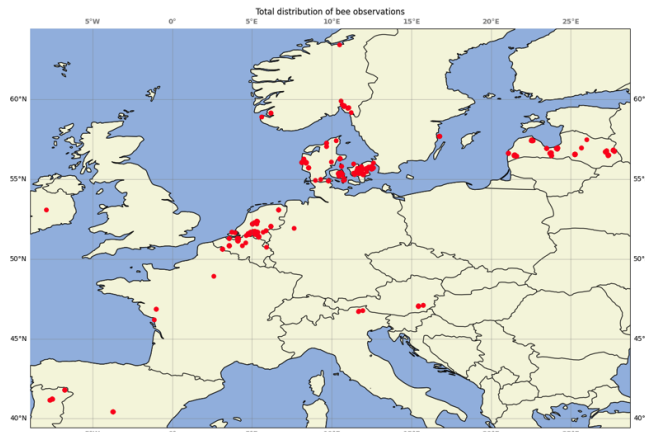
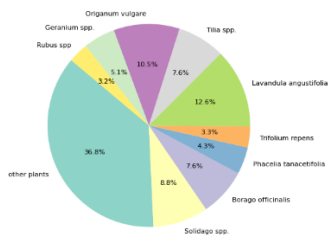


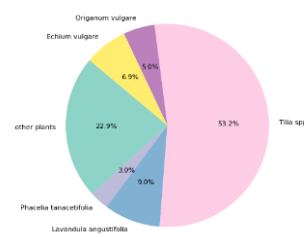
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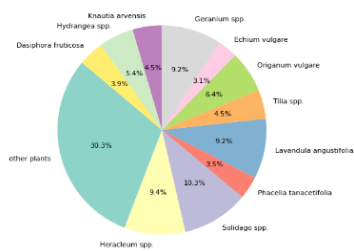
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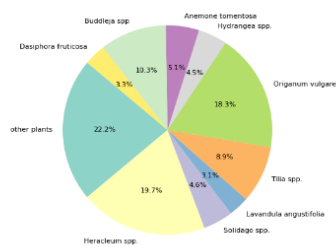
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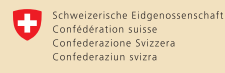
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Abstract

Due to concerns about the capacity of areas to feed honeybees, bumblebees, solitary bees, and hoverflies, this citizen science study is being conducted. These concerns arise from the increasing use of space through infrastructure, agricultural intensification, and loss of biodiversity. One way to answer these questions is to conduct a baseline measurement to determine where things stand and follow up for a few years to see if anything changes. In the EU BetterB study, we tackle this with research by beekeeping citizen scientists who register honey bees, bumblebees, solitary bees, hoverflies, and other insects in the flowers and report them in the beeplants.eu app. The citizen scientists were asked to record the number of the above-mentioned insects several times at the same flowers and locations. This way, local soil conditions do not affect the number of insects. The beekeeper citizen scientists were asked to make the registrations near their place of residence and workplace. We started the study in 2024 with 225 participants in Finland, Latvia, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium and France. Data from January 2024 to the end of September 2024 was analyzed. The disclaimer before the results are displayed is that the plant species mentioned are not a ranking of the best bee plants, the registrations were made on bee plants in the vicinity of the participants.

We had 7544 observations on 113 plant species. Calculated per observations, 45 percent of the recordings had one pollinating insect, 23 percent had two insects, 10 percent had four insects, 1 percent had five insects, and 16 percent had no insects. After cleaning the database to remove all observations on plants that were reported less than 10 times, 5698 observations on 74 plants remained. The following results are based on this data. We see that none of the 74 plant species was visited by just one insect in all observations over time. This means that the above-mentioned insects share these food sources. The data was further analyzed for the relative abundance of specific flowers in winter, spring, and summer, the impact of temperature, combinations of insects per observation, and the flowering times of these plants. When talking about more and less hereafter, this means “in relation to the other insects”. In winter, most honeybees were seen, most commonly on *Crocus* and bumblebees and solitary bees on willow (*Salix* spp). In spring we saw honeybees most often on sycamore maple (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), bumblebees and solitary on cranesbill (*Geranium* spp), and solitary bees on phacelia (*Phacelia tanacetifolium*). In summer, honey bees were most commonly seen on lavender (*Lavendula angustifolia*), bumblebees on lime (*Tilia* spp), and solitary bees and hoverflies on hogweed (*Heracleum* spp). In the temperature range from 2 to 9 °C, we saw honeybees most often on maple (*Acer campestre*) and bumblebees on dandelion (*Taraxacum* spp). In the range from 9 to 16 °C, this was mainly on prun for honey bees (*Prunus domestica*) and hoverflies mostly on hogweed. In the range of 16 - 23 °C, honeybees and bumblebees were most commonly seen on the lavender and hoverflies on the hogweed. Taking all data into account, honeybees were mainly found on field maple (*Acer campestre*), followed by lavender and wild marjoram (*Origanum vulgare*), and bumblebees on lime trees. The solitary bees were reported on a wide range of plants, showing no preference. The hoverflies were mainly reported on hogweed. When we look at the honeybees, bumblebees, solitary bees, and hoverflies, we see that the majority of the plants were mainly visited by the honeybee, except for the autumn anemone (*Anemone tomentosa*), stripe seed (*Crepis* spp) and five other plants by hoverflies. Snakewort (*Echium* spp) and 12 other plant species were mainly visited by bumblebees. We have not yet looked at the locations and land use in this report.

Layman summary

Because of concerns about the carrying capacity of regions to feed the honey bees, bumblebees, solitary bees, hoverflies, and all other insects that depend on flowers, the beeplants.eu study is being conducted. These concerns arise because of the increasing use of space by infrastructure, the intensification of agriculture, and the loss of biodiversity. A way to answer these questions is to conduct a baseline measurement, to determine if this changes in time. We did so with the help of beekeeper citizen scientists that recorded pollinating insects, both single and combinations of pollinating insects on flowers. The data presented are based on the plant catalog in the beeplants.eu app. Here the best bee plants are listed. The recordings were done near the citizen scientist place of residence and workplace and are not representative of “bee plants”. By making recordings of the same plants at the same locations the visiting insects and combination of insects is the result of that location and depends on the temperature and time of the day. By multiple recordings on the same plants and locations the parameter locations is ruled out as is the soil condition. The data are quantitative data and the percentages shown, indicate the quantitative data.

All plants in the plant catalog are visited by honey bees (HB), bumblebees (BB), solitary bees (SB, in the figures referred to as “wild bees”), hoverflies (HF), and other insects (OI) such as butterflies and beetles. Besides recording single pollinating insect visits, on all plants simultaneously combinations of 2 or more pollinating insects were observed. Of 33 plant species the means of the overall visits were recorded. This showed that the HB was dominant on 10 plant species, the BB on 13 species *Ribes sanguineum*, *Lamium alba*, *Rubus ideaus*, *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, *Salix* spp., *Trifolium pratense*, *Echium vulgare*, *Geranium* spp. *Cirsiums* spp./ *Carduus* spp. *Papaver* spp., *Malus x domestica*, *Knautia arvensis*, *Lamium purpureum*. The HF on 10 species *Solidago* spp., *Origanum vulgare*, *Taraxacum* spp. *Rosa* spp. *Hydrangea* spp., *Anemona tomentosa*, *Buddleja* spp., *Crepis* spp., *Hypochaeris radicata*.

The 225 citizen scientists from Finland, Latvia, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Austria, and Switzerland were asked to record honey bees (HB), bumblebees (BB), solitary bees, (SB), hoverflies (HF) and other insects (OI) in the beeplants.eu app. The plants on which the insects could be observed were in the plant catalog in this app. The complete overall dataset of 7544 observations, done in winter, spring, and summer 2024 showed that in 16% of the observations, no pollinator or other insects were recorded, in 45% there was 1 pollinator, in 23 % 2 pollinators, in 10% there were 3 pollinators, in 4% 4 pollinators and finally in 1% 5 pollinating insects were recorded. Before analysing the data, the overall database was cleaned up before performing the data analyses by discarding all observations less than 10 per plant, merging all recordings with 1% of all recordings into the category “other plants” (OP), and merging all combinations of insects simultaneously on a flower of less than 5% into the category “other combinations” (OC). This resulted in the database of 5698 observations of 74 plant species with 3236 only bees (HB), 2301 bumblebees (BB), 1110 solitary bees (SB) (wild bees), 2328 hoverflies HF, and 1267 other insects like butterflies and beetles.

The number of pollinators in winter, spring, and summer of 2024 shows that in winter a limited number of plant species were visited by HB with the majority on *Crocus* spp; similar for the BB with a preference for *Salix* spp, Most SB was found on *Prunus spinosa*, and most hoverflies on *Salix* spp. In spring the number of recordings on different plant species increased. Most recordings of the HB were on *Acer pseudoplatanus*, and of the BB on *Geranium* spp. The SB preferred *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, the hoverflies *Geranium* spp, and the other insects were mostly recorded on *Acer pseudoplatanus*. In summer the HB was mostly recorded *Lavendula angustifolia*, the BB on *Tilia* spp, and the SB on *Heracleum* spp. The HF were dominant on *Heracleum* and the other insects on *Tilia* spp.

At temperatures ranging from 2 to 9 °C. the HB preferred *Acer campestre*, the BB *Taraxacum* spp, the SB were mostly found on *Prunus spinosa*, the HF on *Taraxacum* spp., and the OI on *Acer campestre*. In the range of 9– 16 °C. most HB were found on *Prunus domestica*, BB on *Symphoricarpos* spp. SB on *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, the HF on *Heracleum* spp., and the OI on *Tussilago farfare*. The temperature range from 16

to 23 °C. showed HB mostly on *Acer campestre*, BB on *Tilia* spp. SB on *Geranium* spp, HF on *Origanum vulgare* and OI on *Tilia* spp. The temperature ranging from 23 to 30 °C. showed that HB and BB preferred *Lavendula angustifolia*, HF preferred *Heracleum* spp, and OI *Buddleja* spp.

The plant preferences of the HB showed 11 plants species with sufficient recordings to be selected. About 50% were “other plants” showing the large part of insects on plant species recorded in low numbers. The HB were most recorded on *Acer campestre*, followed by *Lavendula angustifolia* and *Origanum vulgare*. The BB showed a significant preference for *Tilia* spp and has 33,6% “other plants. The SB preferred also had a wide range and as HB about 50% of other plants. The HF were mostly recorded on *Heracleum* spp. and *Origanum vulgare* and about one-third of other plants. The majority of the recordings of OI were on other plants.

The combinations on the plant species showed on all plants, combinations of pollinating insects. Apart from recordings of HB and BB as single pollinating insects, all possible combinations of HB+BB, HB+SB, HB+SB+HF+OI. For the majority of the plants, the HB are the dominant pollinators both in single pollinators and in combinations. The exceptions in this study were *Anemona tomentosa*, *Buddleja* spp., *Clematis vitalba*, *Crepis* spp, *Heracleum* spp. *Hypochaeris radicata*, *Origanum vulgare*, *Plantago* spp. with mostly HF. The BB were the dominant pollinator of *Echium vulgare*, *Helianthus annuus*, *Knautia arvensis*, *Lamium alba*, *Lamium purpurea*, *Papaver* spp., *Pyrus communis*, *Ribes sanguineum*, *Rosa* spp. *Rubus ideaus*, *Trifolium hybridum*, *Trifolium pratense*, and *Verbascum* spp..

The data of the relative visits before- and afternoon show that, in some cases, the afternoon is less visited but the data show a wide variation. This goes for the Netherlands – Belgium, Denmark and Latvia. The relative position of most recorded pollinating insects shifts from south to north, from bumblebee dominant pollinating insect in the Netherlands- Belgium to the honey bee in Denmark and Latvia. In the Netherlands – Belgium we see the BB with 13 most preferred plant species, followed by the Hb and HF with both 10 plant species visited dominantly by these pollinators. An example for the HF is *Heracleum* spp, and for BB is *Lamium purpureum*. In Denmark out of 24 of the 33 plants, the HB was the dominant pollinator, the BB in 8 out of 33, and the HF only in 1. An example, HB was most present in *Rubus fruticosus*, BB in *Lamium alba*, and HF in *Verbascus* spp.. The Latvia data show 47 plants of which 37 were mostly visited by HB, the OI was the major pollinating insect on 4 plans, BB on 2, HF on 3, and SB on 1.

All data can be combined. In this report the data of *Origanum vulgare*, *Geranium* spp, *Trifolium repens*, and *Taraxacum* spp. are presented. In this summary, the data of *Origanum vulgare*, the plant species with the most recordings are presented. *Origanum vulgare* had 631 recordings the most observation data. The observations were done in the Netherlands (NL), Denmark (DK), Norway (NO), and Latvia (LV). In summer, HB, BB), SB, HF, and OI were recorded. In the temperature range of 9 to 16 °C, only HF was recorded, in the range from 16 – 23m HH, BB.SB, HF were found, and in the range 23 – 30 ° C. HB, BB, SB, HF, and O were recorded. The relative preference shows that HF was the most recorded pollinator on *Origanum vulgare*. The combinations recorded were HB+HF 10.5%, BB+HF 11.0%, and other combinations 18.6%. HB, BB, and HF as single pollinators were recorded in 18.8%, 9.3%, and 31.8% respectively of the recording. Of the single insect visits, the HB was 26.9%, BB 15.9%, SB 3.3%, HF 53.0%, and O 0.7% present. The HB and HF were detected mostly before noon. The other pollinators showed about the same frequency before- and afternoon.

The Better-B food-sharing study will be the first comprehensive scientific study of food sharing food sources by pollinating insects. There is currently no extensive information available. There are alone studies in which knowledge about sharing food resources is an indirect result of the actual goal of the study, for example, studies that focus on the exchange of parasites on mutual food sources, studies into the impact of bee colonies on bumblebee colonies and studies into the extreme conditions in which large numbers honey bees are found in a poor area after the end of a massive agricultural boom. The study set-up was to conduct the observations in the neighbourhood of the citizen scientist. Consequently, the plant species presented do not give a complete overview of plants visited by pollinators. Nor will de percentage

of pollinators in the flowers represent the attractiveness because the observations were snapshots during the day. In other words, all data are qualitative data.

Introduction

The beeplants.eu study was set up as a citizen science study where everyone can participate and contribute by submitting his observations and sharing the results. In 2024, 225 citizen scientists did participate. The focus of this study is food sharing. Due to the increasing impact of urbanization, climate change, agriculture, industrialization, infrastructure, and industrial activities, food sources for bees and other pollinating insects are negatively affected. Fewer flowering plants mean scarcer food sources. When more bees and other pollinators (e.g. hoverflies and butterflies) visit the perennial plants, this means that this food source must be shared. Here we come to a sensitive point: leads the sharing from food to competition between pollinating insects? We just don't know because the number and diversity of pollinating insects on flowers not only depends on the availability of flowers, but also nesting opportunities, different foraging periods, whether they live in colonies or are solitary, and different periods of wintering/activity. Most of these factors are spatially/locally determined. Collecting data about the pollinators that visit plants will be the scientific knowledge, the building blocks, to determine whether something is going on and, if so, what is going on and how it can be mitigated. The citizen scientists registered insects at least twice a week on the same flower plots in the same places. This was done in the garden, at the apiary, or for example, during lunch walk during the day. We wanted these observations to be as simple and easy as possible. The citizen scientists monitored honey bees, solitary bees, bumblebees, hoverflies, and other insects on the flowers or part of a tree they have selected, at a glance. The observations of 'no' insects were also very valuable. "no insects" could be due to bad weather or just the fact that there were no insects in the plot at the time of the one-minute observation. Through repeated observations of the same flower plot, we can analyze the influence of the season and the temperature. This helps us understand to what extent local conditions are favorable to all pollinating insects.

The data in "Results" are presented in tables and figures. Where in tables the cell is blank, the data is part of "other plants" or "other insects" or no recordings and not included in the table.

In the Annex the maps of the recording locations are presented and the figures of the pollinator ratios in time.

In the Results, the following abbreviations are used. HB = honey bee; BB = bumblebee; SB = solitary bee and in the results the solitary bees are presented as wild bees. HF = hoverflies, OI are other insects and OP are other plants.

The data are not analysed for land use and area. The will be done in a later stage.

Method

The citizen scientists were asked to register the pollinating insects at least twice a week on the same flower plots in the same places. For example in the garden, at the apiary or for example, or during lunch walk during the day. Generally near the citizen scientist residence. The recordings are numbers of HBs, BBs, SBs, HF, and OI that can be seen in one glance on a flowerbed or part of a shrub or tree. BBs, SBs, and HF were recorded as genera without the specification of species and based on simple overall features explained in the beeplants.eu app. The date, location, and time of day were recorded by default. In 2024 the study was done in winter (January, February, and March), spring (April, May, and June, and summer (July, August, and September).

Results

The overall dataset of 7544 observations on 113 plant species, was done in winter, spring, and summer. This showed that in 16% of the observations, no pollinator or OI were recorded, in 45% there was 1 pollinator, in 23 % 2 pollinators, in 10% there were 3 pollinators, in 4% 4 pollinators and finally in 1% 5 pollinating insects were recorded.

For data analysis, the overall database was cleaned up. The observations of pollinators on plants that were submitted less than 10 times over the complete database (complete 2024 and all countries) were discarded from the data analysis. The plants with a specific pollinating insect recorded less than 1% of the total database were merged into “other plants”. The Combinations of pollinators on plants observed in less than 5% of the total database were merged into “other combinations”. This left 5698 observations performed in 74 plant species, being 3236 HBs, 2301 BBs, 2328 HF, 1110 SBs (wild bees), and 1267 OI like butterflies and beetles.

Results data analyses

Number of observations where there is only 1 pollinator observed visiting the plant

In Figure 1, the observation in the overall dataset presents of the number of flowers where there was only one insect visiting the flower per observation. The Figure shows that 38% of had HBs, 27% BBs, 27% HF and 8% OI.

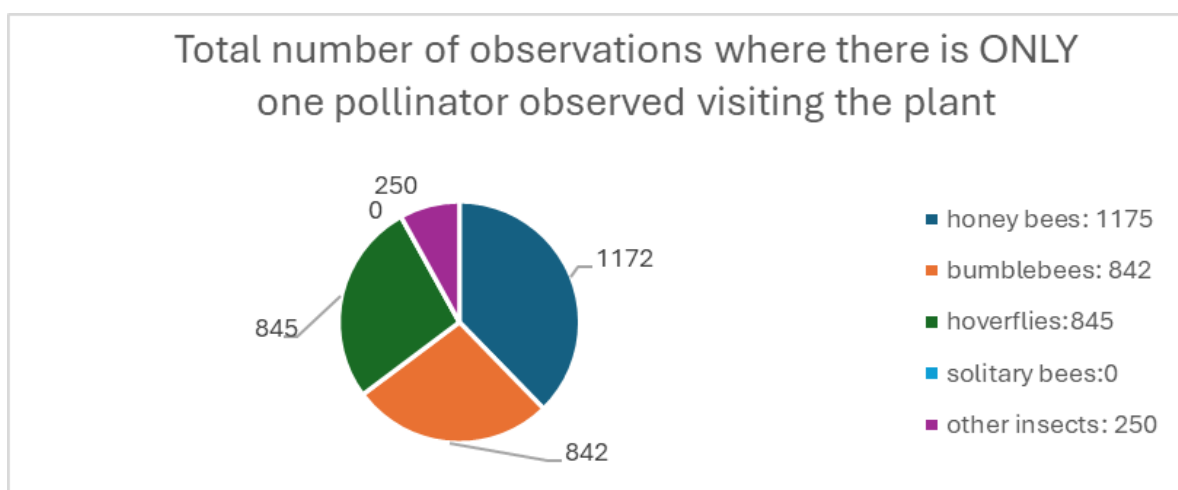


Figure 1. Number of observations where there is only 1 pollinator observed

In Figure 2, the percentages of one and multiple insects recorded per observation. These are also data of the overall database. Figure 2 shows the percentages single and multiple insects on a flower during an observation / recording.

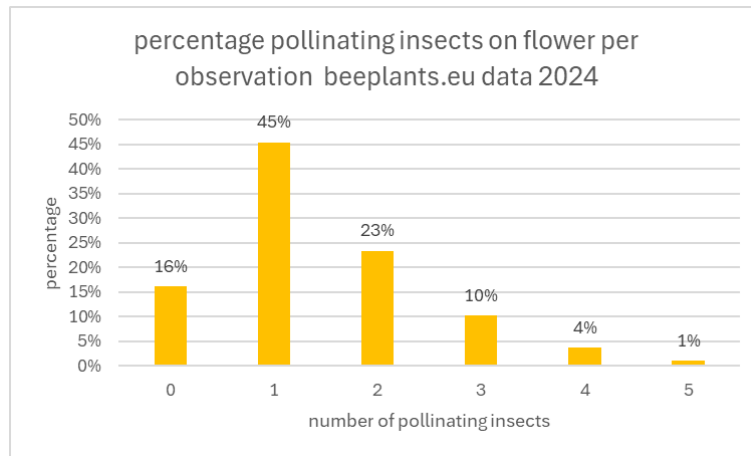


Figure 2. The percentages single and multiple insects on a flower during an observation / recording .

n observations = 7544; number 0 pollinating insects = 1218; number 1 pollinating insects = 3430; number 2 pollinating insects = 1765; number 3 pollinating insects = 775; number 4 pollinating insects = 274; number 5 pollinating insects = 82

Preferences by astronomical season

The data presented in table 1 show that in spring a limited number of plants species were visited in winter by HB with the majority on *Crocus* spp; similar for the BB with a preference for *Salix* spp, Most SB were found on *Prunus spinosa* and most HF on *Salix* spp. In spring the number of recordings on different plants species increased. Most recordings of the HB were on *Acer pseudoplatanus*, of the BB on *Geranium* spp. The SB preferred *Phacelia tanacetifolium*, the HF *Geranium* spp, and the OI were mostly recorded on *Acer pseudoplatanus*. In summer the HB was mostly recorded *Lavendula angustifolia*, the BB on *Tilia* spp, and the SB on *Heracleum* spp. The HF is also on *Heracleum* and the OI on *Tilia* spp.(table 1). In Figure 3, the graphs of the HBs in spring, the BBs in spring, the HF in spring, and the SBs in summer are shown.

Table 1. Percentages recorded insects during the astronomic season WINTER 2024 (in alphabetic order of plant species)

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Crocus</i> spp.	41.9%	7.7%			
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	4.2%	11.5%	5.0%	5.9%	
<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>		3.8%			
<i>Prunus avium</i>	9.6%	23.1%			
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>			85.0%	23.8%	
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	10.8%	3.8%			
<i>Ribes uva crista</i>			5.0%		
<i>Salix</i> spp.	29.6%	50.0%		64.7%	100%
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> spp.				5.9%	
Other plants	3.6%		5.0%		

In Figure 3, the HB data are shown. The BB, SB, hoverfly and other insect are in the Annex table 16.

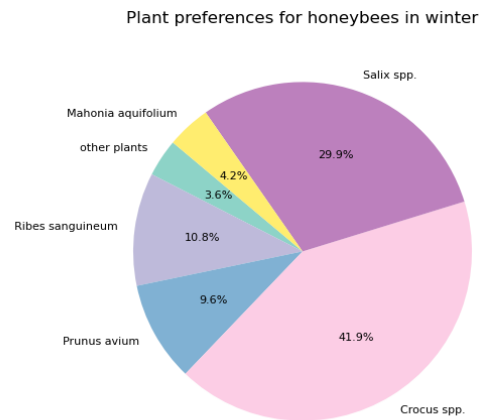


Figure 3, The percentage of HBs, in winter 2024

In spring the number of recordings on different plant species increased. Most recordings of the HB were on *Acer pseudoplatanus*, and of the BB on *Geranium* spp. The SB preferred *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, the HF *Geranium* spp, and the OI were mostly recorded on *Acer pseudoplatanus* (table 2). In Figure 4, the percentages of the BBs are presented. The spring-data of the HB, BB, SB, hoverfly and OI are in Figure 30 in the Annex f

Table 2. Percentage pollinating insects on flowers per observation in spring

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Acer campestre</i>	3.2%				13.2%
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	18.1%		10.4%		4.1%
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>				4.8%	
<i>Geranium</i> spp	4.5%	15.0%	12.2%	19.7%	5.9%
<i>Hydrangea</i> spp.	3.2%		7.4%	3.8%	
<i>Malus domestica</i>	6.2%	3.0%	4.6%		5.4%
<i>Lamium album</i>		7.7%		5.3%	4.6%
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>		3.7%			
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>		3.8%	14.9%		
<i>Prunus avium</i>	6.8%	3.4%	3.1%		
<i>Prunus domestica</i>	10.1%		3.2%		
<i>Rosa</i> spp.		5.7%	4.8%	11.2%	4.2%
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>		3.6%			
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>		6.2%	3.2%	3.8%	6.5%
<i>Salix</i> spp	5.1%				
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> spp.	3.9%	12.1%			
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> spp.			6.0%	8.6%	10.6%
<i>Trifolium repens</i>		3.8%			
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>					5.6%
Other plants*	38.8%	31.6%	30.2%	42.9%	40.9%

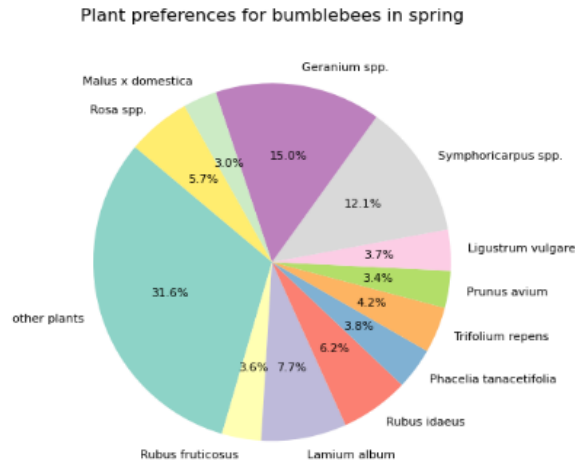


Figure 4. The percentage of BBs, in **spring** 2024

In summer data tell that most observations were made on other plants (<1% of all recordings). The 17 plants observed > 1% show that multiple pollinators were recorded on 12 plants. The percentages are presented in Table 3. In Figure 5, the Figure of the SBs in summer is presented. The graphs of the HBs, the BBs, the HF, and the SBs in summer is shown in Figure 31 in the Annex .

Table 3. Preferences by astronomic season SUMMER 2024 (in alphabetic order of plant species)

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Anemone tomentosa</i>				5.1%	
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	7.6%				
<i>Buddleja spp.</i>				10.3%	10.6%
<i>Cirsium spp / Carduus spp.</i>					9.5%
<i>Dasiphora fruticose</i>			3.9%	3.3%	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>		6.9%	3.1%		
<i>Geranium spp.</i>	5.1%		9.2%		
<i>Heracleum spp.</i>			9.4%	19.7%	
<i>Hydrangea spp.</i>			5.4%	4.5%	6.9%
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>			4.5%		
<i>Lavendulaa angistifolia</i>	12.6%	9.0%	9.2%	3.1%	3.0%
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	10.5%	5.0%	6.4%	18.3%	3.6%
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	4.3%	3.0%	3.5%		
<i>Rubus spp</i>	3.2%				
<i>Solidago spp.</i>	8.8%		10.3%	4.6%	3.1%
<i>Tilia spp.</i>	7.6%	53.2%	4.5%	8.9%	21.1%
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	3.3%				
Other plants	36.8%	22.9%	30.3%	22.2%	36.7%

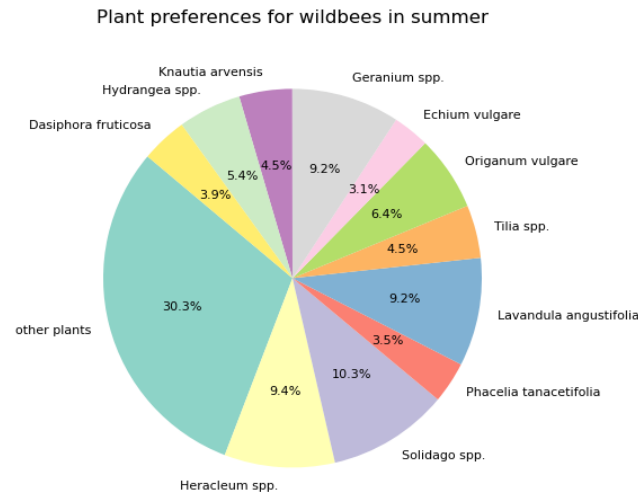


Figure 5. The percentage of SBs, in **summer 2024**

There are no autumn data analysed as we analysed the data till the end of September 2024. The autumn data will be included in the 2025 data.

Preferences by temperature

Ranging from 2 to 9 °C.

At temperatures ranging from 2 to 9 °C. the HB was most recorded on *Acer campestre*, the BB on *Taraxacum* spp, the SBs were mostly found on *Prunus spinosa*, the hoverfly on *Taraxacum* spp., and the others on *Acer campestre*. All flowers were visited by multiple insects except for *Prunus cerasifera* on which only HF were recored, *Geranium* spp with only SB, *Crocus* spp with solely HBs. On taraxacum spp all insect except for the HB were recorded. The data are presented in table 4. In Figure 6, the plants on which the HBs were recorded is shown. The plants with HBs, BBs, SBs, HF and OI are presented in the Annex in Figure 32.

Table 4. Preferences by temperature ranging from 2 to 9 °C (in alphabetic order of plant species)

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Acer campestre</i>	16.9%			16.7%	32.50%
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	15.8%				
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>			4.0%		5.00%
<i>Crocus</i> spp.	3.6%				
<i>Geranium</i> spp.			4.0%		
<i>Lamium alba</i>		11.1%	8.0%	5.6%	15.00%
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	8.2%				
<i>Malus domestica</i>	4.1%		8.0%		15.00%
<i>Muscari armeniacum</i>			4.0%	5.6%	
<i>Prunus avium</i>	14.1%	12.3%	4.0%	5.6%	15.0%
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>				11.1%	
<i>Prunus domestica</i>	6.3%	7.4%		11.1%	
<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	10.1%	11.1%	24.0%		

<i>Pyrus communis</i>			20.0%	5.6%	
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>		6.2%		5.6%	
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i>			8.0%		
<i>Salix spp.</i>	3.3%	9.9%			
<i>Scilla spp.</i>			4.0%		
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>		17.3%	12.0%	33.3%	5.0%
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	3.2%				
<i>Other plants</i>	14.2%	24.7%			12.5%

Plant preferences for honeybees in temperature range 2-9°C

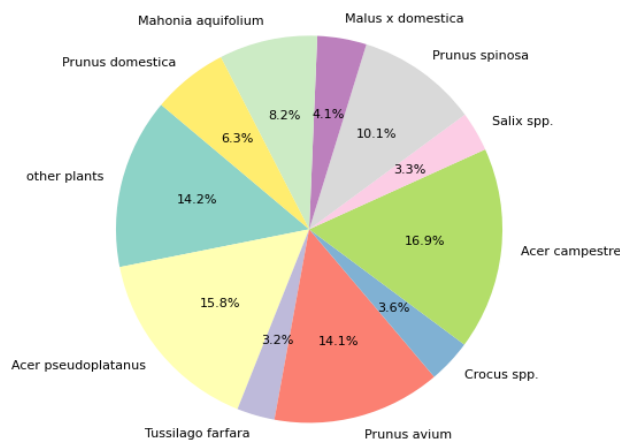


Figure 6. Plants preferences for HBs in the temperature range 2 – 9 °C.

Ranging from 9 to 16 °C.

In the range of 9 – 16 °C. most HB were found on *Prunus domestica*, BB on *Symphonicarpus* spp. SB on *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, the HF on *Heracleum* spp, and the others on *Tussilago farfara*. On all flowers multiple insects were recorded except for *Acer campestre*, *Mahonia aquifolia*, and *Pyrus communis* on which only HBs were recorded, *Echium vulgare*, *Lavendula angustifolia* and *Papaver* spp with only BBs, and *Dasiphora fruticosa* and *Origanum vulgare* with only HF. The data are presented in table 5. In Figure 7 the plant preferences of the BB are shown. The preferences of the HBs, BB, SBs, hoverfly and OI are presented in the Annex in Figure 33.

Table 5. Preferences by temperature ranging from 9 to 16 °C (in alphabetic order of plant species)

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Acer campestre</i>	3.8%				
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	3.4%		7.2%		
<i>Dasiphora fruticosa</i>				3.1%	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>		4.9%			
<i>Geranium spp.</i>		6.1%		5.2%	
<i>Heracleum spp.</i>				34.7%	
<i>Hydrangea spp.</i>	3.9%		9.6%		

<i>Lamium alba</i>		7.0%			5.0%
<i>Lavendula angustifolia</i>		4.5%			
<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	3.4%	4.6%			
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	3.3%				
<i>Malus x domestica</i>	5.7%		4.5%		4.4%
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>				11.1%	
<i>Papaver spp.</i>		4.5%			
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>		3.2%	31.7%		
<i>Prunus avium</i>	10.2%	3.6%			
<i>Prunus domestica</i>	13.2%				
<i>Pyrus communis</i>			3.3%		
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i>					3.8%
<i>Rosa spp.</i>				4.5%	
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>		5.4%			10.7%
<i>Salix spp.</i>	12.0%			3.1%	
<i>Symphoricarpus spp.</i>	4.2%	15.2%			
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>			6.3%		14.5%
<i>Trifolium repens</i>		3.2%			
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>					14.8%
<i>Other plants</i>	36.9%	36.2%	37.4%	38.1%	46.7%

Plant preferences for bumblebees in temperature range 9-16°C

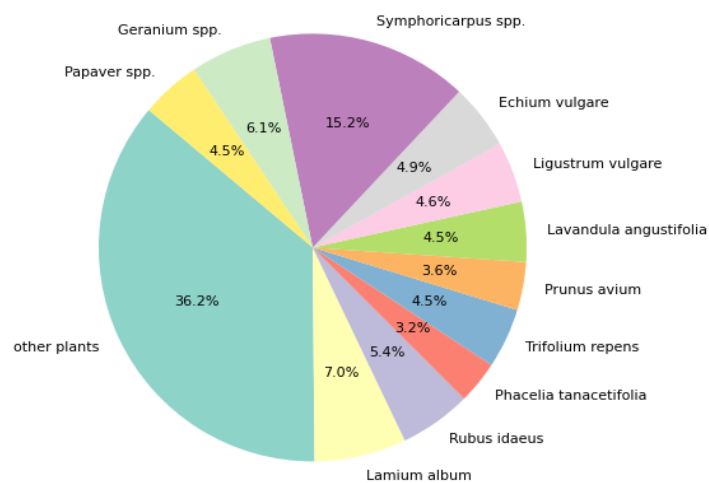


Figure 7. The preference of BBs, in the temperature range of 9 to 16 °C.

Ranging from 16 to 23 °C.

The temperature range from 16 to 23 °C. showed HB mostly on *Acer campestre*, BB on *Tilia* spp. SB on *Geranium* spp, HF on *Origanum vulgare*, and others on *Tilia* spp (table 6). In Figure 7, the preferences of the pollinating insects in the range of 9 to 16 °C. are presented. All flowers had multiple insects except for *Anemone tomentosa* with only HF, *Echium vulgare* with only BBs *Lavendula angustifolia* and *Rosa* spp with SBs and *Phacelia tanacetifolia* and *Rubus ideaus* with only HBs. Figure 8 shows the SBs data. In the Annex in Figure 34 are the data of the HB, BB, solitary nee. Hoverfly and OI presented.

Table 6. Preferences by temperature ranging from 16 to 23 °C (in alphabetic order of plant species)

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Acer</i>	10.3%		4.3%		5.8%
<i>Anemone</i>				4.3%	
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	5.3%				
<i>Buddleja</i> spp.				9.3%	10.5%
<i>Cirsium</i> spp./					7.9%
<i>Dasiphora fruticose</i>			3.1%	3.1%	
<i>Echium vulgare</i>		4.7%			
<i>Geranium</i> spp.	4.8%	3.7%	12.8%	5.3%	4.2%
<i>Heracleum</i> spp.			3.2%	12.4%	
<i>Hydrangea</i> spp.			5.6%	4.6%	5.3%
<i>Lavendula</i>			5.3%		
<i>Muscari</i>					
<i>Lavendula</i>	6.5%	6.7%			
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	6.5%	4.0%	4.5%	16.7%	
<i>Phacelia</i>	3.6%				
<i>Rubus ideaus</i>	3.0%				
<i>Solidago</i> spp.	7.1%		8.5%	4.8%	
<i>Rosa</i> spp.			4.4%		
<i>Symphoricarpus</i>	3.1%				
<i>Tilia</i> spp.	6.6%	51.2%	4.1%	10.4%	18.5%
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	3.3%				
Other plants	40.0%	29.7%	44.2%	29.0%	47.8%

Plant preferences for wildbees in temperature range 16-23°C

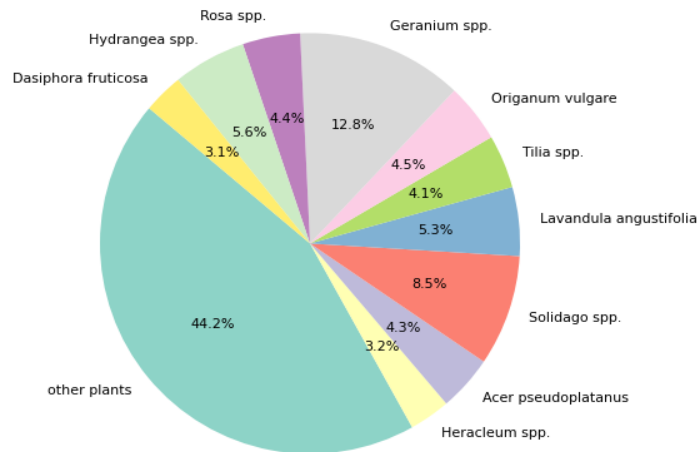


Figure 8. The preference of SB, in the temperature range of 9 to 16 °C.

Ranging from 23 to 30 °C.

The temperature ranging from 23 to 30 °C. showed that HB and BB preferred *Lavendula angustifolia*, HF preferred *Heracleum* spp, and the others *Buddleja* spp. In Table 7 the preferences of the pollinating insects in the range of 23 to 30 °C. are presented. All flowers had multiple insects except for *Anemone tomentosa* that had, as in the previous temperature range only HF, as had *Solidago* spp. On *Borago officinalis* and *Rubus* spp only HBs were recorded and on *Trifolium pratense* and *Trifolium repens* only BBs. In Figure 9 th references of the hoiverfly iat this temperature range is presented. In the Annex in Figure 35, the preferences of the HB, BB, SB, hoverfly and OI are presented.

Table 7. Preferences by temperature ranging from 23 - 30 oC (in alphabetic order of plant species)

Plants species	HBs	BBs	SBs	HF	OI
<i>Anemone tomentosa</i>				7.0%	
<i>Borago officinalis</i>	7.9%				
<i>Buddleja</i> spp.	4.4%	7.4%		15.4%	24.7%
<i>Cirsium</i> spp./ <i>Carduus</i>					3.5%
<i>Echium vulgare</i>		17.4%	5.0%		
<i>Geranium</i> spp.	8.8%		8.4%		
<i>Heracleum</i> spp.	4.7%		24.7%	27.0%	
<i>Hydrangea</i> spp.			4.2%	4.7%	8.7%
<i>Knautia arvensis</i>			5.4%		
<i>Lavendula angustifolia</i>	20.9%	17.7%	13.8%	5.4%	7.0%
<i>Malus x domestica</i>	6.0%	3.7%			
<i>Melilotus alba</i>		4.4%			3.5%
<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	11.3%	3.7%	5.0%	16.3%	3.5%
<i>Phacelia tanacetifolia</i>	5.9%	12.8%			3.1%
<i>Rosa</i> spp.					3.5%

<i>Rubus spp.</i>	3.0%				
<i>Solidago spp.</i>				3.2%	
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	3	.3%			4.2%
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	3.5%				
<i>Other plants</i>	27.0%	26.0%	33.5%	20.7%	38.3%

Plant preferences for hoverflies in temperature range 23-30°C

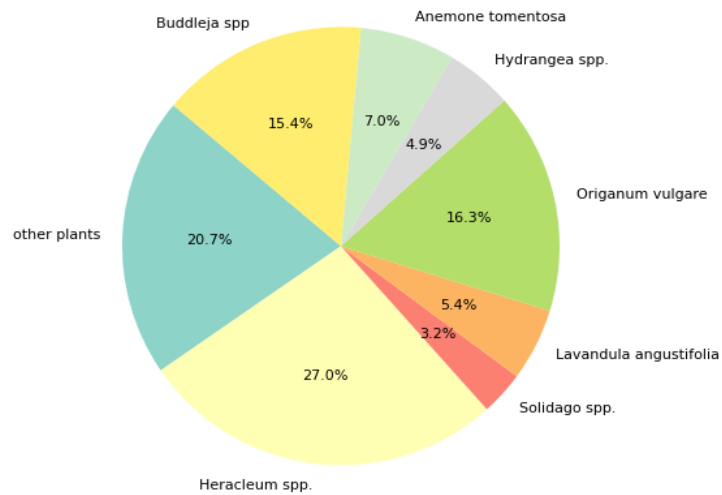


Figure 9. The preference of hoverfly, in the temperature range of 9 to 16 °C.

Pollinator plant preferences

The plant preferences of the HB showed 11 plant species with sufficient recordings to be named. About 50% were “other plants” showing the large part of insects on plant species recorded in low numbers. The BB showed a significant preference for *Tilia* spp and has 33,6% “other plants. The SB preferred also had a wide range and as HB about 50% of other plants. The HF was mostly recorded on *Heracleum* spp. and *Origanum vulgare* and about one-third of other plants. The majority of the recordings of OI were on other plants. In Figure 10 the data of the HB and the hoverfly are presented. In the Annex in Figure 23, the preferences of the HB, BB, SB, hoverfly and OI are presented.

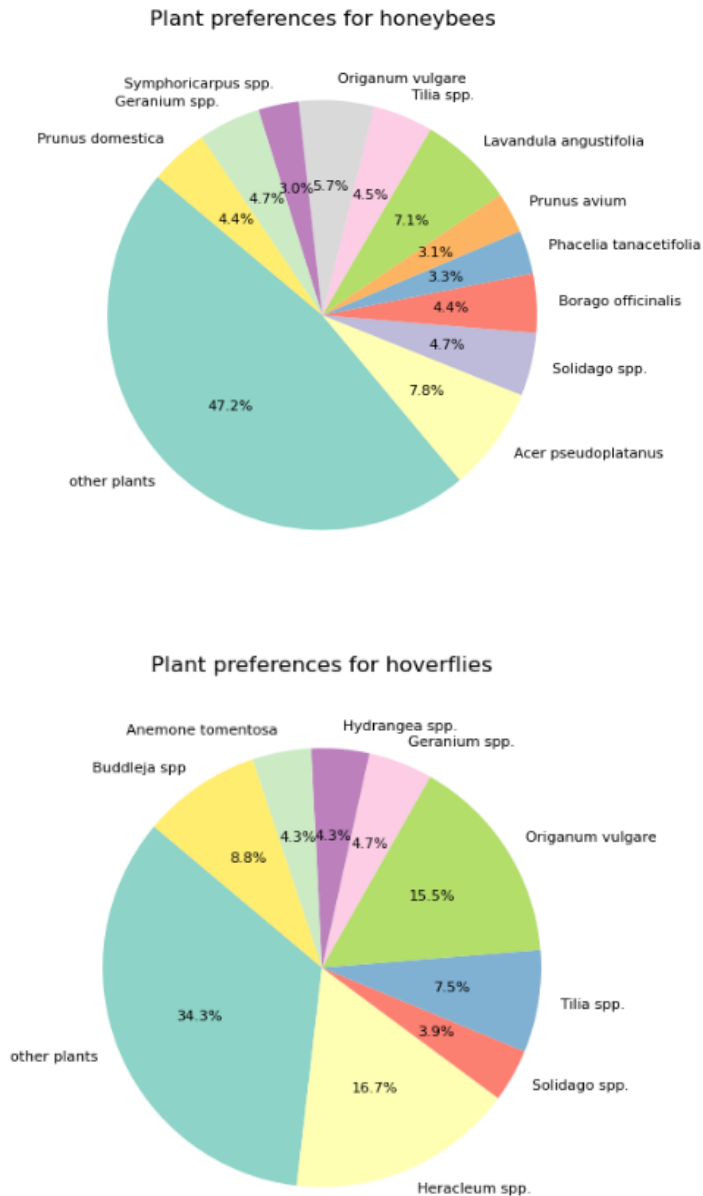


Figure 10. The overall plant preference of HBs and HF

Combinations of insects on flowers

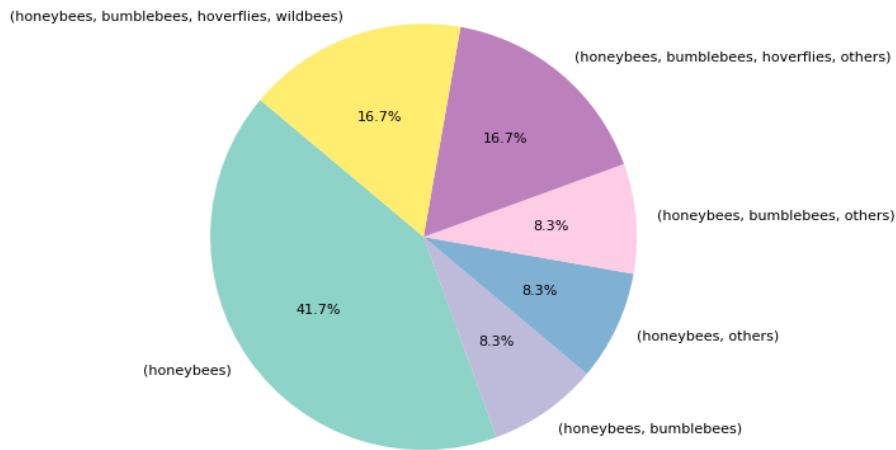
The combinations are observations of the entire observation period from January 2024 till 1 September 2024. The presented combinations are actual recordings.

The combinations on the plant species show on all plants, combinations of pollinating insects. Apart from recordings of HB and BB as single pollinating insects all possible combinations of HB+BB, HB+SB, HB+SB+HF+O, and other combinations. For the majority of the plants, the HB are the dominant pollinators both in single pollinators and in combinations. An exception is *Anemona tomentosa* with mostly HF, *Buddleja* spp with mostly OI, *Clematis vitalba* with OI plus SBs, and *Crepis* spp, *Heracleum* spp . *Hypochaeris radicata*, *Origanum vulgare*, *Plantago* spp. with mostly HF.

BB were the dominant pollinator of *Echium vulgare*, *Helianthus annuus*, *Knautia arvensis*, *Lamium alba*, *Lamium purpurea*, *Papaver* spp. *Pyrus communis*, *Ribes sanguineum*, *Rosa* spp. *Rubus ideaus*, *Trifolium hybridum*, *Trifolium pratense*, *Verbascum* spp.

In Figure 10 the data of *Acer campestre*, and *Echium vulgare*. In the Annex in Figure 24, The combinations of HBs, BBs, SBs, HF, and OI observed in the 74 plant species is presented

Frequency of pollinator combinations observed on *Acer campestre*



Frequency of pollinator combinations observed on *Echium vulgare*

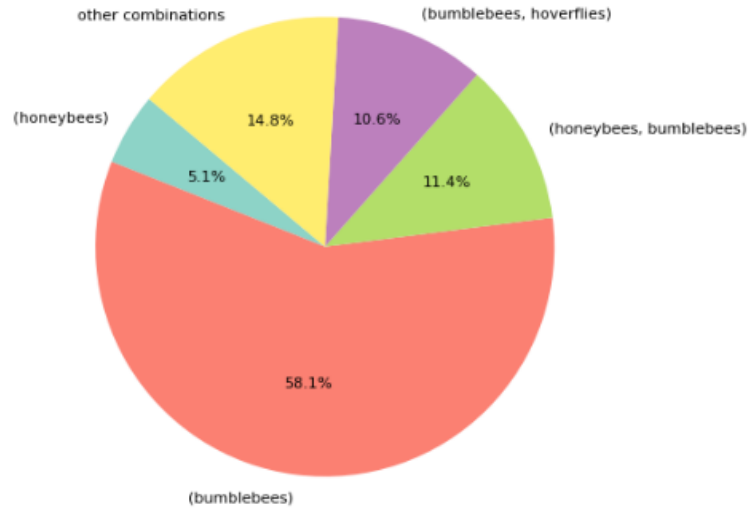


Figure 11. The combinations of HBs, BBs, SBs, HF, and OI observed in *Acer campestre* and *Echium vulgare*.

Pollinators, percentages per country per plant: Total, morning, afternoon over the complete observation period

In the Figures, the vertical bar represent the spreading of the number of insects of each recording which varies from 0 to 100%. The dot is the mean of all recordings. Consequently all data presented are indications.

Firstly it is noticed that in all cases the plants are visited by HB, BB, HF, SB, and OI. In the Netherlands – Belgium the BB is the dominant pollinator whereas in Denmark and Latvia, it is the HB. It is striking that the HF plays a major role in plant visits in the Netherlands – Belgium. In Denmark and Latvia their role is minor. Only in Latvia, we see that the SB is the dominant pollinator of *Knautia arvensis*. The OI were dominant in *Filipendula ulmaria*, *Vicia faba*, *Buddleja* spp., and *Crepis* spp.

The data of the relative visits before- and afternoon show that, in some cases, the afternoon is less visited but the data show a wide variation. This goes for the Netherlands – Belgium, Denmark and Latvia.

In the Netherlands – Belgium we see the BB with 13 most preferred plant species, followed by the HB and HF with both 10 plant species visited dominantly by these pollinators. For the HF, *Heracleum* spp, *Solidago* spp *Origanum vulgare*, *Taraxacum* spp. *Rosa* spp. *Hydrangea* spp. *Anemone tomentosa* , *Buddleja* spp., *Crepis* spp., *Hypochaeris radicata* are dominated by HF. The BB was predominant in *Ribes sanguineum*, *Lamium alba*, *Rubus ideaus*, *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, *Salix* spp., *Trifolium pratense* , *Echium vulgare*, *Geranium* spp. *Cirsiums* spp./ *Carduus* spp. *Papaver* spp, *Malus x domestica*, *Knautia arvensis*, *Lamium purpureum*.

In Denmark 24 of the 33 plants, the HB was the dominant pollinator, the BB in 8 out of 33 and the HF only in 1. The HB were most present on *Rubus fruticosus*, *Epilobium* spp., *Chamerion angustifolium*, *Solidago* spp. *Eupatorium cannabinum*, *Borago officinalis*, *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, *Trifolium repens*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Aesculus hippocastanum*, *Malva* spp. *Ligustrum vulgare*, *Origanum vulgare*, *Prunus cerasifera*, *Taraxacum officinale*, *Sorbus aucuparia*, *Prunus spinosa*, *Symphonicarpus* spp., *Geranium* spp. *Cirsium* spp./ *Carduus* spp., *Malus x domestica*, *Centaurea scabiosa*, *Hydrangea*, spp. *Buddleja* spp.. The BB in *Lamium alba*, *Rubus ideaus*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Lavandula angustifolia*, *Echium vulgare*, *Knautia arvensis*, *Cichorium intybus*, *Rosa* spp. and HF in *Verbascum* spp..

The Latvia data show 47 plants of which 37 were mostly visited by HB, the OI was the major pollinating insect on 4 plans, BB on 2, HF on 3, and SB on 1. The HB was seen most on *Acer pseudoplatanus*, *Fagopyrum esculentum*, *Epilobium* spp. , *Lamium alba*, *Tussilago farfara*, *Chamearion angustifolium*, *Solidago* spp., *Rubus ideaus*, *Eupatorium cannabinum*, *Borago officinalis*, *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, *Trifolium repens*, *Crataegus monogyna*, *Fragaria* spp., *Lythrum salicaria*, *Prunus avium*, *Lavandula angustifolia*, *Ligustrum vulgare*, *Tilia* spp., *Origanum vulgare*, *Taraxacum officinale*, *Acer campestre*, *Salix* spp., *Pyrus communis*, *Brassica napus*, *Helianthus annuus*, *Melilotus alba*, *Geranium* spp., *Cirsium* spp./ *Carduus* spp., *Malus x domestica*, *Anemone nemorosa*, *Mahonia aquifolia*, *Muscaria armeniacum*, *Rosa* spp. *Scilla* spp. *Anemone tomentosa*, *Rubus* spp. BB on *Ribes sanguineum*, *Trifolium pratense*, SB on *Knautia arvensis*, HF on *Hydrangea* spp. *Clematis vitalba*, *Dasiphora fruticosea* and OI on *Filipendula ulmaria*, *Vicia faba*, *Buddleja* spp., *Crepis* spp.,

Figure 12, The mean and spread of the overall-, morning- and afternoon preferences of HB, BB, SB, HF, and OI in Belgium and the Netherlands of the *Heracleum* spp and *Ribes sanguineum* are presented.

In the Annex in the Figures 26 and 28, present the data of Netherlands + Belgium, Denmark, and Latvia respectively.

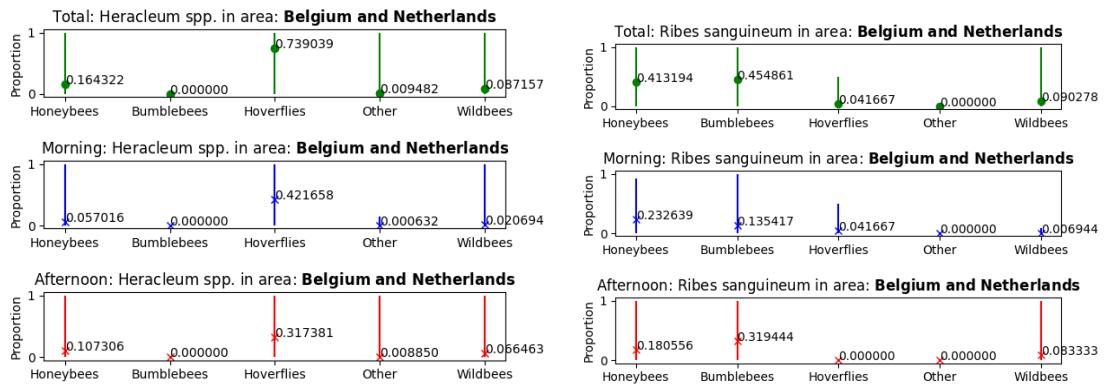


Figure 12. The mean and spread of the overall-, morning- and afternoon preferences on *Heracleum* spp and *Ribes sanguineum* in Belgium + the Netherlands

Pollinator ratios in time: Europe

In Figure 13 the Figure of the HBs in the Netherlands and Belgium is presented. The size of the dots show the number of insects recorded. The other Figures on BBs SBs, HF and OI are in the Annex.

The results show the blooming stages which varies from some weeks to much longer. Checking the Figures in line, it is noticeable that the number of flowers observed is larger in Latvia compared to Denmark en the Netherlands / Belgium.

The Figures 31 to 34 in the Annex also show the differences in number of visiting pollinators over Europe and also in the presented countries.

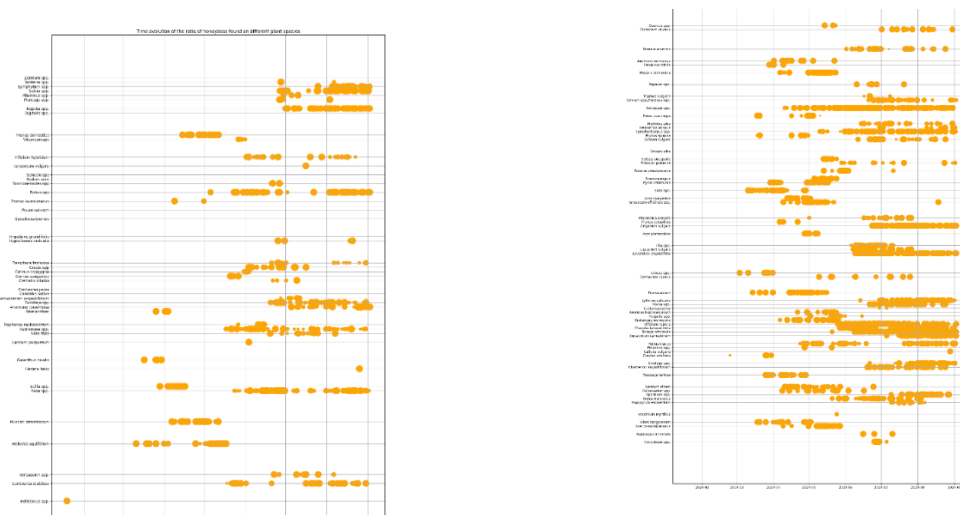


Figure 13, Observations of HBs in the Netherlands / Belgium

Evaluation

Examples of how to combine the data in the tables and figures of specific plants to evaluate the presence and combinations of pollinating insects depending on the season, the temperature, the relative preference by HB, BB, SB, HF, and OI, and visits before and afternoon. The evaluation data of *Origanum vulgare*, *Geranium* spp, *Trifolium repens*, and *Taraxacum* spp are shown in tables 8 to 11. The evaluation

of *Origanum vulgare* shows that with 631 recordings the most observation data. The observations were done in the Netherlands (NL), Denmark (DK), Norway (NO), and Latvia (LV). In summer, HB, BB, SB, HF, and OI were recorded. In the temperature range of 9 to 16 °C, only HF was recorded, in the range from 16 – 23m HH, BB.SB and HF were found, and in the range of 23 – 30 °C. HB, BB, SB, HF, and O were recorded. The relative preference shows that HF was the most recorded pollinator on *Origanum vulgare*. The combinations recorded were HB+HF 10.5%, BB+HF 11.0%, and other combinations 18.6%. HB, BB, and HF as single pollinators were recorded in 18.8%, 9.3%, and 31.8% respectively of the recording. Of the single insect visits, the HB was 26.9%, BB 15.9%, SB 3.3%, HF 53.0%, and O 0.7% present. The HB and HF were detected mostly before noon. The other pollinators showed about the same frequency before- and afternoon.

All plants can be evaluated in this way

Table 8. Evaluation data of *Origanum vulgare*

	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>
N observations (country) (table)	631 (NL, DK, NO, LV)
Pollinators winter (table 1)	nd
Pollinators spring (table 2)	nd
Pollinators summer (table 3)	HB, BB, SB, HF, OI
Preference by Temp 2 – 9 (table 4)	nd
Preference by Temp 9 – 16 (table 5)	HF
Preference by Temp 16 – 23 (table 6)	HB, BB, SB, HF
Preference by Temp 23 – 30 (table 7)	HB, BB, SB, HF, O
Pollinator – plant preference (Annex Figure 36)	HB 5.7%, BB 3.7%, SB 3.6, HF15.5%,
Combination pollinators (Annex Figure 37)	HB 18.8%, BB 9.3%, HF 31.8%, HB+HF 10.5%, BB+HF 11.0%, other combinations 18.6%
visits before noon (Annex Figures 26 - 28)	HB 16.8%, BB 8.1%, HF 34.9%, SB 2.8% others 0.7%

Table 9. Evaluation data of *Geranium spp*

	<i>Geranium spp.</i>
N observations (country) (table)	527 (BE, NL, DK, LV)
Pollinators spring (table)	HB, BB, SB, HF, O
Pollinators summer (table)	HB,, SB
Pollinators winter (table)	
Preference by Temp 2 – 9 (table)	SB
Preference by Temp 9 – 16 (table)	BB, HF
Preference by Temp 16 – 23 (table)	HB, BB, SB, HF, O
Preference by Temp 23 – 30 (table)	HB, SB
Preference HB, BB, SB, HF, O (table)	HB 4.7%, BB 3.9%, SB 9.9%, HF 4.7%, O 3.6%

Frequency Combination pollinators (table)	HB 20.7%BB 19.9%, HF 14.4%, HB+BB 5.5%, BB+HF 6.6%, HB+HF+SB 5.2%, other combinations 27.7%
visits before noon (table)	HB 14.9%, BB 16.2%, SB8.1%, HF 17.9%, O 1.3%
Visits Afternoon (table)	HB 11.9%, BB 14.3%, SB 5.0%, HF 9.0%, O 1.3%

Table 10. Evaluation data of Trifolium repens

	<i>Trifolium repens</i>
N observations (country) (table)	223 (DK, LV)
Pollinators spring (table)	BB, O
Pollinators summer (table)	
Pollinators winter (table)	
Preference by Temp 2 – 9 (table)	
Preference by Temp 9 – 16 (table)	BB
Preference by Temp 16 – 23 (table)	HB
Preference by Temp 23 – 30 (table)	BB
Preference HB, BB, SB, HF, O (table)	HB nd, BB nd, SB nd, HF nd, O nd
Frequency Combination pollinators (table)	HB 31.3%, BB 11.0% HB+BB 22.1%, HB+O 9.2%, HB+SB 7.4% HB+BB+O 6.7%, other combinations 12.3%
visits before noon (table)	
Visits Afternoon (table)	

Table 11. Evaluation data of Taraxacum spp

	<i>Taraxacum spp.</i>
N observations (country) (table)	130 (BE, NL, DK, NO, LV, AT, IT)
Pollinators spring (table)	SB, HF, O
Pollinators summer (table)	
Pollinators winter (table)	HF
Preference by Temp 2 – 9 (table)	BB, SB, HF, O
Preference by Temp 9 – 16 (table)	SB, O
Preference by Temp 16 – 23 (table)	
Preference by Temp 23 – 30 (table)	
Preference HB, BB, SB, HF, O (table)	HB
Frequency Combination pollinators (table)	HB nd, BB nd, Sb nd, HF nd, O 3.5%

Mean percentage overall	HB 0%, BB 12.5%, SB 37.5%, HF 37.5%, O 12.5%
Mean percentage visits before noon (table)	HB 0%, BB 6.2%, SB 25.0%, HF 37.5%, O 6.2%
Mean percentage Visits Afternoon (table)	HB 0%, BB 6.2%, SB 12.5%, HF 0%, O 6.2%

Discussion

Let's take a few examples to explain the importance of nesting sites. An environment with a lot of flowers but little or no nesting opportunity for SBs that nest on the ground (e.g. plowing) will result in sightings without those SBs that might become there found. The same goes for honeybees, BBs, HF, and other pollinating insects such as butterflies. The distance between where pollinating insects live and where they forage is important. This is how the foraging distance of SBs and HF is expressed in meters, with a maximum of hundreds of meters. The range of BBs and HBs is expressed in kilometers, with an average of 1 to 1.5 kilometers. BBs, most species of which also nest on the ground, can fly much further than SBs when they are looking for their favourite flower sources. Another important aspect is the foraging strategy of pollinating insects. This is how the honey bee population concentrates massive flowering, during which it remains on the same flower species during a foraging flight and uses the 'bee dance' to provide correct locations. Other pollinating insects, such as BBs and SBs, do not have these dancing communication strategies. BBs collect their food from all plants, with a preference for pollen with a high amino acid content. Generalists among the SBs collect food from all bee plants, while specialists limit themselves to specific plants, ranging from family specialists to species specialists. Everything must be available within the very limited flight radius of SBs, which numbers only a few hundred meters.

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Annex

In the annex, the ranging of number of observation is presented in the figures 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. The observation locations are depicted in Maps 1 and the pollinator ratios in time of Europe, Belgium – Netherlands, Denmark, and Latvia are in the Figures 20, 21, 22, 23.

Number of observations per plant species

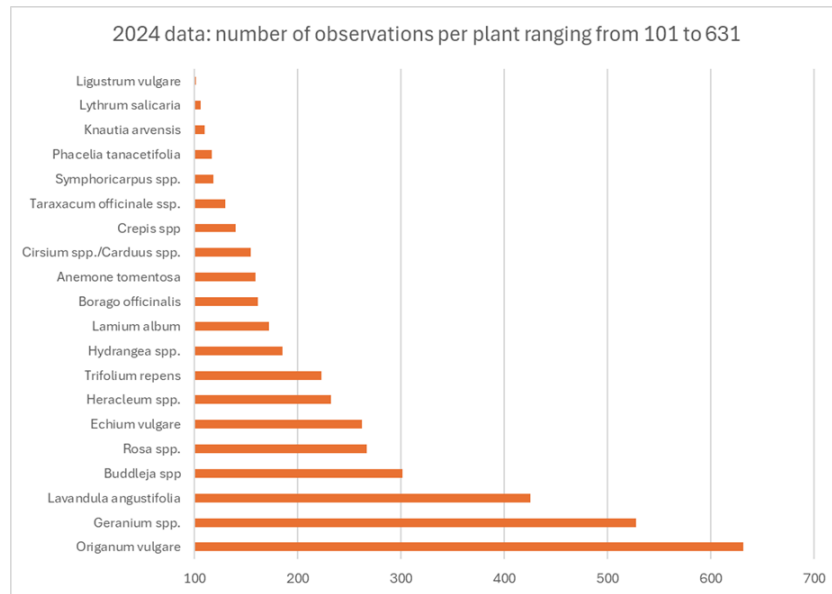


Figure 14. Plants species ranged according to the number of observations from 101 till 631

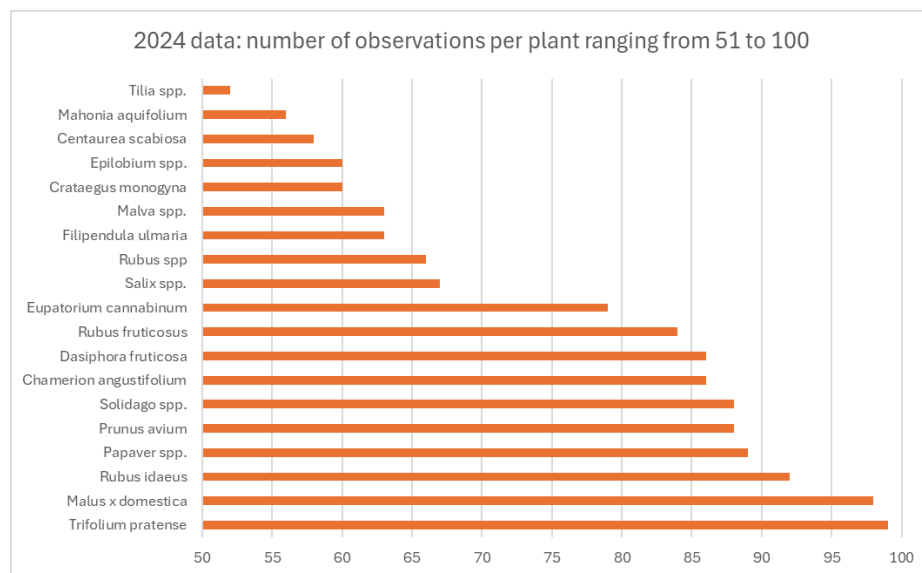


Figure 15. Plant species ranged according to the number of observations from 50 to 100

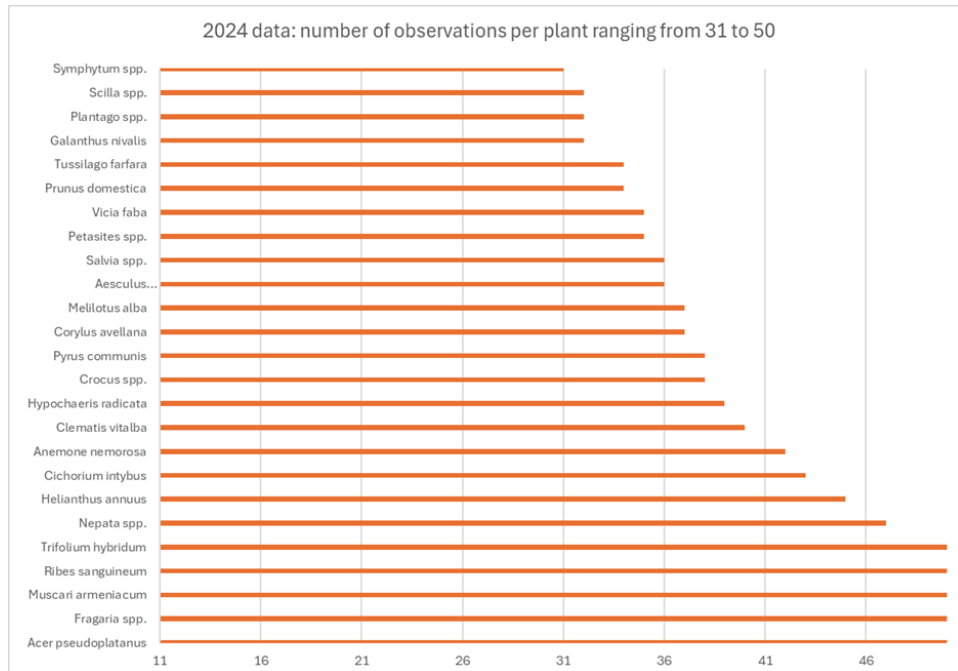


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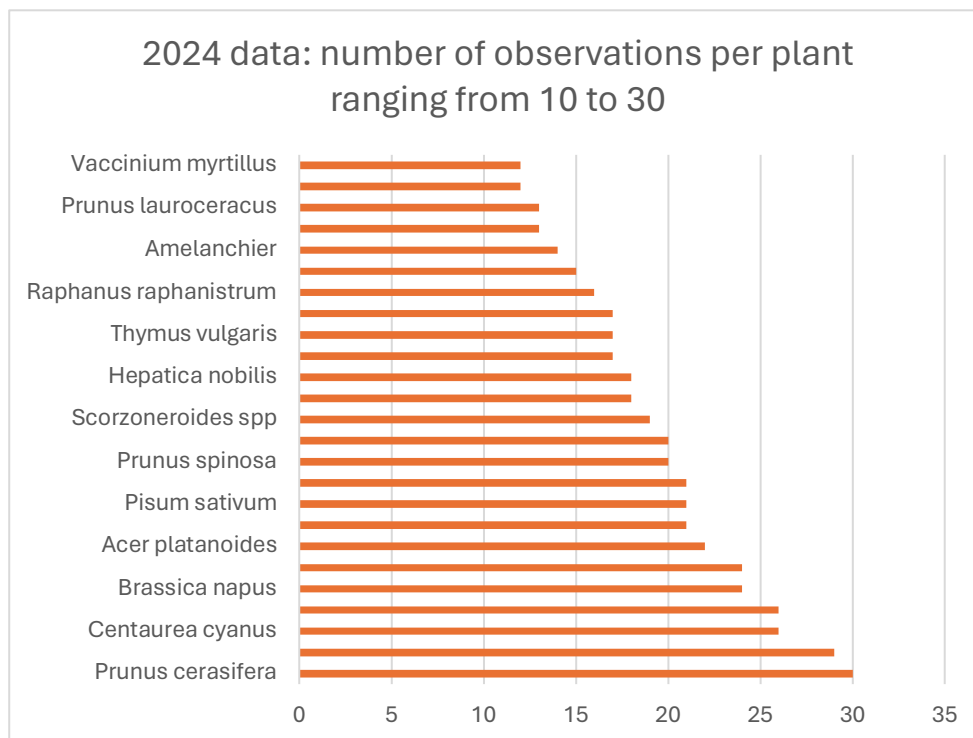


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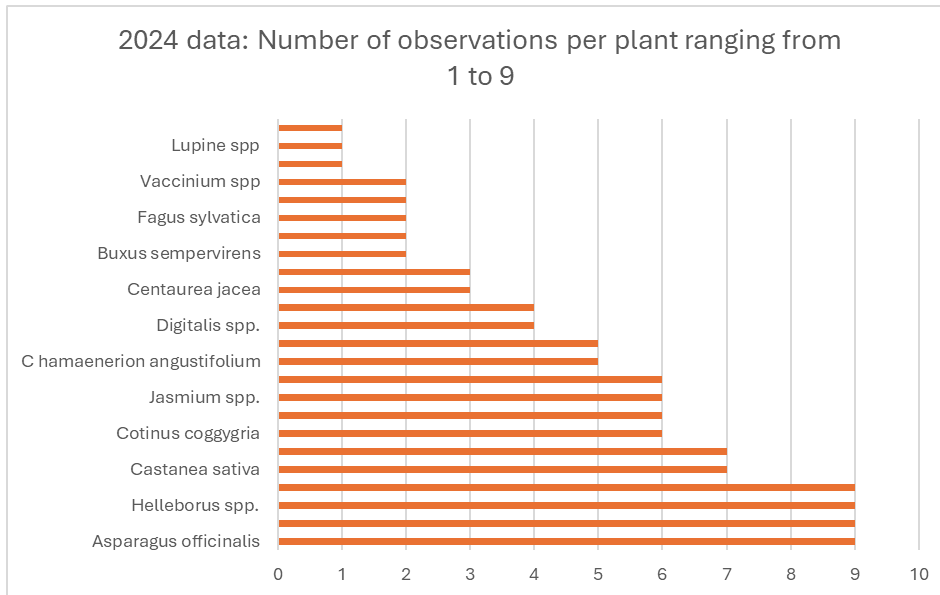


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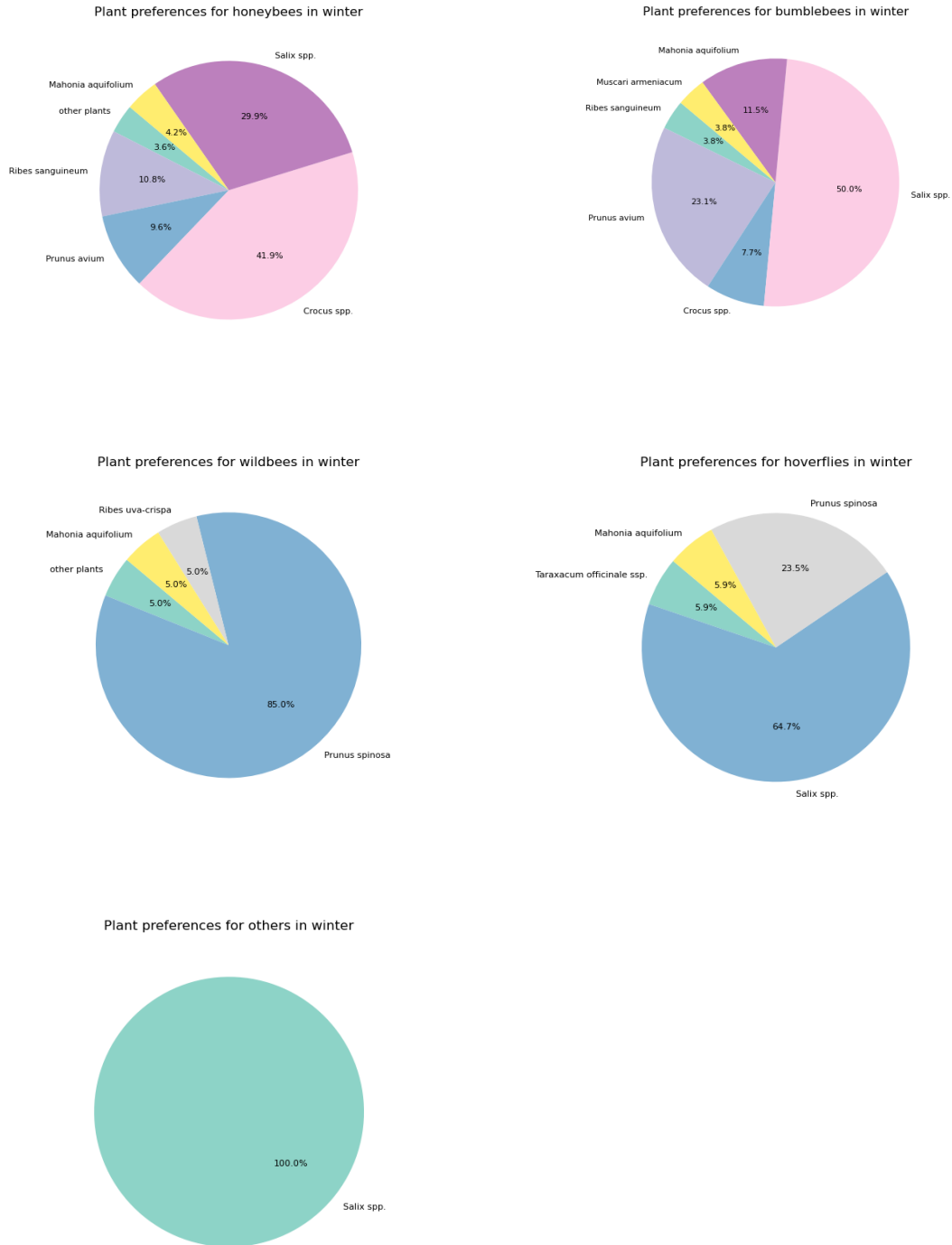


Figure 19, The percentage of HBs, BBs, SBs, HF and OI in winter 2024

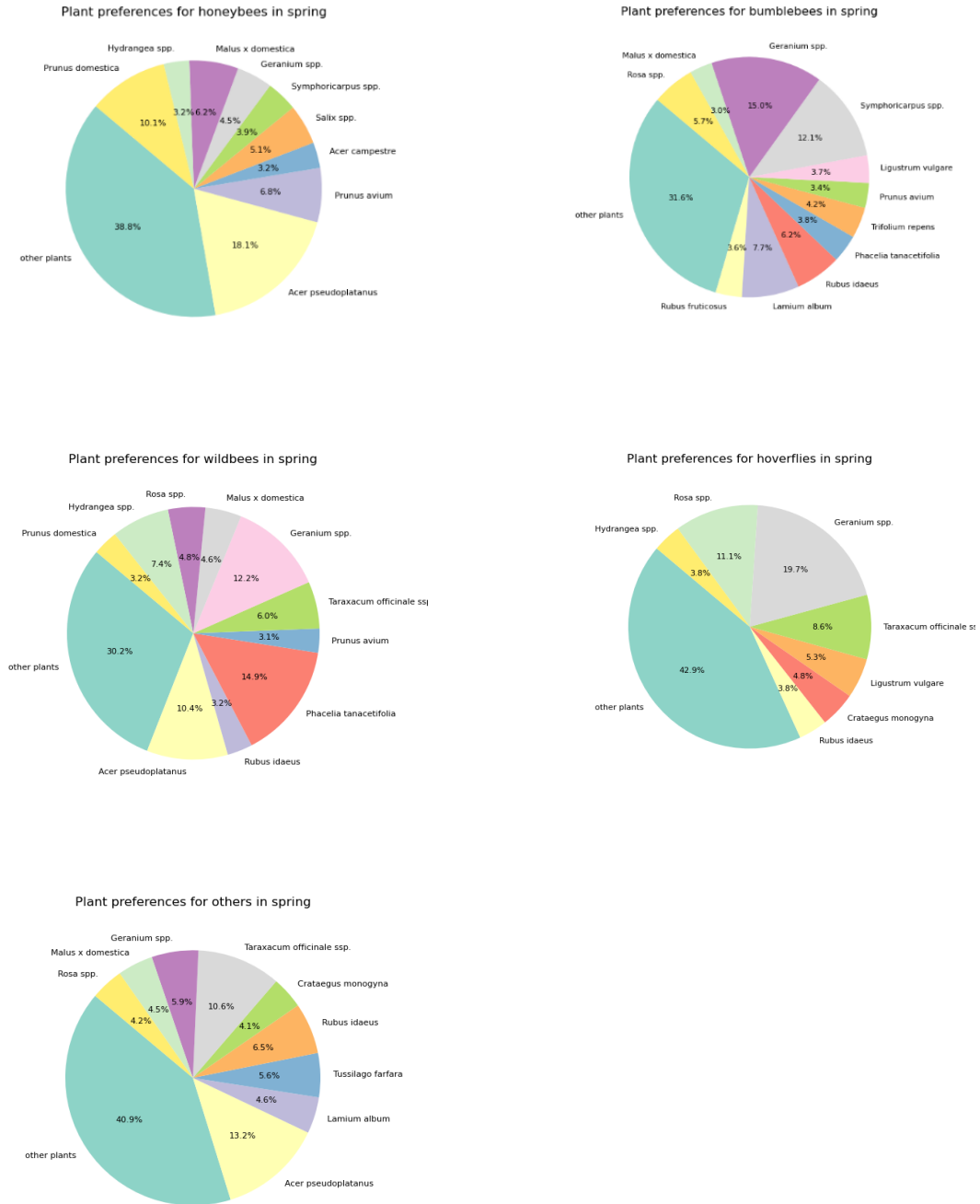
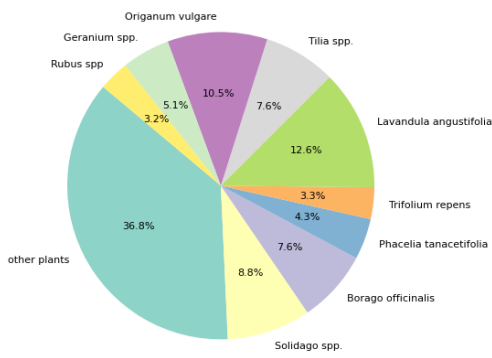
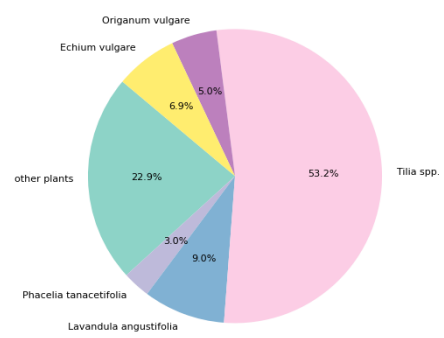


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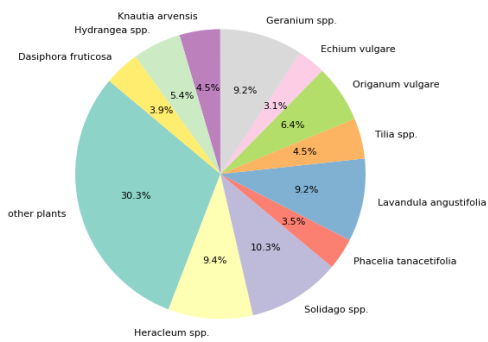
Plant preferences for honeybees in summer



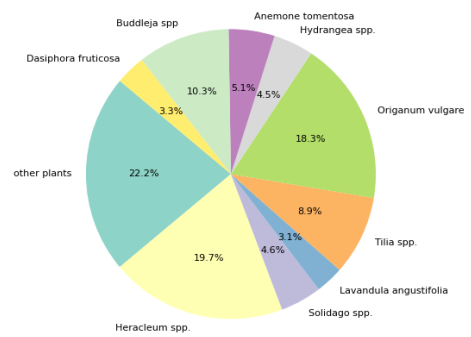
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Plant preferences for wildbees in summer



Plant preferences for hoverflies in summer



Plant preferences for others in summer

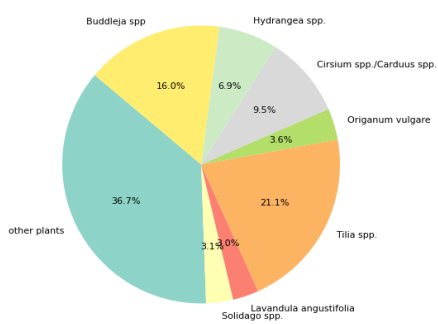
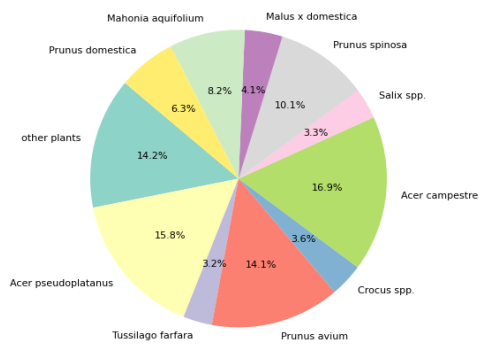
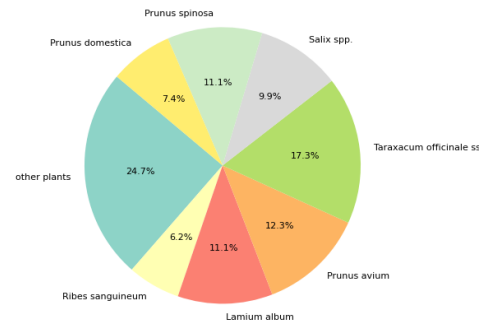


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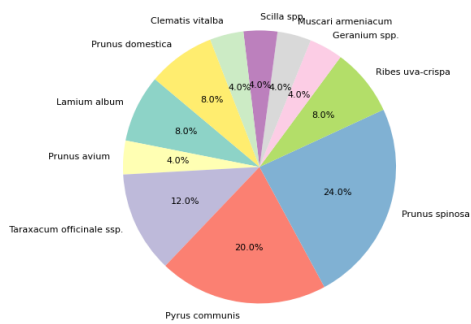
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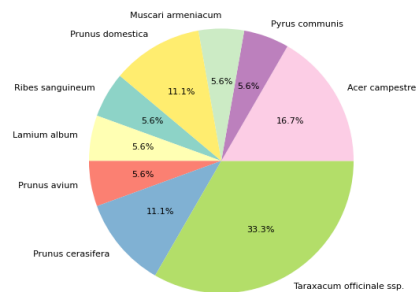
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Plant preferences for hoverflies in temperature range 2-9°C



Plant preferences for others in temperature range 2-9°C

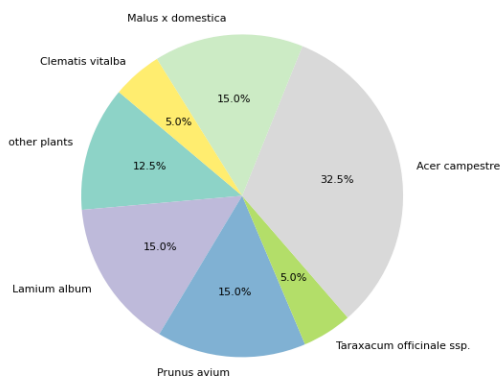
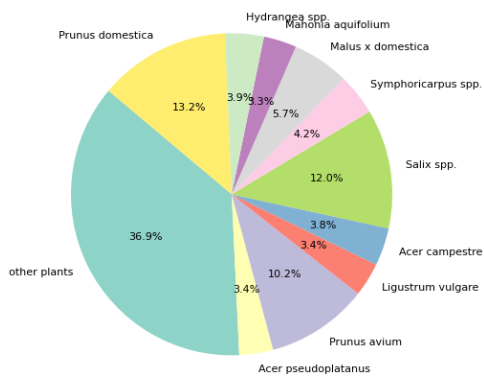
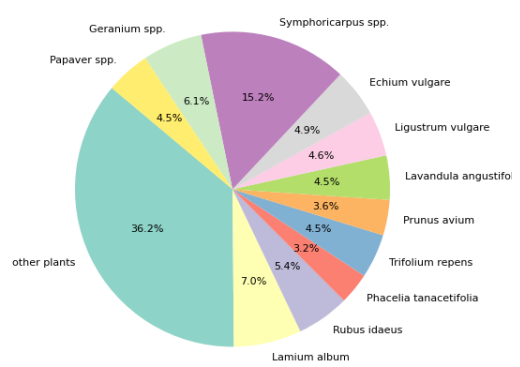


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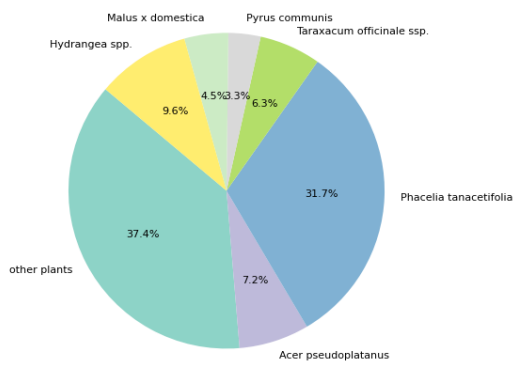
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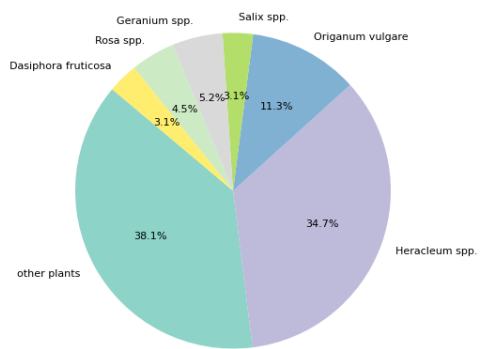
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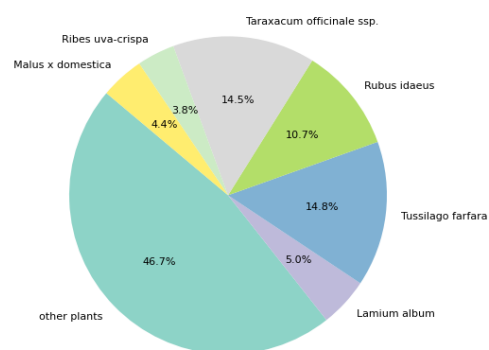
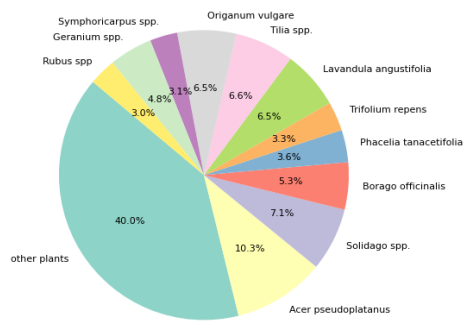
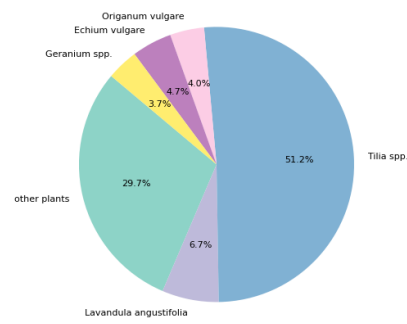


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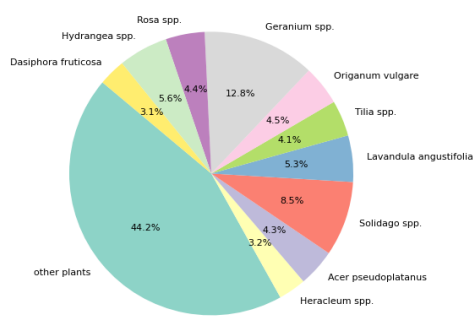
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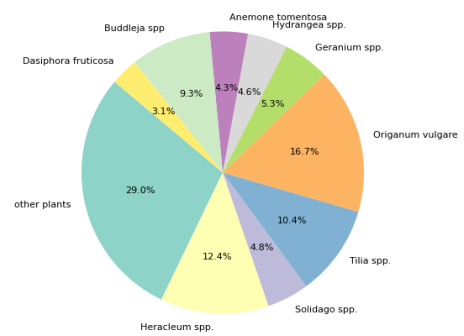
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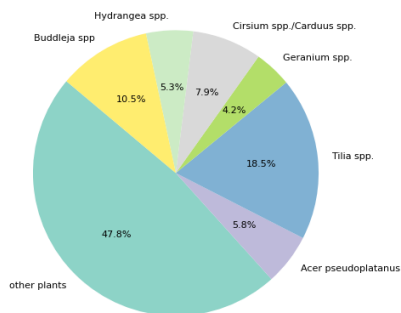
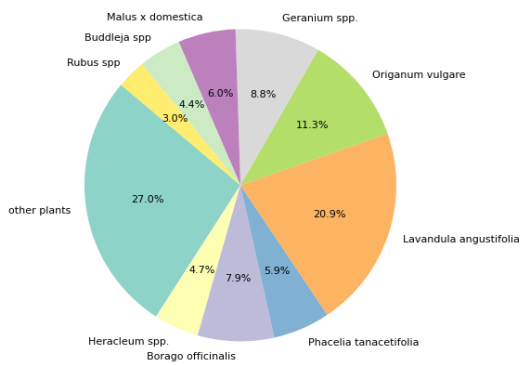
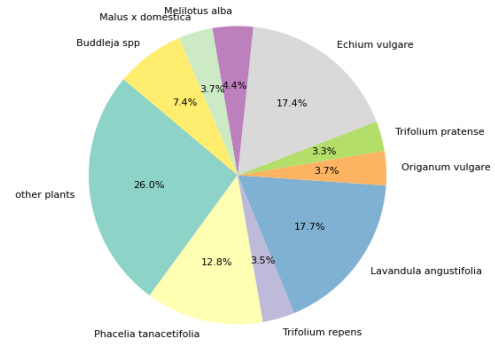


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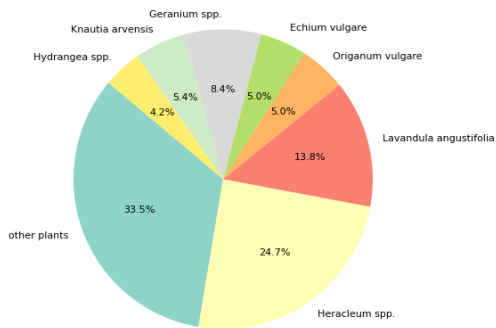
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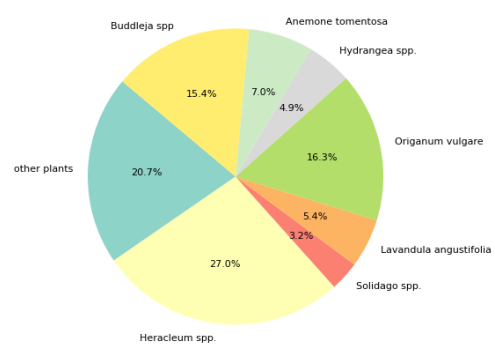
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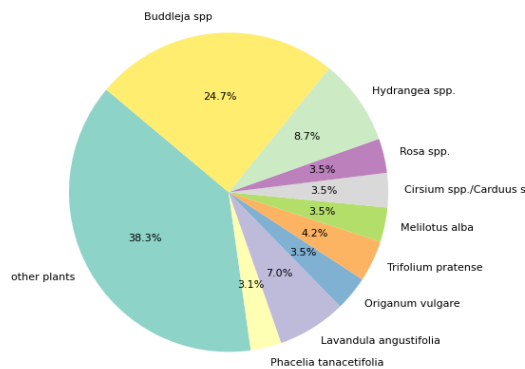


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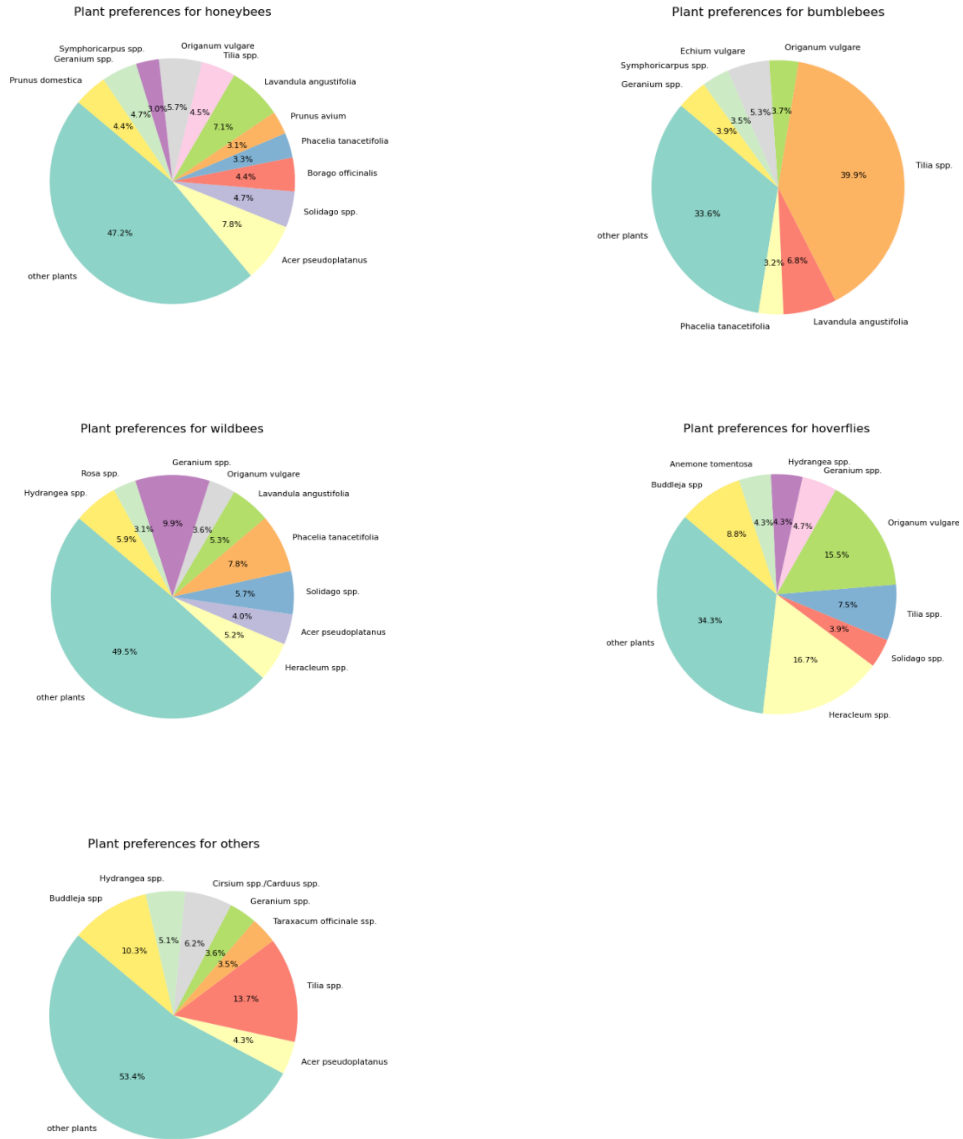
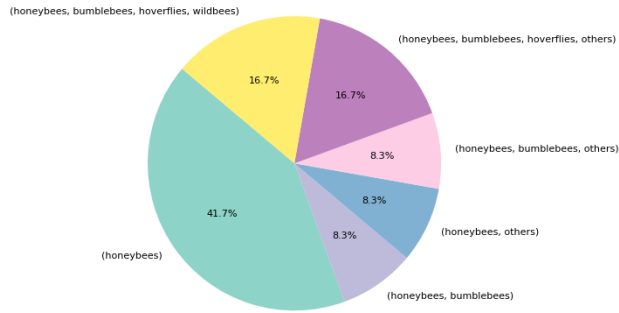
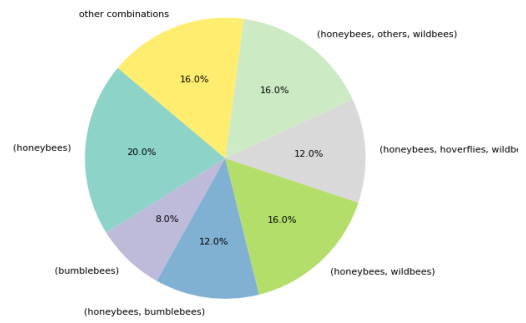


Figure 26. The overall plant preference of HBs, BBs, SBs, HF, and OI

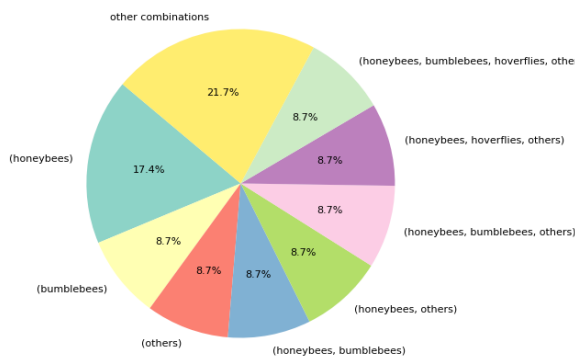
Frequency of pollinator combinations observed on *Acer campestre*



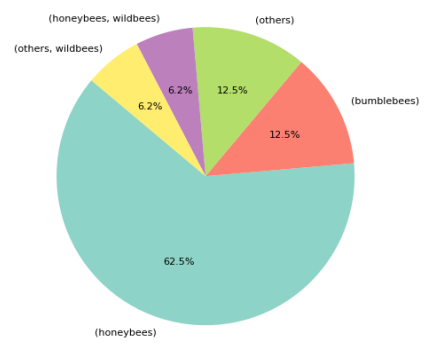
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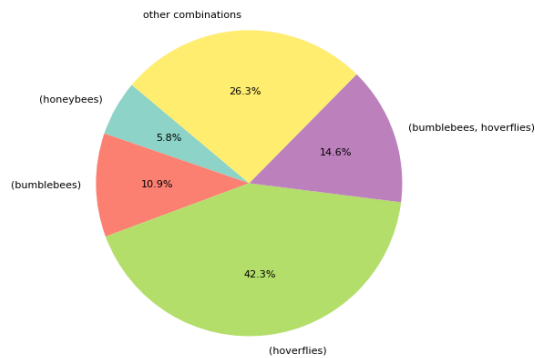
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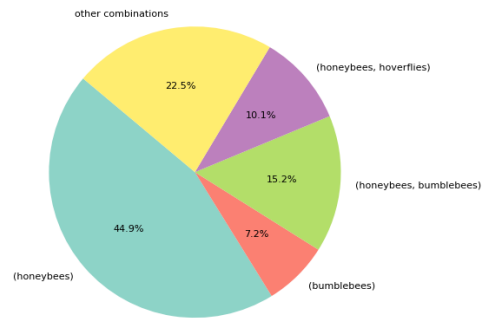
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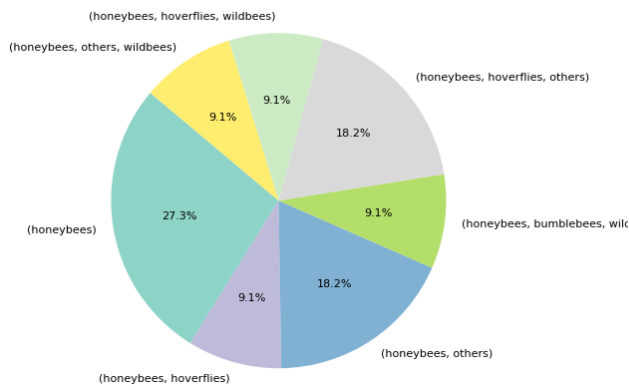
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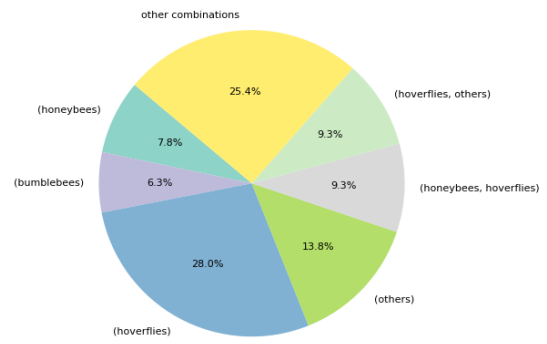
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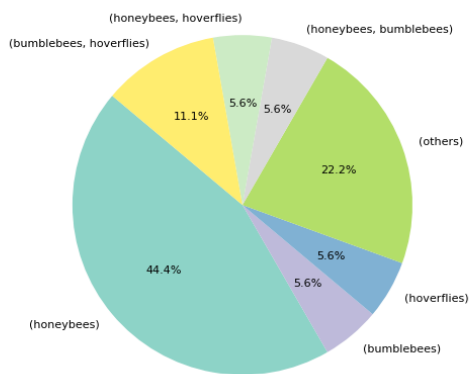
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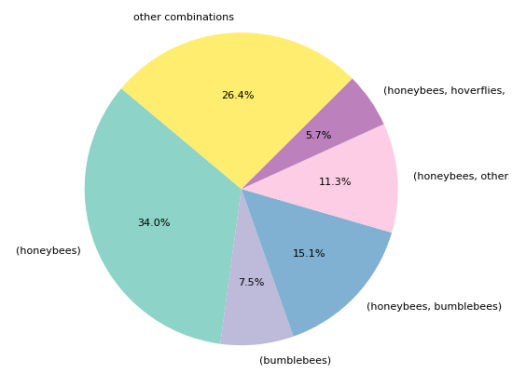
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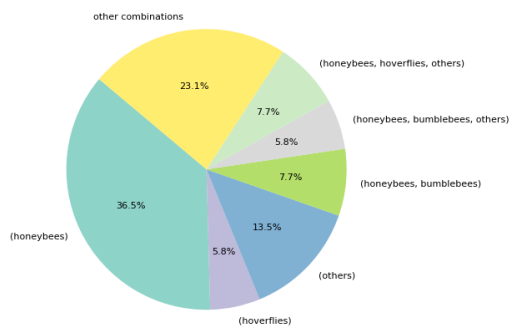
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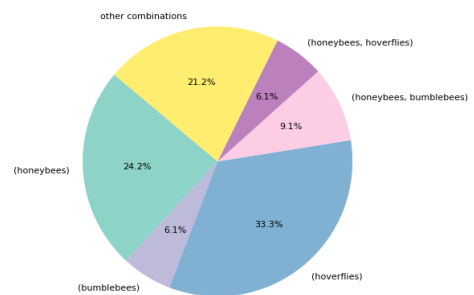
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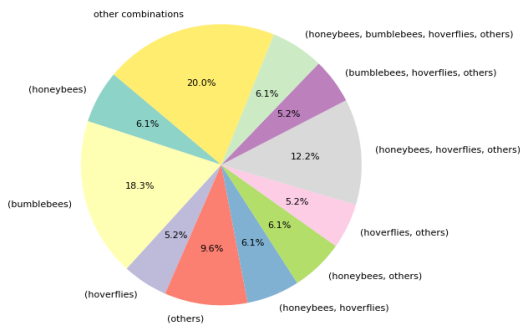
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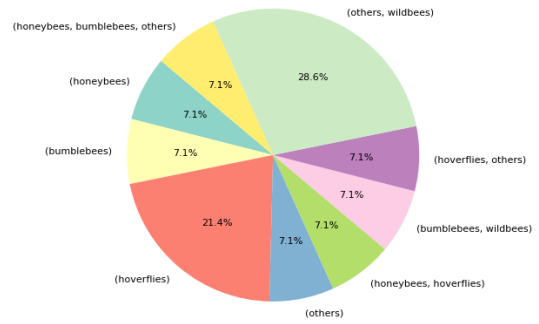
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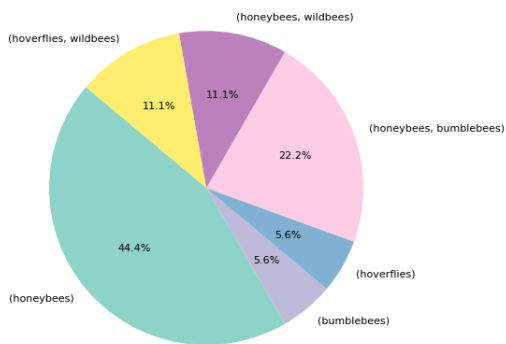
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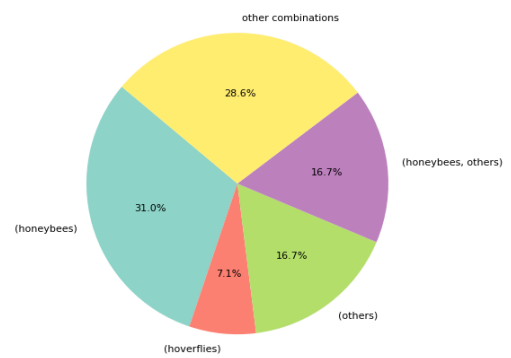
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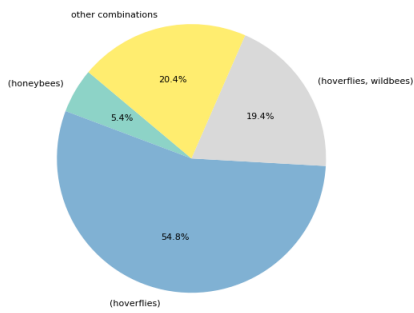
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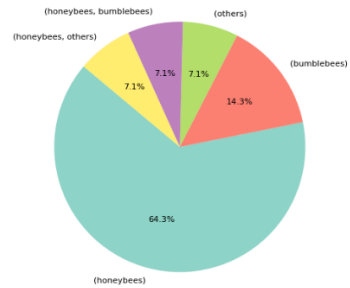
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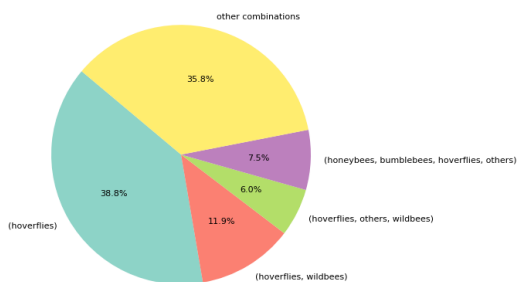
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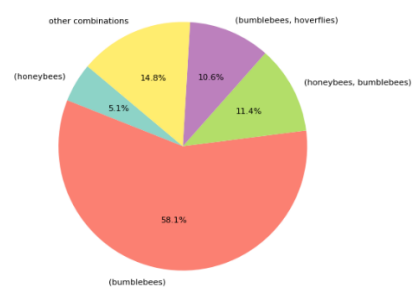
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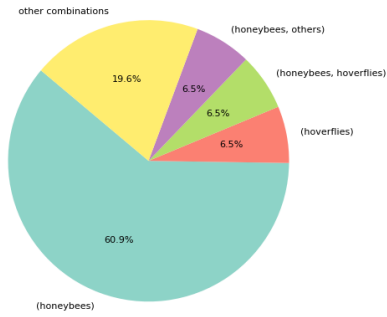
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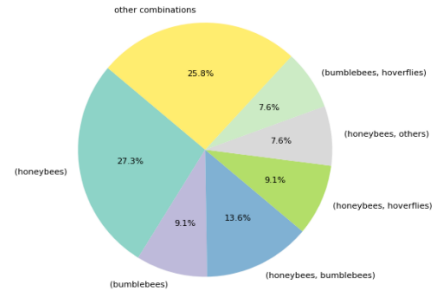
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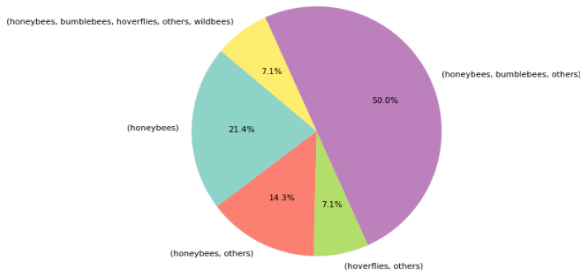
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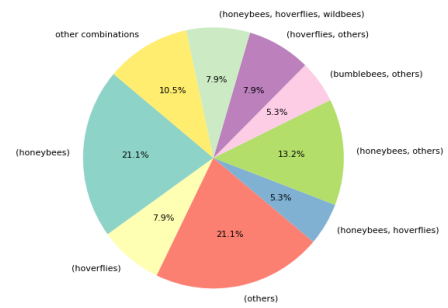
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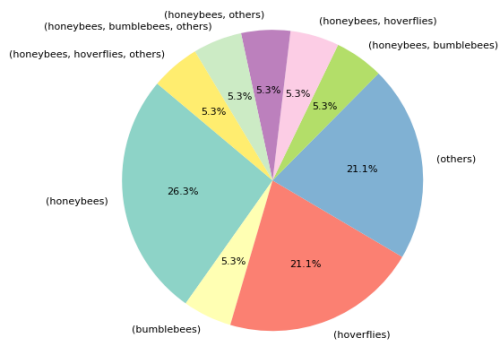
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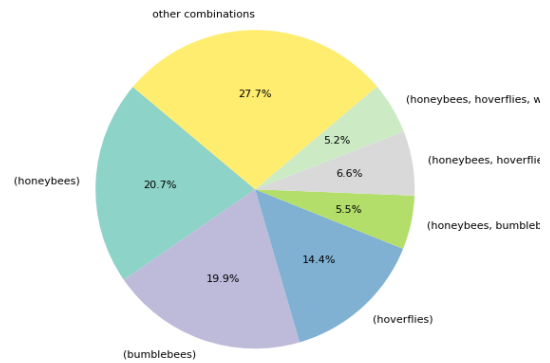
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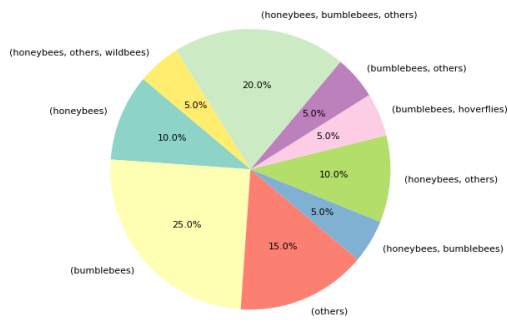
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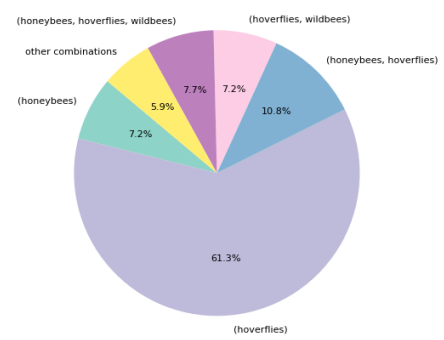
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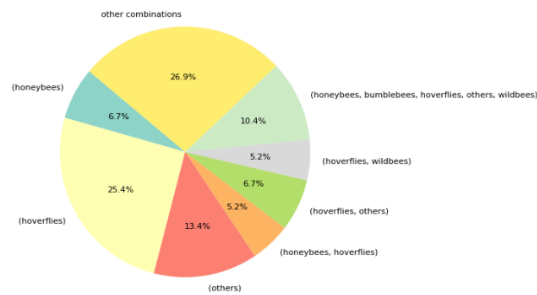
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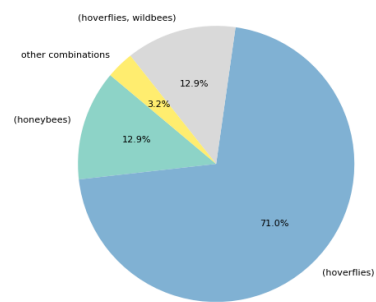
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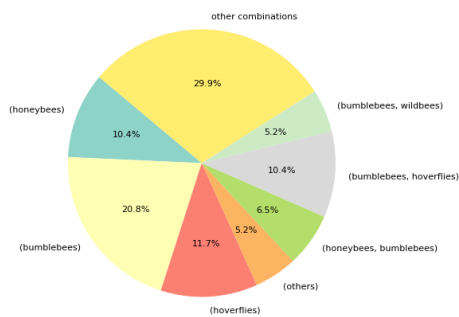
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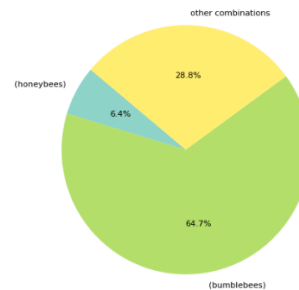
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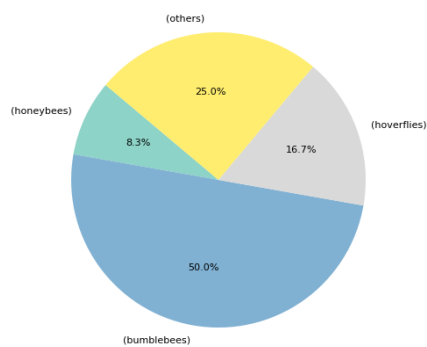
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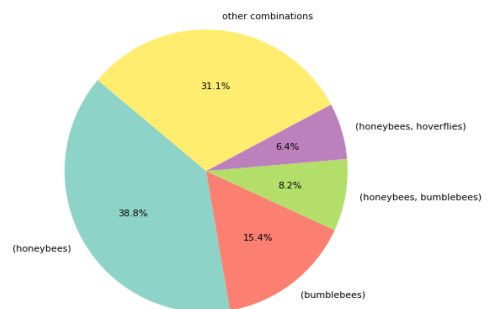
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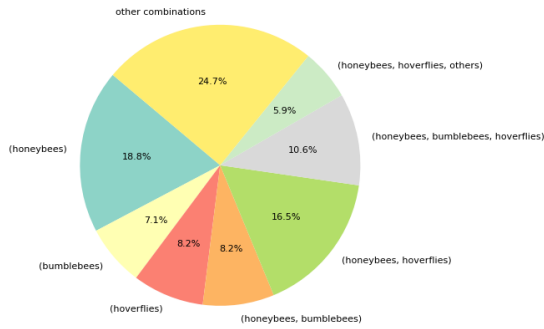
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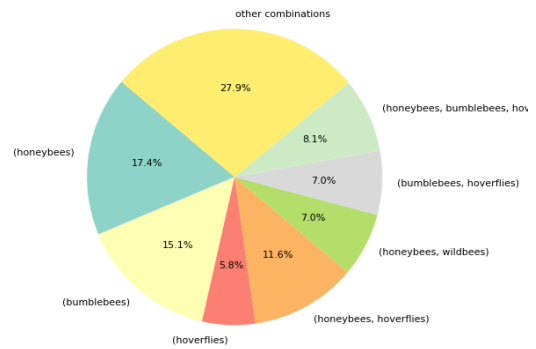
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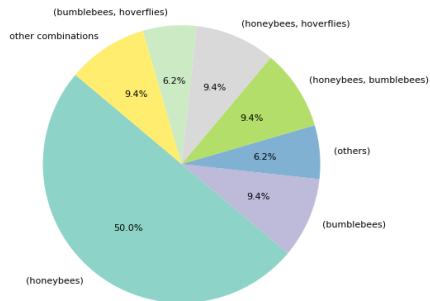
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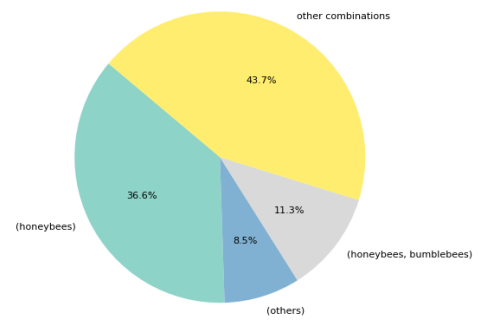
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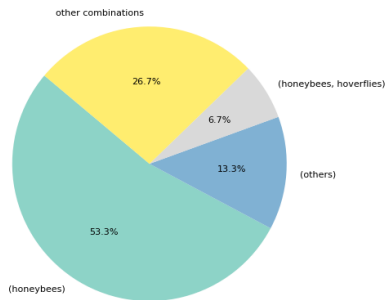
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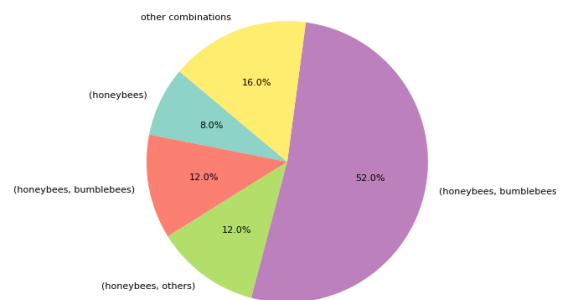
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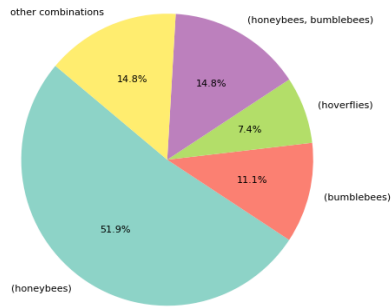
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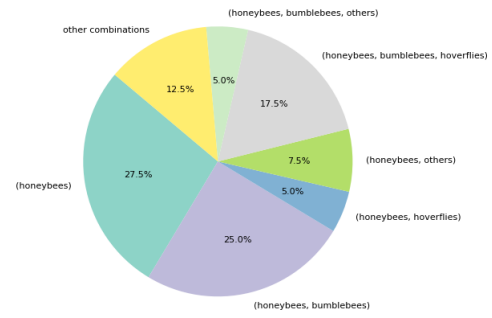
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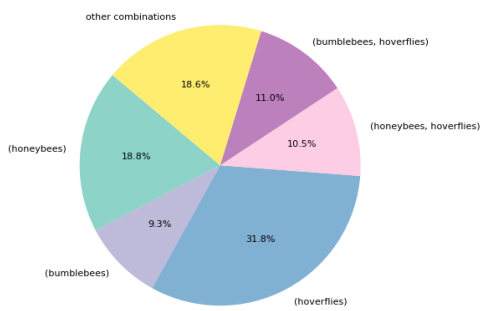
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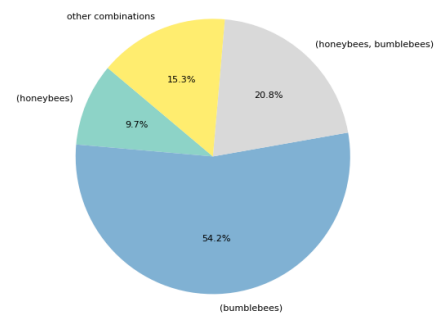
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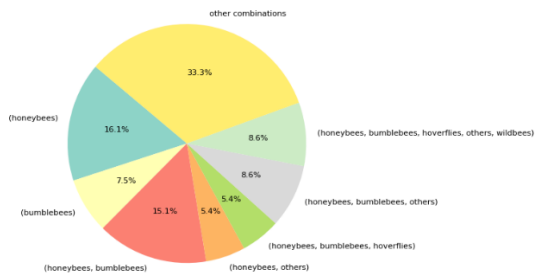
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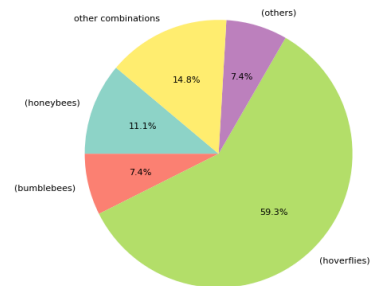
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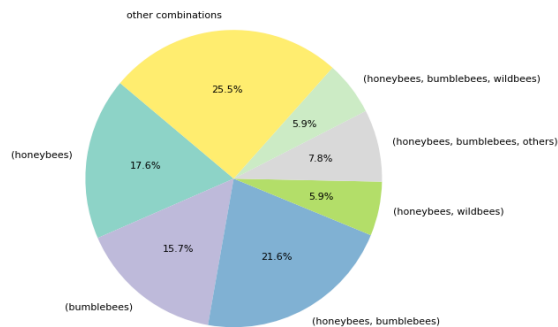
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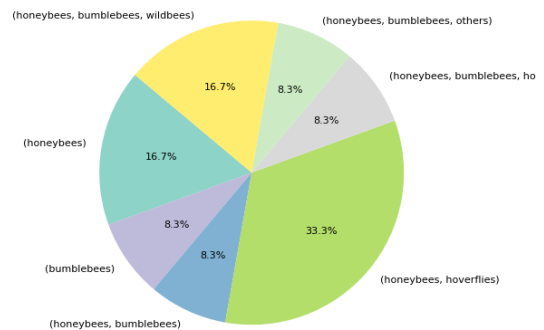
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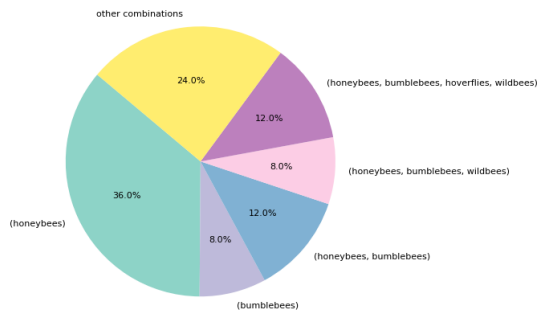
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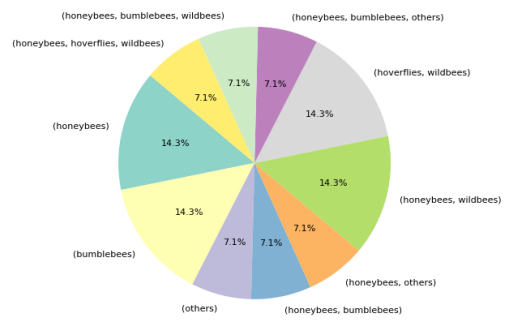
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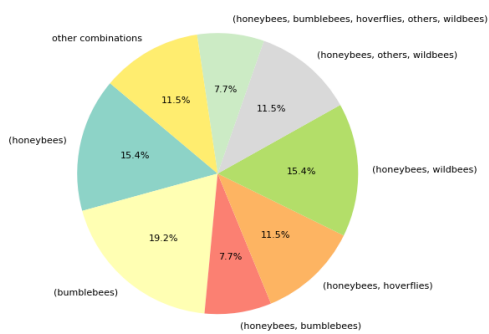
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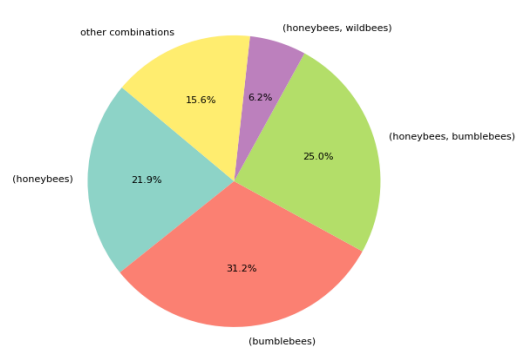
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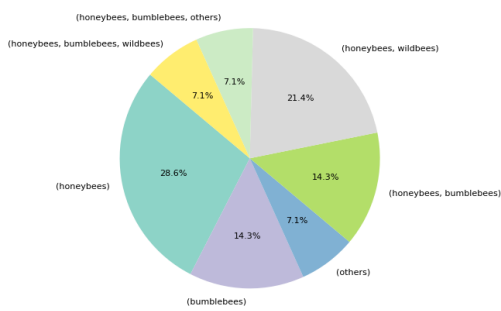
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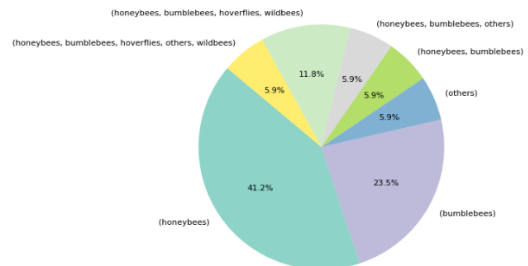
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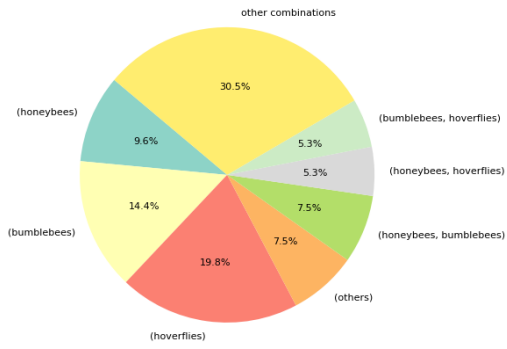
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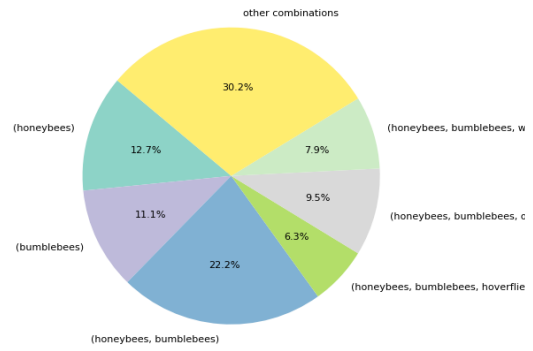
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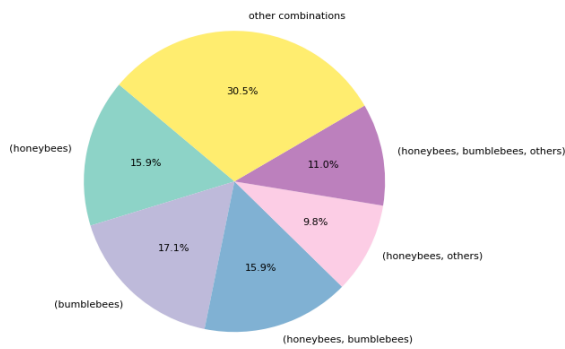
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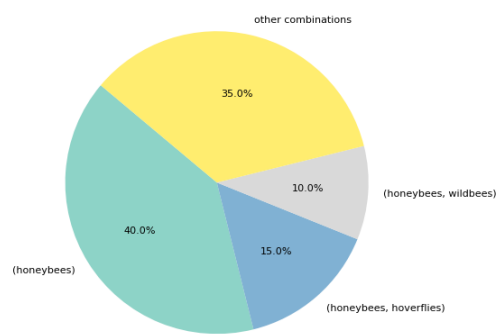
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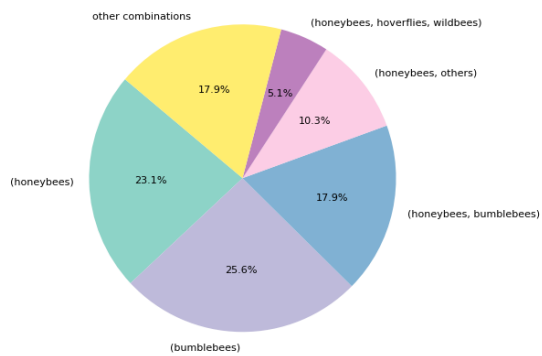
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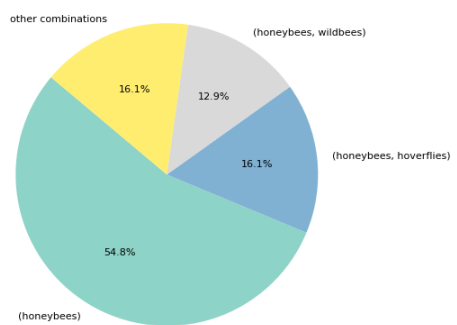
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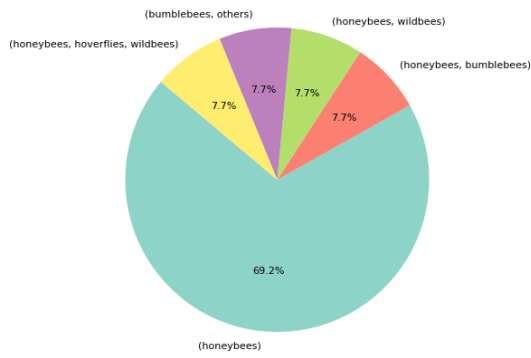
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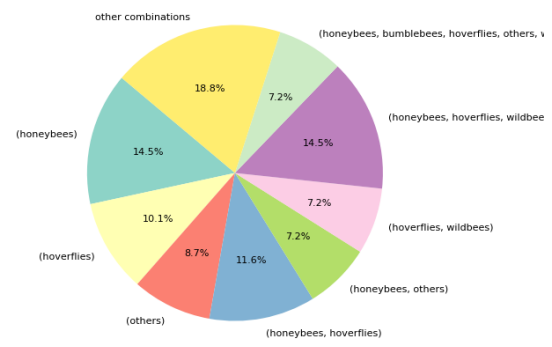
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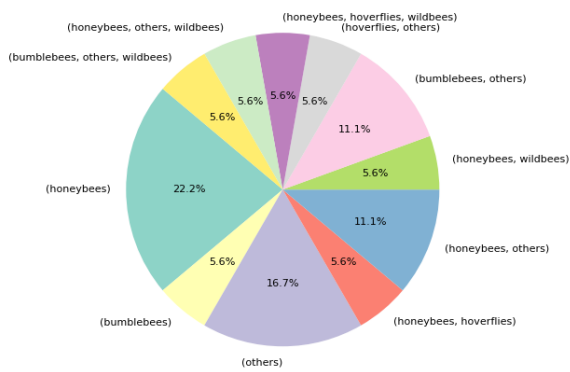
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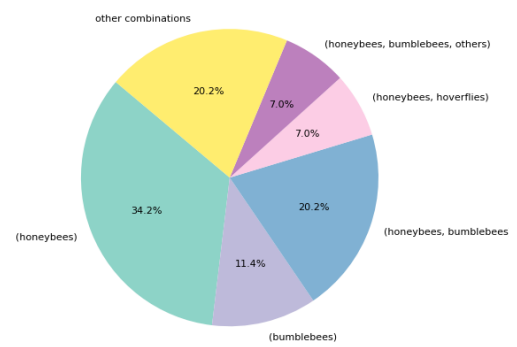
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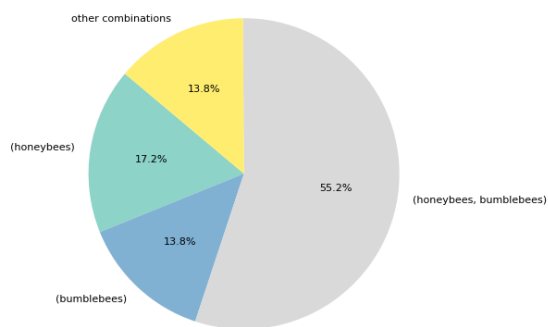
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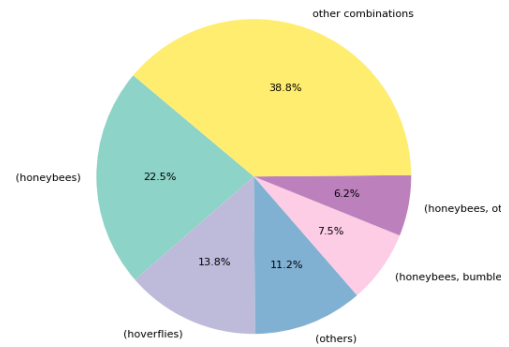
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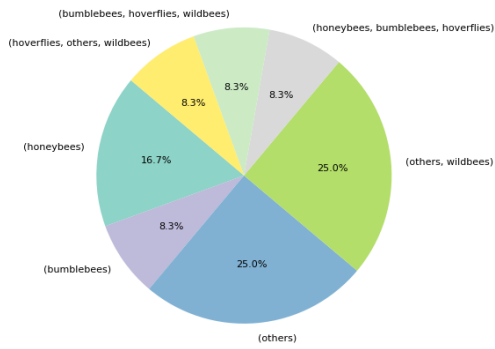
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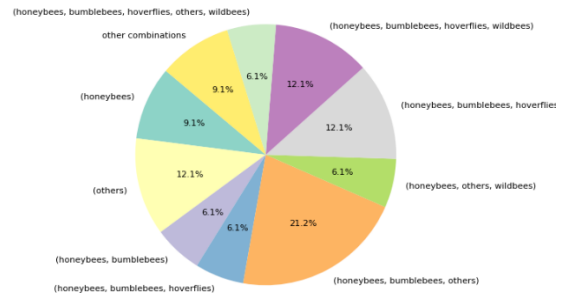
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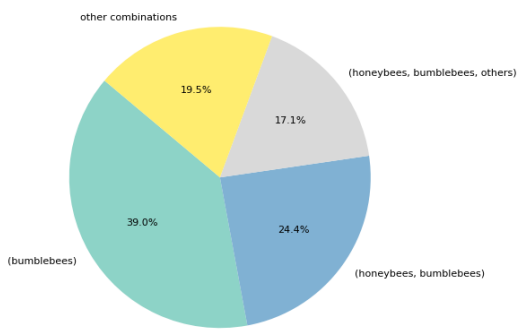
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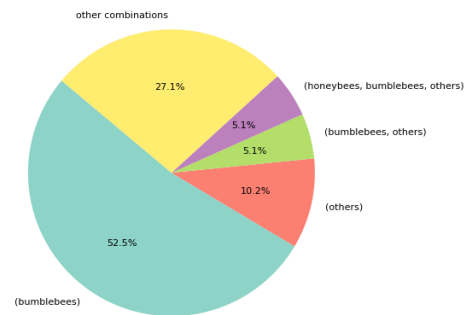
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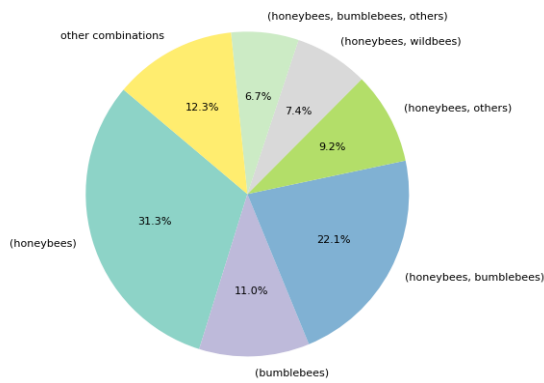
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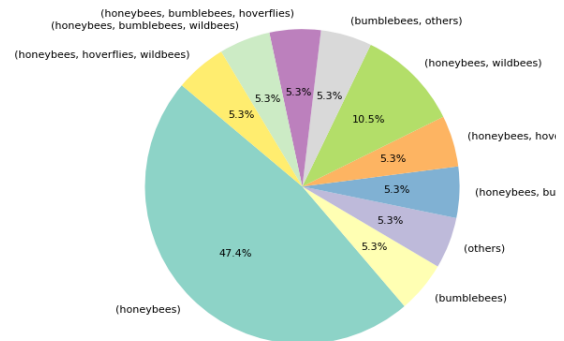
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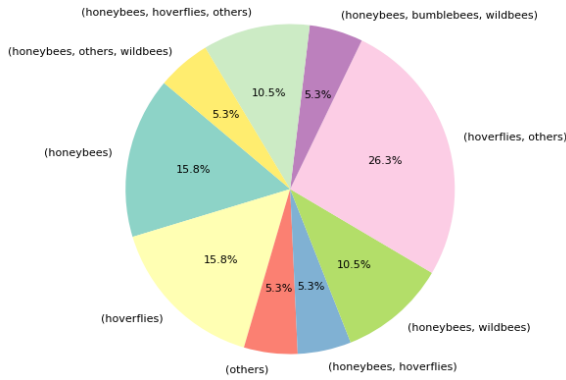
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Frequency of pollinator combinations observed on *Verbascum* spp



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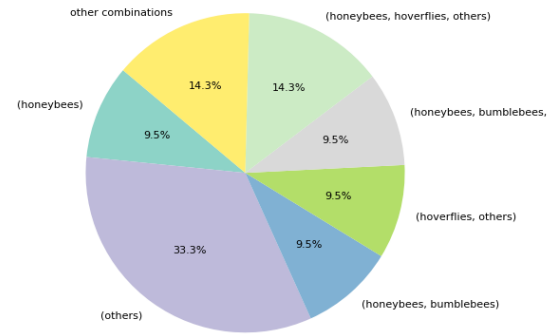
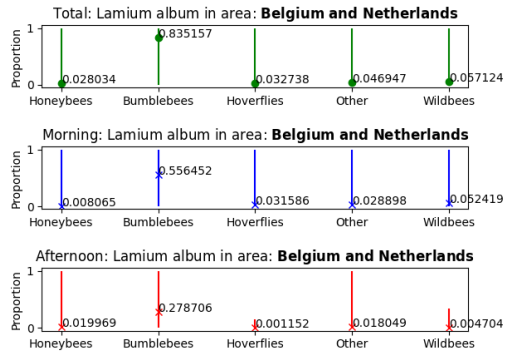
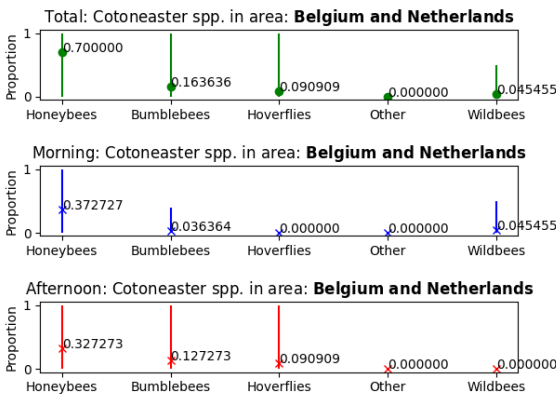
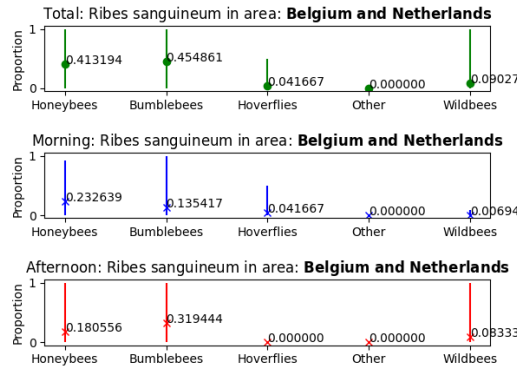
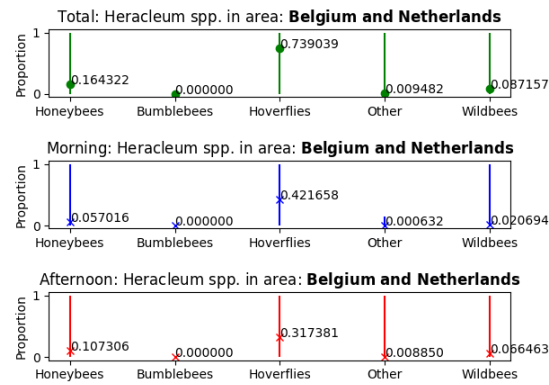
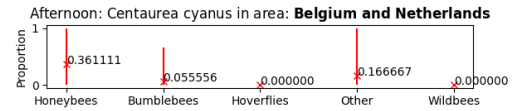
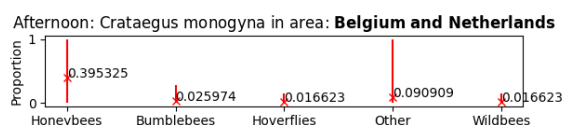
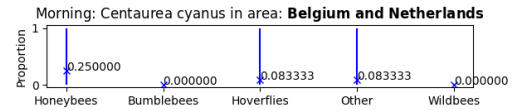
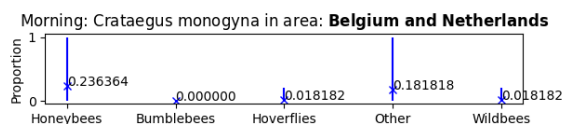
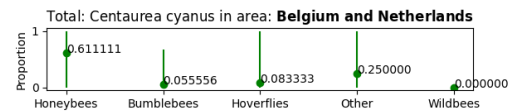
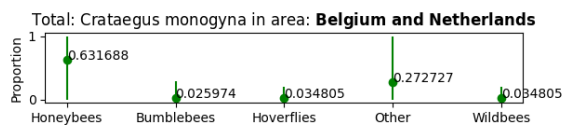
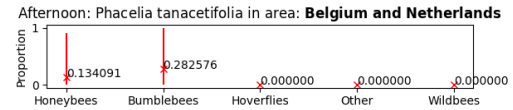
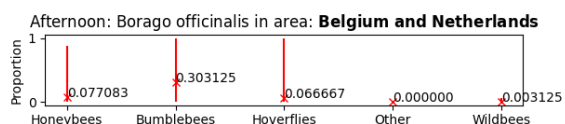
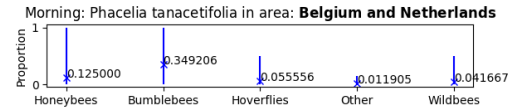
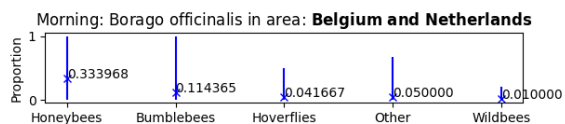
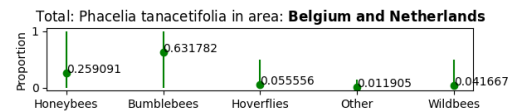
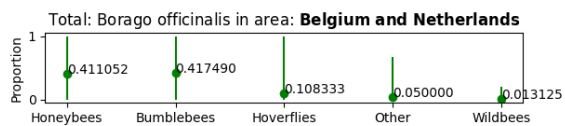
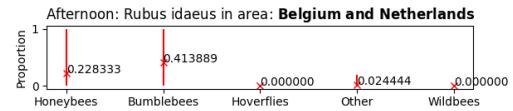
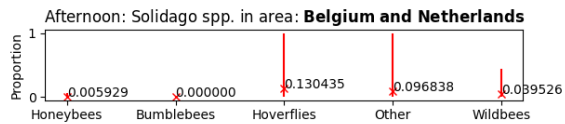
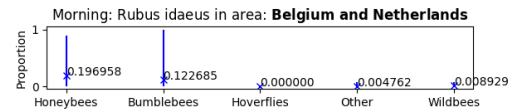
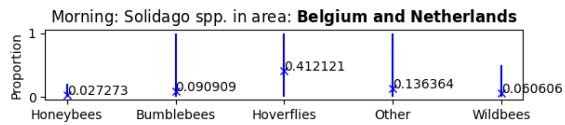
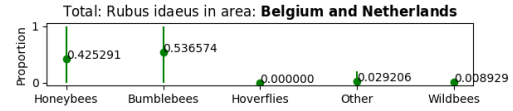
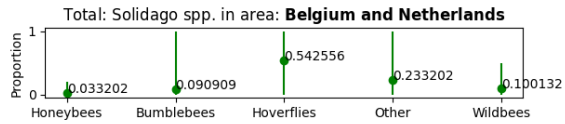
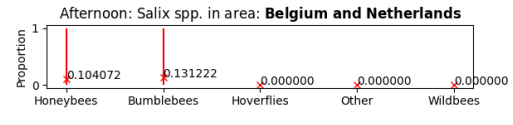
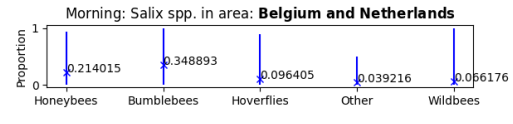
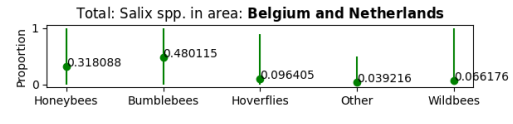
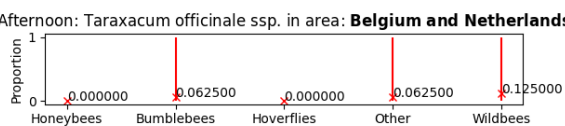
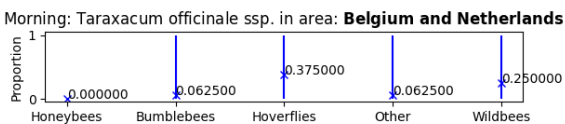
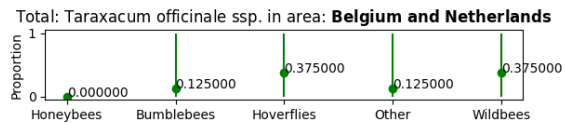
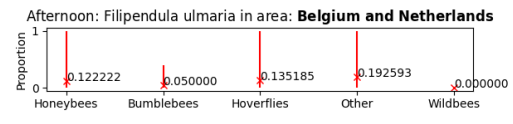
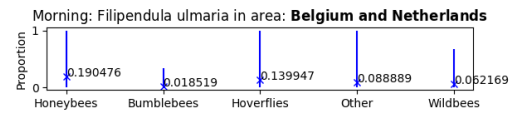
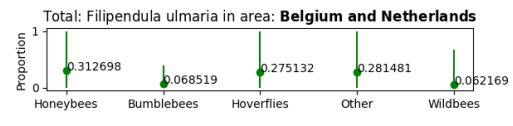
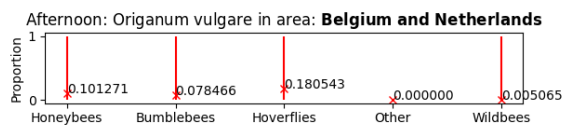
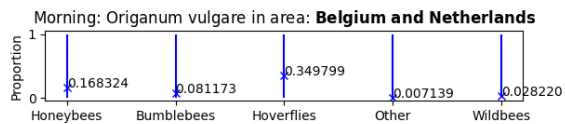
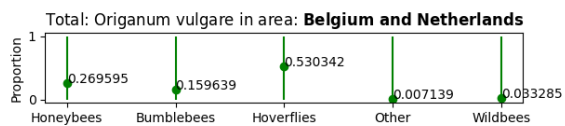
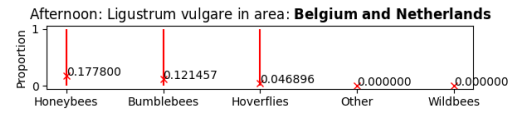
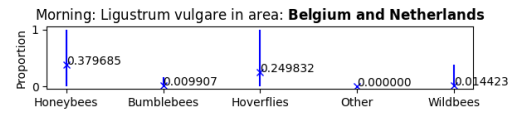
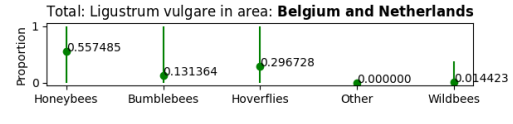
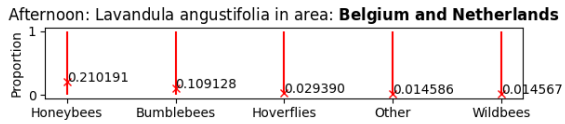
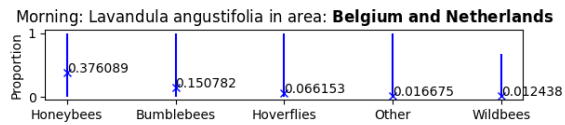
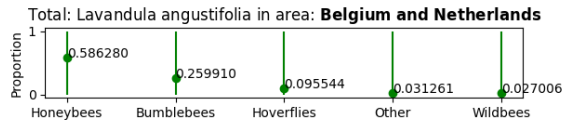
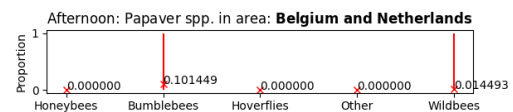
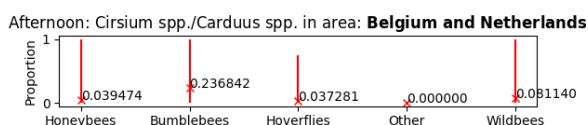
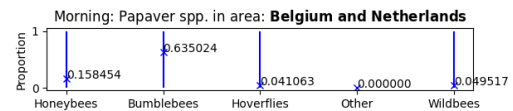
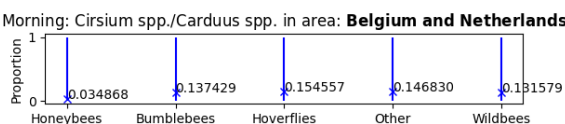
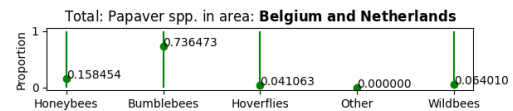
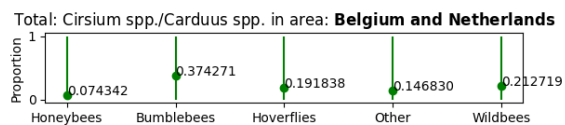
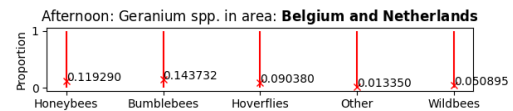
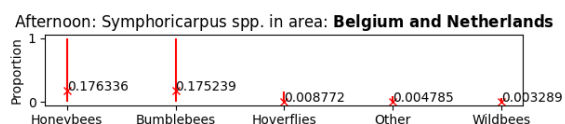
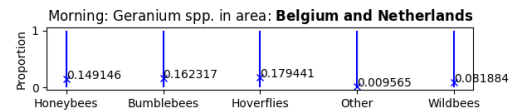
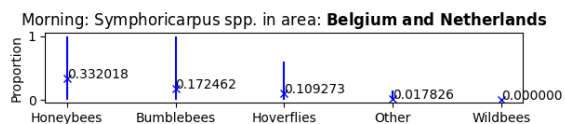
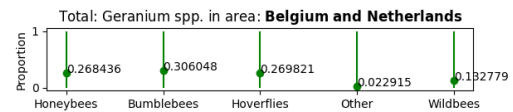
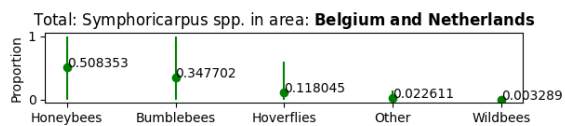
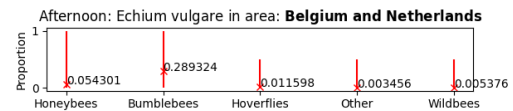
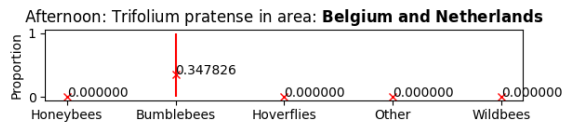
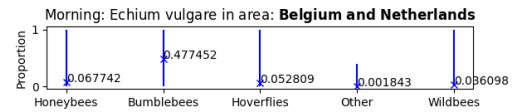
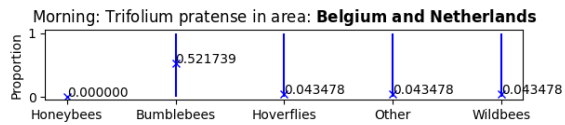
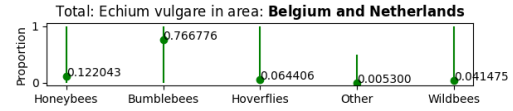
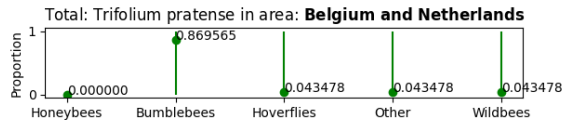


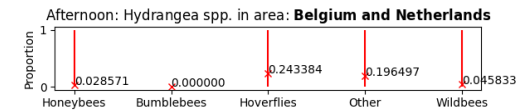
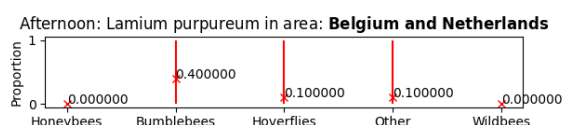
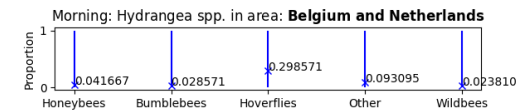
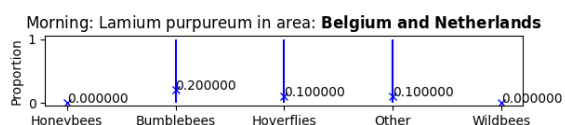
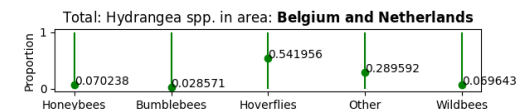
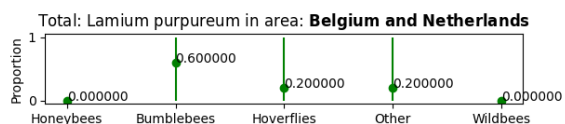
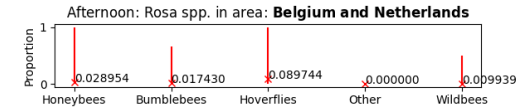
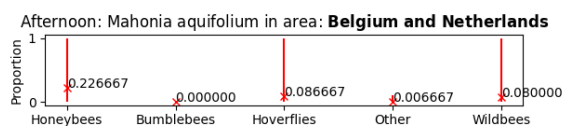
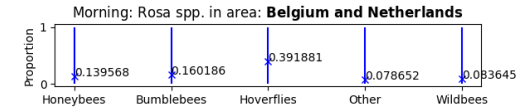
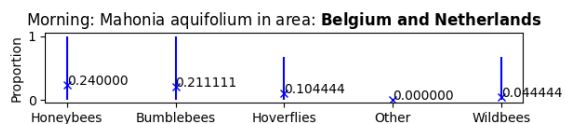
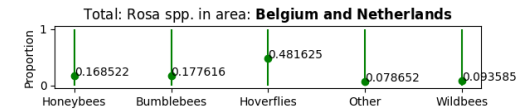
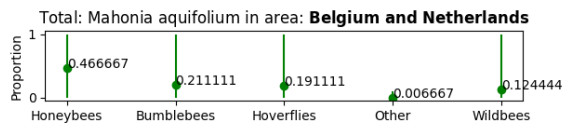
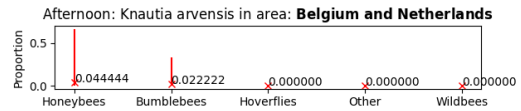
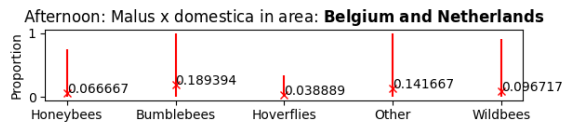
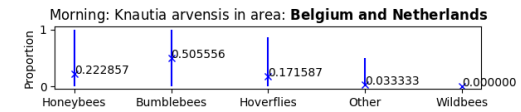
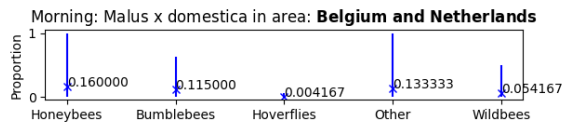
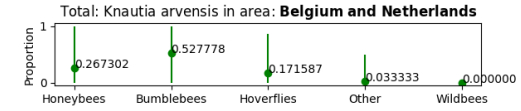
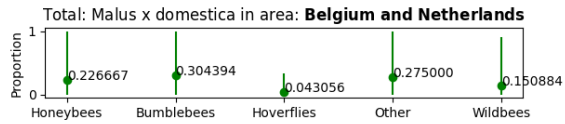
Figure 27. The combinations of HBs, BBs, SBs, HF, and OI observed in the 74 plant species











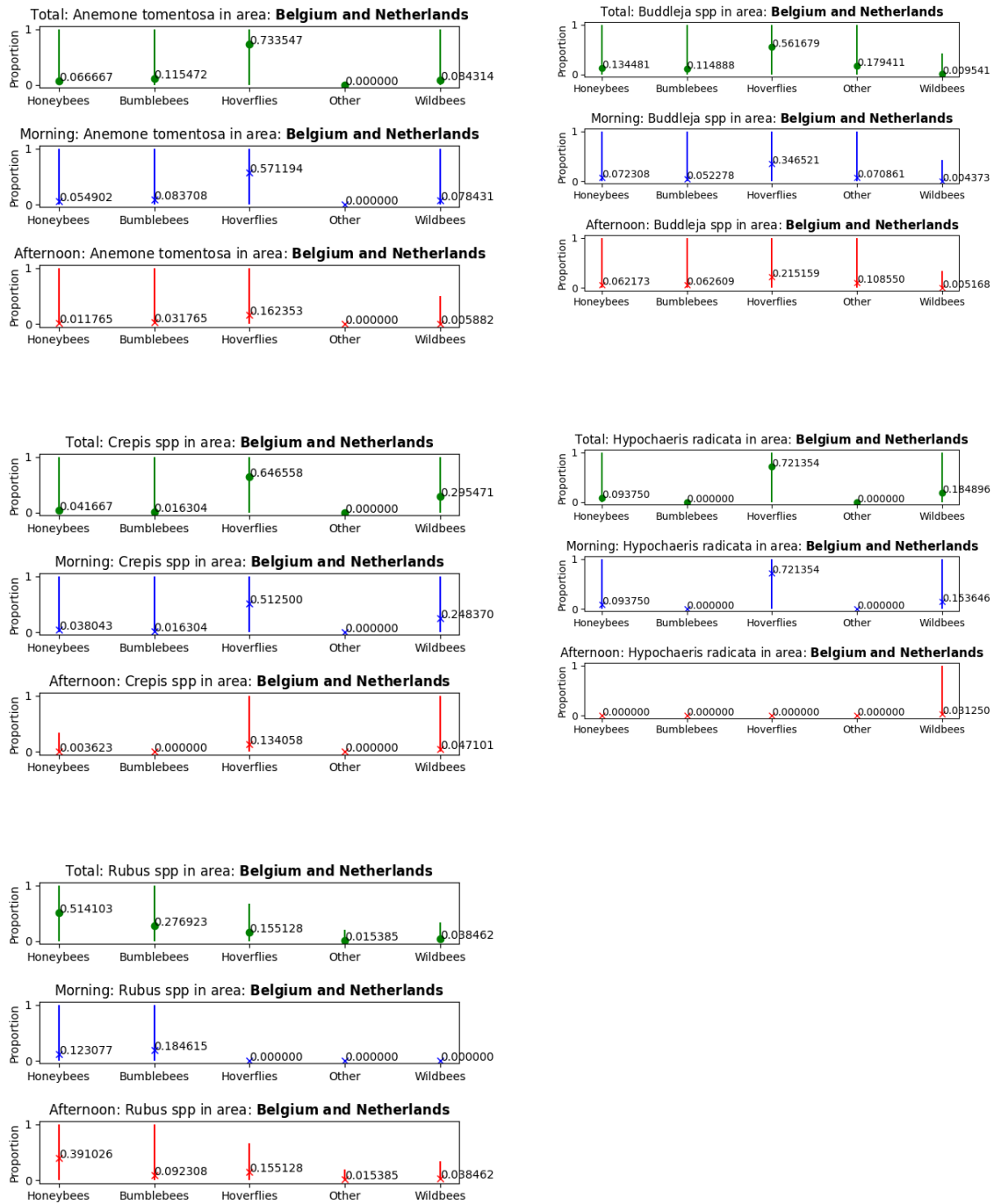
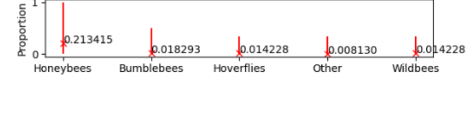
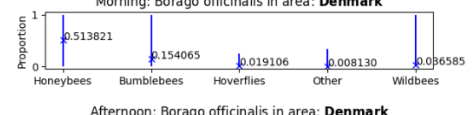
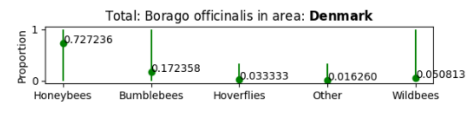
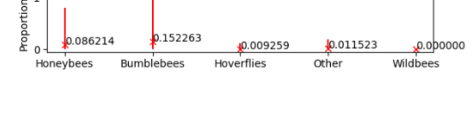
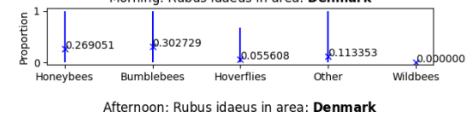
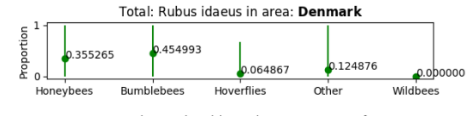
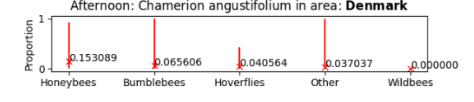
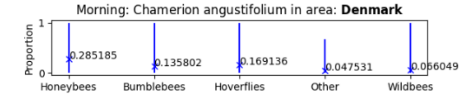
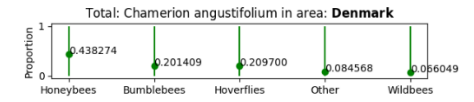
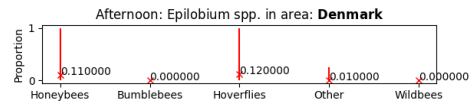
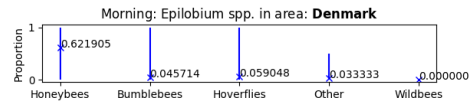
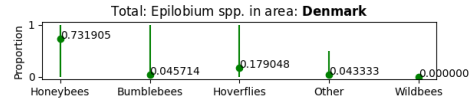
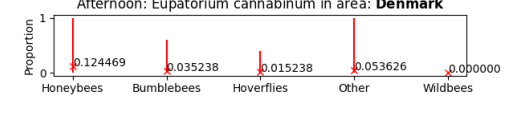
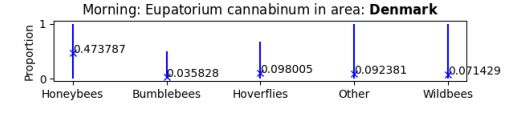
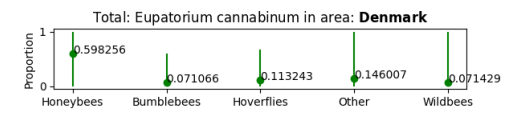
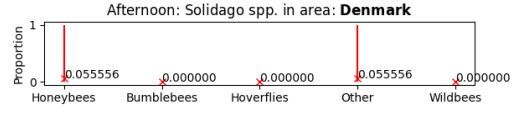
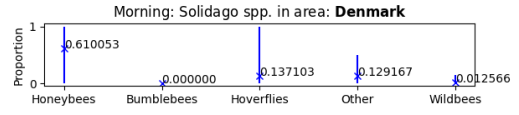
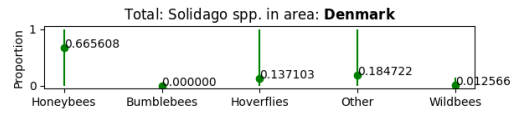
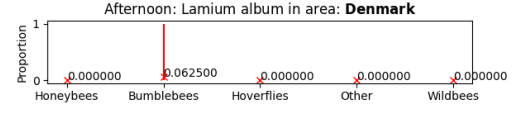
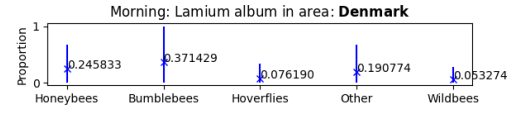
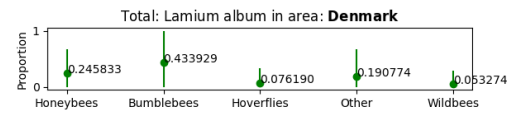
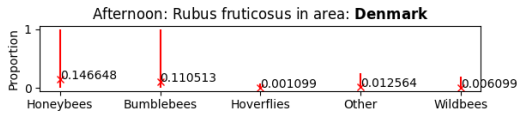
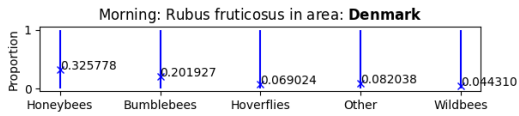
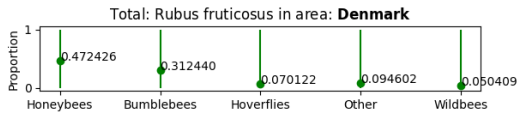
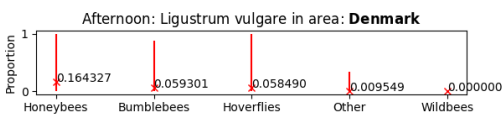
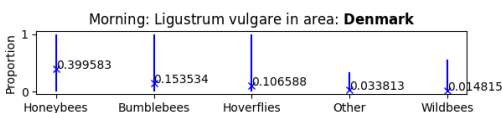
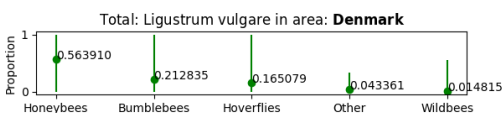
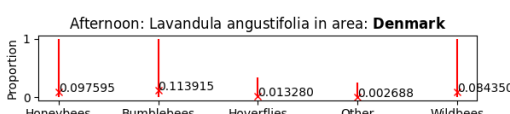
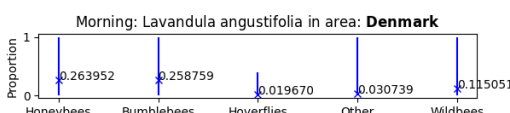
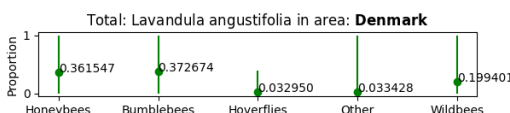
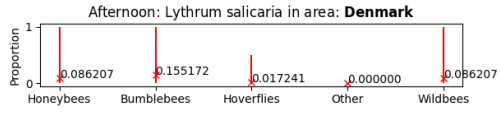
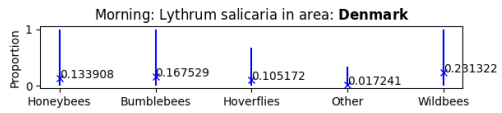
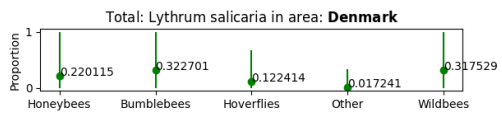
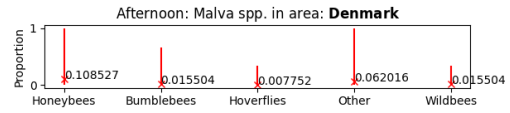
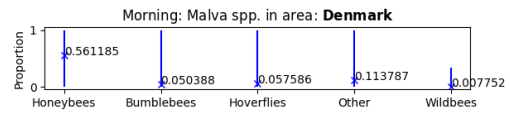
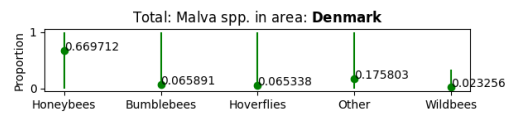
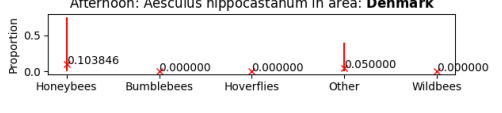
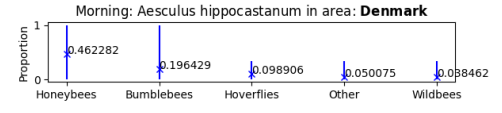
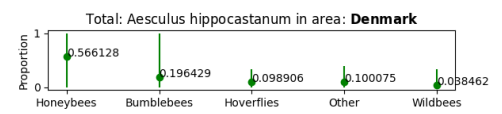
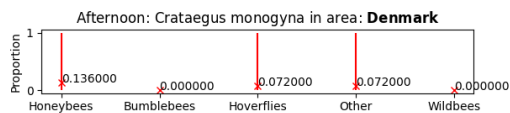
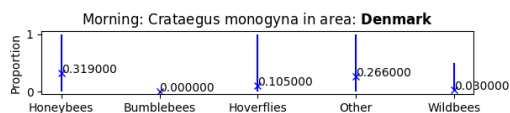
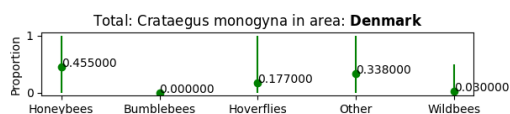
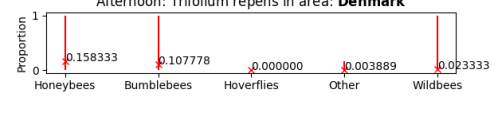
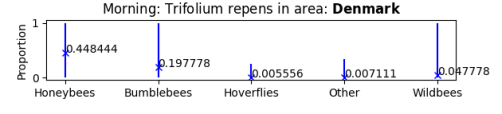
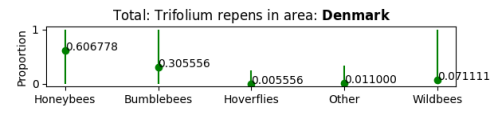
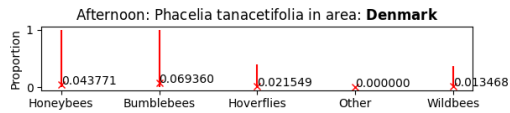
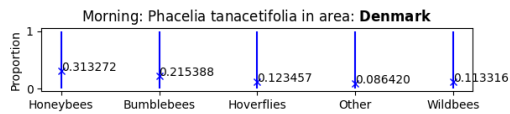
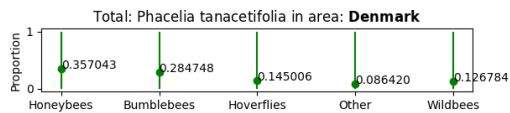
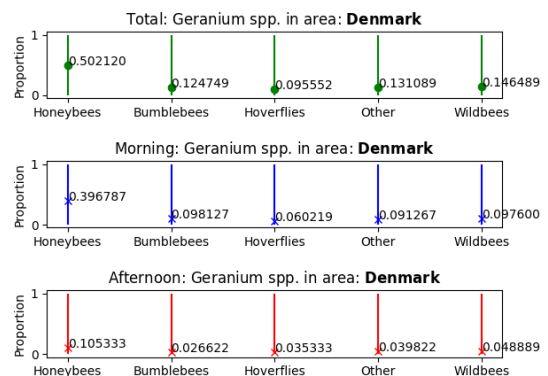
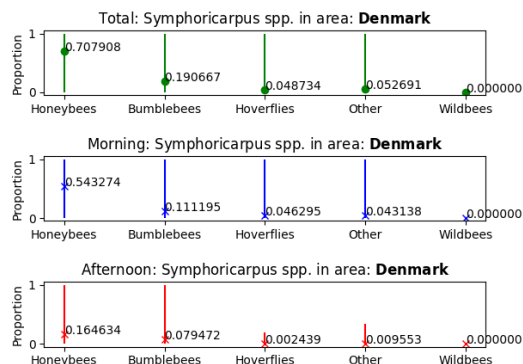
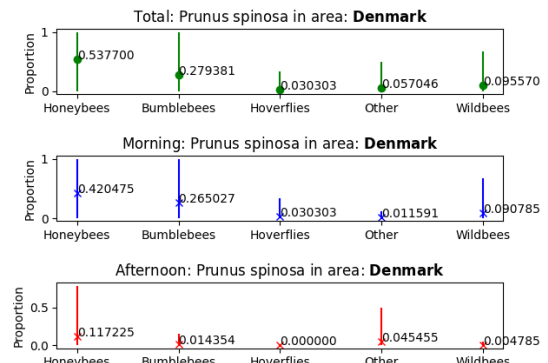
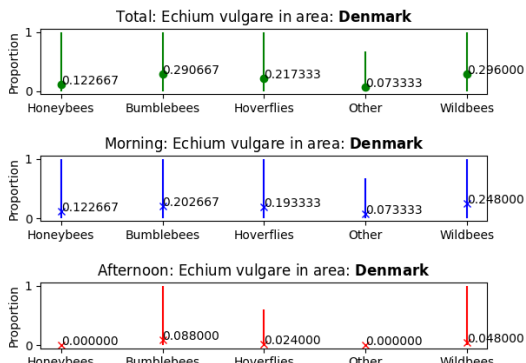
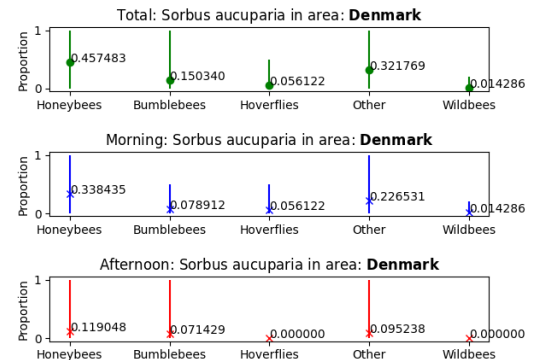
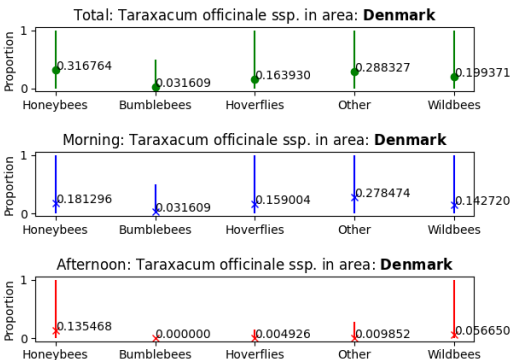
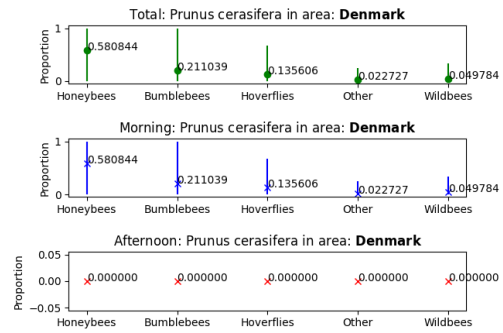
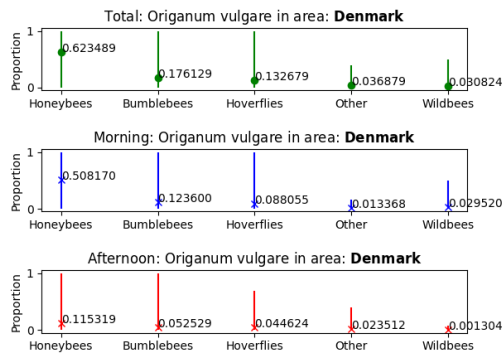
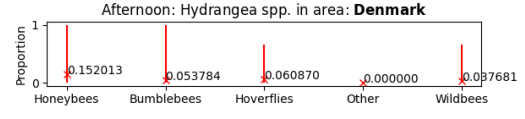
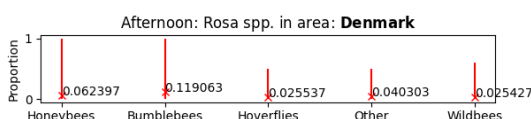
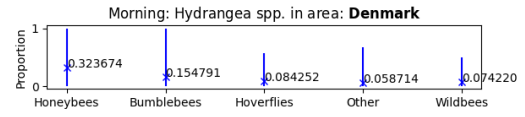
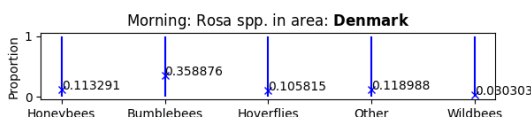
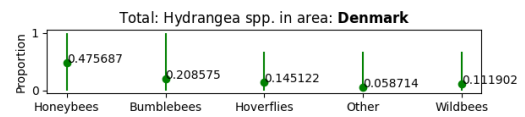
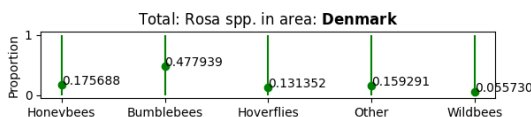
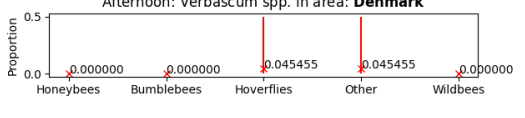
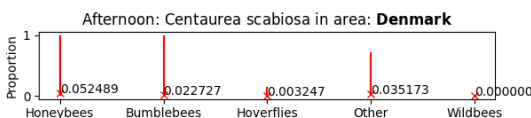
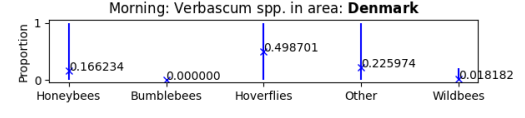
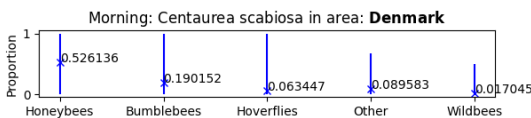
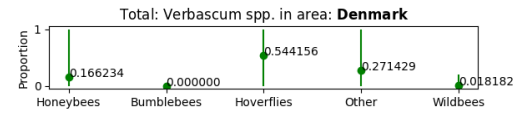
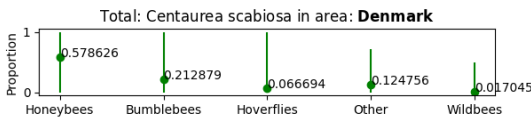
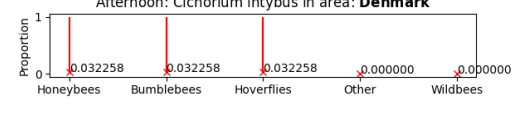
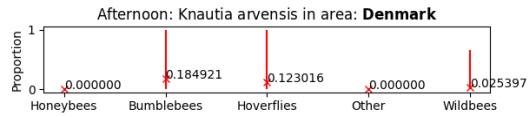
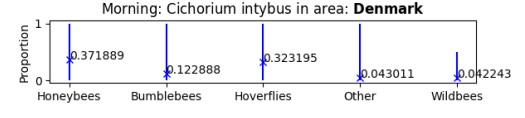
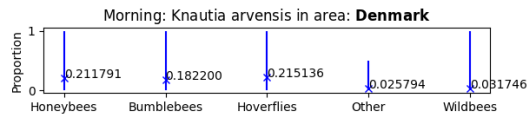
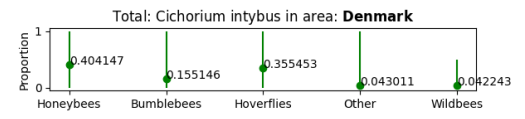
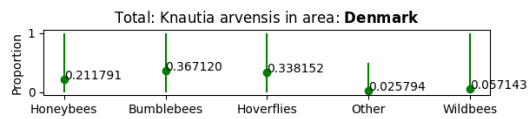
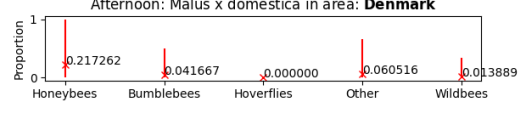
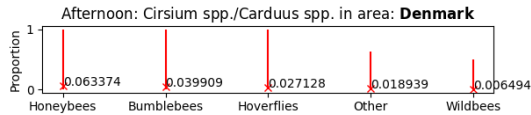
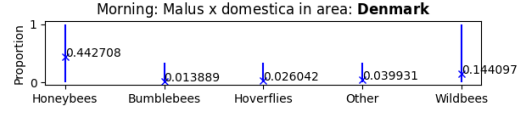
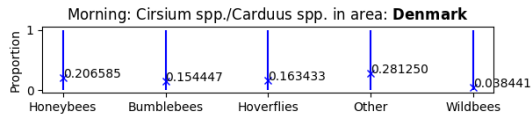
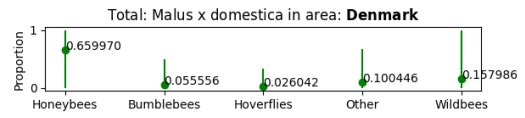
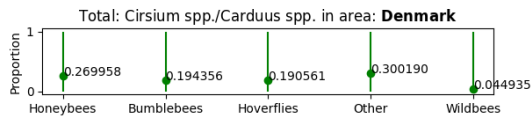


Figure 28. The mean and spread of the overall-, morning- and afternoon preferences of HB, BB, SB, HF, and OI in Belgium and the Netherlands









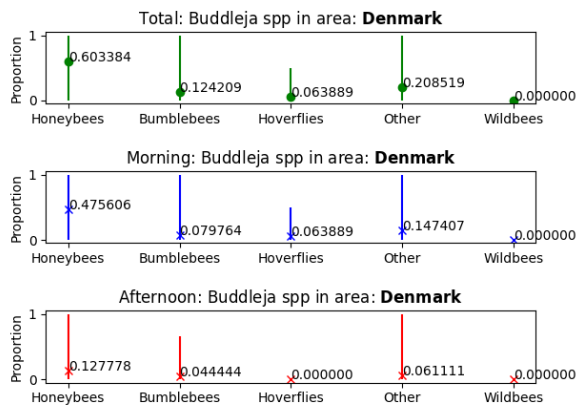
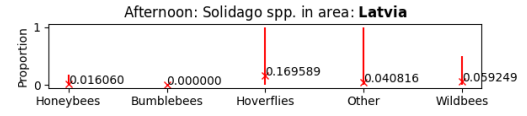
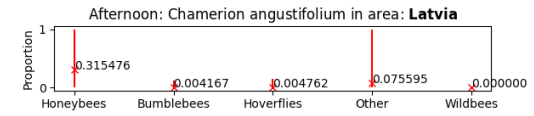
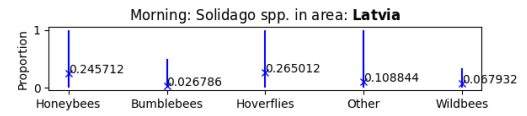
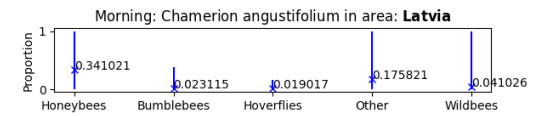
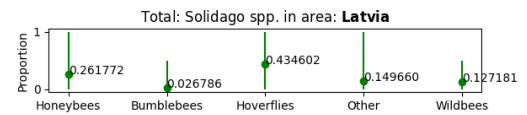
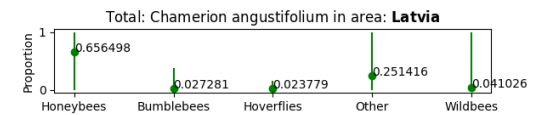
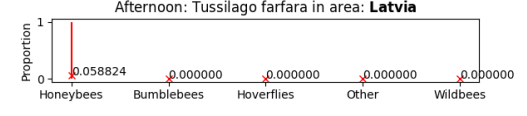
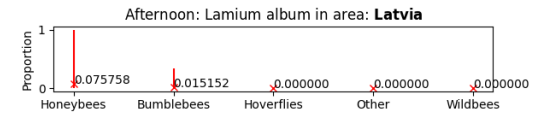
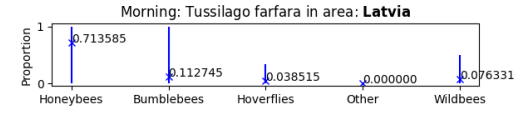
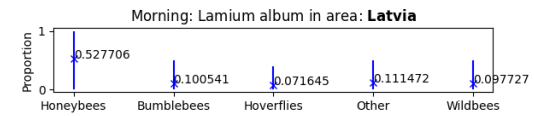
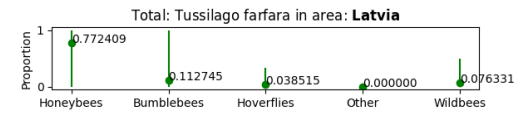
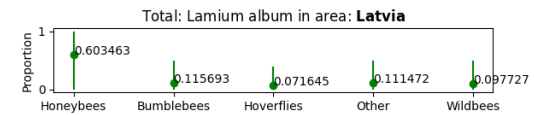
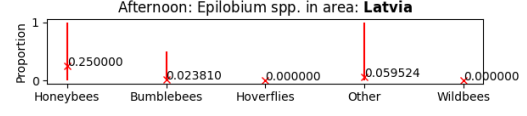
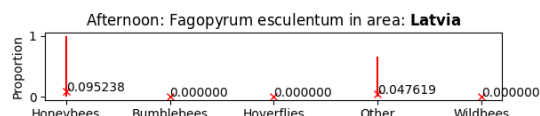
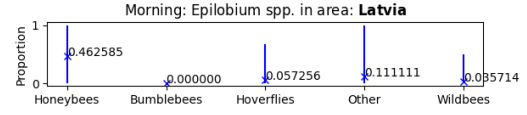
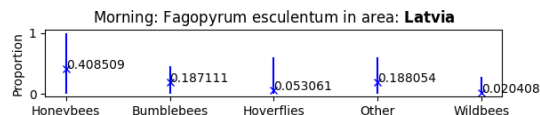
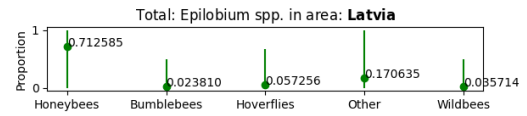
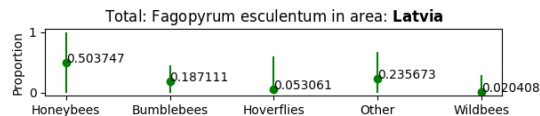
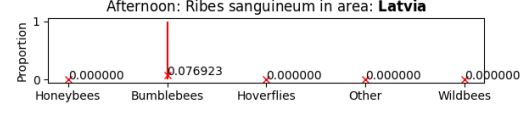
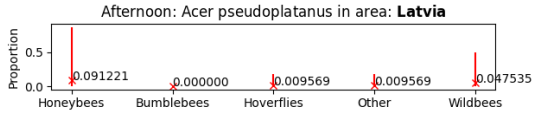
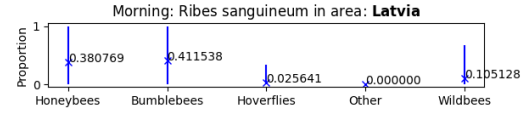
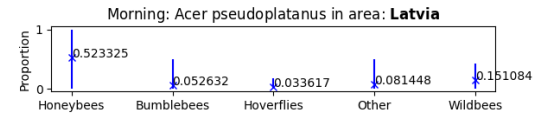
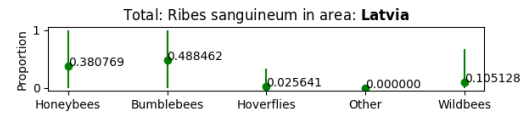
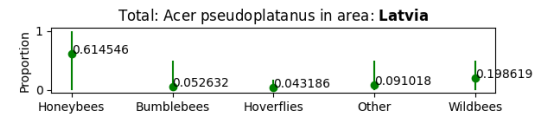
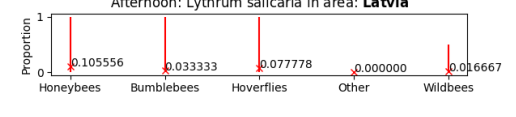
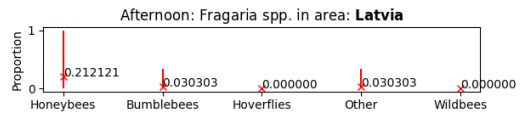
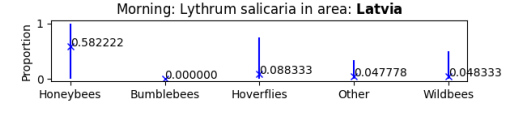
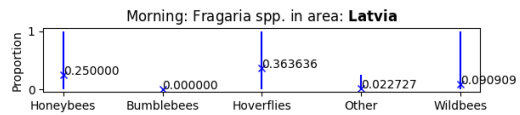
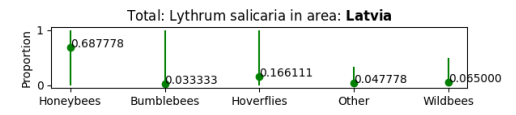
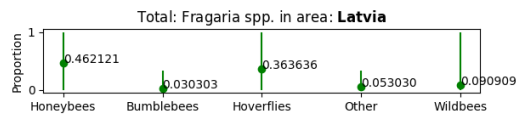
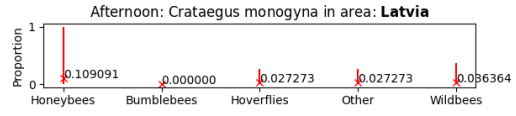
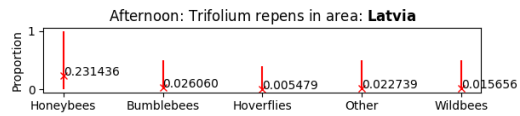
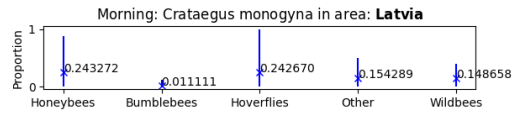
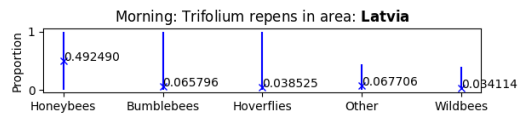
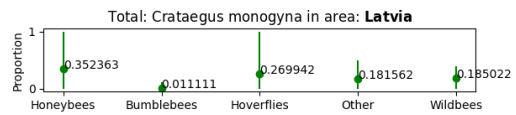
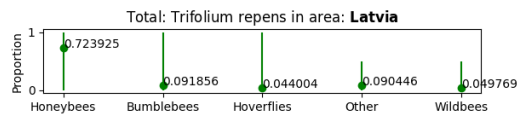
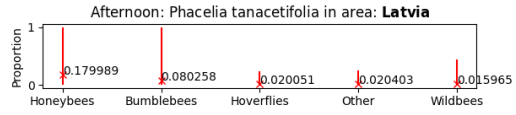
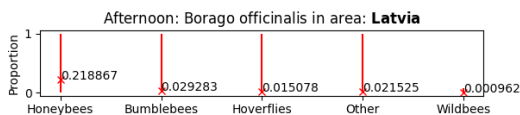
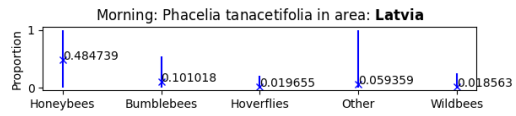
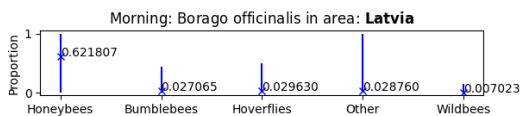
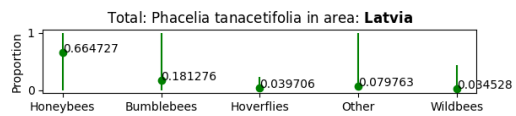
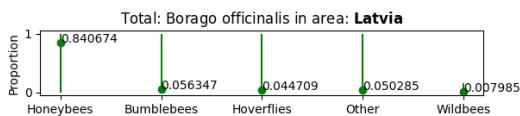
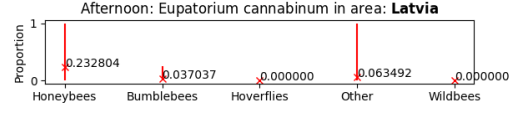
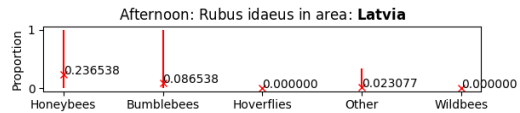
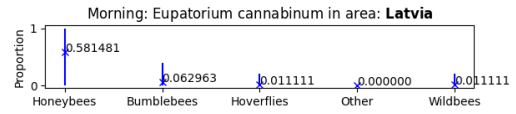
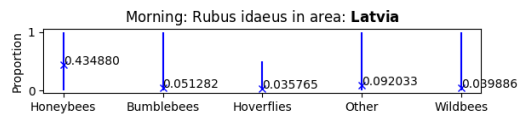
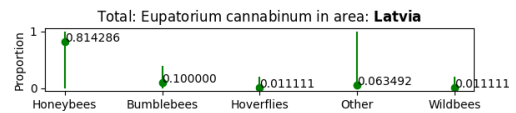
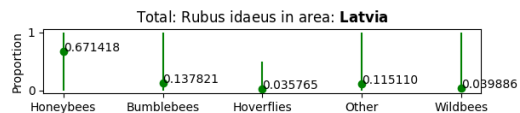
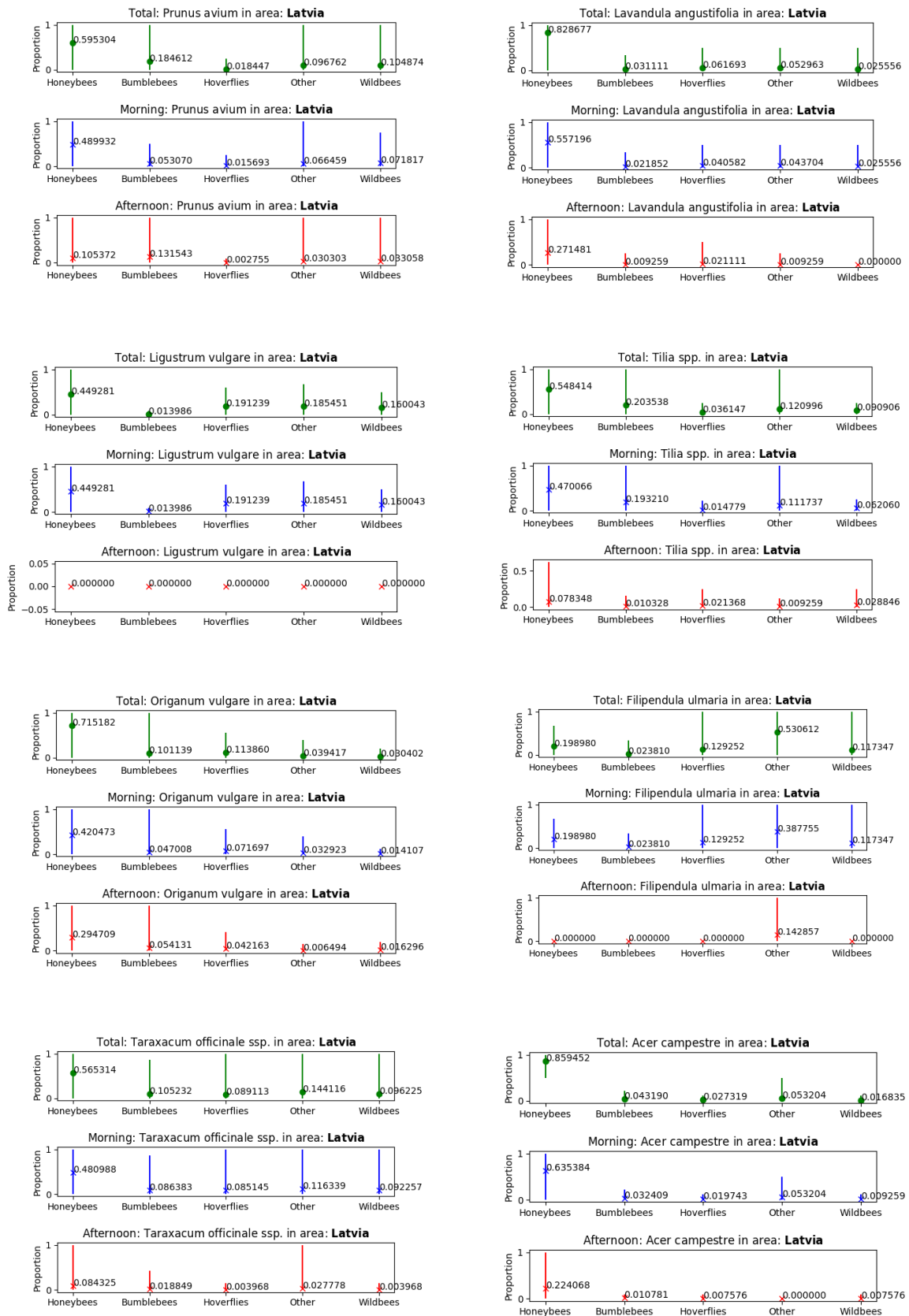
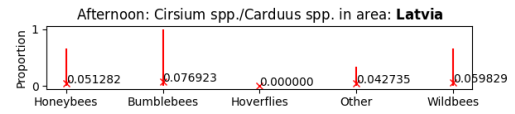
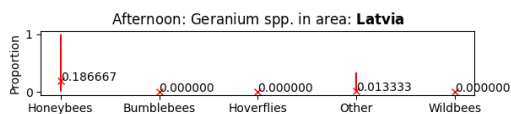
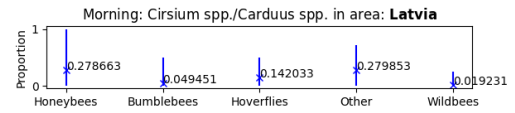
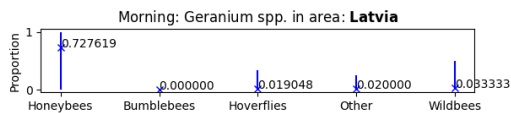
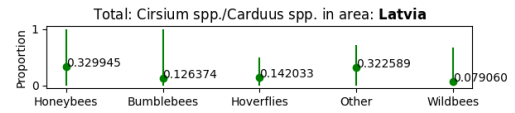
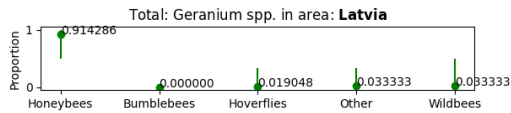
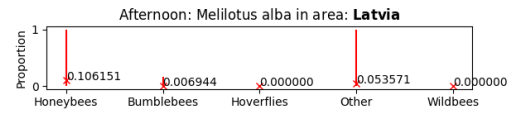
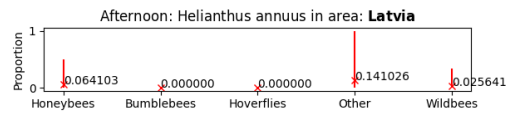
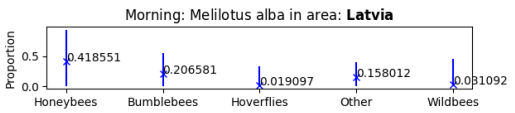
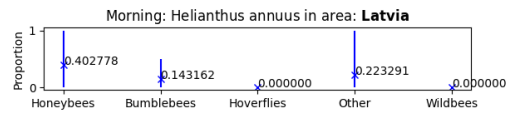
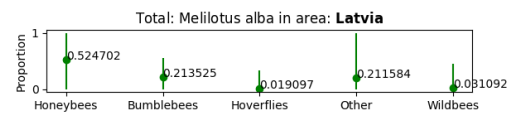
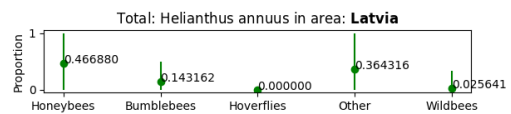
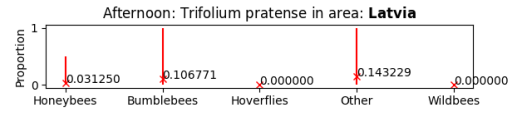
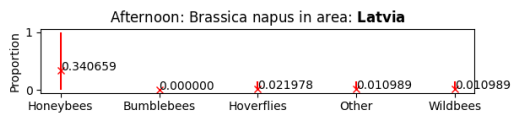
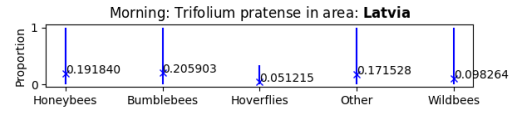
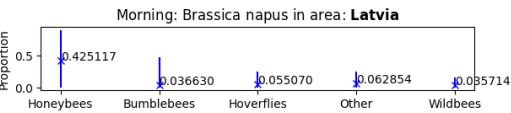
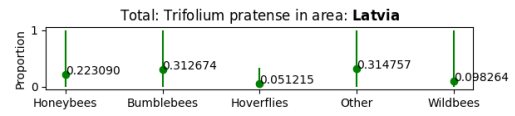
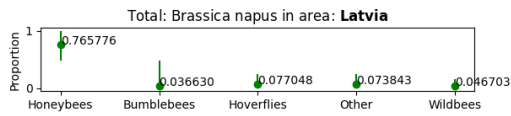
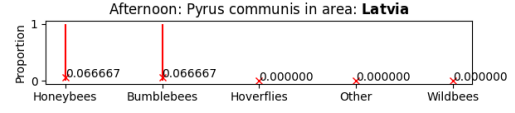
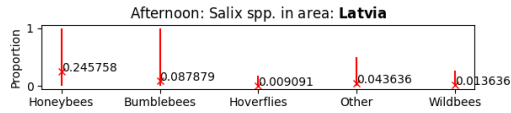
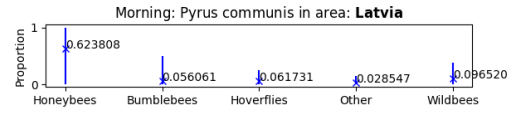
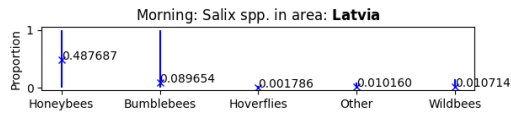
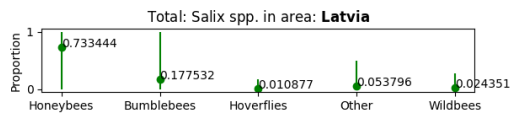


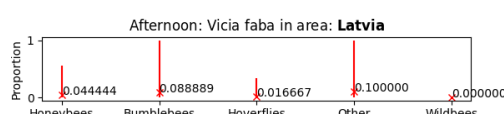
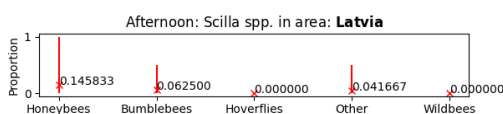
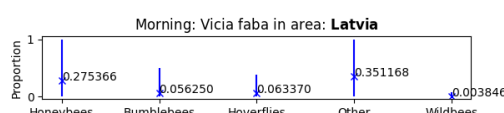
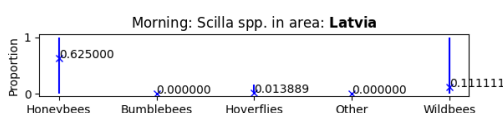
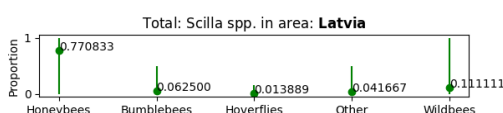
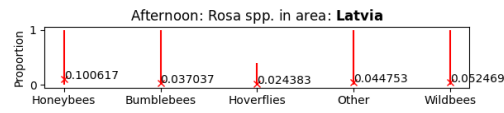
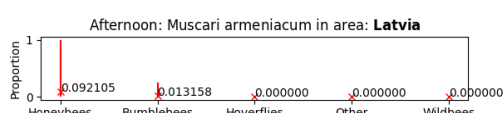
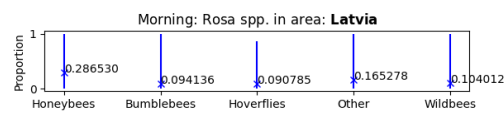
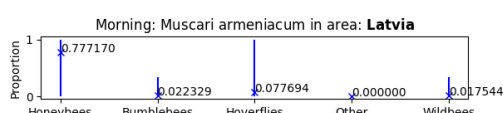
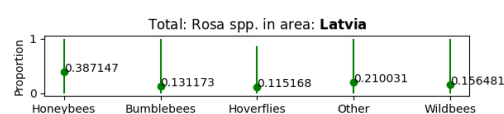
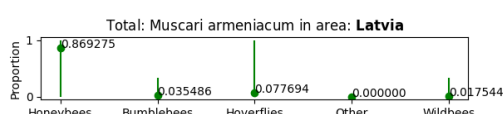
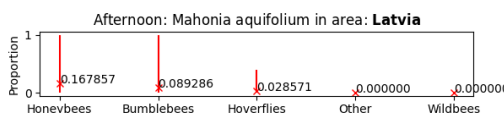
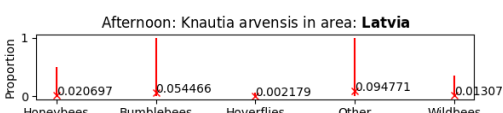
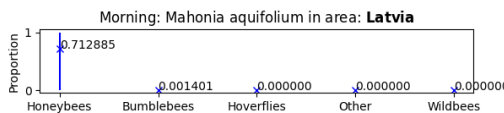
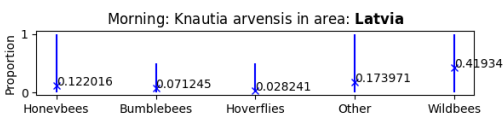
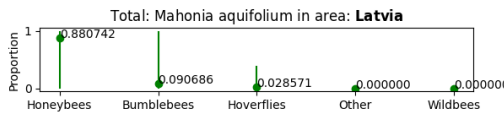
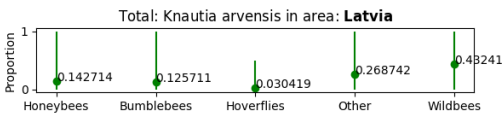
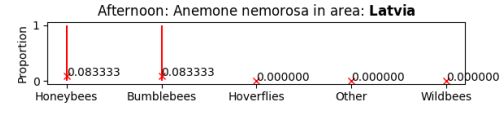
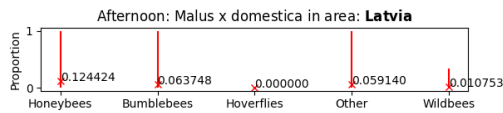
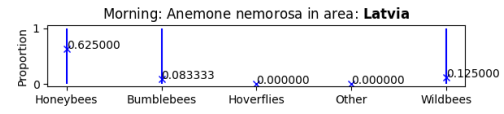
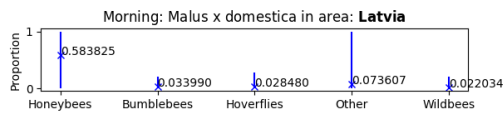
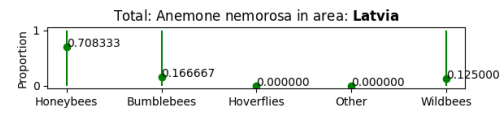
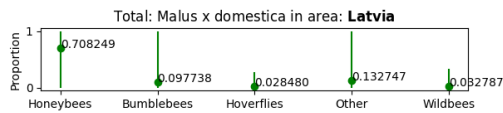
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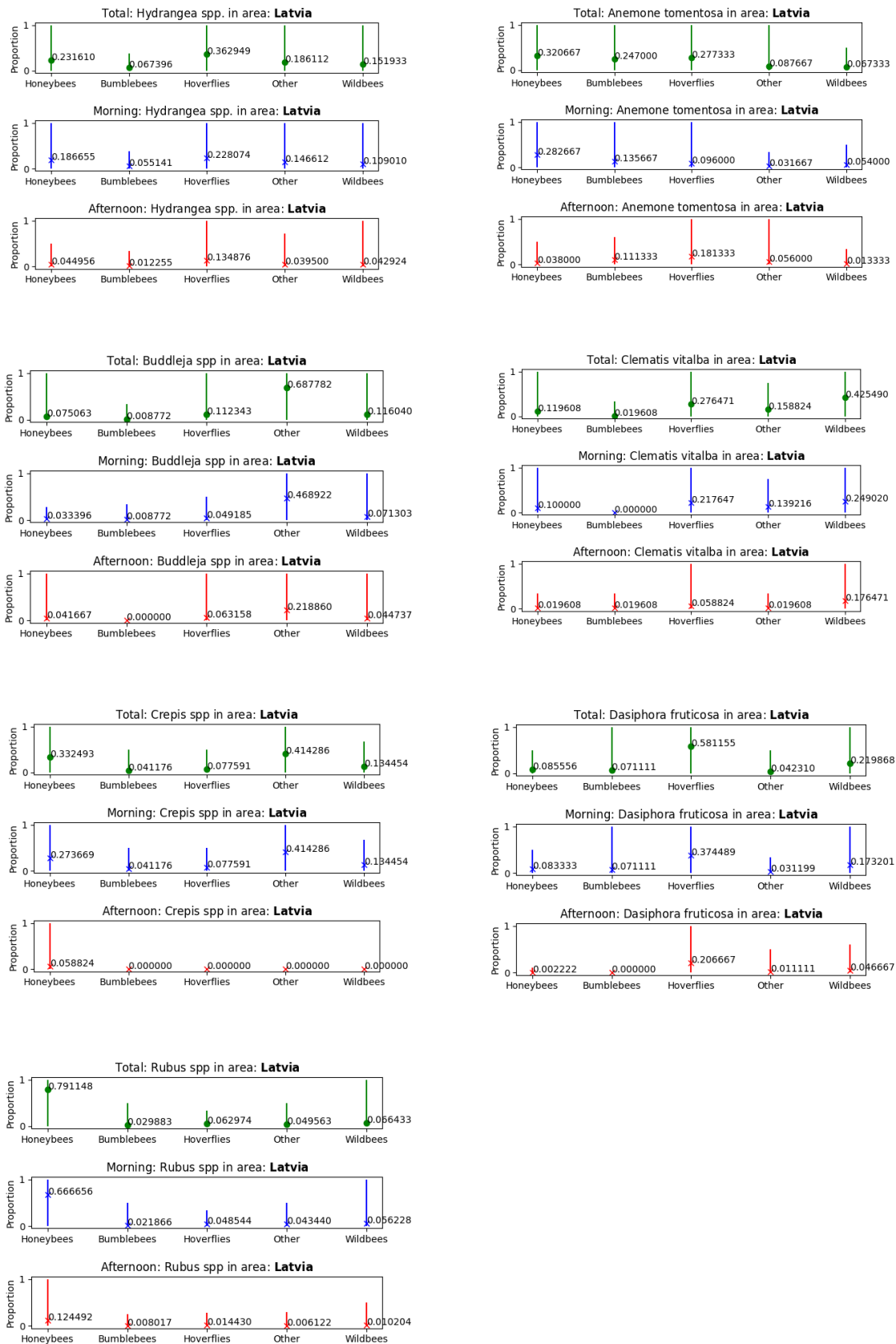
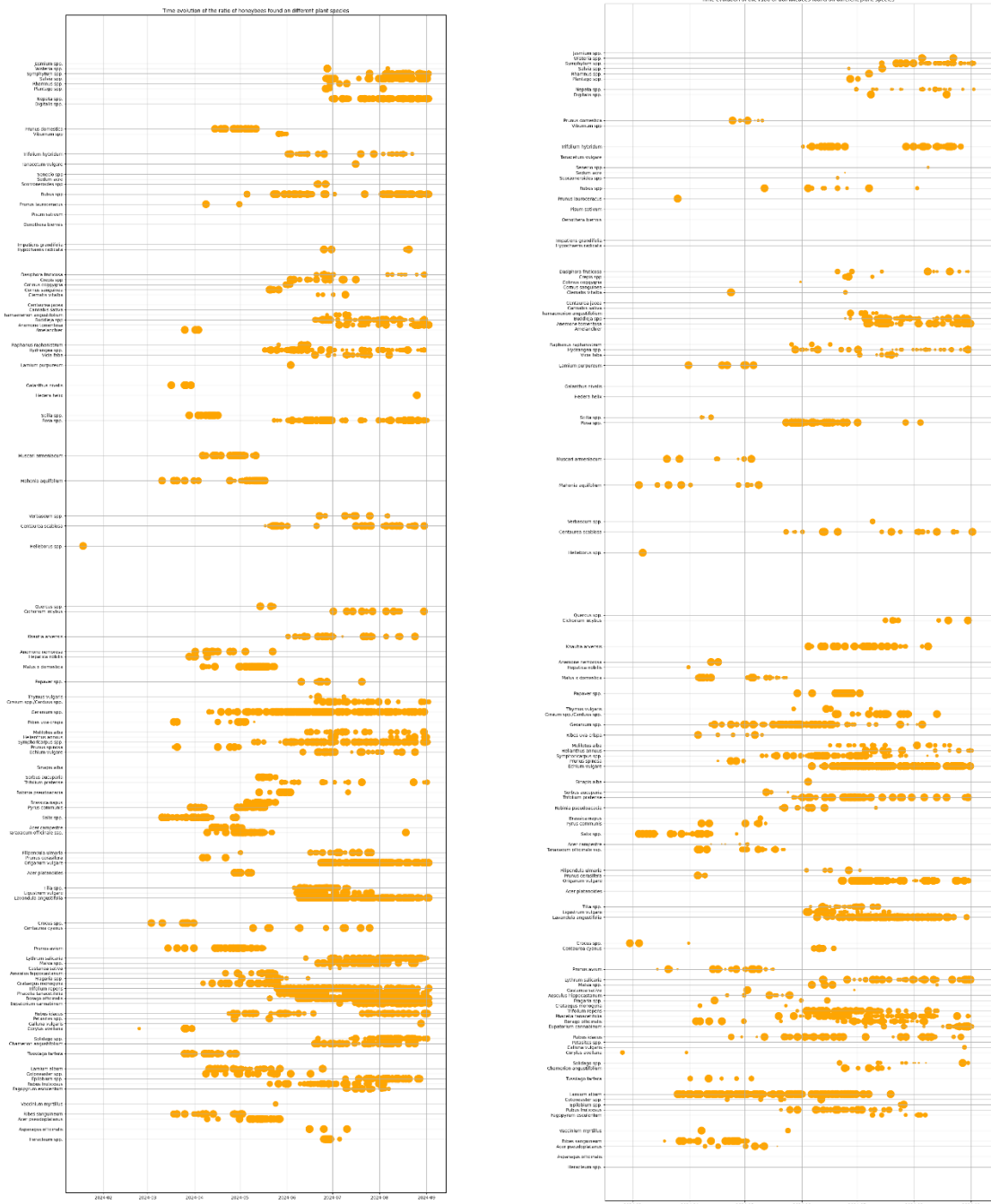


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Pollinator ratios in Europe, the Netherlands/Belgium, Denmark and Latvia

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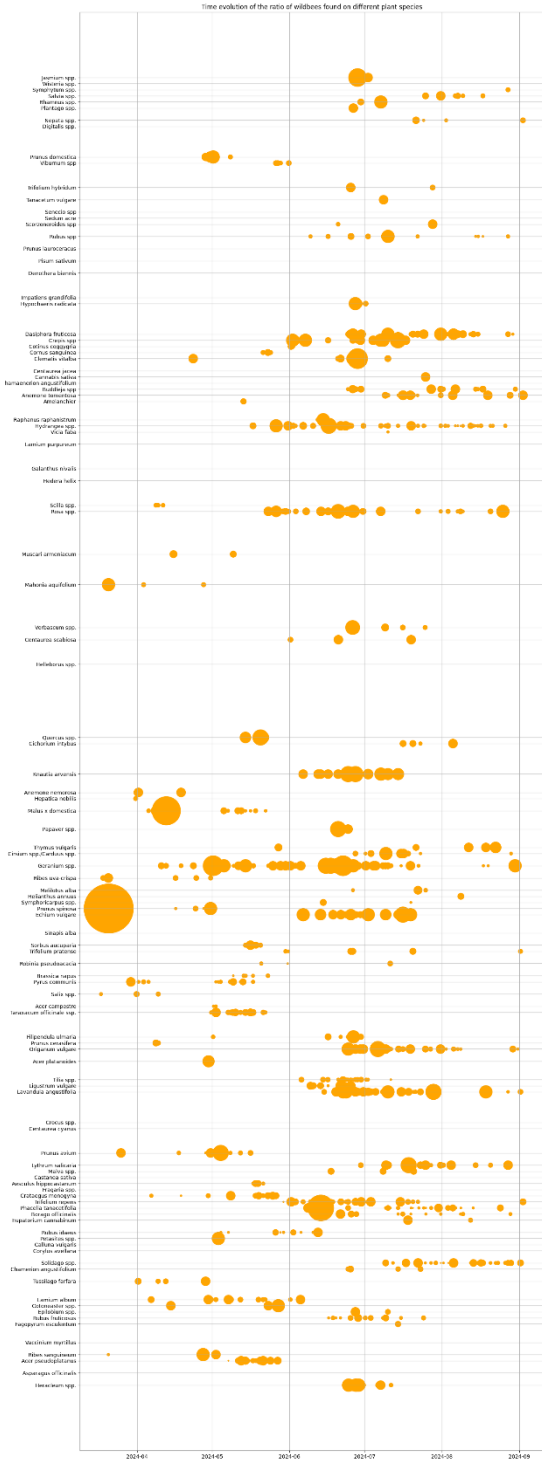




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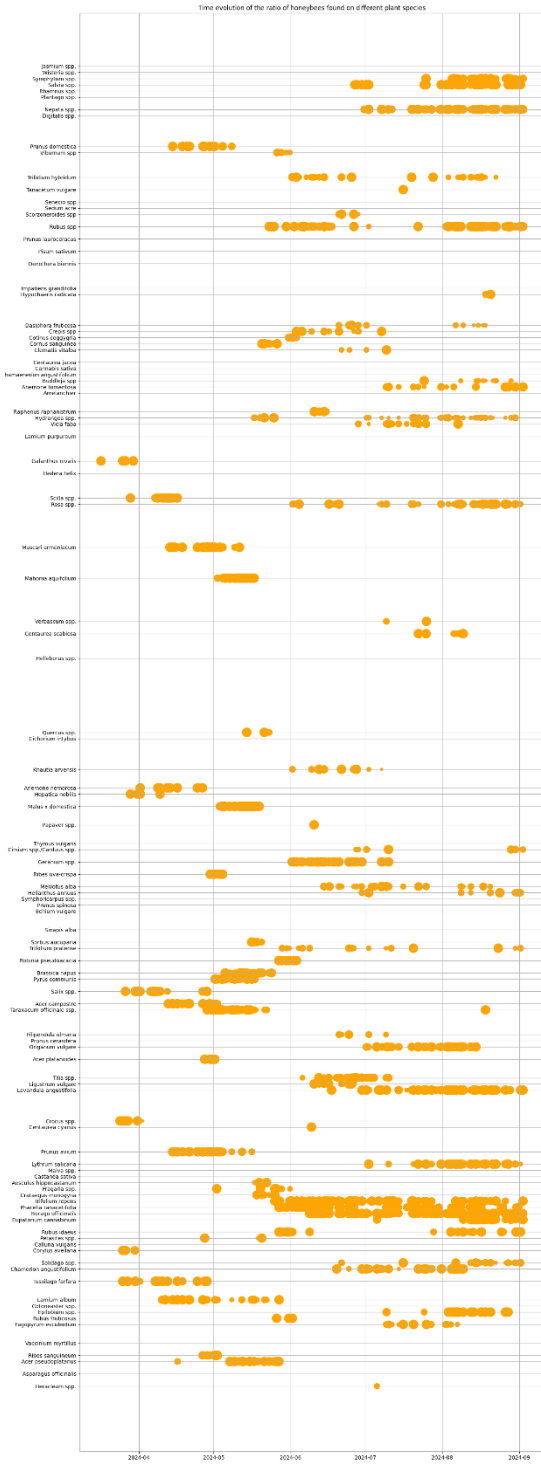




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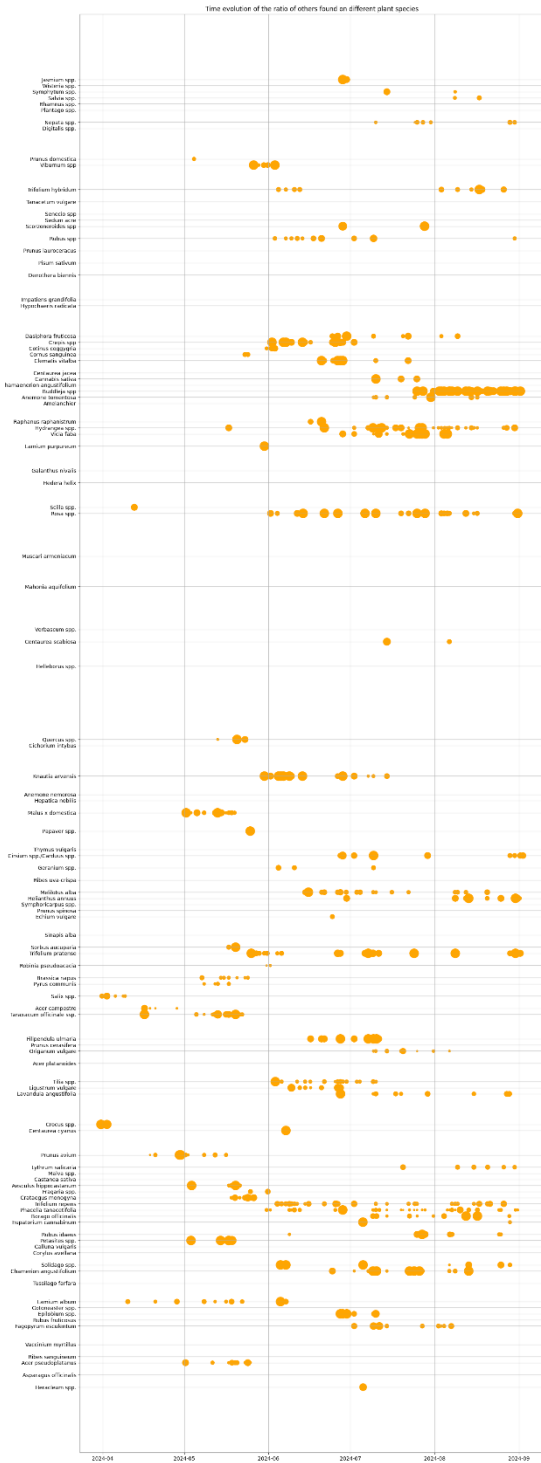
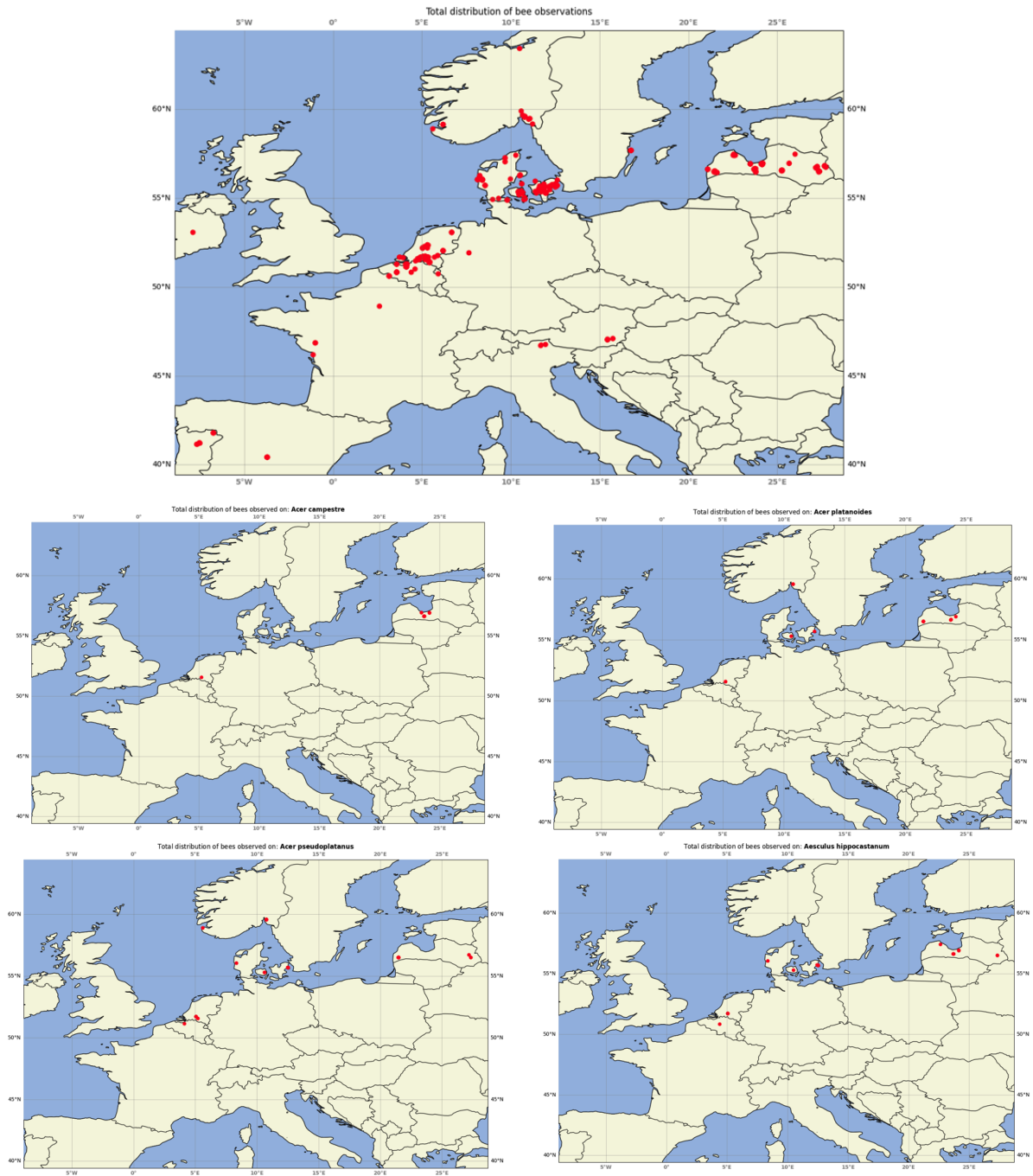
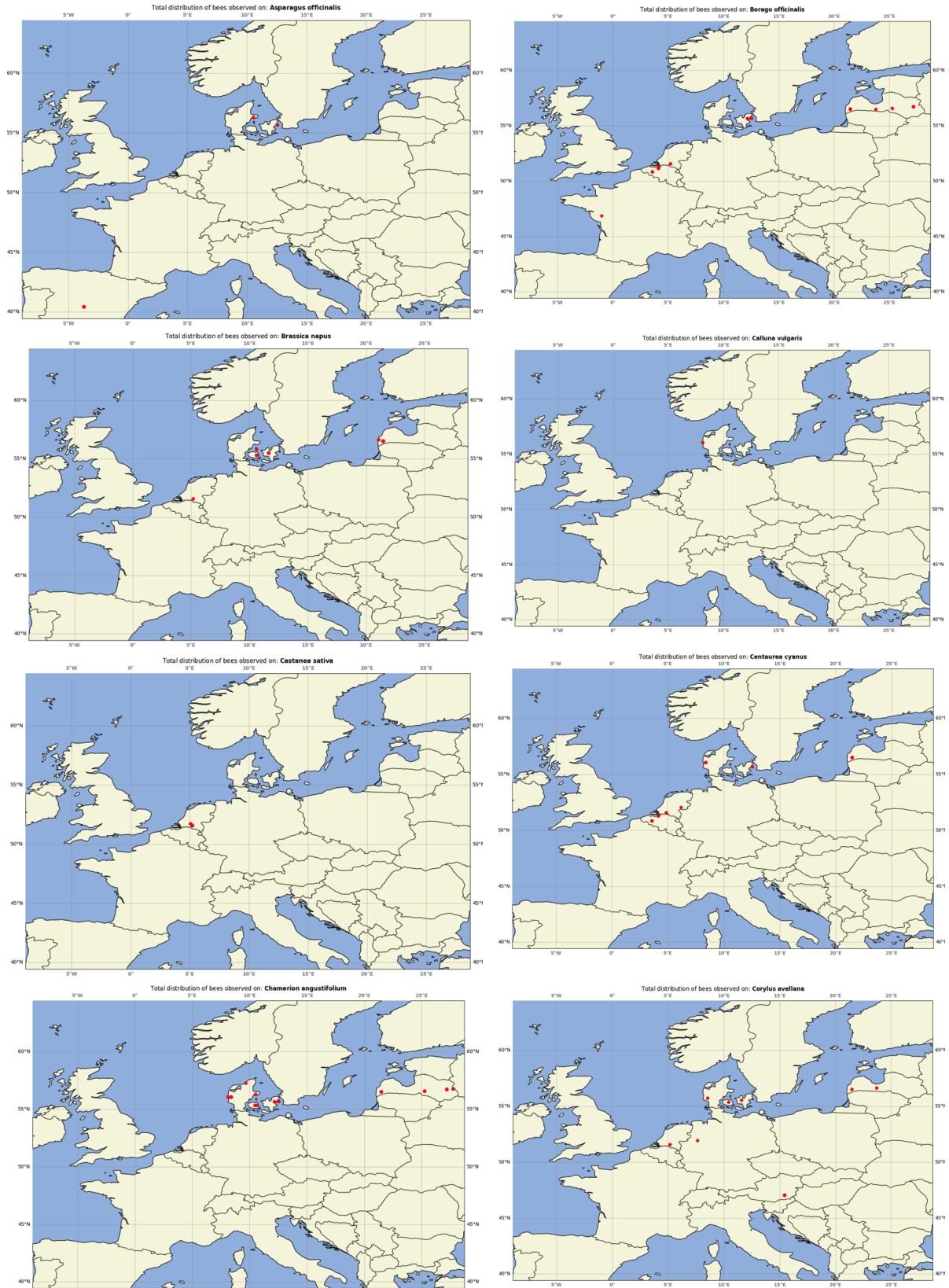


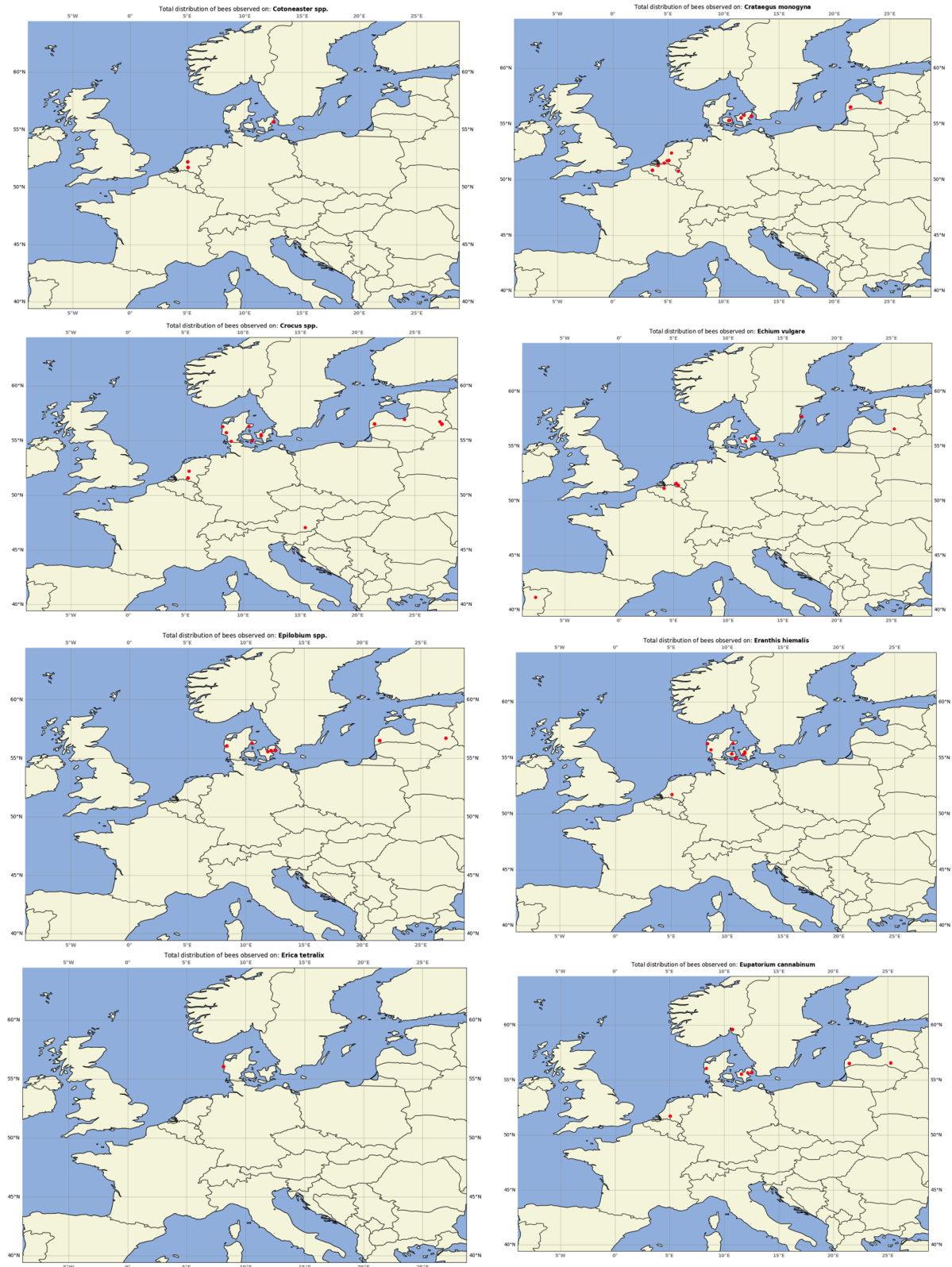
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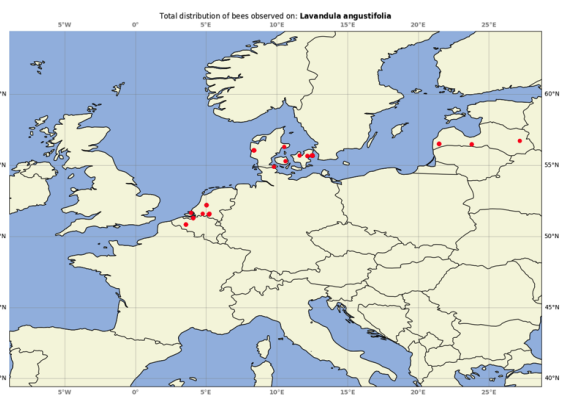
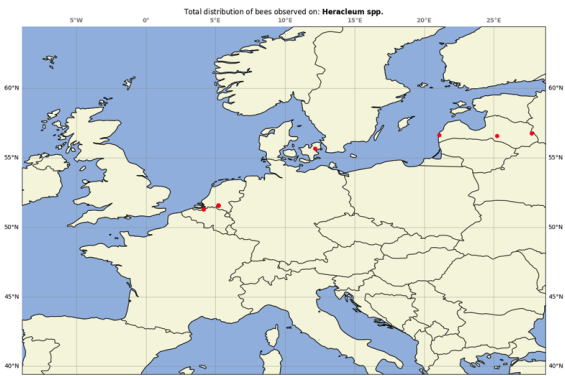
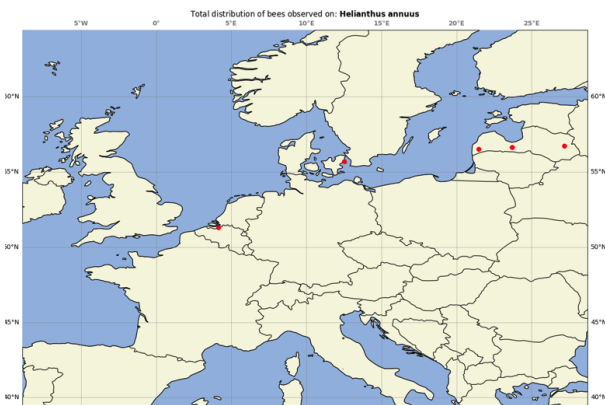
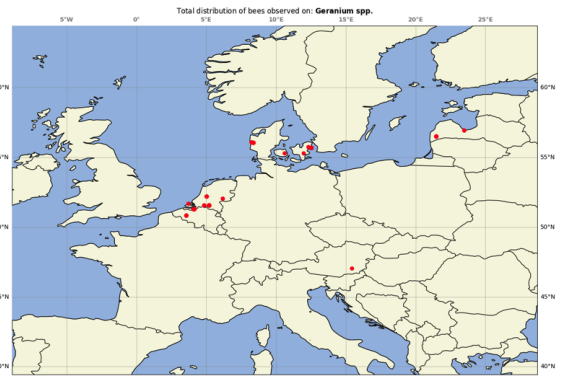
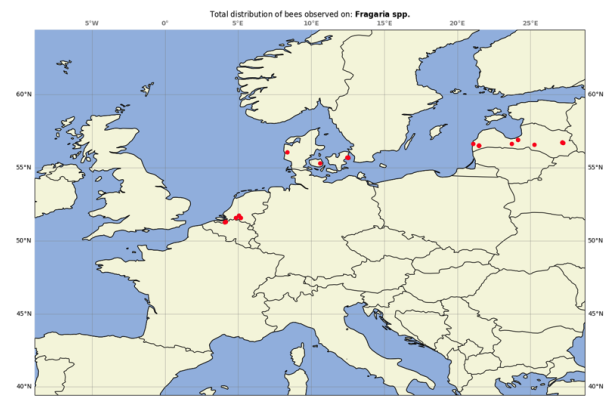
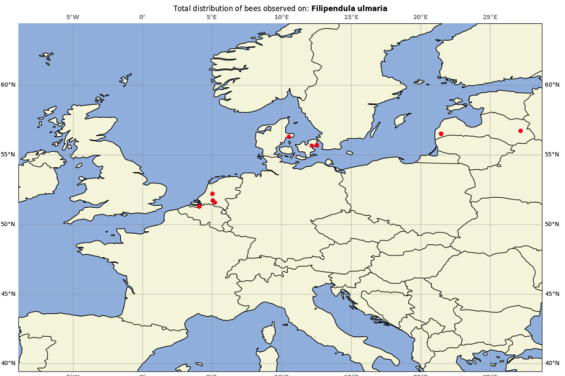
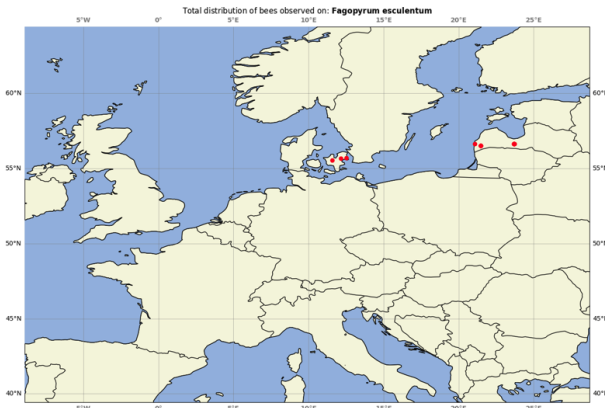
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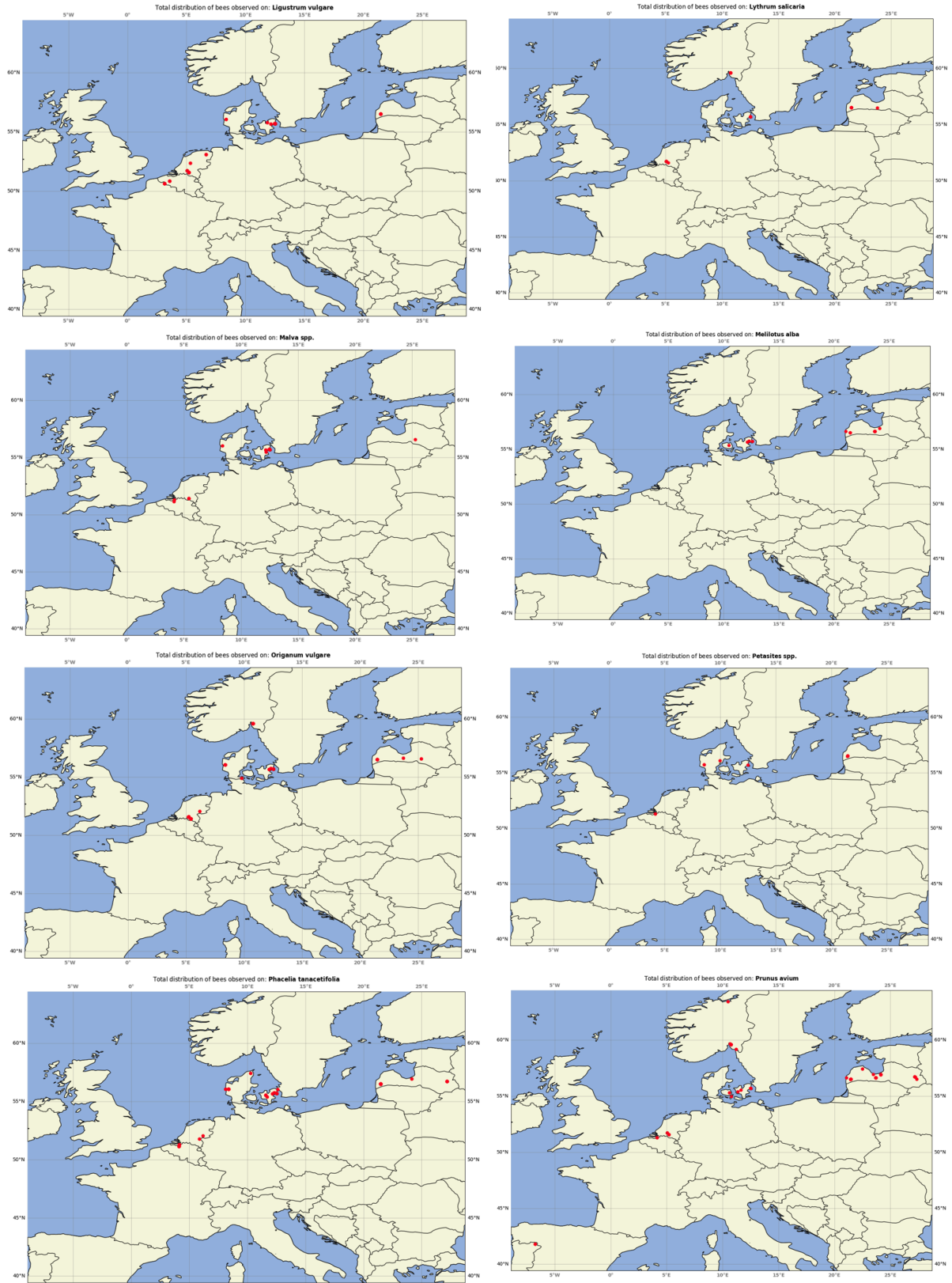
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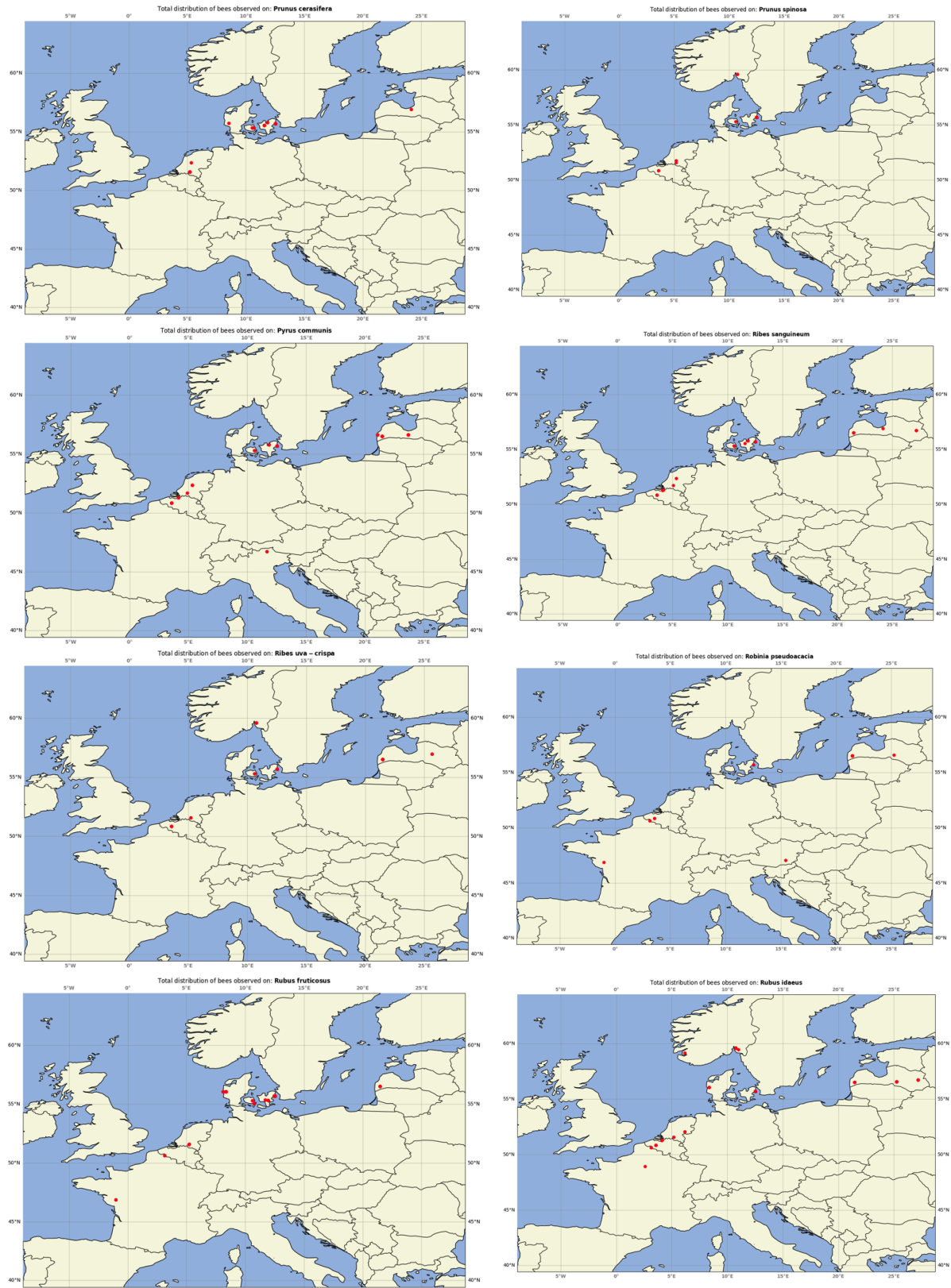


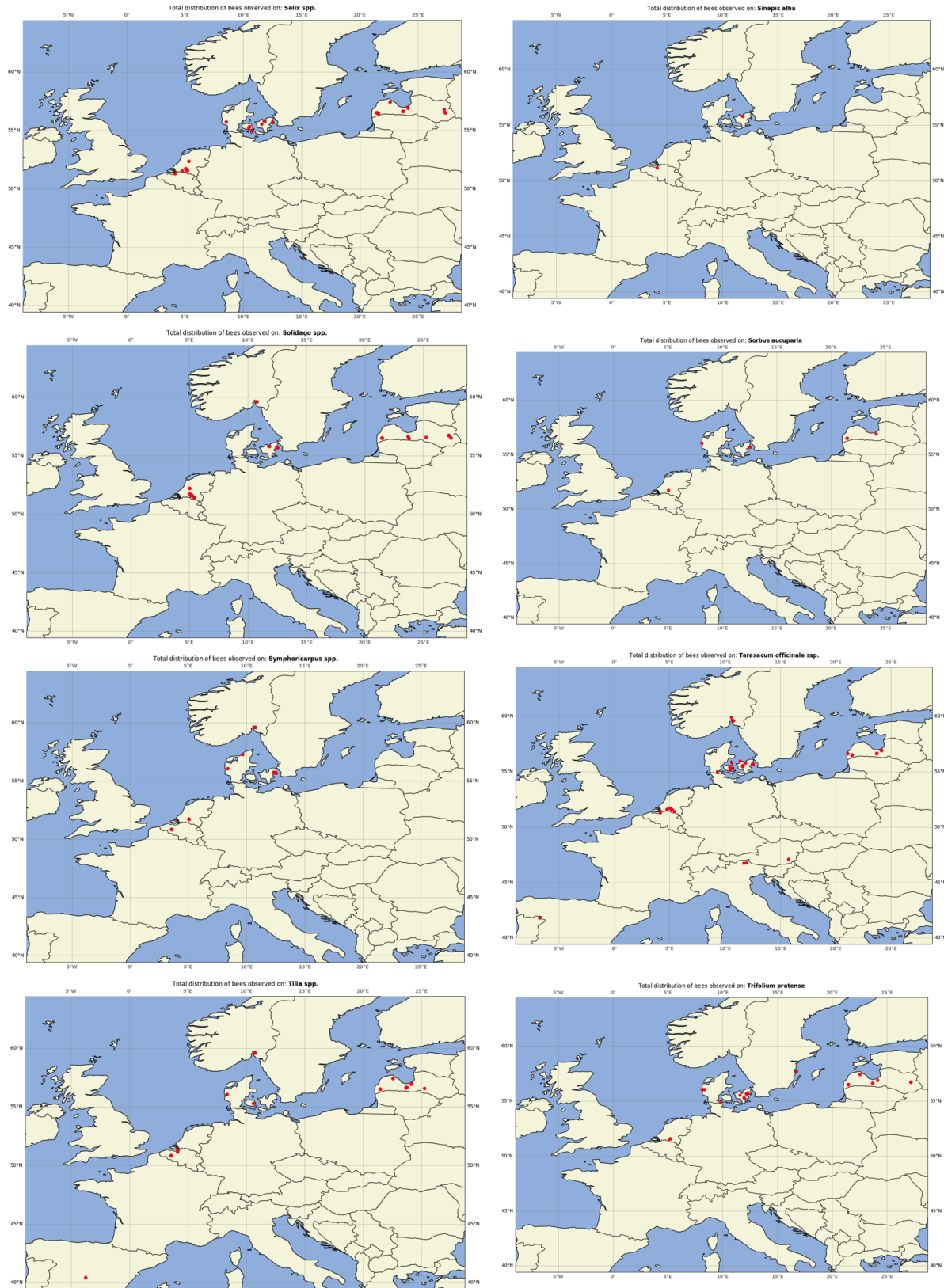


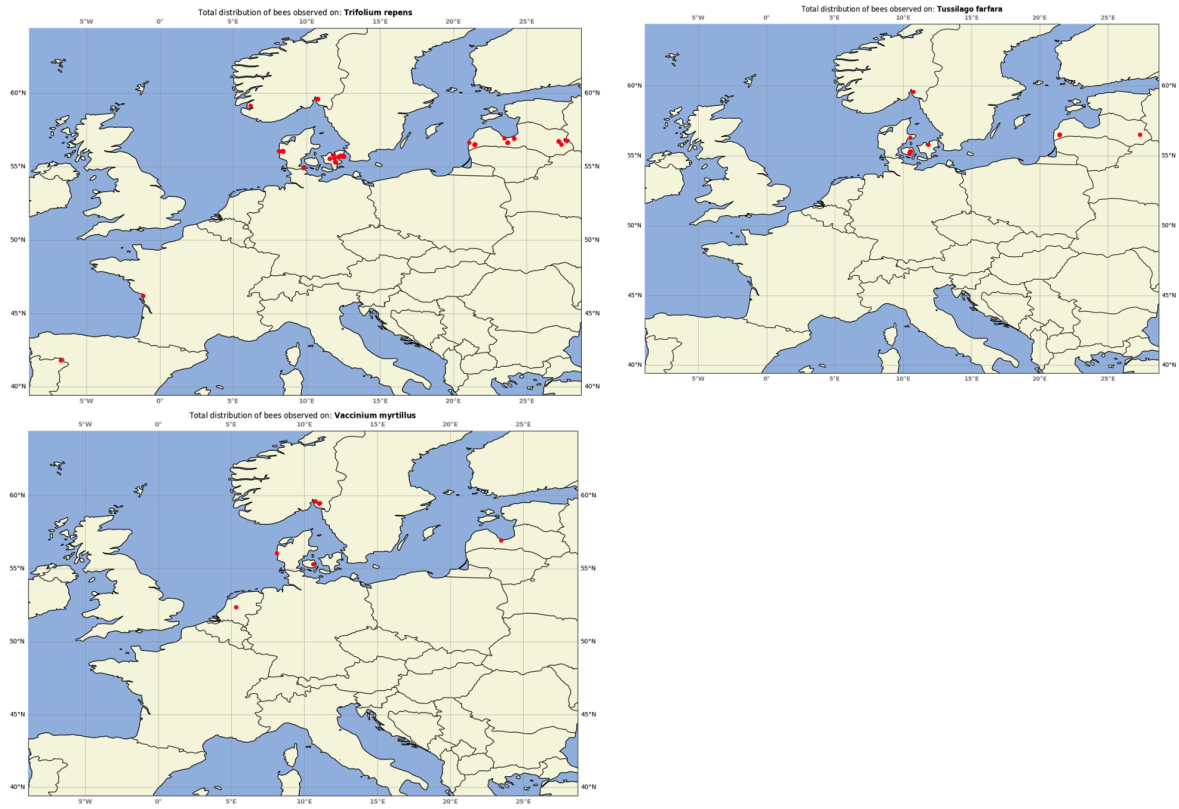












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