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Appendix S5: Model Descriptions for Box 2

Panels (A) and (B) in Figure 6 of the main text, referenced in Box 2, were created using the Rosenzweig-MacArthur model (Rosenzweig & MacArthur 1963) with environmental

stochasticity added:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) - \frac{mNP}{1 + mhN} + N\zeta_n \sigma_{t,n}$$
(S1)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{cmNP}{1+mhN} - dP + P\zeta_p \sigma_{t,p}$$
(S2)

where *N* is the prey population density, *P* is the predator density, *r* is the prey population's intrinsic growth rate, *K* is its carrying capacity, *m* is the maximum predation rate, *h* is the handling time, *c* is the predator efficiency, and *d* is the predator's death rate. Environmental stochasticity is added via the final term in each equation, as described for the Beverton-Holt model in the main text. We use a = 0 for both predator and prey, which makes $\sigma_{t,n}$ and $\sigma_{t,p}$ uncorrelated *Normal*(0,1) random variables. We used r = 0.2, K = 82, m = 0.02, h = 1, c = 1, d = 0.4, $\zeta_n = 0.01$, and $\zeta_p = 0.03$ for the stochastic trajectories (yellow, red) shown in Figure 6. Deterministic trajectories (black, gray) used the same parameter values except $\zeta_n = \zeta_p = 0$.

Panels (C) and (D) in Figure 6 were generated from the Freedman-Wolkowicz model (Freedman & Wolkowicz 1986) with environmental stochasticity added:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(1 - \frac{N}{K}\right) - \frac{mNP}{N^2 + m(N+1)} + N\zeta_n \sigma_{t,n}$$
(S3)

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{cmNP}{N^2 + m(N+1)} - dP + P\zeta_p \sigma_{t,p}.$$
(S4)

Parameter values for the stochastic realizations were r = 1, K = 2.5, m = 4.5, c = 5, d = 2.5, $\zeta_n = 0.01$, and $\zeta_p = 0.25$. Deterministic trajectories used the same values except $\zeta_n = \zeta_p = 0$.

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