

Riverbanks as battlegrounds

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How does Himalayan balsam change riparian habitats?



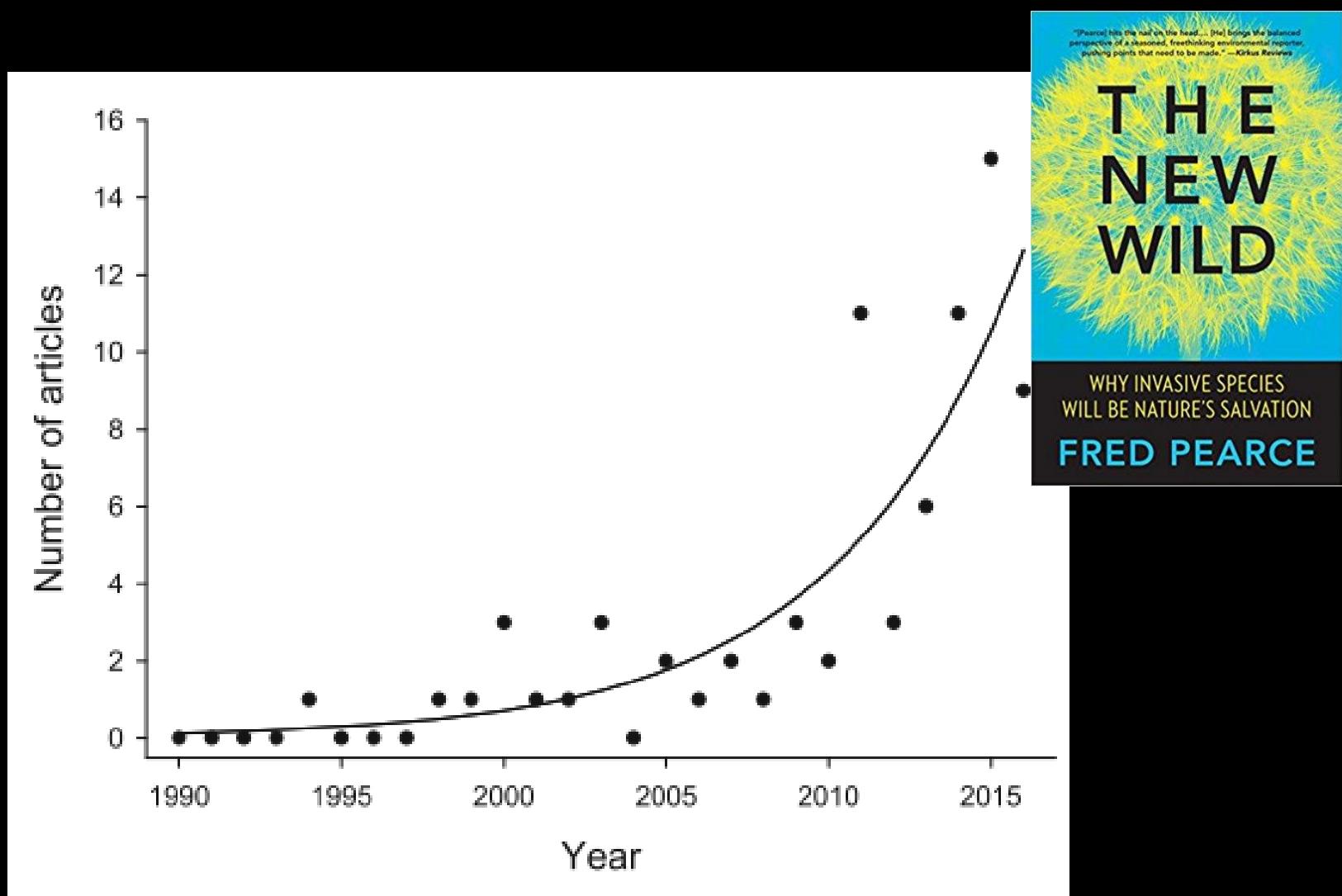
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BE THE DIFFERENCE

The exponential growth of invasive species denialism





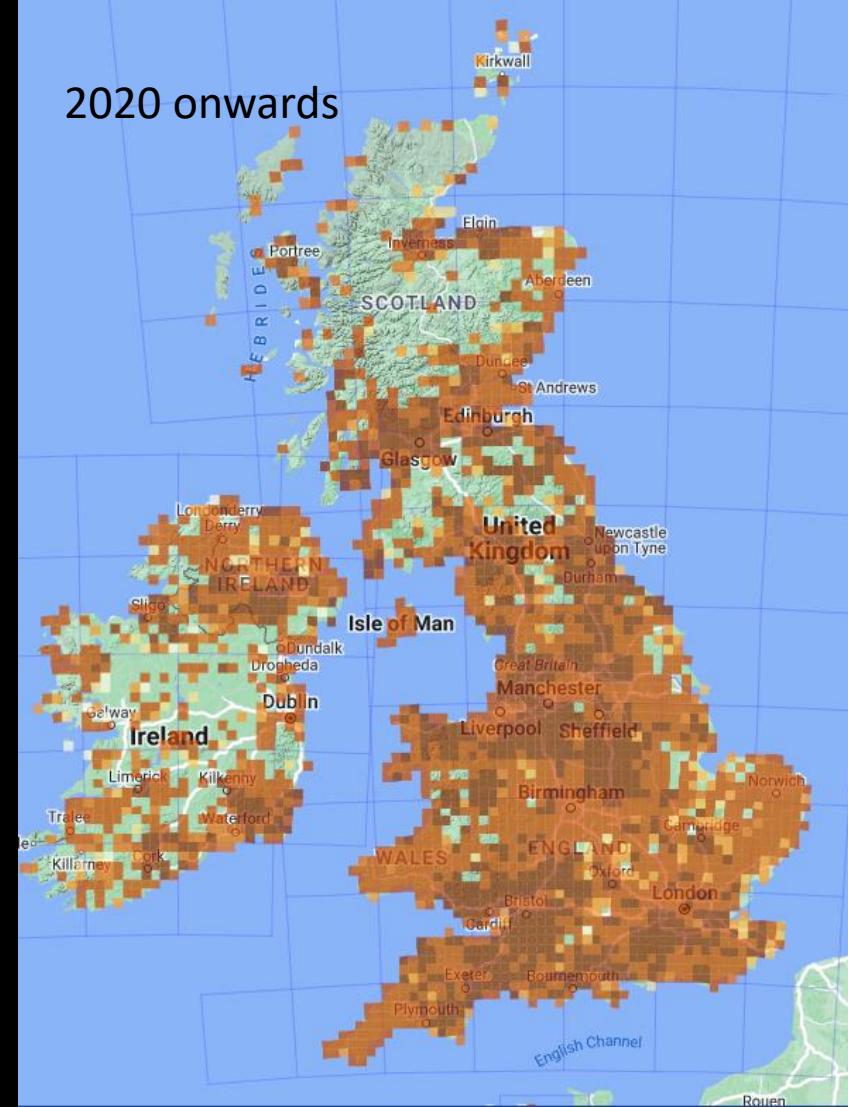




Pre-1930



2020 onwards



34 % ↑ no. of invaded sites
along lowland rivers



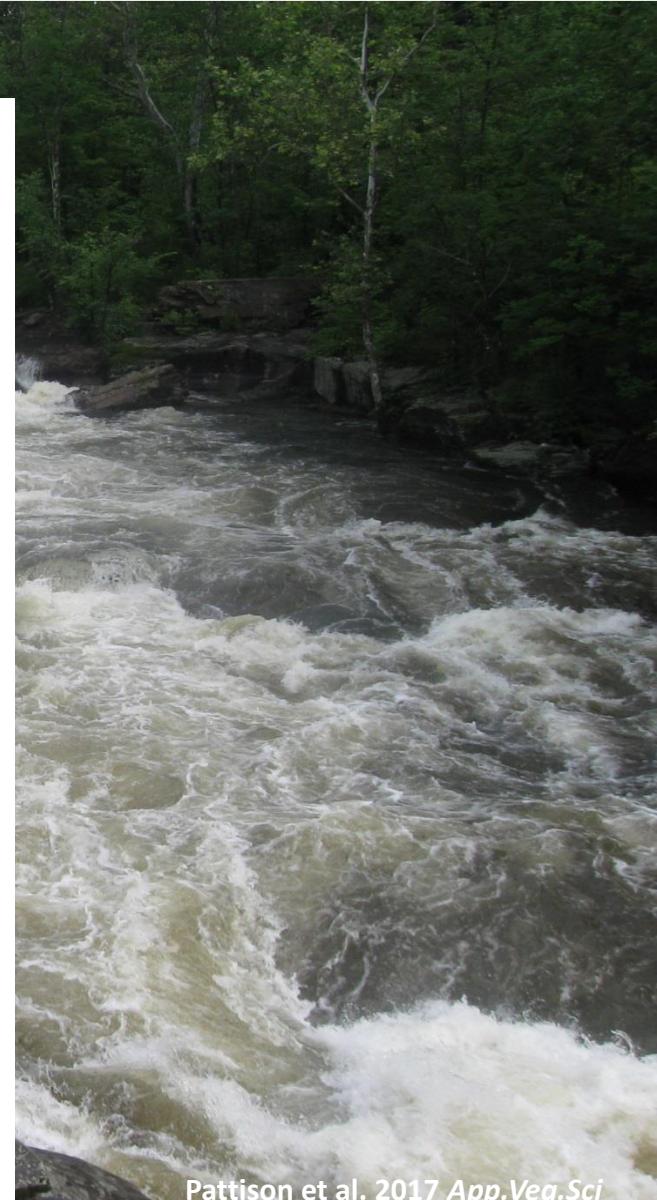
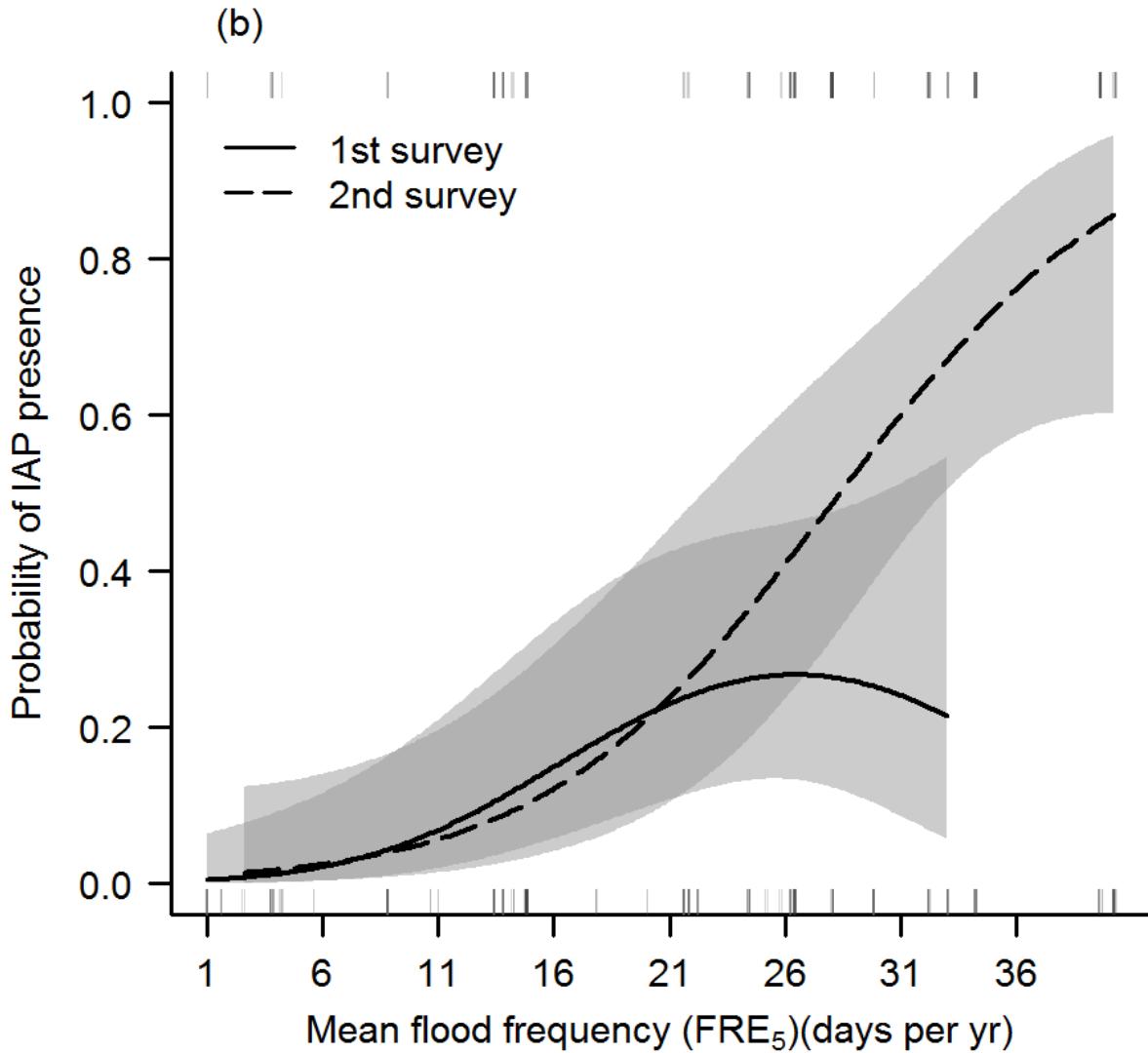
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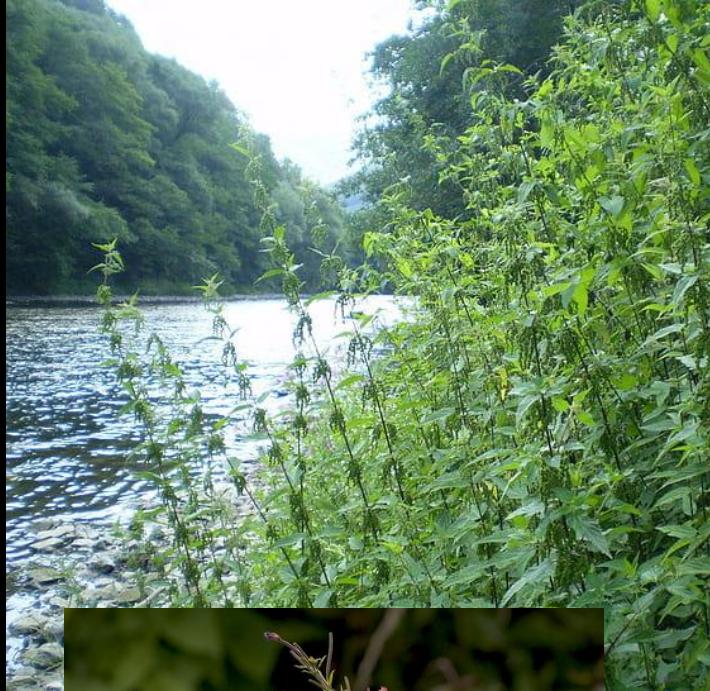
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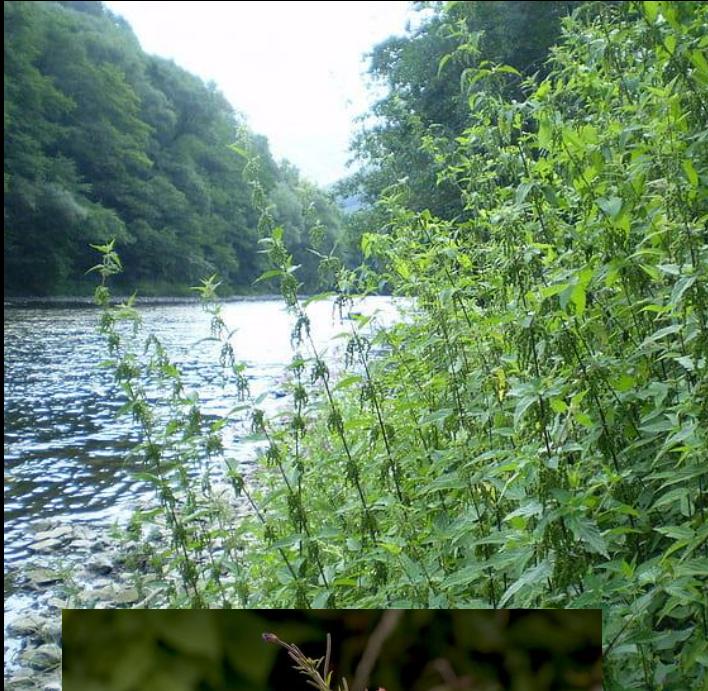
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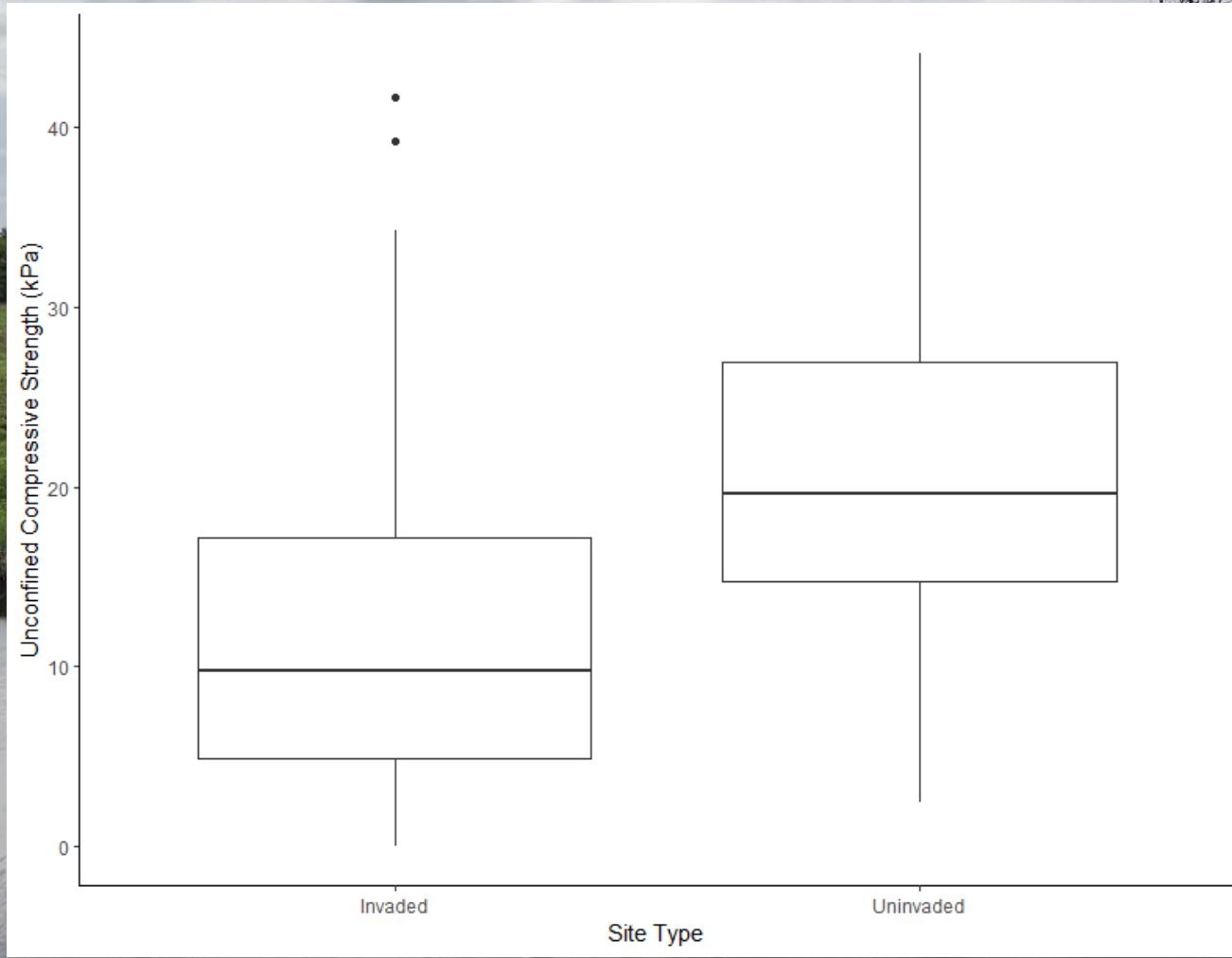
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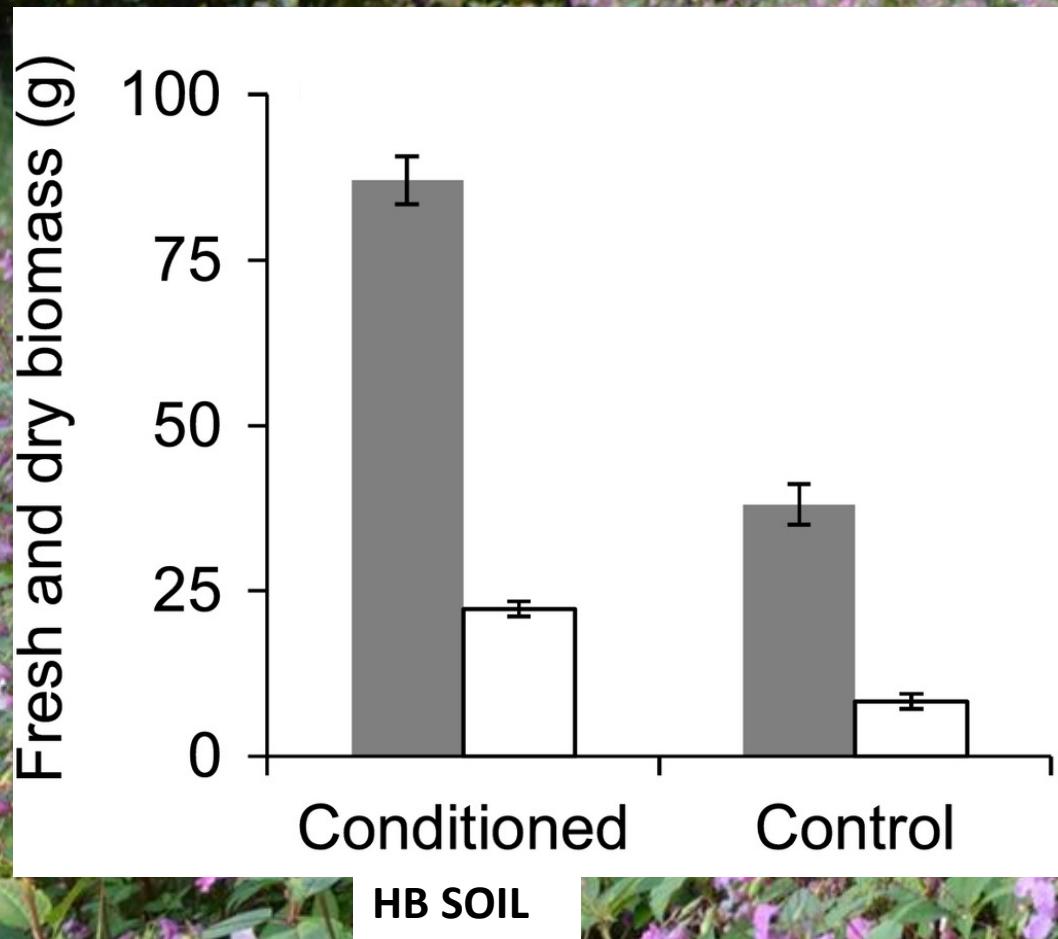
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Managing this...?!





**Dominant native & HB
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↑ moisture in spring
reduces invasion
abundance

overengineered channels
(steep slopes) ↑
invasion abundance



HB in ancient woodlands: impacts and management options



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Thank you!

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Cluster 2

Survey 1

Species	indicator_value
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> *	0.4979
<i>Rhynchosstegium riparioides</i> ***	0.4288
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> *	0.2705
<i>Chiloscyphus polyanthos</i> *	0.2654
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i> ***	0.2317
<i>Alopecurus geniculatus</i> ***	0.2225
<i>Fissidens</i> spp.***	0.143
<i>Scapania</i> spp.*	0.1402
<i>Pohlia melanodon</i> ***	0.1347
<i>Cratoneuron filicinum</i> **	0.1296
<i>Carex acuta</i> ***	0.1227
<i>Carex acutiformis</i> **	0.1111
<i>Glyceria notata</i> **	0.0698

Survey 2

Species	indicator_value
<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> ***	0.4182
<i>Persicaria hydropiper</i> *	0.3692
<i>Filipendula ulmaria</i> **	0.3659
<i>Galium palustre</i> ***	0.3378
<i>Pellia epiphylla</i> ***	0.3319
<i>Leptodictyum riparium</i> ***	0.3212
<i>Senecio aquaticus</i> ***	0.3069
<i>Sagina procumbens</i> *	0.26
<i>Stachys palustris</i> ***	0.24
<i>Brachythecium rivulare</i> *	0.2399
<i>Thamnobryum alopecurum</i> *	0.2214
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i> ***	0.2194
<i>Stellaria uliginosa</i> **	0.1634
<i>Lunularia cruciata</i> *	0.1452
<i>Montia fontana</i> *	0.1343
<i>Rorippa sylvestris</i> ***	0.1284
<i>Fallopia japonica</i> ***	0.0935
<i>Epilobium brunnescens</i> ***	0.0791

Regardless of propagule diversity & abundance, invasion reduces native diversity

