

Supporting Information

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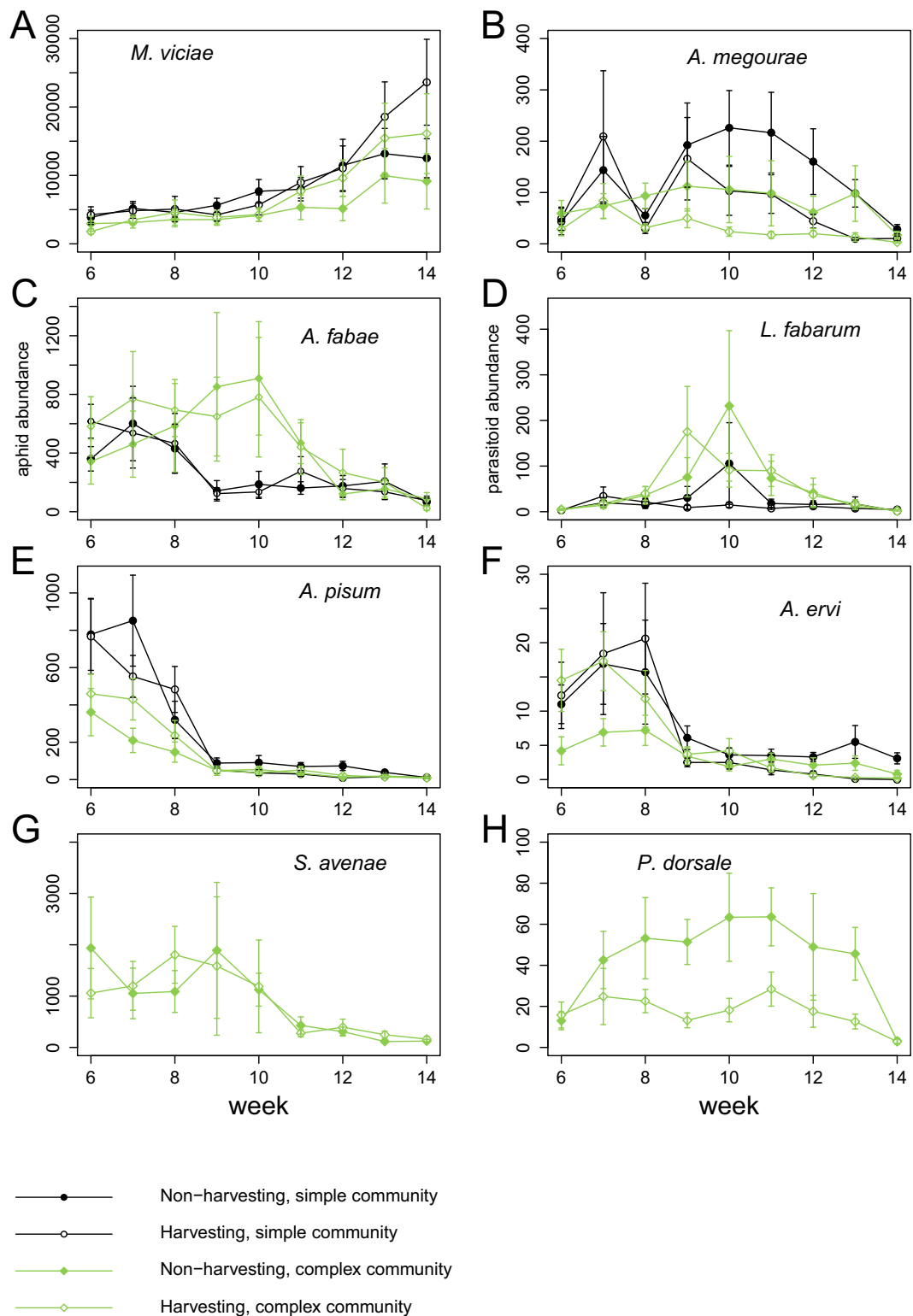


Fig. S1. Population dynamics for the experimental communities. The population dynamics for the aphids *Megoura viciae* (A), *Aphis fabae* (C), *Acyrtosiphon pisum* (E), and *Sitobion avenae* (G) and the parasitoids *Aphidius megourae* (B), *Lysiphlebus fabarum* (D), *Aphidius ervi* (F), and *Praon dorsale* (H) in simple (black, circle) and complex (green, diamond) communities with *A. megourae* harvested (open symbols) or nonharvested (closed symbols) are shown. Presented are means for species abundance and SEs (from 10 replicates). *A. ervi* densities decreased in harvesting treatments toward the end of the experiment (harvesting \times week: $F_{1,317} = 22.72$, $P < 0.0001$) and were stronger in the simpler communities (harvesting \times community: $F_{1,27} = 9.07$, $P = 0.0056$). *A. pisum* aphids had lower numbers in the complex community (community: $F_{1,27} = 10.11$, $P = 0.0037$) but were less affected by harvesting in these than in simple communities (harvesting \times community: $F_{1,27} = 4.45$, $P = 0.0443$). *L. fabarum* and *A. fabae* population dynamics were unaffected by treatments, and effects on all other species are discussed in the main text. Note the lower densities after fully established food webs that include top-down control through parasitoids and hyperparasitoids (species persistence is shown in Fig. 2).

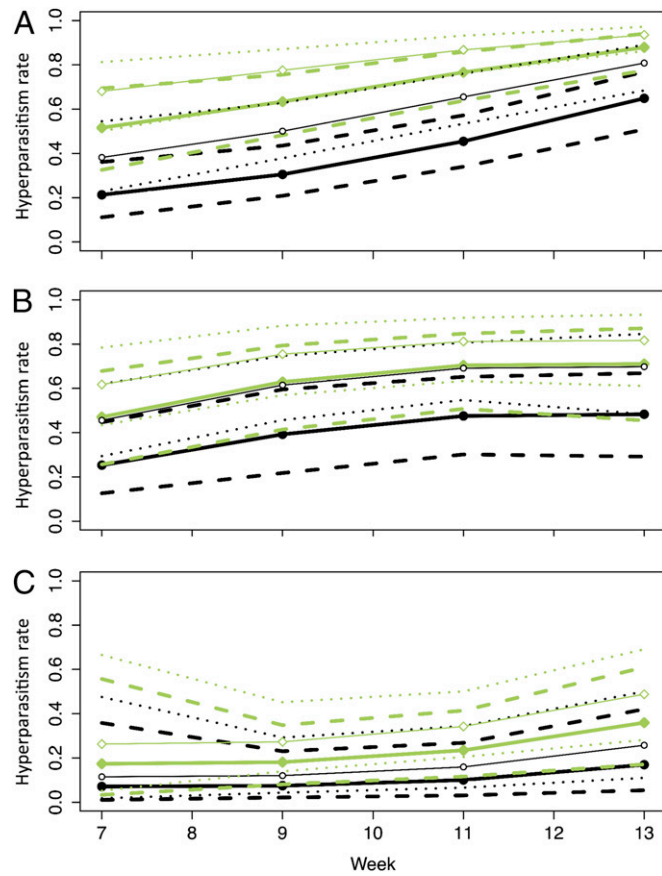


Fig. S5. Hyperparasitism rate for primary parasitoids. The hyperparasitism rates for *A. megourae* (A), *A. ervi* (B), and *L. fabarum* (C) as a result of attacks from the hyperparasitoid community (species are identified in legends for Figs. S3 and S4) in simple (black, circles) and complex (green, diamonds) communities with *A. megourae* either harvested (open symbols) or nonharvested (closed symbols) are shown. Presented are means for the proportion of parasitoid mummies that have been hyperparasitized and 95% confidence intervals (extracted from post hoc distribution).

Table S2. Hyperparasitism rate for primary parasitoids

Species	Harvesting		Community		Week	
	z	P	z	P	z	P
<i>A. megourae</i>	2.81	0.0049	4.24	<0.0001	4.62	<0.0001
<i>L. fabarum</i>	1.20	0.2302	1.843	0.0653	1.15	0.6057
<i>A. ervi</i>	2.09	0.0370	2.04	0.0069	2.70	0.0069

Presented are the results from generalized linear mixed effects models (binomial error structure) with a combined variable (hyperparasitized and nonhyperparasitized aphid mummies) as a response variable and harvesting, community complexity, and week as fixed factors. Block and mesocosm were included as random factors.

Table S3. Sets of parameter values used in the sensitivity analysis

Parameter ranges	b_{min}	b_{max}	K_{min}	K_{max}	b_{Hmin}	b_{Hmax}	a_{Hmin}	a_{Hmax}	b_{Pmin}	b_{Pmax}	a_{Pmin}	a_{Pmax}
Simulation 1	0.06	1.65	14.75	30.38	-1.94	-1.60	0.19	0.49	-0.37	-0.09	1.23	1.63
Simulation 2	2.61	3.94	15.38	31.25	-1.83	-1.55	1.46	1.72	-1.61	-1.27	0.06	0.54
Simulation 3	1.89	2.86	31.42	48.21	-0.65	-0.33	1.11	1.59	-1.20	-1.05	0.39	1.17
Simulation 4	1.77	2.86	16.42	34.71	-1.04	-0.73	0.51	1.08	-1.27	-1.03	0.51	1.15
Simulation 5	1.56	3.52	0.77	18.11	-1.44	-1.19	0.47	0.98	-2.43	-2.08	0.87	1.36
Simulation 6	2.24	3.85	2.33	14.29	-0.55	-0.17	0.99	1.51	-1.04	-0.72	0.02	0.76
Simulation 7	3.54	5.48	0.00	10.98	-0.42	-0.07	1.27	1.57	-0.81	-0.51	0.10	0.66
Simulation 8	1.73	2.68	14.68	29.70	-1.97	-1.79	1.28	1.66	-1.71	-1.40	0.40	0.99
Simulation 9	0.76	2.64	28.24	43.14	-1.79	-1.44	1.33	1.71	-2.25	-1.99	0.90	1.57
Simulation 10	2.28	4.04	16.73	29.15	-0.59	-0.35	0.36	0.89	-1.24	-0.89	0.82	1.11
Simulation 11	0.43	2.28	0.70	14.42	-0.72	-0.34	1.21	1.80	-2.50	-2.28	0.75	1.00
Simulation 12	4.45	6.03	14.49	29.13	-1.34	-0.96	0.12	0.60	-2.38	-2.09	0.60	1.39
Simulation 13	2.79	3.87	8.63	21.50	-1.09	-0.83	0.90	1.37	-2.41	-2.18	0.03	0.43
Simulation 14	0.94	1.67	21.50	39.37	-1.87	-1.70	0.46	0.83	-2.01	-1.64	1.06	1.38
Simulation 15	4.48	5.33	3.18	18.69	-0.61	-0.30	0.90	1.06	-1.88	-1.55	0.79	1.23
Simulation 16	0.74	1.75	22.69	41.18	-0.24	-0.03	0.28	0.50	-0.73	-0.36	0.65	0.95
Simulation 17	1.20	1.85	12.49	23.64	-2.02	-1.70	1.20	1.37	-0.97	-0.75	1.17	1.72
Simulation 18	0.52	1.75	24.45	42.43	-1.92	-1.69	0.74	1.12	-0.76	-0.46	0.00	0.60
Simulation 19	4.60	6.56	7.43	21.94	-0.89	-0.51	0.73	1.30	-2.07	-1.67	0.50	1.12
Simulation 20	3.56	4.45	25.30	33.32	-1.68	-1.51	1.46	1.79	-1.08	-0.73	0.11	0.76
Simulation 21	4.74	6.30	0.31	13.32	-1.73	-1.35	0.00	0.30	-1.36	-0.98	0.69	1.35
Simulation 22	0.79	2.49	0.00	9.61	-1.54	-1.28	1.13	1.47	-2.33	-2.04	0.46	0.99
Simulation 23	3.59	5.32	24.62	40.01	-1.93	-1.75	0.98	1.32	-2.15	-2.04	0.50	1.19
Simulation 24	1.85	3.00	14.75	34.13	-2.13	-1.74	0.03	0.55	-1.37	-1.07	0.82	1.35
Simulation 25	0.00	1.40	18.68	30.95	-1.61	-1.50	1.57	1.81	-1.65	-1.29	1.21	1.97
Simulation 26	1.26	2.25	3.96	23.91	-0.56	-0.20	1.18	1.63	-1.88	-1.64	0.92	1.57
Simulation 27	0.00	0.97	6.32	14.80	-0.60	-0.41	0.04	0.44	-0.80	-0.46	0.01	0.62
Simulation 28	4.66	5.93	24.02	42.10	-1.64	-1.26	1.02	1.42	-1.56	-1.28	0.26	1.00
Simulation 29	0.56	2.38	30.38	39.50	-2.14	-1.81	1.33	1.75	-1.45	-1.12	0.70	1.11
Simulation 30	4.52	6.30	29.49	47.88	-0.84	-0.44	0.00	0.31	-1.50	-1.16	0.37	1.04
Simulation 31	0.00	1.36	1.80	7.33	-0.29	-0.01	0.88	1.22	-0.78	-0.57	0.70	1.20
Simulation 32	0.19	1.40	0.00	13.16	-1.62	-1.42	0.30	0.65	-0.91	-0.54	0.00	0.44
Simulation 33	3.27	4.63	30.06	44.31	-1.30	-1.07	0.84	1.29	-1.67	-1.35	0.08	0.47
Simulation 34	1.23	2.83	20.52	39.61	-1.42	-1.06	1.09	1.55	-0.65	-0.30	0.20	0.94
Simulation 35	0.34	1.71	2.09	21.28	-1.15	-0.80	0.34	0.54	-1.22	-0.95	0.08	0.58
Simulation 36	3.58	5.21	21.17	40.45	-1.29	-1.15	0.25	0.77	-1.92	-1.69	1.26	1.86
Simulation 37	0.93	2.69	9.15	21.72	-1.80	-1.50	0.77	1.05	-0.96	-0.71	0.73	1.52
Simulation 38	0.16	1.32	11.15	20.47	-0.89	-0.69	1.60	1.81	-1.69	-1.37	0.82	1.50
Simulation 39	0.45	2.38	5.70	22.93	-0.45	-0.16	1.14	1.63	-2.41	-2.15	1.04	1.55
Simulation 40	1.54	3.43	12.42	19.96	-2.05	-1.78	0.46	1.03	-0.87	-0.67	0.15	0.88
Simulation 41	2.62	4.15	20.78	32.59	-1.13	-0.86	0.91	1.32	-1.13	-0.95	1.09	1.56
Simulation 42	3.86	5.84	27.10	32.28	-0.99	-0.63	1.56	2.03	-0.97	-0.61	0.00	0.46
Simulation 43	2.80	4.20	9.35	15.52	-1.24	-1.01	0.05	0.49	-0.54	-0.37	0.10	0.48
Simulation 44	3.58	4.20	0.00	11.62	-0.43	-0.14	1.41	1.70	-2.11	-2.00	1.19	1.73
Simulation 45	5.16	6.78	1.97	15.41	-1.11	-0.95	0.98	1.22	-0.86	-0.55	1.18	1.98
Simulation 46	5.49	6.01	12.61	24.26	-1.45	-1.06	0.41	0.81	-2.54	-2.19	0.30	1.00
Simulation 47	1.19	2.99	27.14	43.48	-1.49	-1.18	1.10	1.27	-0.38	0.00	0.17	0.79
Simulation 48	1.30	3.22	10.36	23.52	-2.09	-1.70	0.41	0.91	-1.94	-1.75	0.00	0.50
Simulation 49	3.14	4.08	13.79	21.58	-0.96	-0.70	0.03	0.48	-1.74	-1.46	0.69	1.39
Simulation 50	2.87	4.58	0.83	10.54	-1.91	-1.58	0.32	0.73	-2.27	-2.02	0.37	0.80
Simulation 51	0.17	0.75	20.42	27.71	-0.93	-0.53	0.39	0.97	-1.17	-1.04	0.00	0.52
Simulation 52	3.93	5.42	0.00	14.14	-0.65	-0.44	0.74	0.96	-1.56	-1.24	1.15	1.94
Simulation 53	4.10	5.94	28.15	47.72	-1.46	-1.14	1.37	1.97	-0.64	-0.50	1.00	1.77
Simulation 54	5.37	6.24	0.30	15.57	-1.75	-1.40	0.43	0.99	-0.47	-0.31	0.96	1.32
Simulation 55	3.71	4.74	15.92	26.20	-1.88	-1.54	0.76	1.24	-2.15	-1.77	0.32	0.77
Simulation 56	2.59	3.84	4.13	16.25	-1.10	-0.78	0.59	1.14	-0.32	-0.09	1.03	1.67
Simulation 57	3.69	5.55	9.20	25.42	-0.39	-0.25	1.04	1.36	-2.40	-2.02	0.00	0.35
Simulation 58	1.39	2.57	1.71	10.41	-2.16	-1.82	0.00	0.40	-0.52	-0.21	0.16	0.77
Simulation 59	1.52	2.32	21.19	35.18	-1.30	-0.92	1.06	1.61	-1.93	-1.63	1.18	1.86
Simulation 60	4.57	5.69	26.18	45.94	-0.79	-0.64	1.54	1.74	-1.56	-1.42	0.70	1.25
Simulation 61	3.45	5.23	0.42	19.21	-1.49	-1.29	0.10	0.65	-0.70	-0.34	0.69	1.03
Simulation 62	1.98	3.33	24.24	41.14	-0.66	-0.51	0.72	1.21	-0.36	-0.23	0.54	0.96
Simulation 63	3.33	4.00	0.00	18.36	-0.39	-0.07	0.29	0.83	-0.36	-0.19	0.93	1.21

Table S3. Cont.

Parameter ranges	b_{min}	b_{max}	K_{min}	K_{max}	b_{Hmin}	b_{Hmax}	a_{Hmin}	a_{Hmax}	b_{Pmin}	b_{Pmax}	a_{Pmin}	a_{Pmax}
Simulation 64	5.19	6.64	13.25	27.37	-1.83	-1.44	0.92	1.42	-1.07	-0.87	0.20	0.92
Simulation 65	0.00	1.46	4.10	22.28	-0.96	-0.58	0.70	0.96	-2.08	-1.71	1.02	1.65
Simulation 66	0.89	2.28	27.18	41.95	-0.73	-0.63	0.80	1.36	-0.99	-0.86	1.17	1.39
Simulation 67	4.30	5.84	11.31	27.06	-0.80	-0.44	1.50	2.01	-2.10	-1.91	0.88	1.64
Simulation 68	3.20	4.92	31.26	37.12	-1.64	-1.37	0.41	0.78	-1.35	-1.13	0.00	0.57
Simulation 69	0.00	1.86	0.00	13.74	-1.03	-0.66	0.72	1.07	-0.67	-0.33	0.00	0.57
Simulation 70	4.19	6.18	29.05	38.57	-1.25	-0.86	1.54	2.01	-2.10	-1.78	0.68	1.16
Simulation 71	2.60	4.51	10.90	22.22	-1.63	-1.34	0.67	1.23	-0.92	-0.71	0.38	1.10
Simulation 72	0.00	1.39	13.58	26.30	-1.04	-0.76	0.00	0.46	-2.27	-1.88	0.20	0.71
Simulation 73	2.50	3.70	17.17	24.20	-1.51	-1.20	0.16	0.75	-1.51	-1.24	0.77	1.00
Simulation 74	1.40	2.90	6.91	20.21	-1.39	-1.02	0.21	0.64	-1.75	-1.50	1.04	1.58
Simulation 75	4.58	6.13	16.30	34.07	-1.55	-1.38	0.59	1.17	-0.55	-0.26	0.48	1.06
Simulation 76	3.05	3.83	18.36	33.51	-0.35	-0.07	0.00	0.46	-1.35	-1.04	0.08	0.77
Simulation 77	3.47	4.76	28.12	47.01	-1.83	-1.63	0.57	1.06	-1.55	-1.16	0.24	0.57
Simulation 78	2.12	3.86	13.41	24.22	-0.32	-0.06	1.17	1.70	-1.46	-1.07	0.42	0.78
Simulation 79	0.47	1.91	0.00	14.43	-0.40	-0.28	0.51	1.05	-1.82	-1.47	1.06	1.32
Simulation 80	3.91	5.22	19.38	35.49	-0.37	-0.16	1.10	1.64	-0.52	-0.16	1.08	1.66
Simulation 81	3.29	5.28	19.07	38.06	-0.57	-0.22	1.54	1.90	-1.74	-1.41	0.13	0.86
Simulation 82	3.76	4.58	24.37	38.75	-1.89	-1.76	0.00	0.26	-2.12	-1.72	0.18	0.55
Simulation 83	5.01	5.92	11.06	28.07	-0.83	-0.49	0.07	0.38	-1.87	-1.60	0.30	1.06
Simulation 84	2.11	3.42	29.97	46.65	-1.52	-1.22	0.90	1.17	-2.16	-1.80	0.34	0.90
Simulation 85	0.43	1.50	35.31	43.56	-0.55	-0.32	0.02	0.60	-2.15	-1.91	1.37	1.58
Simulation 86	4.46	5.01	7.11	17.02	-1.55	-1.31	0.97	1.56	-2.45	-2.19	0.00	0.73
Simulation 87	2.86	4.69	33.57	44.55	-1.22	-0.93	0.44	0.95	-2.48	-2.21	0.82	1.29
Simulation 88	4.90	6.37	18.29	35.84	-1.39	-1.17	1.32	1.59	-0.42	-0.09	1.03	1.38
Simulation 89	5.34	6.04	2.59	20.04	-1.05	-0.68	1.42	1.89	-0.51	-0.13	1.35	1.62
Simulation 90	3.10	4.57	24.58	31.05	-0.24	-0.10	1.45	2.03	-0.30	-0.02	0.00	0.44
Simulation 91	1.75	3.44	11.70	31.18	-0.81	-0.69	0.96	1.51	-0.80	-0.69	0.84	1.50
Simulation 92	2.19	3.23	25.56	32.31	-0.54	-0.29	1.29	1.68	-0.55	-0.31	0.19	0.87
Simulation 93	1.86	3.79	0.00	9.18	-0.72	-0.49	0.37	0.61	-1.07	-0.83	0.00	0.63
Simulation 94	0.45	1.71	28.16	44.72	-0.72	-0.41	0.49	1.03	-2.25	-2.08	0.71	1.16
Simulation 95	4.08	5.50	3.47	22.16	-1.00	-0.84	0.33	0.76	-1.86	-1.47	0.37	0.96
Simulation 96	2.00	3.87	13.85	33.52	-2.08	-1.82	1.37	1.78	-0.67	-0.51	1.14	1.66
Simulation 97	1.98	3.78	25.96	36.42	-1.32	-1.01	1.51	1.70	-1.18	-0.80	0.74	1.45
Simulation 98	5.10	6.62	21.27	31.36	-1.27	-0.91	0.36	0.79	-1.89	-1.49	1.20	1.63
Simulation 99	1.49	2.24	2.73	11.64	-1.18	-0.85	0.18	0.63	-1.40	-1.22	1.16	1.91
Simulation 100	4.13	5.79	31.49	42.13	-1.80	-1.54	0.14	0.51	-1.11	-0.92	1.35	1.66

For each of 100 simulations, model parameters were drawn from the following uniform distributions: b_i from $[b_{min}; b_{max}]$, $[b_{Hmin}; b_{Hmax}]$, and $[b_{Pmin}; b_{Pmax}]$ for plants, herbivores, and predators/parasitoids, respectively; a_i from $[a_{Hmin}; a_{Hmax}]$ and $[a_{Pmin}; a_{Pmax}]$ for the per capita effects of herbivores and predators/parasitoids, respectively; and K_i from $[K_{min}; K_{max}]$. Rows in gray correspond to simulations where parameter values do not allow species coexistence in all food web scenarios. Such simulations are thus not included in Fig. S7. Minimum (*min*) and maximum (*max*) parameter values of b = intrinsic growth rate, and a = per capita effect of one species on the per capita growth rate of another species. K is plant species carrying capacity. Values are for plants, herbivores (H), and predators/parasitoids (P).

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