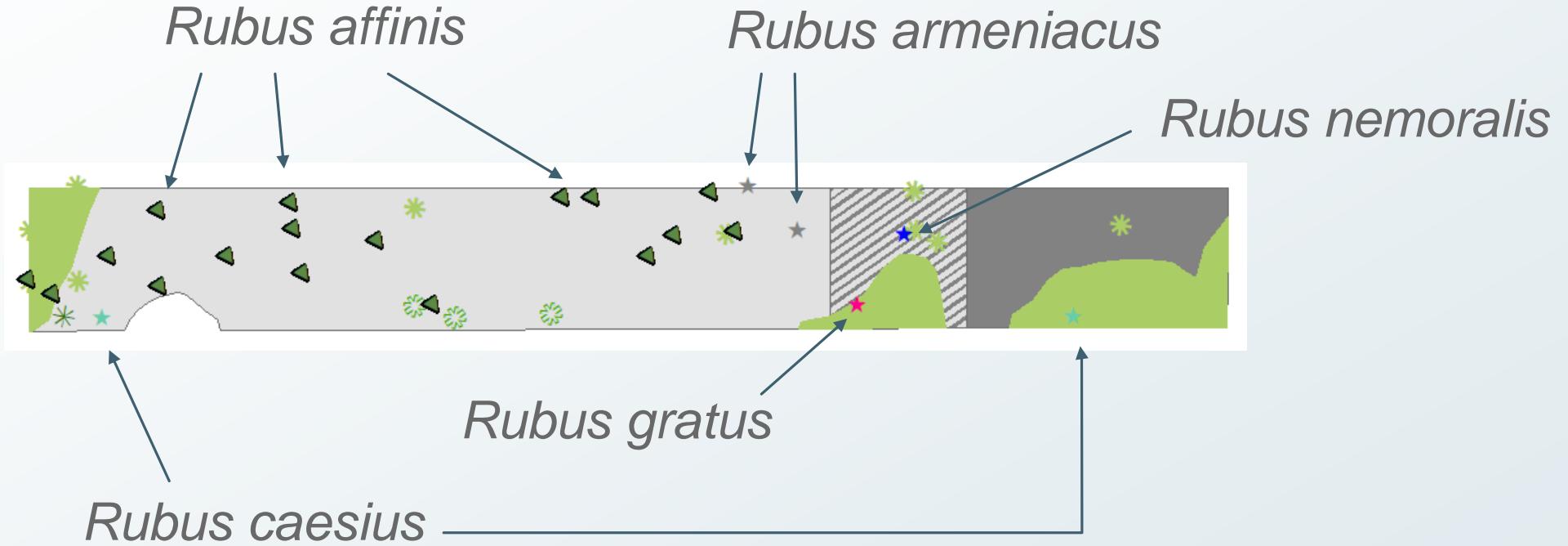
3 m

25 m











*Rubus  
guestphalicoidea*

*Rubus  
armeniacus*



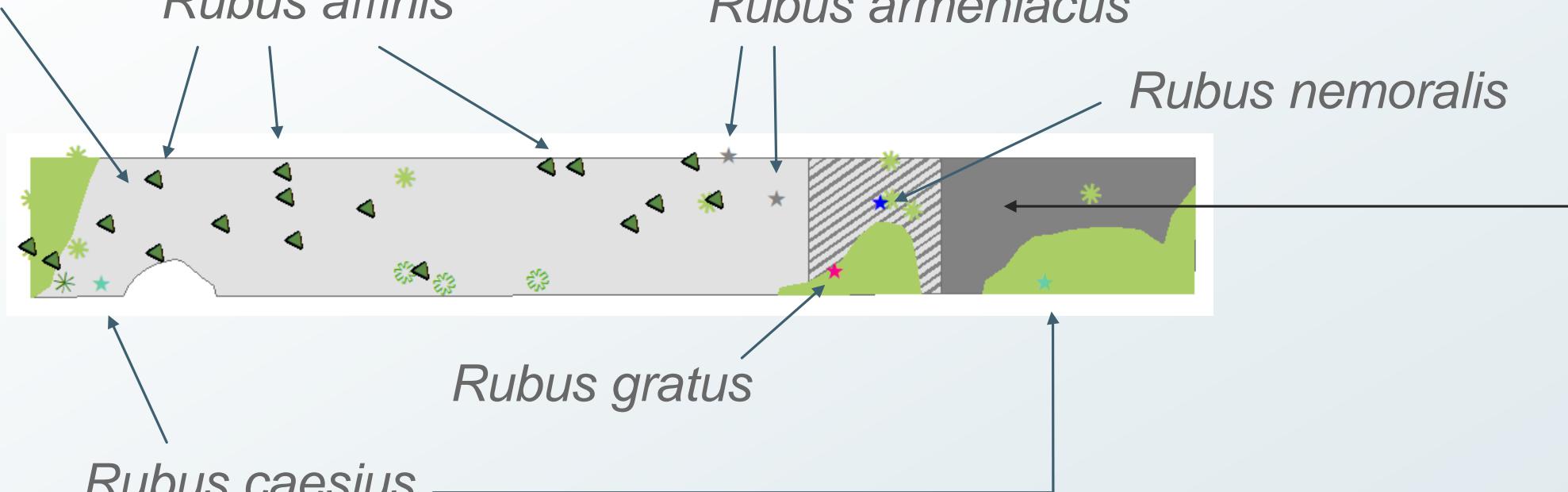
*Rubus affinis*

*Rubus armeniacus*

*Rubus nemoralis*

*Rubus gratus*

*Rubus caesius*





*Rubus  
guestphalicoidea*

*Rubus  
armeniacus*



*Rubus a*

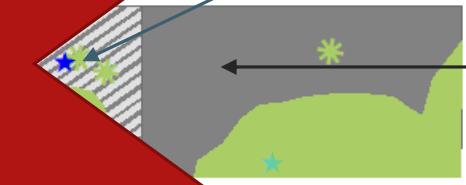
*Rubus a*

*Rubus nemoralis*

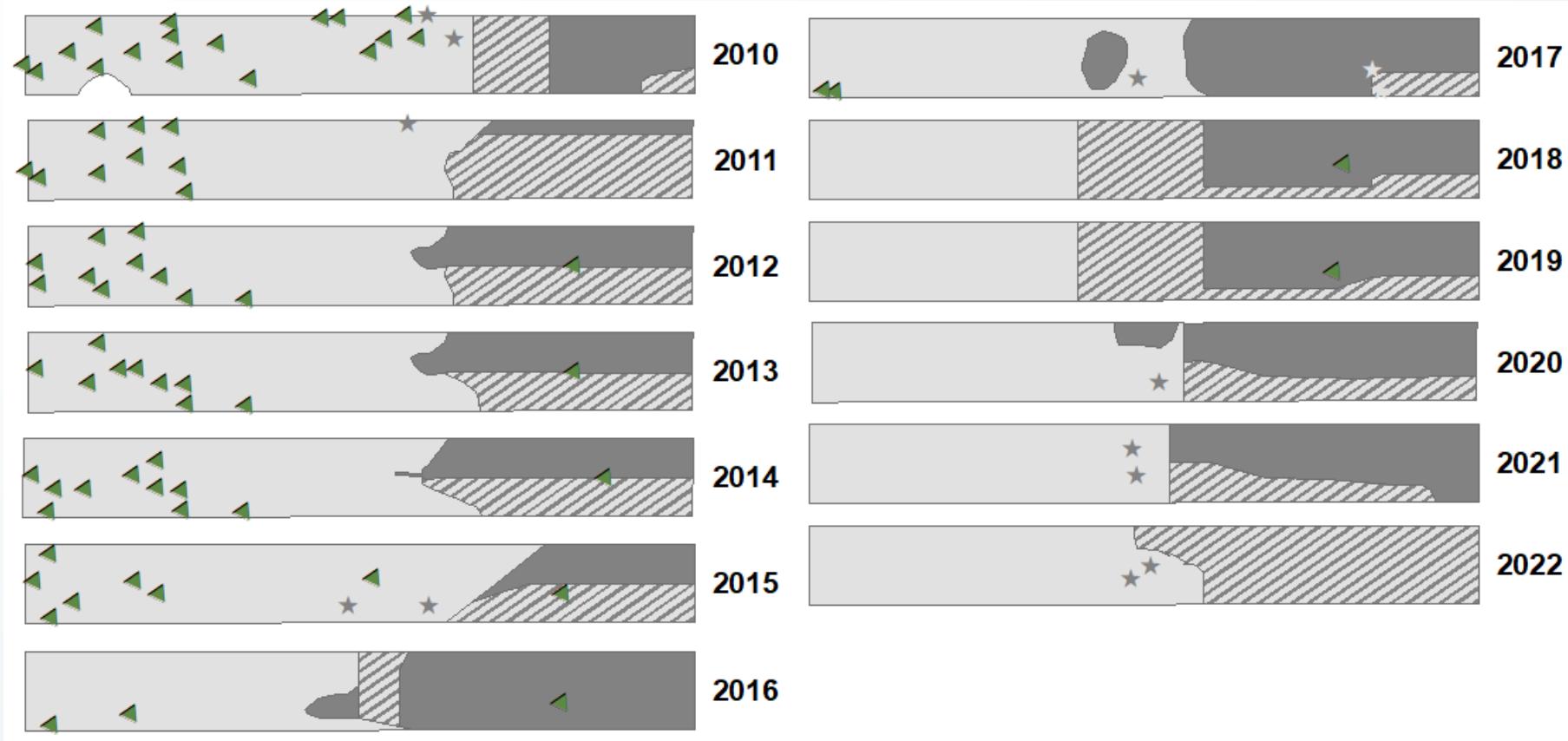
selection  
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*gratus*

*Rubus caesius*



# Decline of *Rubus affinis*

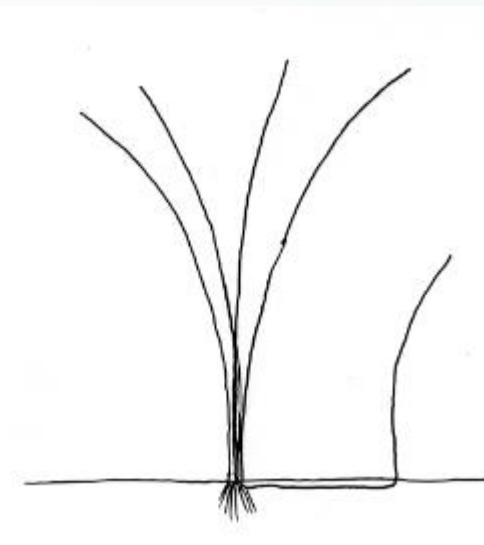


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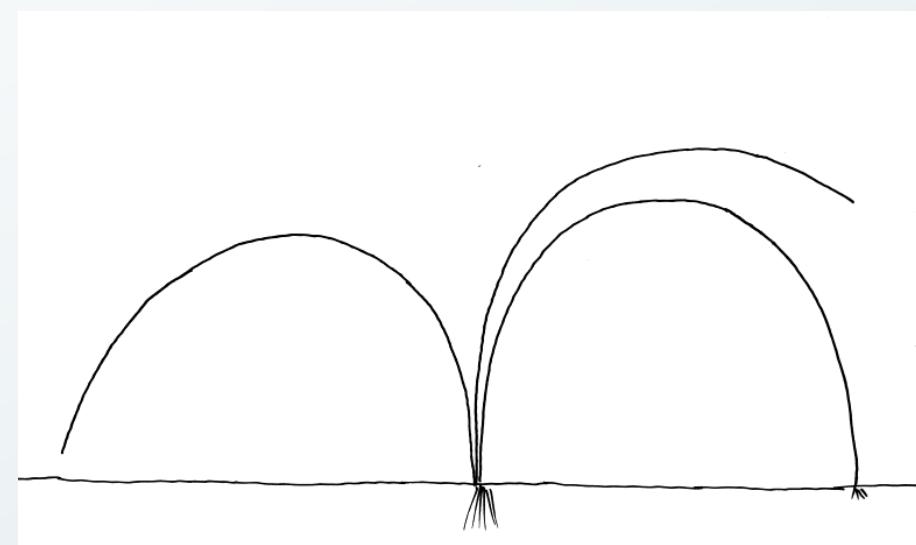


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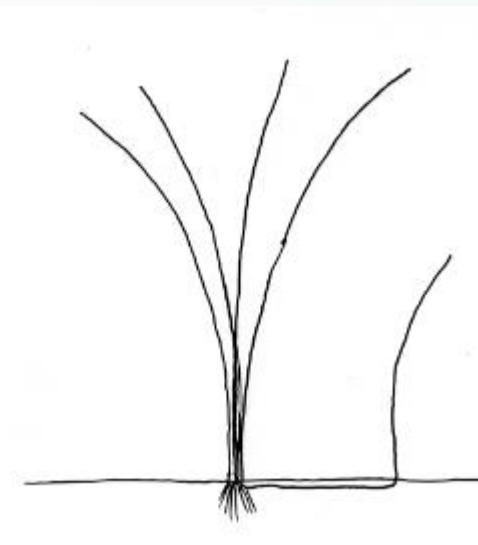


*Rubus guestphalicoïdes*  
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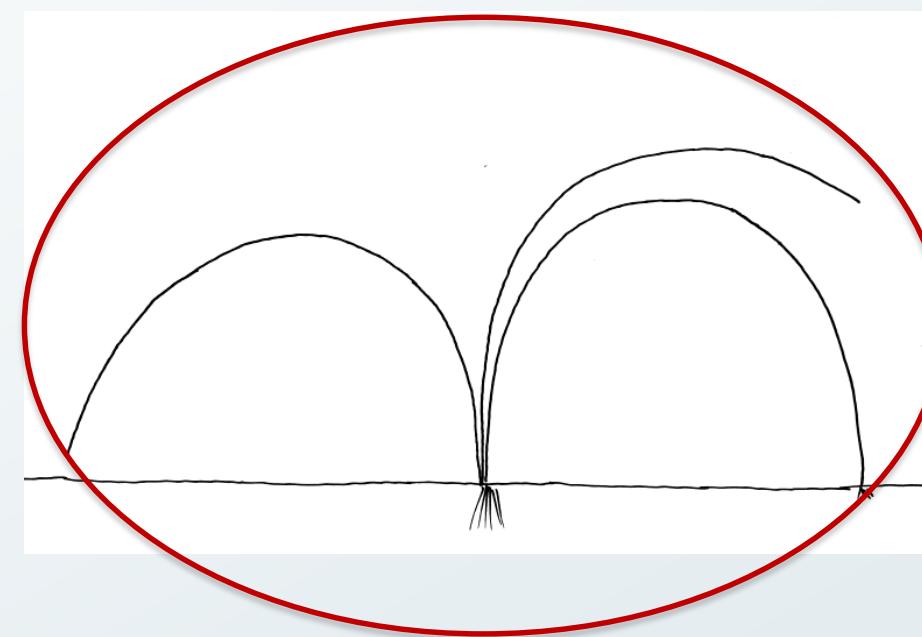


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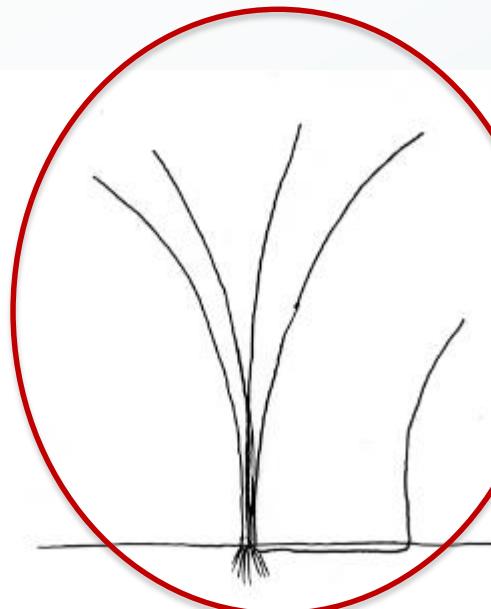


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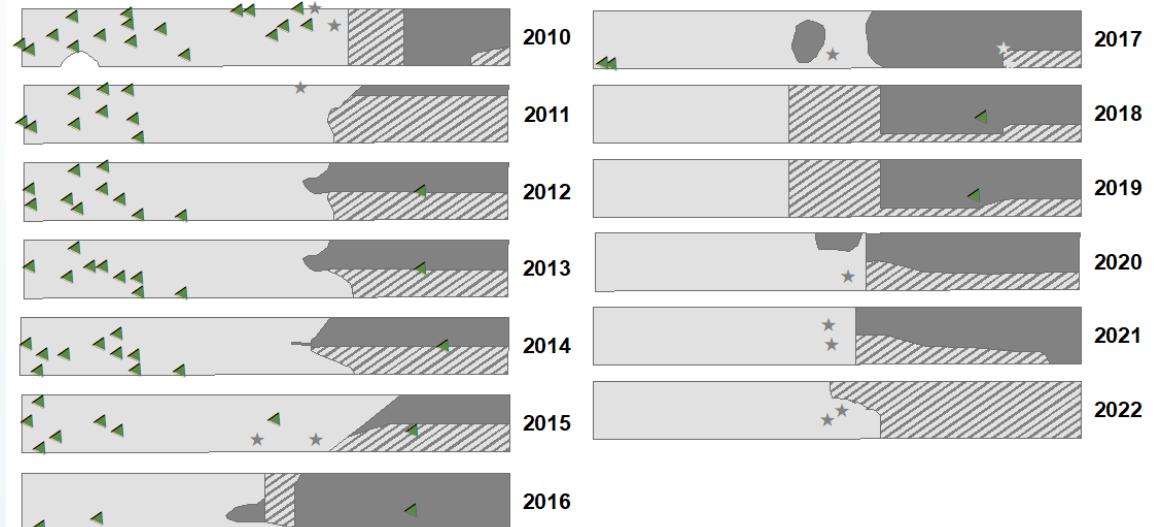
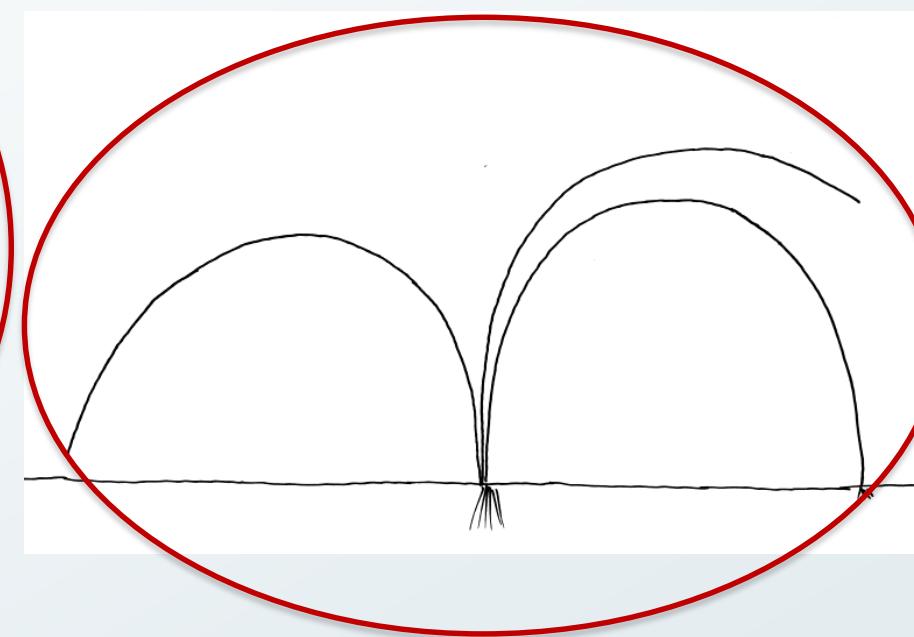


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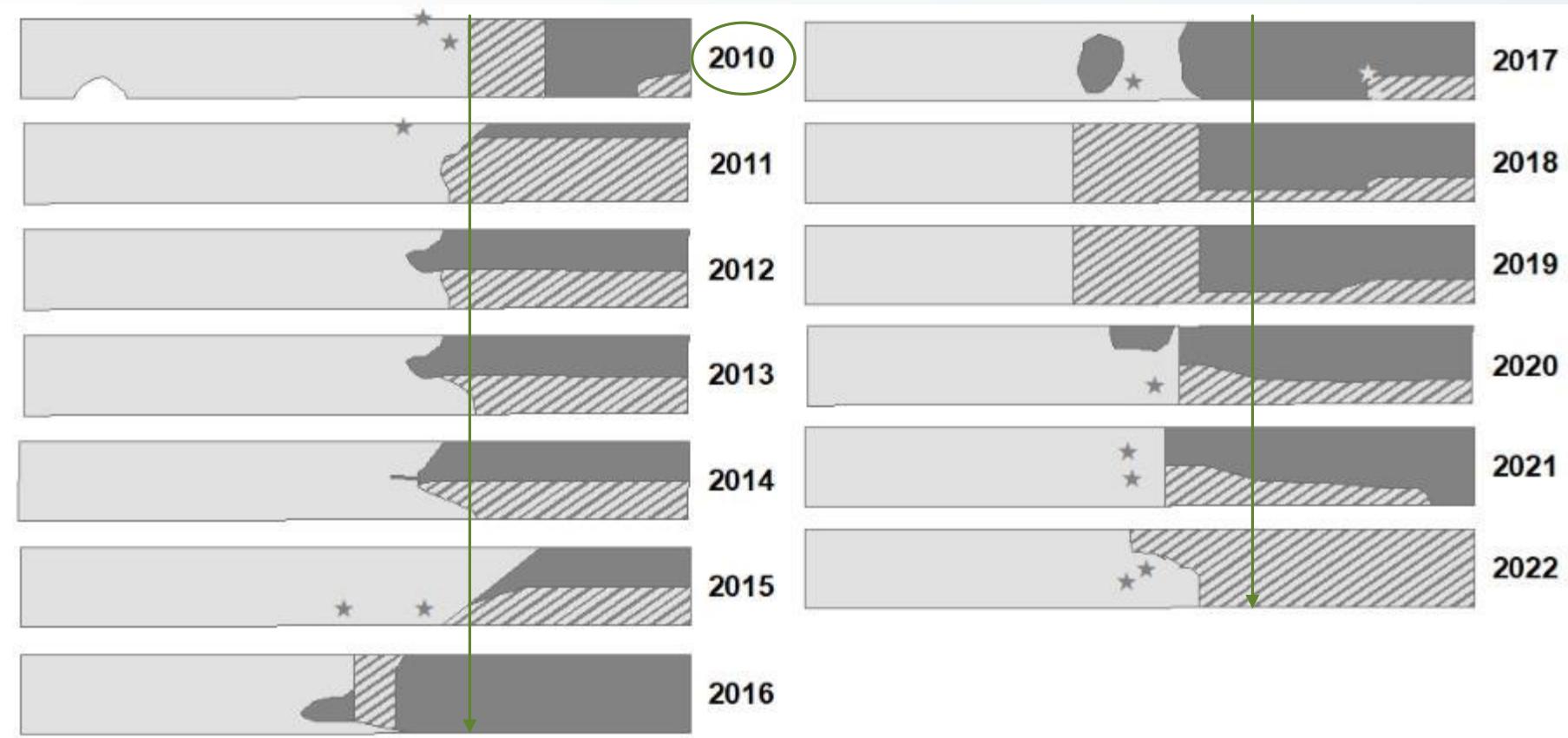
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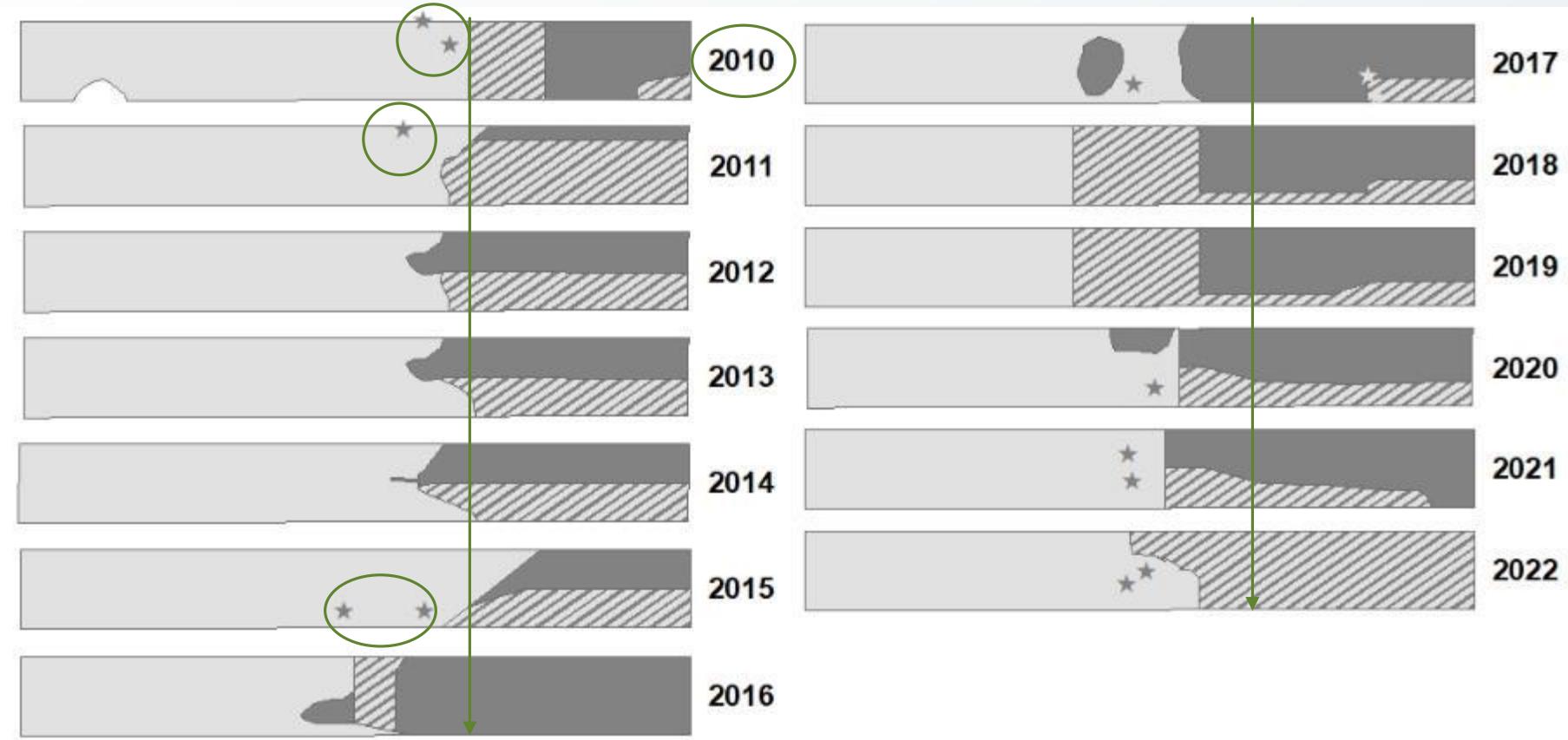
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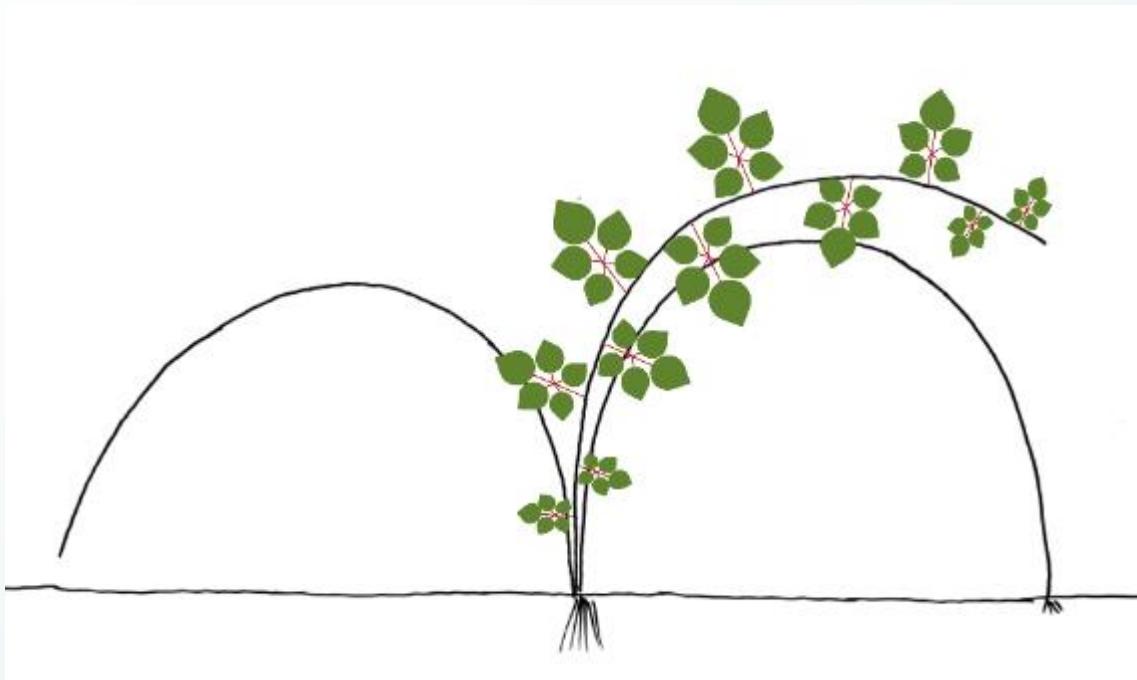


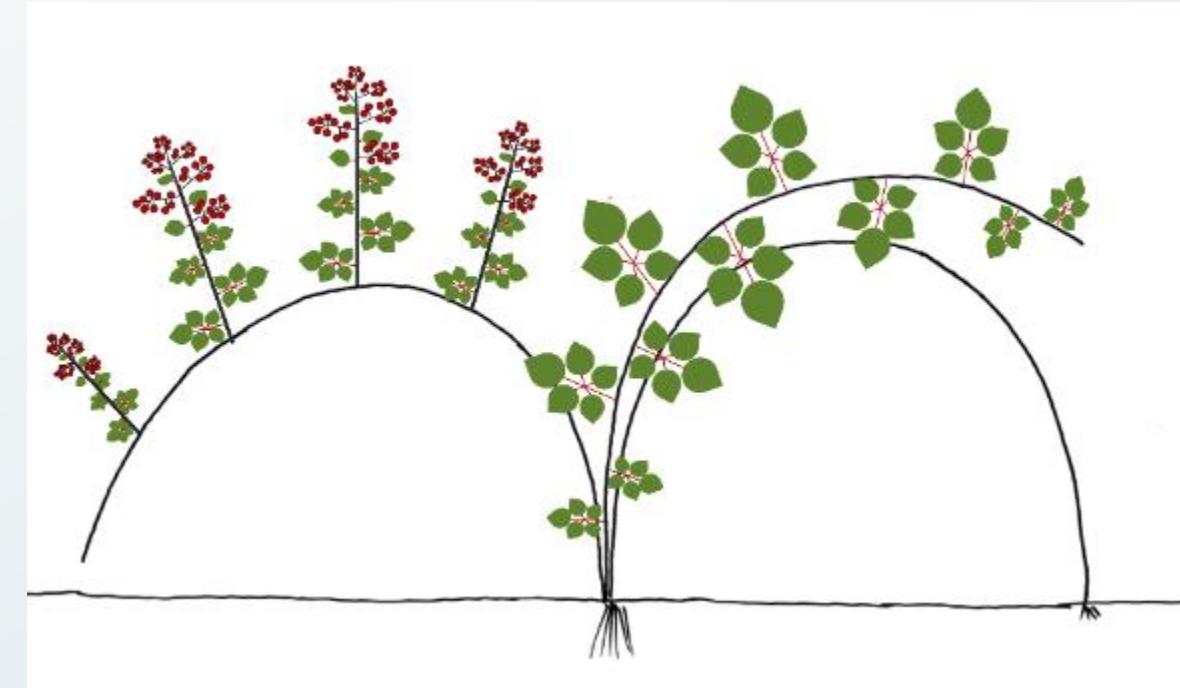
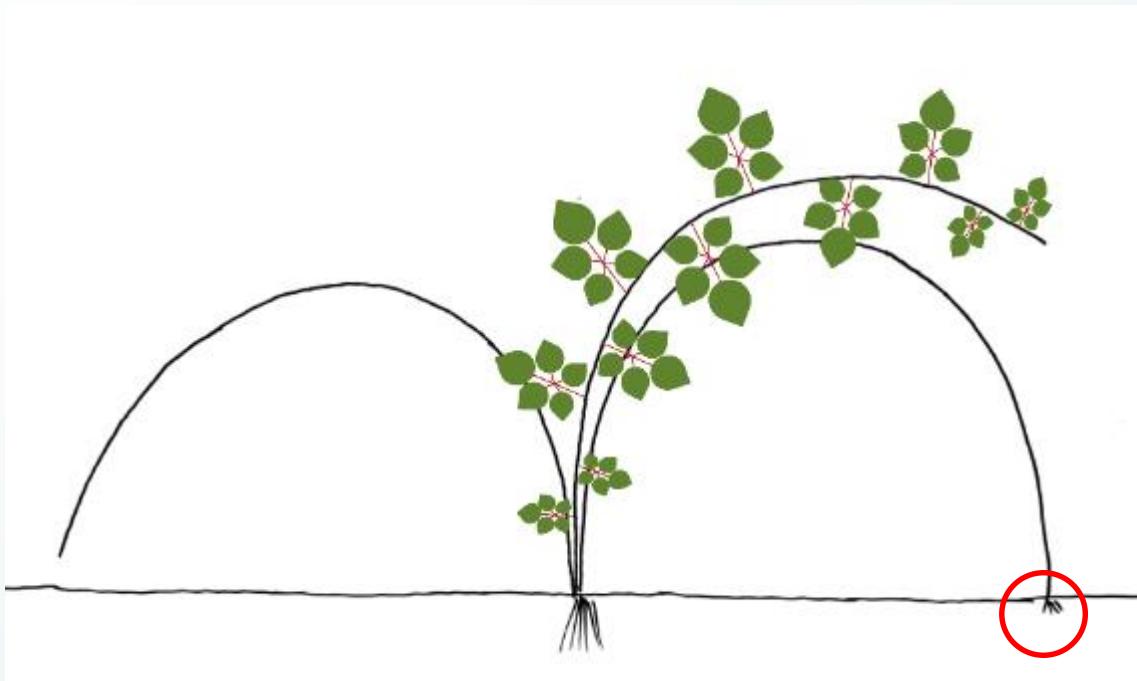
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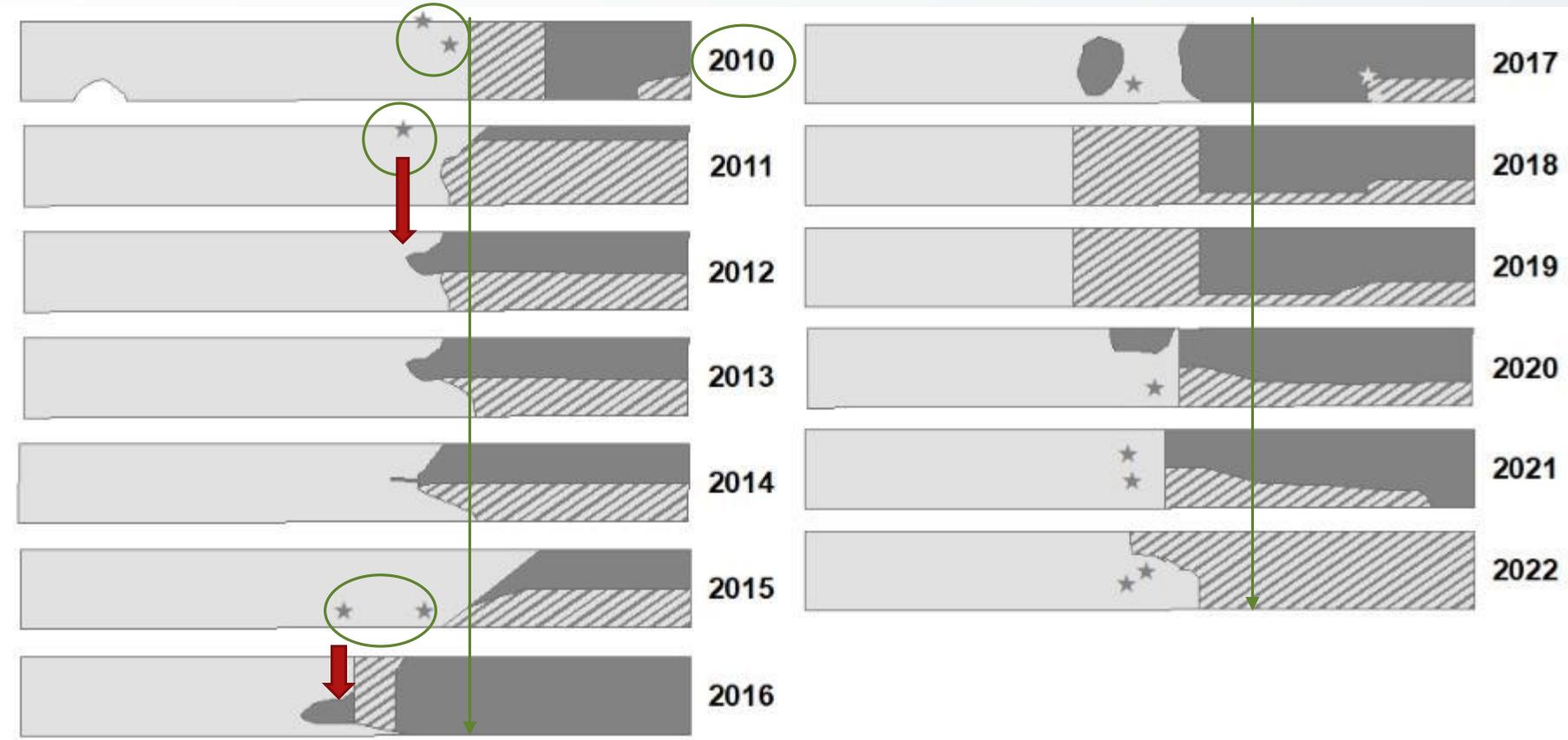
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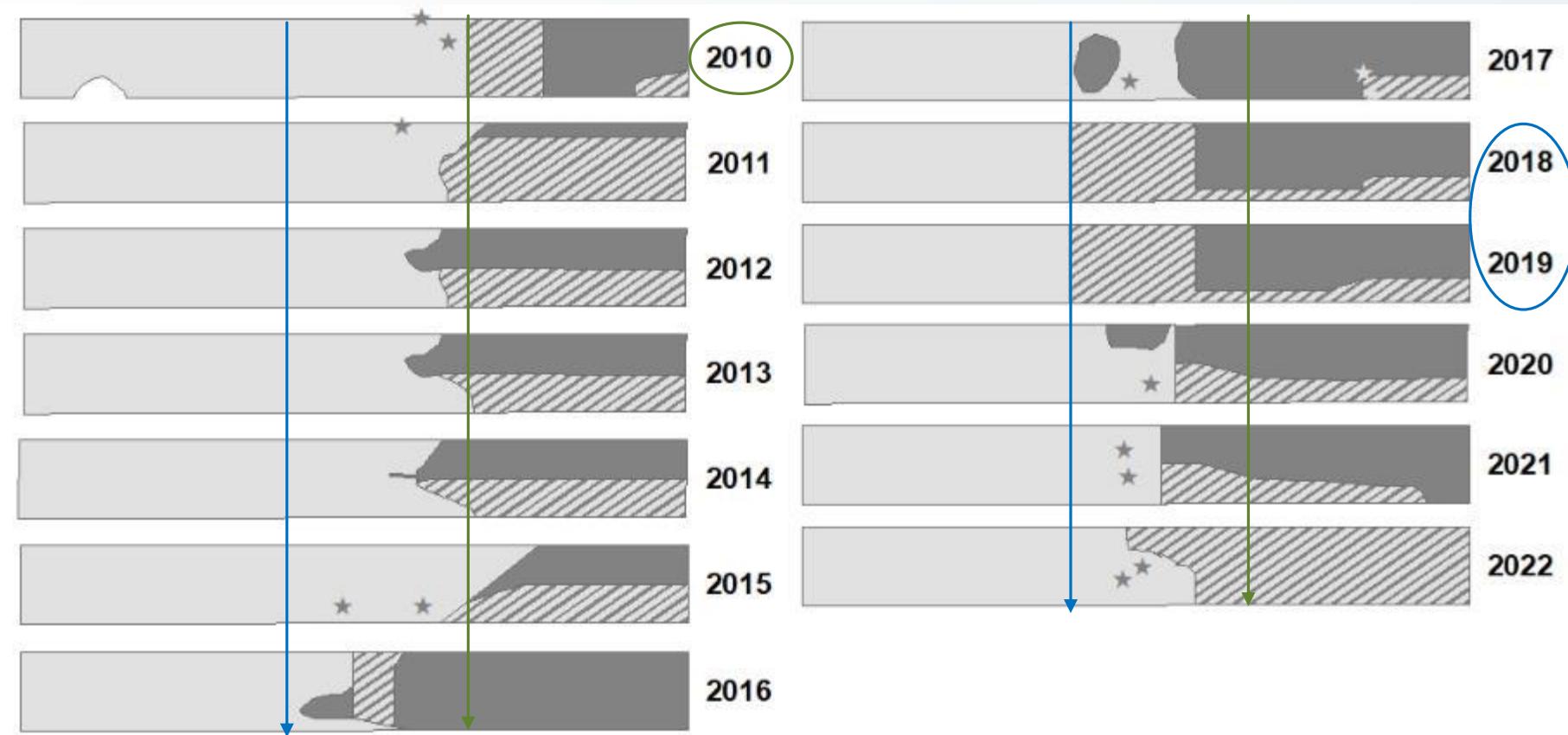




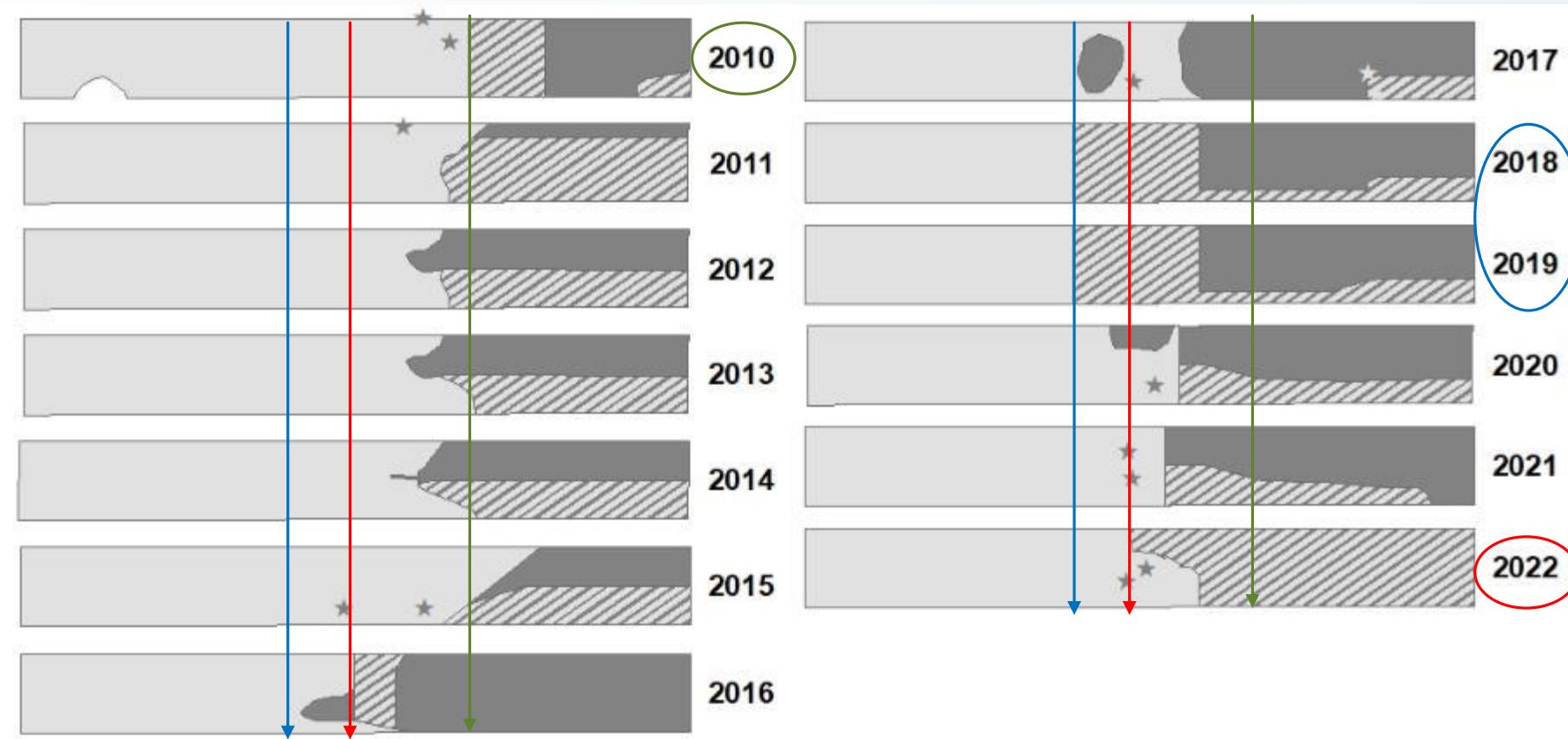
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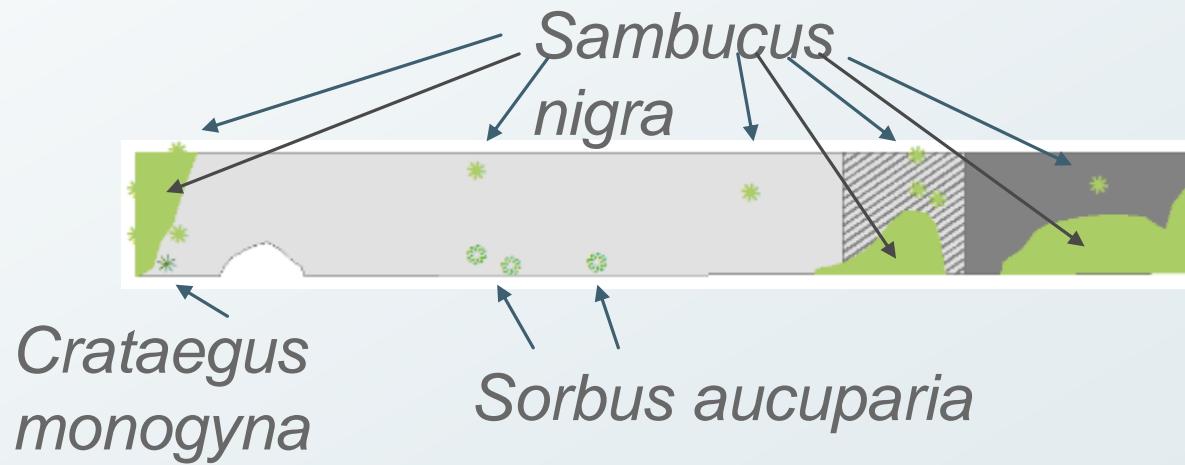
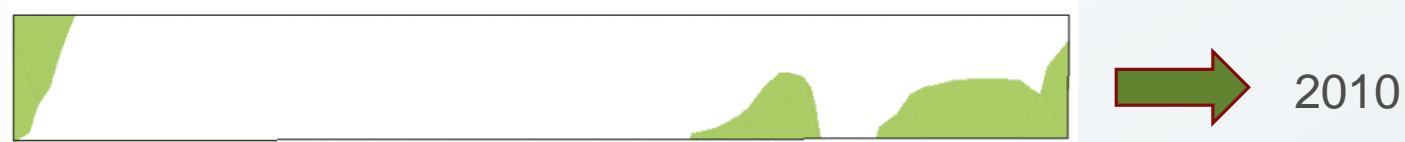
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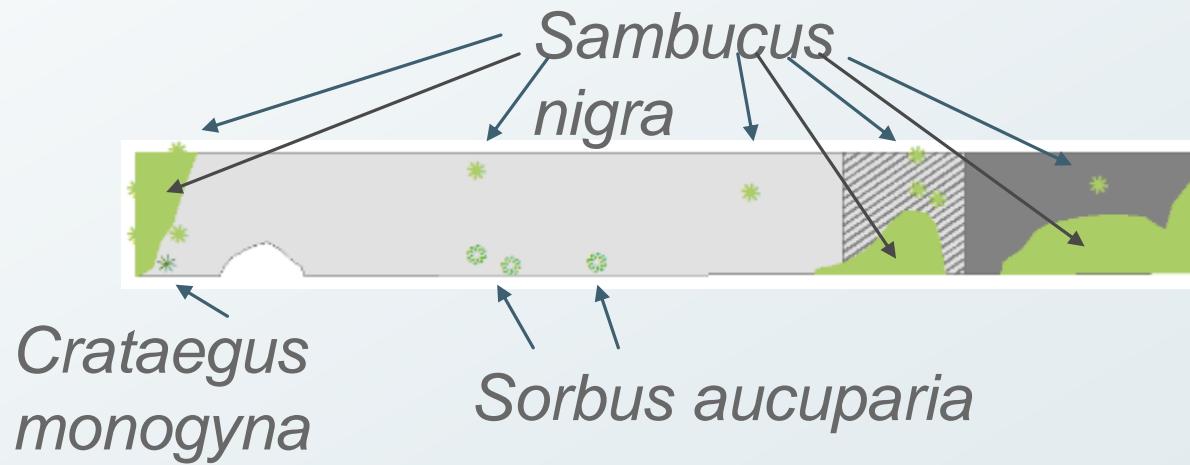
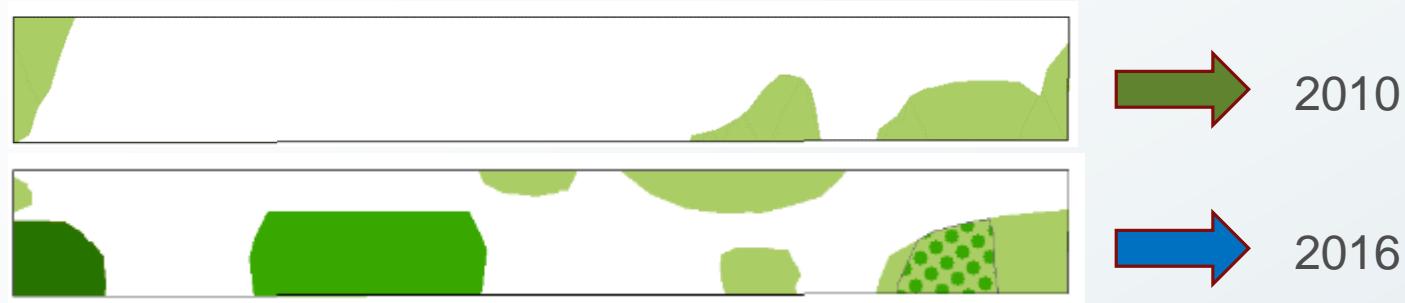
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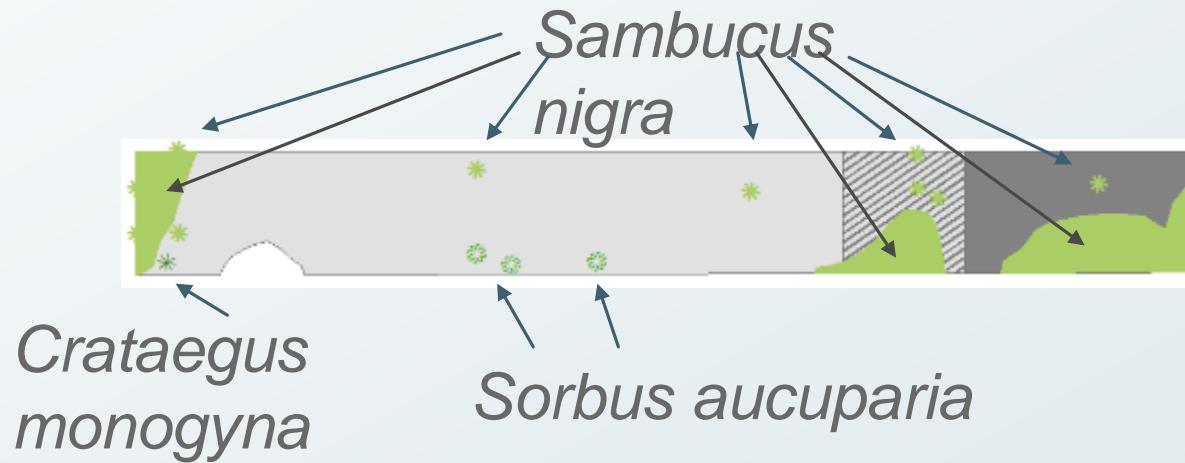
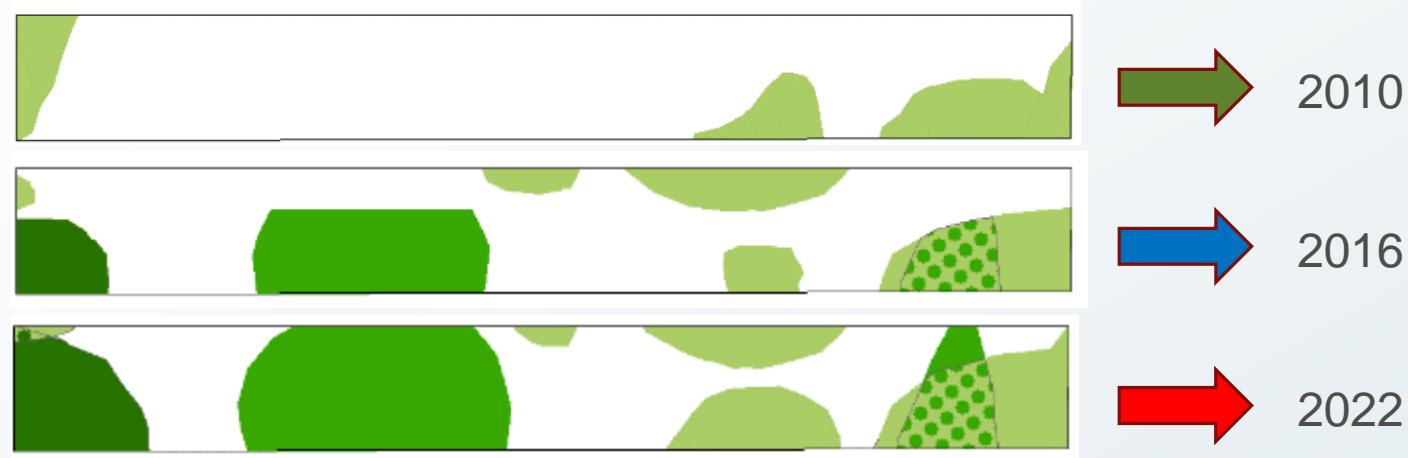
## Increase of the woody species



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## Conclusions

- *Roso-Rubetum affinis* scrubs look stable, but there is a lot of change
- *Rubus* species act differently
  - *Rubus affinis* → pioneerspecies, upright growth form, dislikes shade
  - *Rubus armeniacus* → big species, quick expansion, dislikes shade
  - *Rubus questphalicooides* → smaller species, more tolerant to shade
- Probably *Rubus armeniacus* can form (at least locally) a threat for native *Rubus* species even in natural habitats, but its all depending on the local conditions

**Thank you very much  
for your attention!**

