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Lower Hudson Emerging Invasive Species

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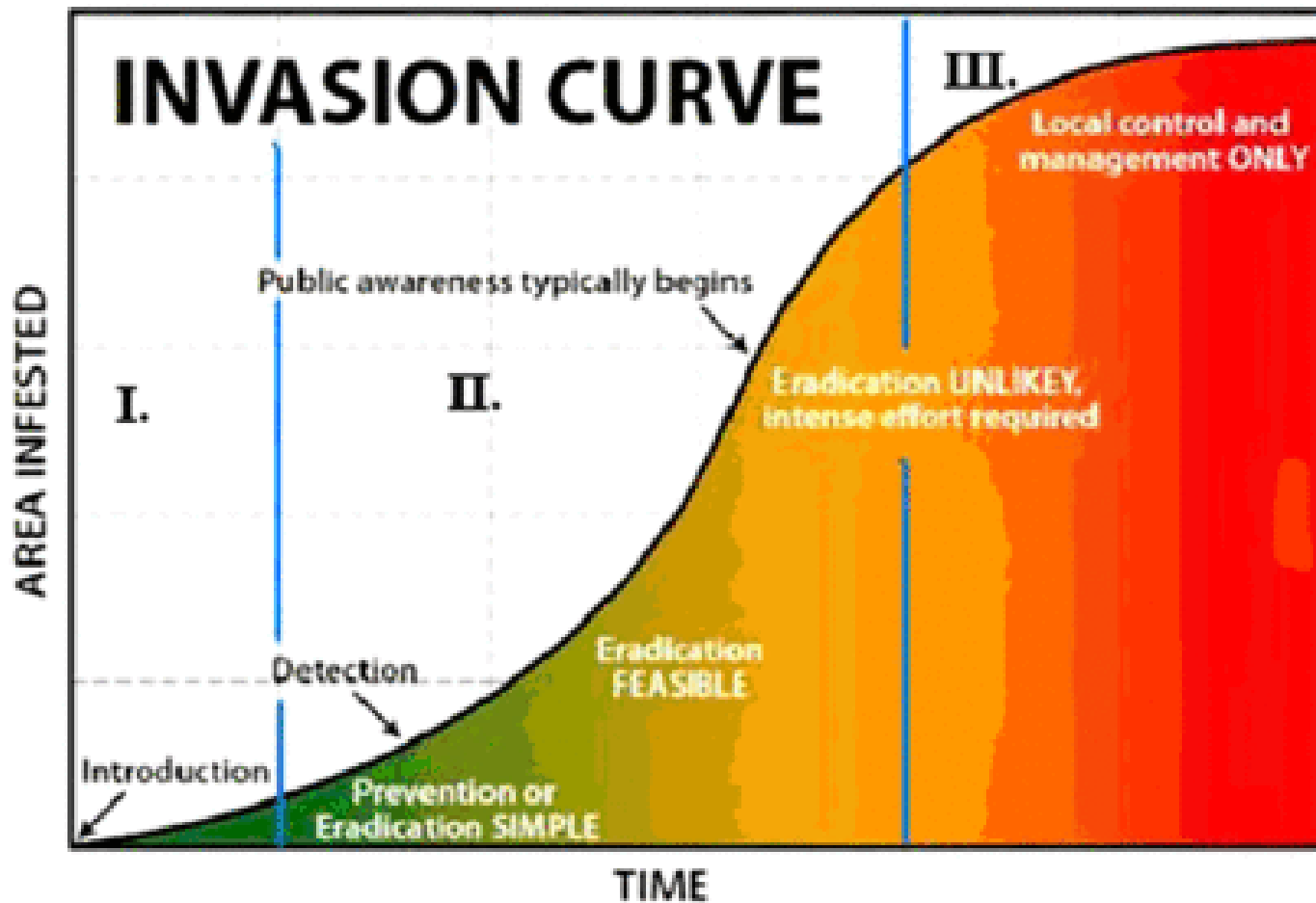
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What do we mean by “Emerging”?



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► Image from Southwest Montana Science Partnership

Selecting species to focus on...

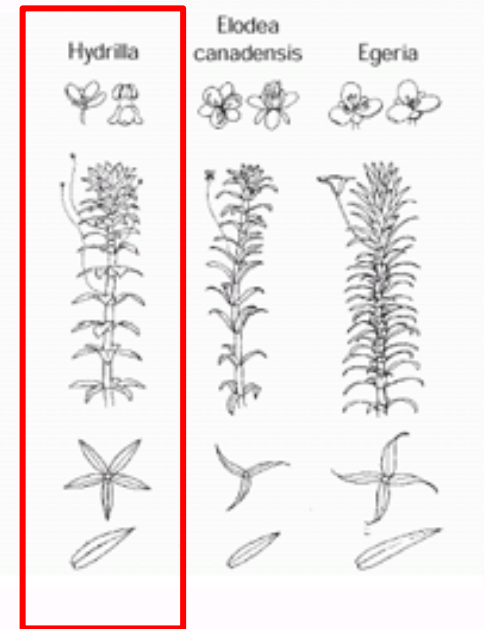
- ▶ In a 15 minute talk
- ▶ Currently present in the Lower Hudson PRISM region
- ▶ Low numbers of reported locations
- ▶ High impact or potential impact, High Invasiveness rank
 - ▶ NY State invasiveness ranks at: <http://nyis.info>
- ▶ Representative sample from different habitats, taxa
- ▶ There are **many others** to watch out for.



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Hydrilla

- ▶ New York State Priority Invasive Species
- ▶ One location in the Croton River - Croton Reservoir
- ▶ Very Highly invasive
- ▶ Leaves in whorl around stem, edges serrated
- ▶ 3-8 (typically 5) leaves per whorl
- ▶ Tubers and turions



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Photos: Samantha Epstein

Chinese mitten crab

- ▶ *Eriocheir sinensis*
- ▶ NY State Prohibited Species, Federally regulated
- ▶ Found in the Hudson River in 2007
- ▶ Very aggressive scavenger, Fresh water and salt water



<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/35888.html>



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Amur corktree

- ▶ *Phellodendron amurense*
- ▶ NYS Prohibited Invasive species, also Prohibited in Massachusetts
- ▶ When not in fruit, looks similar to an ash tree
- ▶ Deeply ridged corky bark, clusters of black berries
- ▶ 3 reports in NY - 2 in Westchester, 1 in Bronx
- ▶ Escapes into forested areas



Photo: <http://eabguelph.com>



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Hardy kiwi, silver vine

- ▶ *Actinidia arguta*
Actinidia polygama
- ▶ Woody vines, produce edible fruit



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Scotch Broom

- ▶ *Cytisus scoparius*
- ▶ Highly invasive in the Pacific Northwest
- ▶ Nitrogen-fixer
- ▶ Spreading in Orange and Rockland co.



Photos: Shelby
Timm



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Linden Viburnum

- ▶ *Viburnum dilatatum*
- ▶ Bird-dispersed, shade-tolerant forest understory shrub
- ▶ Similar to native *Viburnum dentatum*



Photo: Missouri Botanical Garden



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Jetbead (*Rhodotypos scandens*)

- ▶ Extensive populations found in Westchester, Orange



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Photos: (flw) <http://www.omcseeds.com>; (leaf) John M. Randall, The Nature Conservancy; (fruit) Leslie J. Mehrhoff, University of Connecticut, Bugwood.org

Lesser celandine, Fig buttercup

- ▶ *Ficaria verna*, aka *Ranunculus ficaria*
- ▶ NY State Prohibited Species, Very Highly invasive
- ▶ Spring ephemeral wildflower
- ▶ Blankets floodplains, stream corridors, wet meadows
- ▶ Similar to native marsh marigold



Photo: Duke Farms, NJ



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Small carpetgrass

- ▶ *Arthraxon hispidus*
- ▶ Annual grass, native to Asia
- ▶ Sunny, moist habitats
- ▶ Similar to native Deertongue
- ▶ One location in Westchester



Hairs on edge
of leaves



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Southern Pine Beetle

- ▶ *Dendroctonus frontalis*
- ▶ Confirmed in Orange County
- ▶ A southern pest expanding its range northward

- ▶ Attacks *Pinus* sp. Especially shortleaf and loblolly but also pitch pine



Photo: Ronald F. Billings, Texas Forest Service, bugwood.org



Photo: David T. Almquist, University of Florida, bugwood.org

Spotted Wing Drosophila

- ▶ *Drosophila suzukii*
- ▶ Attacks soft-skinned ripening and ripe fruits: blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, peaches, plums, cherry, grapes ...
- ▶ Natural areas hosts include: barberry, honeysuckle, pokeweed, blackberry, raspberry, black cherry, elderberry, dogwood, ...
- ▶ Reported for Orange and Dutchess counties



Photo: Tim Martinson,
Horticulture, Cornell
University



Photo: Michigan State
University Fact Sheet



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Many other species...

- ▶ See list of 15 New York early detection plants at
 - ▶ <http://bit.ly/1WiWF9z> (Excel spreadsheet)
- ▶ Invasive Species distributions in New York
 - ▶ <http://nyimapinvasives.org>
 - ▶ Report your findings here!
- ▶ NY State Invasive Species Assessments
 - ▶ <http://nyis.info> Resources tab
- ▶ Species categorizations based on current knowledge for the Lower Hudson region
 - ▶ <http://lhprism.org/content/strategy>



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Incised Fumewort (*Corydalis incisa*) Invasive in North America

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- Globally, invasive species cause 1.4 trillion dollars in damage each year¹
- Montana, North and South Dakota and Wyoming together spend approximately \$144 million per year on leafy spurge control ²
- Controlling Palmer amaranth costs Georgia cotton growers more than \$110 million each year, making it the most economically destructive weed in the southeastern United States³
- The state of Florida spends \$56 million annually to control one invasive plant species - Hydrilla⁴
- In 2008, the Adirondack town of Inlet, New York (pop. 333) allocated \$2,500 for control of Japanese Knotweed⁵.

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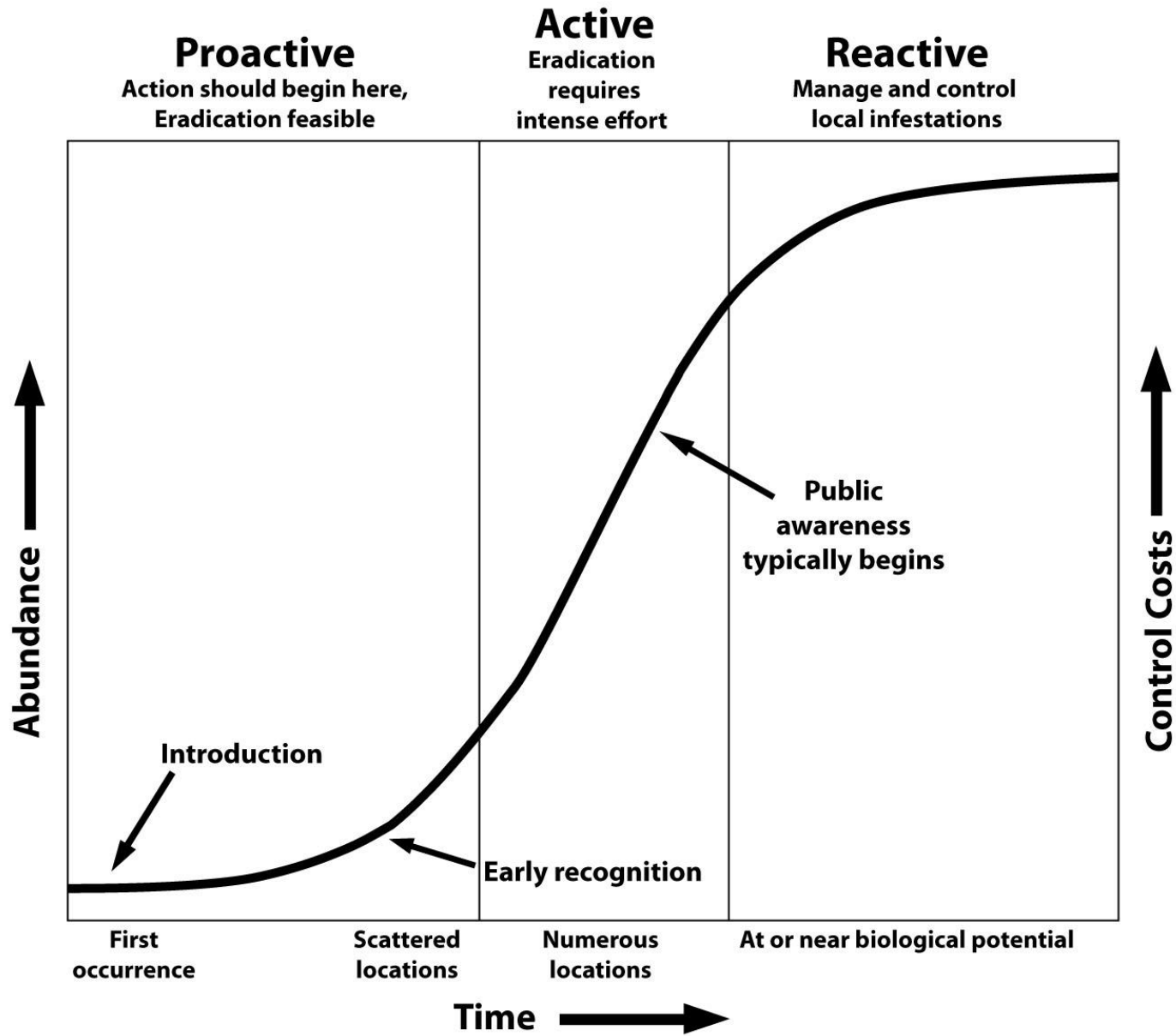
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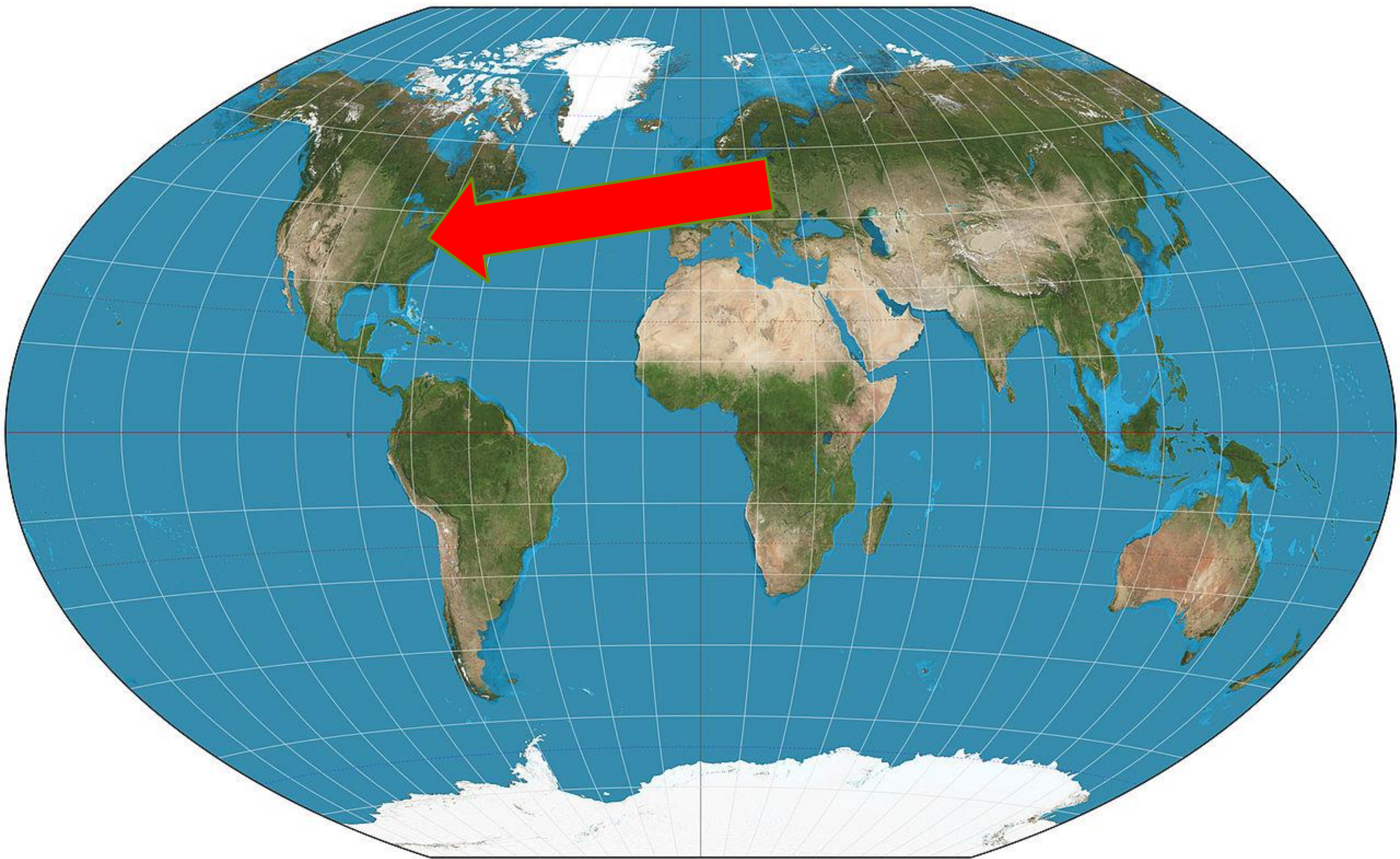
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Five Levels of Invasion*

1. casual alien plants
2. naturalized plants
3. invasive plants
4. noxious plants
5. transformers

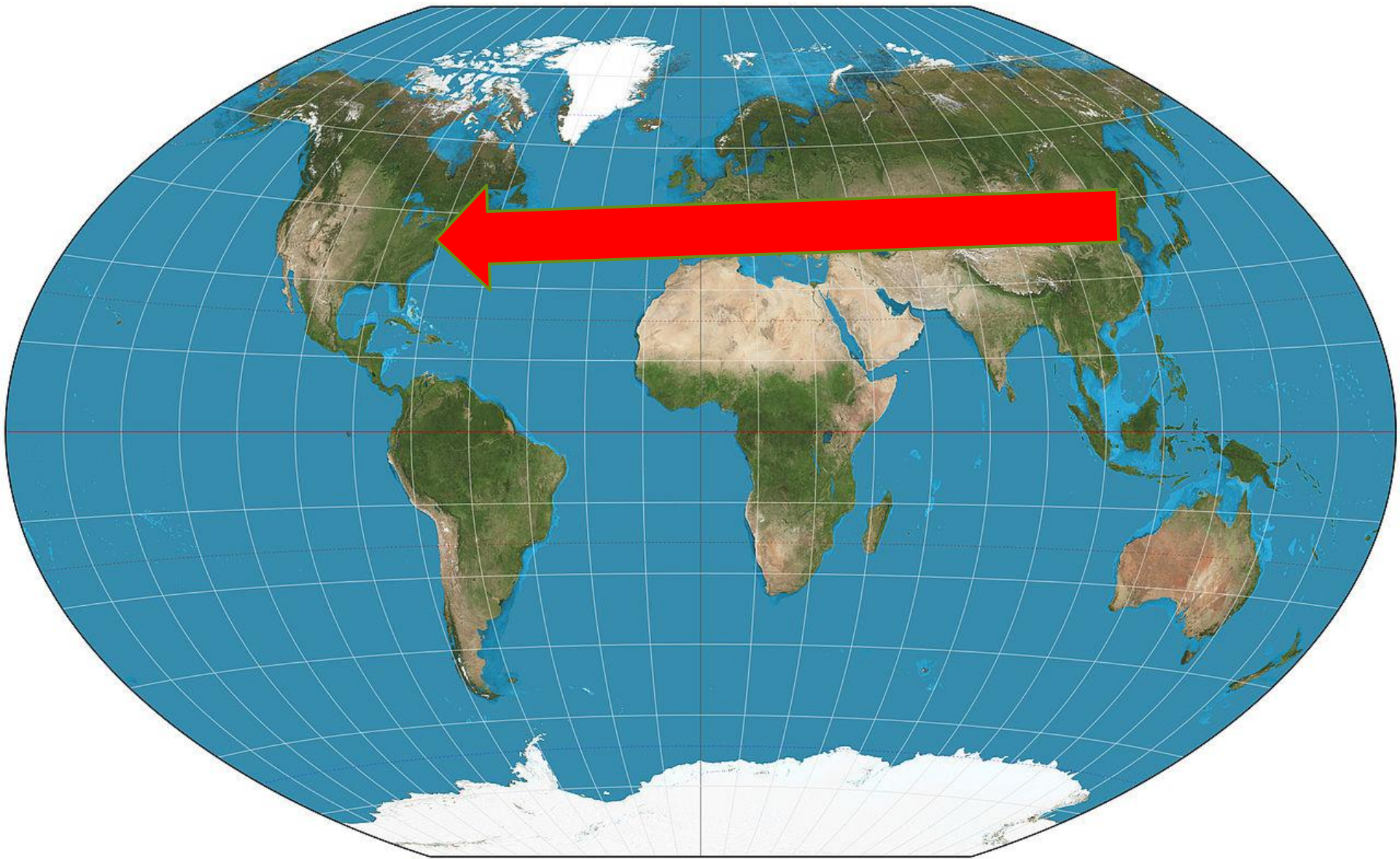
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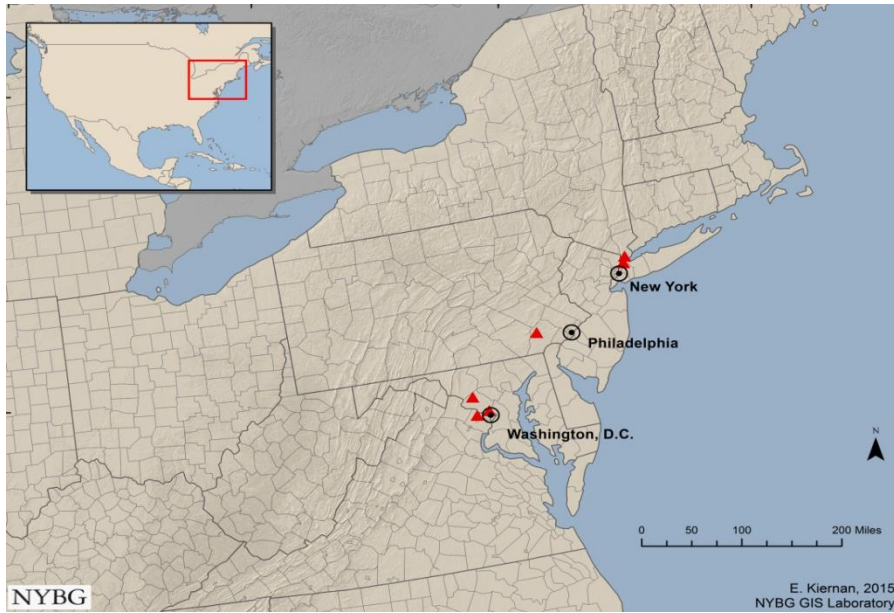




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NYBG/125 Alien Plant Introduction to North America After 1860



Description: Biennial or winter annual herb, 4 to 40 cm tall, seedlings growing from swollen roots. Mature plants with several stems from the base. Leaves highly divided, 2-12 cm long, segments sharply toothed. Inflorescences with 10-16 flowers. Fruits about 2 cm long, opening explosively. Seeds <1 mm diam, black and lustrous; flowering April to May.

Distribution and habitat: Native of Eastern China, Korea, Taiwan and Japan; currently known from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia in gardens, wetlands and forests.

Reproduction: seeds are explosively ejected, float in water, attractive to ants.

Threats: Outcompetes other vegetation; can form dense stands.

Control: Hand pulling mature plants before fruit set; seedlings can be very numerous, but easy to pull.

Note: The species was first found in North America in 2005. The seeds are ejected up to 9 feet, float in water and have an oily body (elaiosome) attractive to ants. The swollen roots may serve as additional dispersal agents.





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Corydalis incisa - Incised Fumewort (Fumariaceae)



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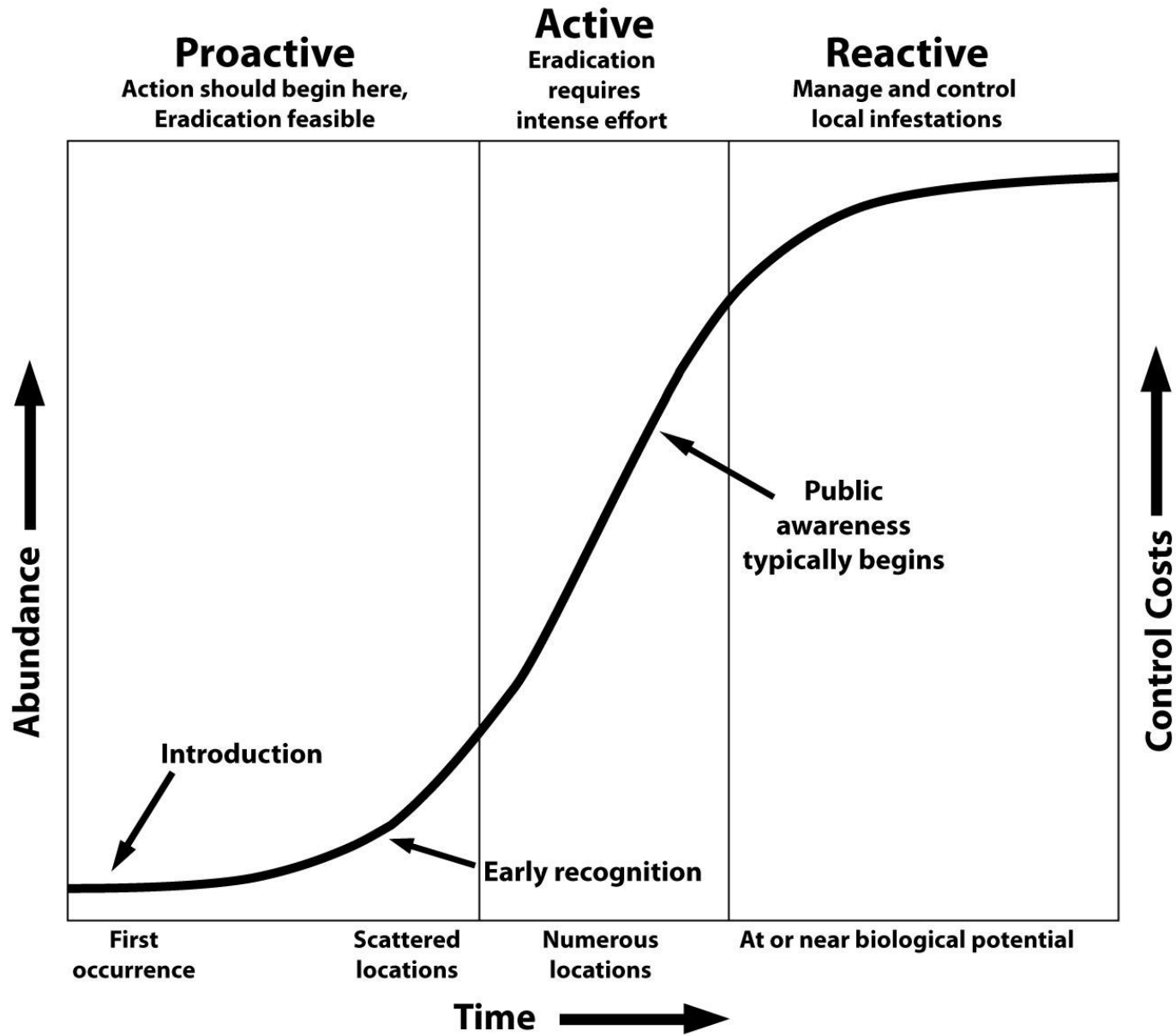
Corydalis incisa - flower and fruit



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Stop the spread before it's too late!!





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Distribution of *Nitellopsis obtusa* in New York, U.S.A.

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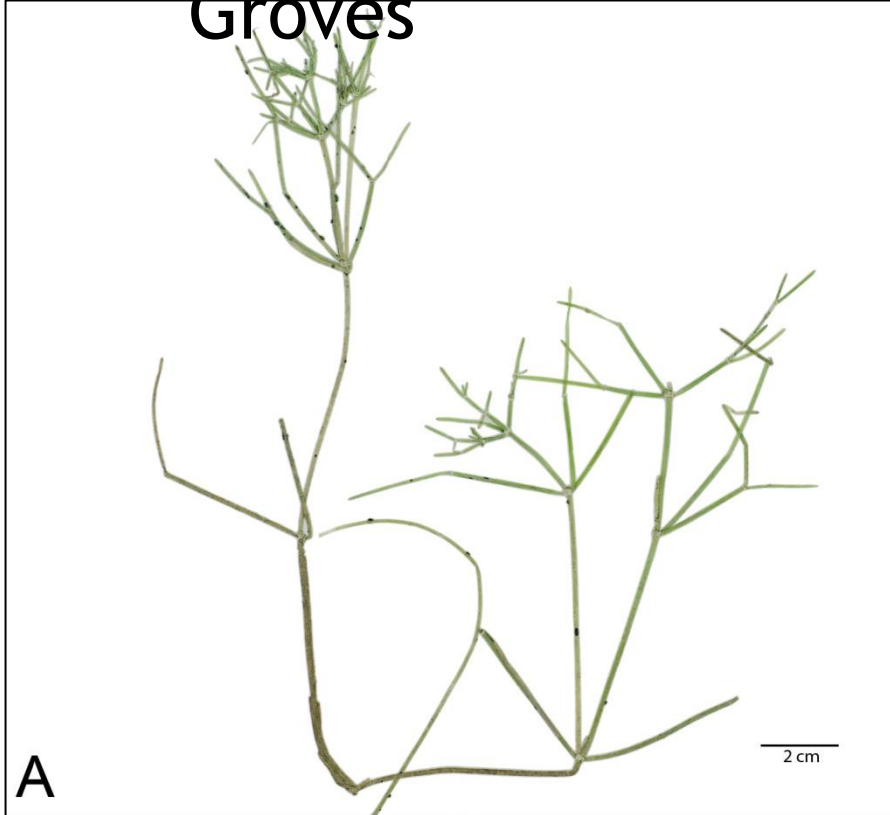
Aquatic Invasive Species

- ▶ Annual Damages: Billions of Dollars
- ▶ Sources: International Shipping, Aquarium Trade, Intentional Introduction
- ▶ Preventing introduction is single most effective strategy

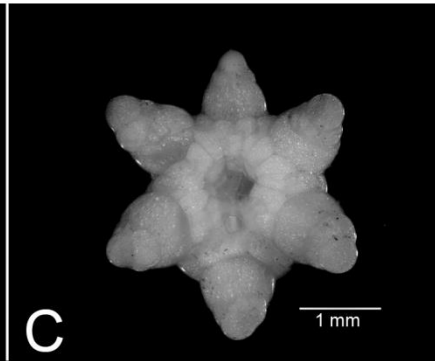
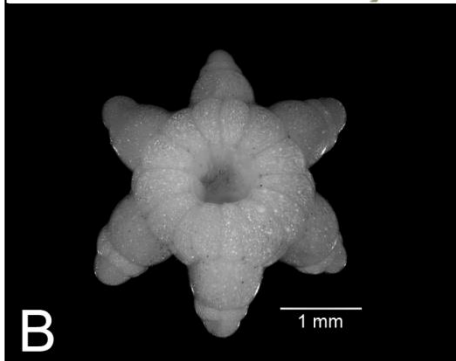
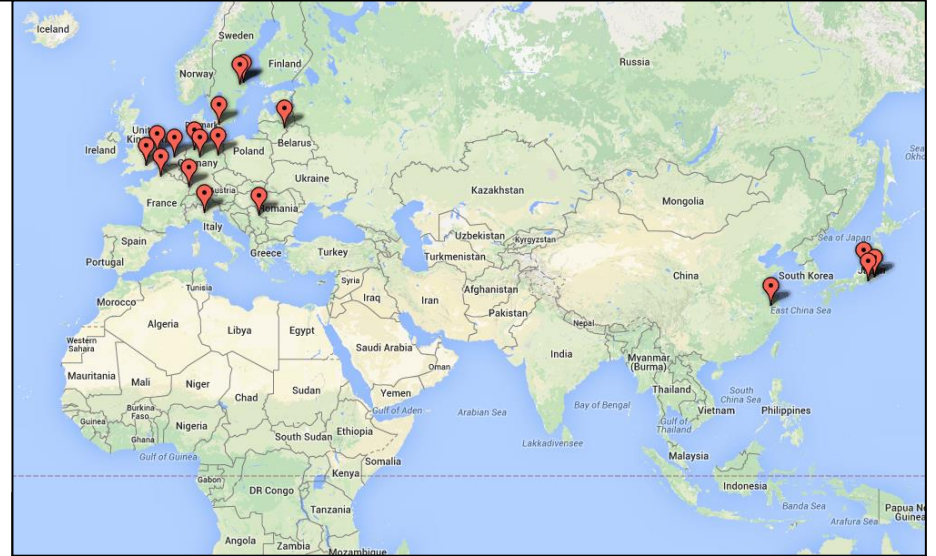


Nitellopsis obtusa (Desv. in Loisel.) J.

Groves

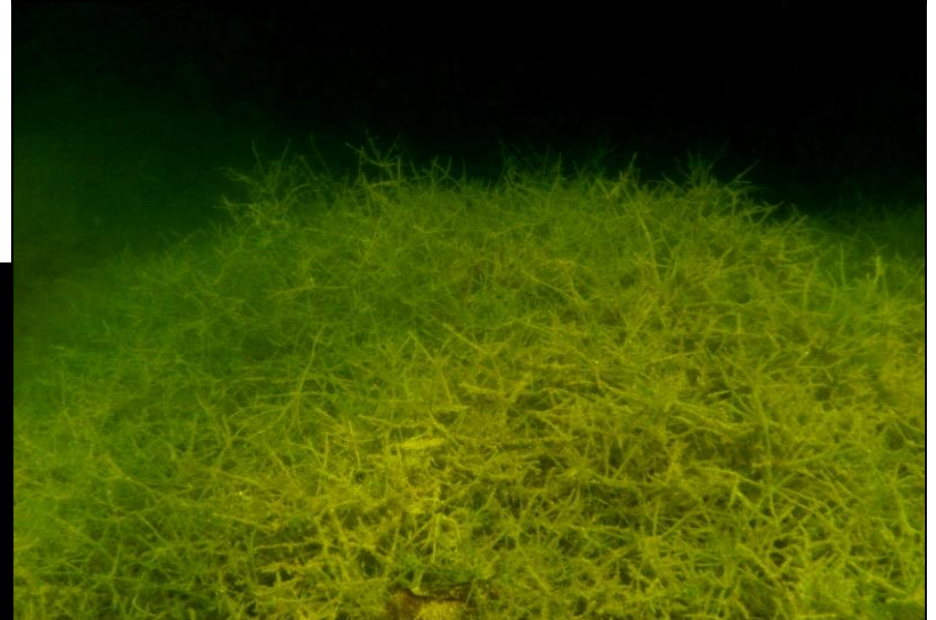


A



B

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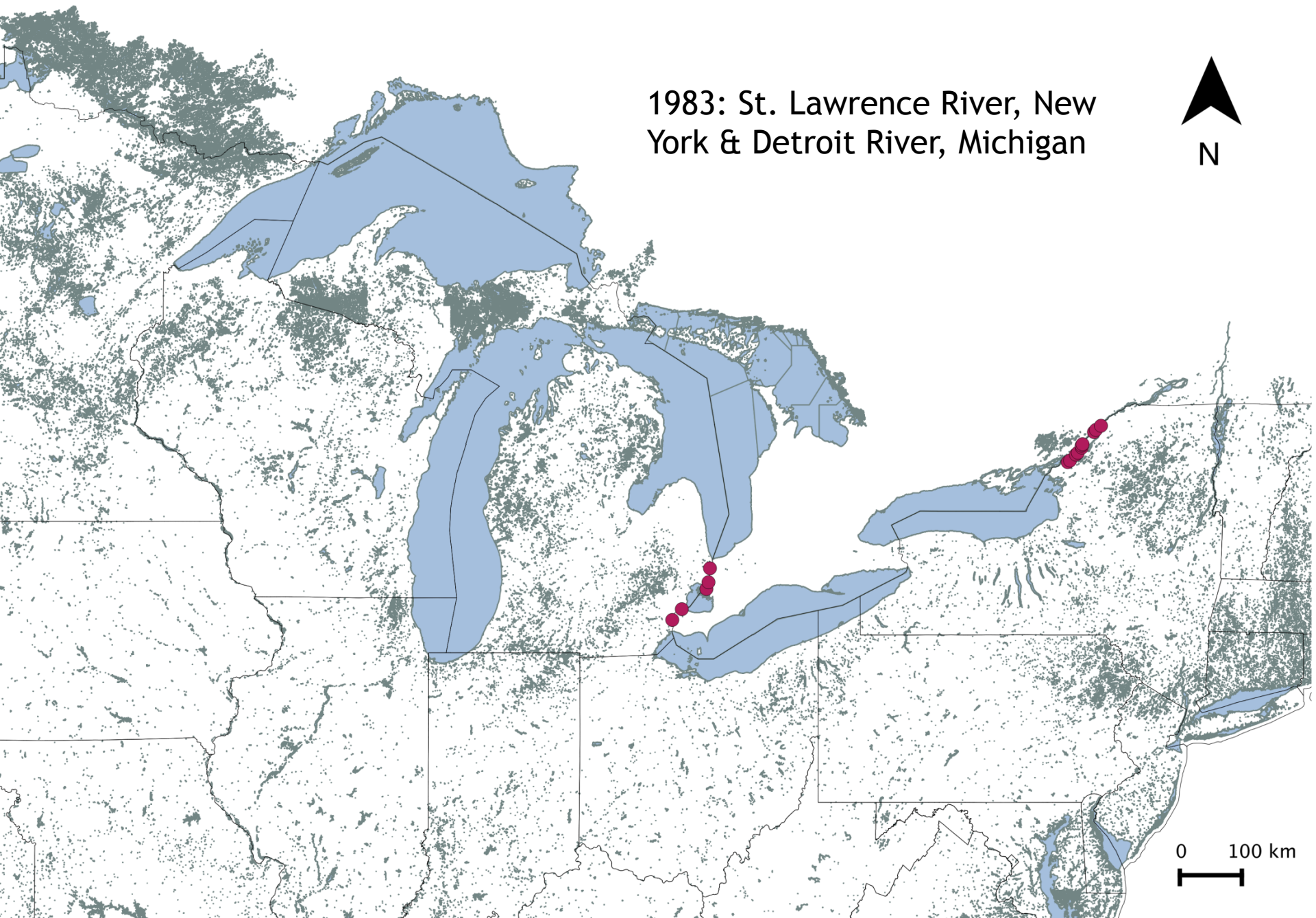


1978: St. Lawrence River, New York



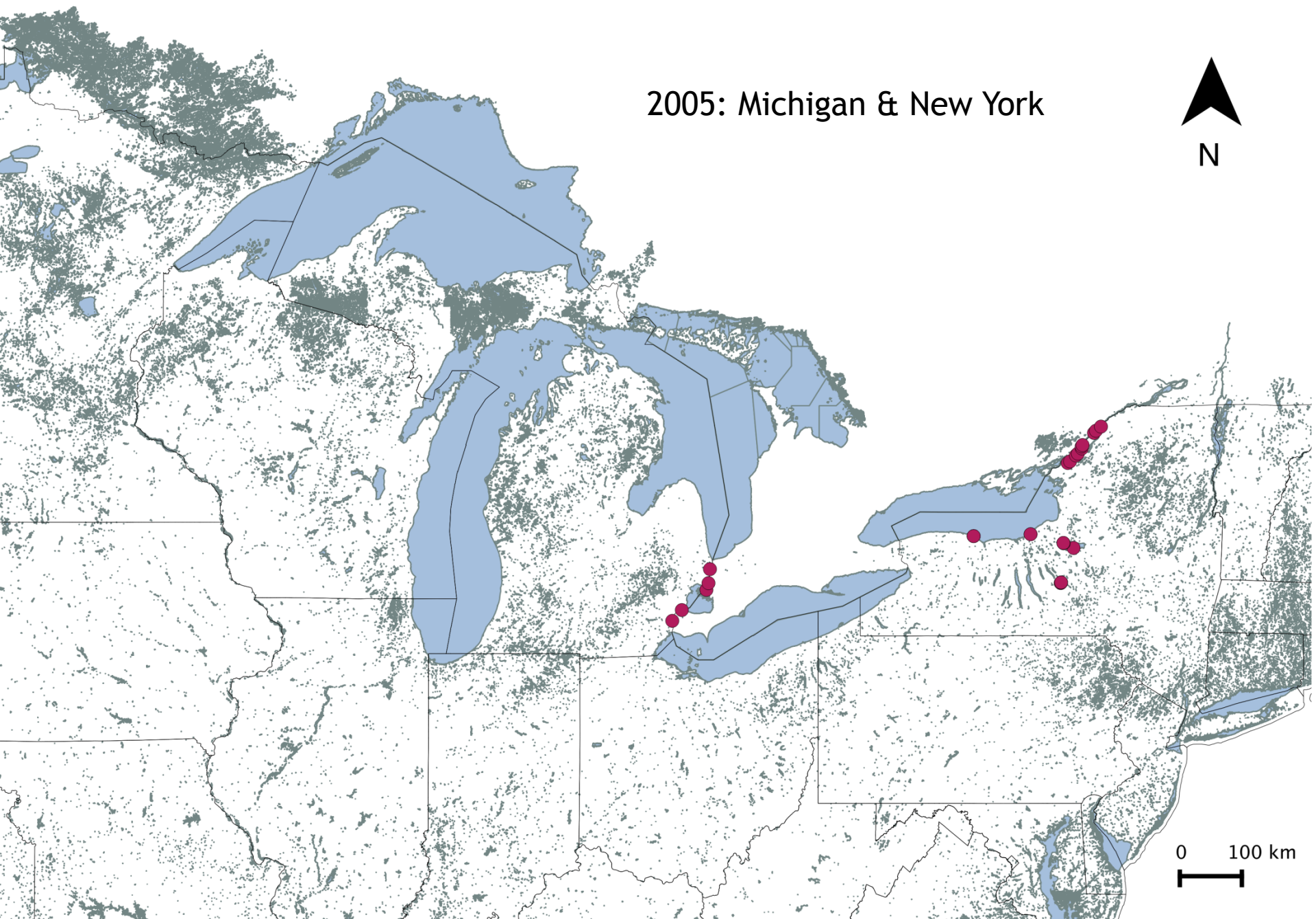
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1983: St. Lawrence River, New York & Detroit River, Michigan



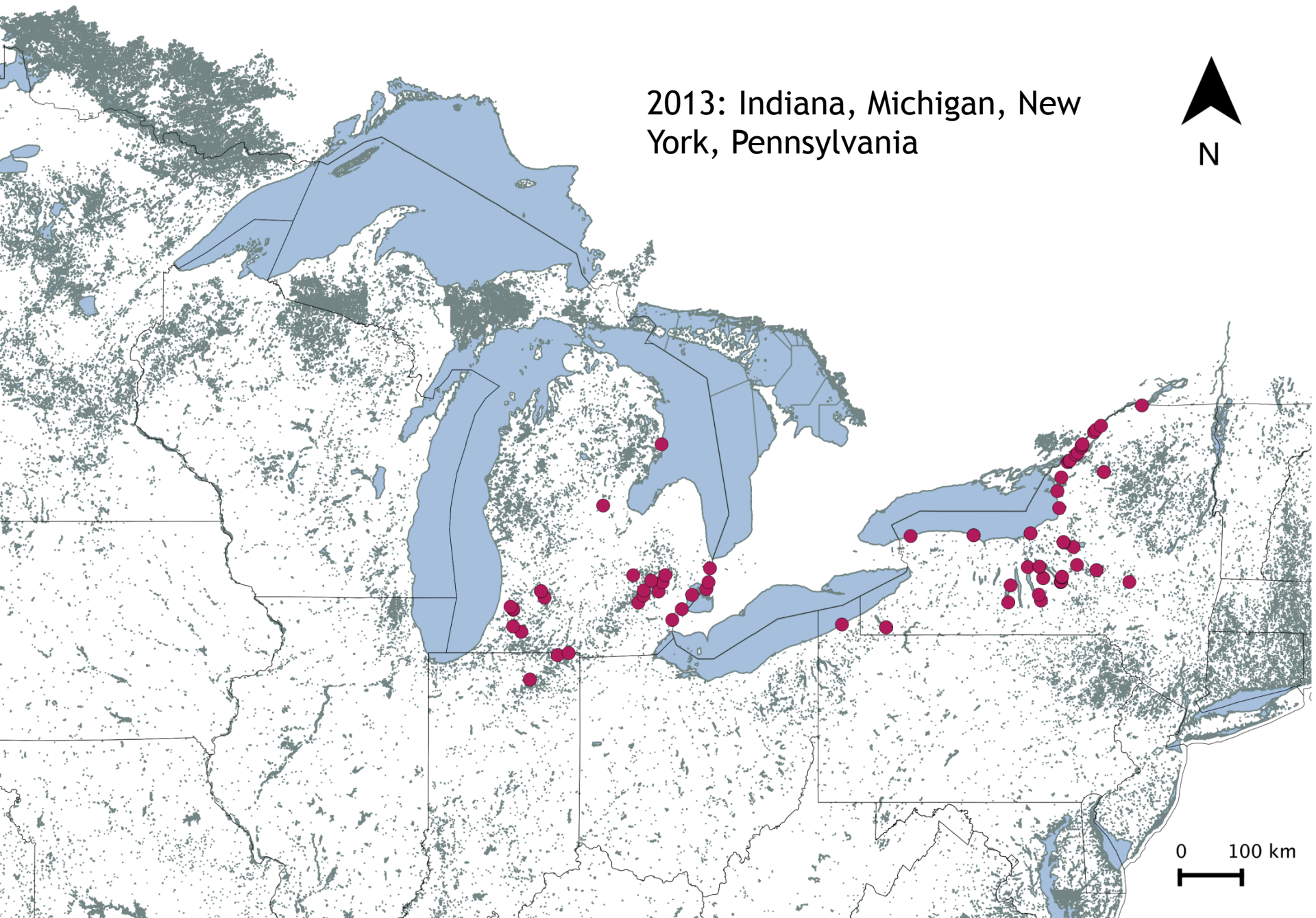
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2005: Michigan & New York



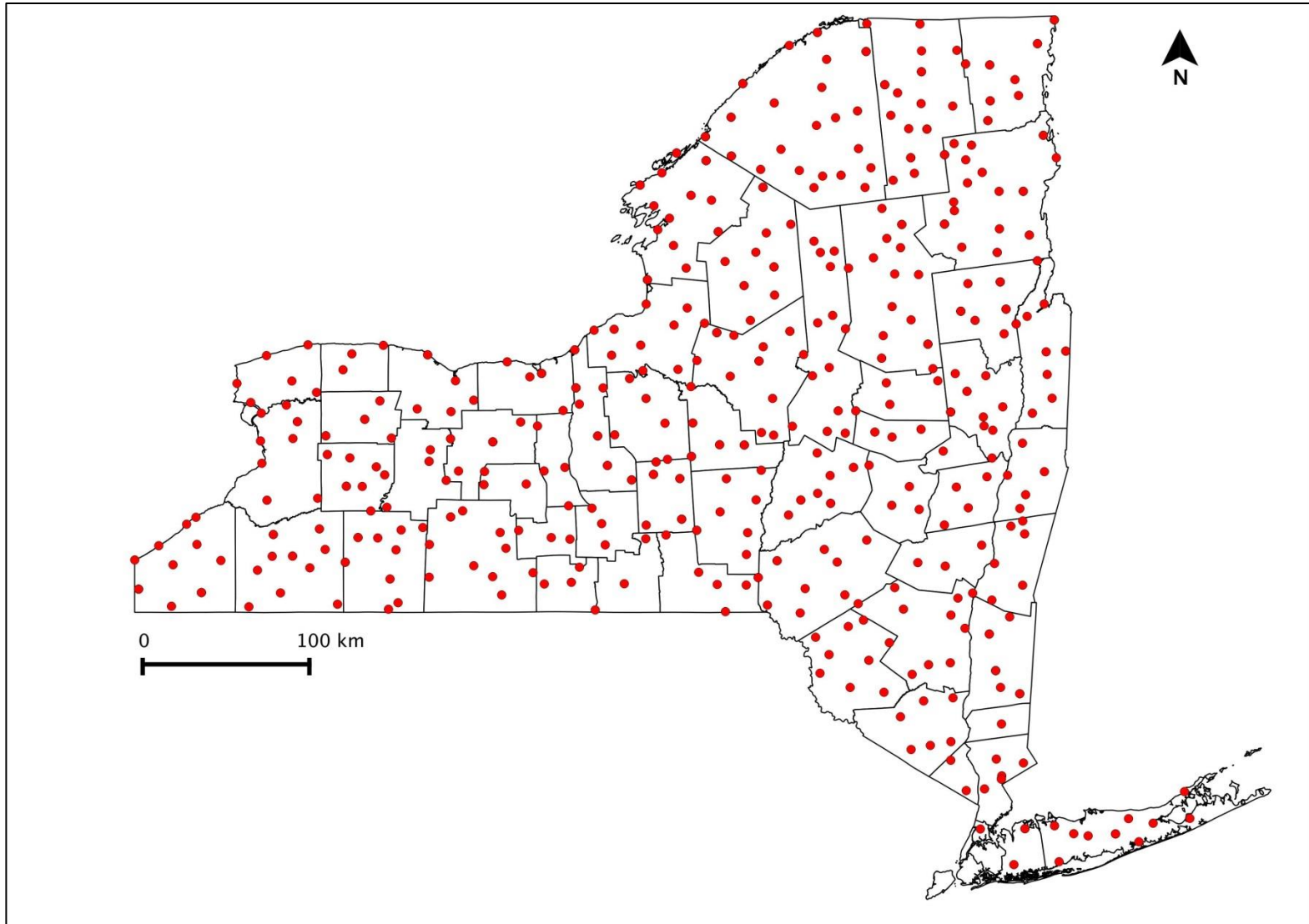
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2013: Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania

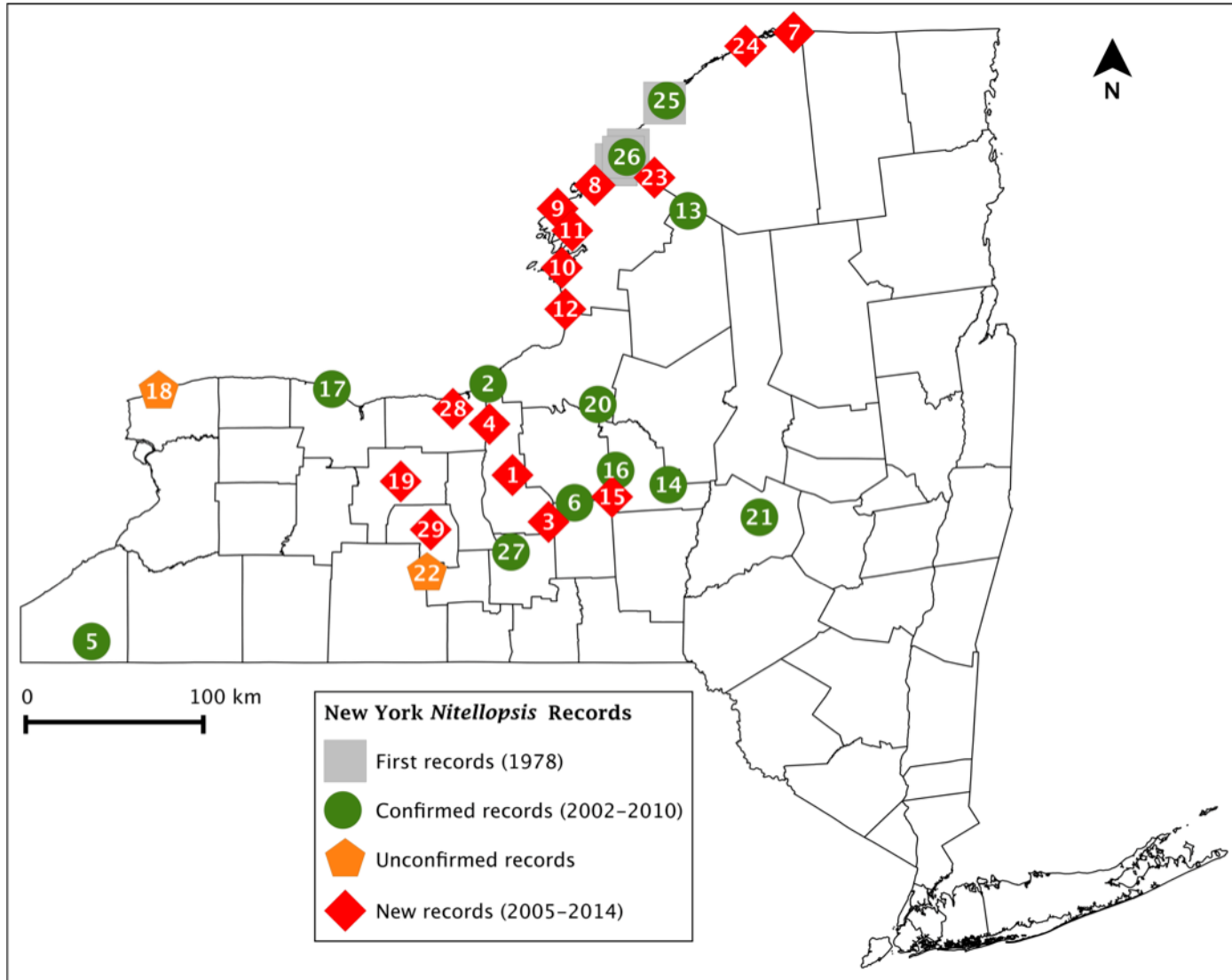


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Summer 2014

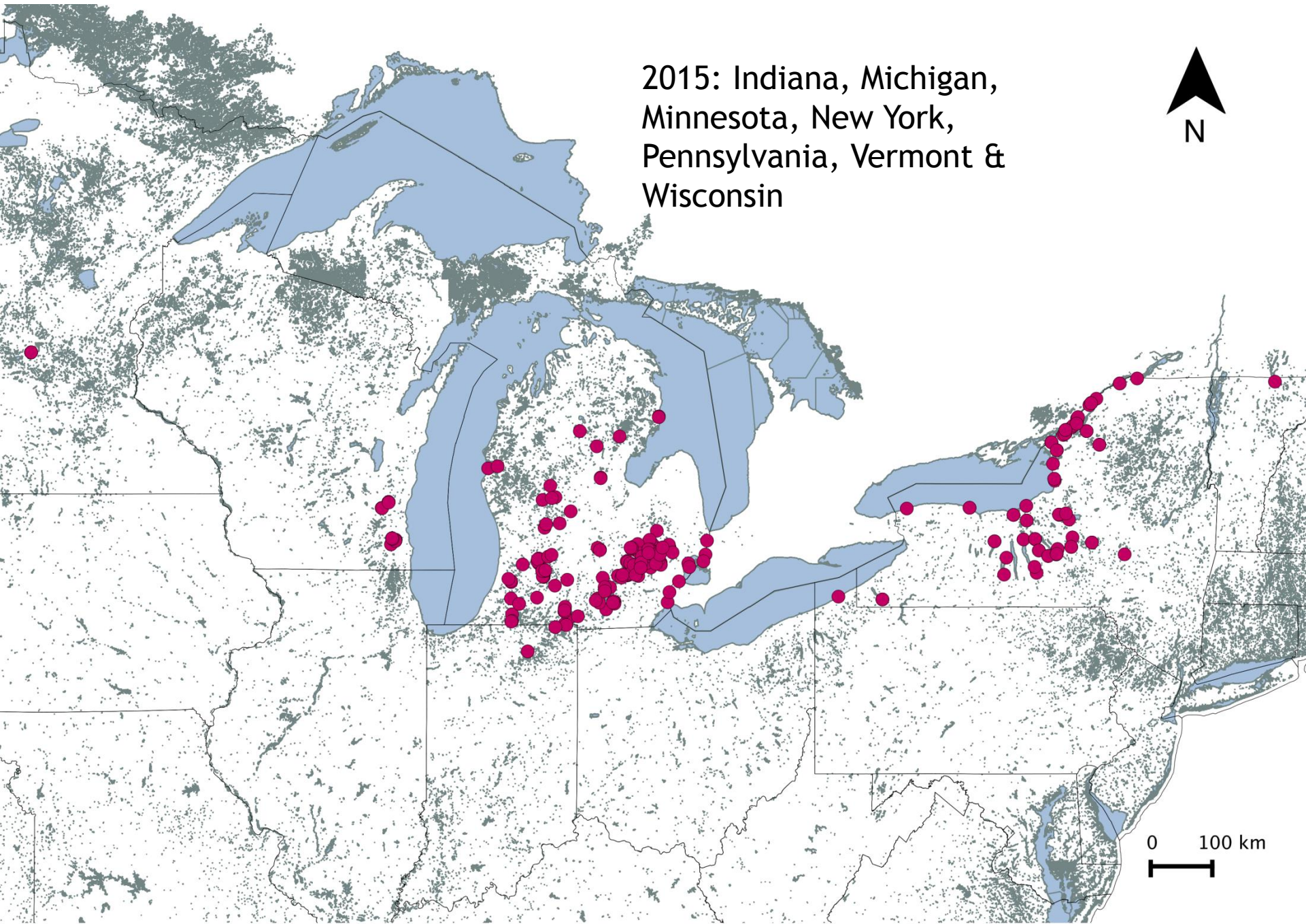


- 390 waterbodies across New York
- Total Stonewort diversity



Starry Stonewort in 31 sites across 17 counties, 18 new records (red diamonds)

2015: Indiana, Michigan,
Minnesota, New York,
Pennsylvania, Vermont &
Wisconsin



0 100 km

Water Chemistry



- Temperature (C)
- Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)
- Oxidation Reduction Potential (mV)
- pH
- Conductivity (uS/cm)



- ug/L of Nitrogen from Ammonia
- ug/L of Nitrogen from Nitrate
- ug/L of Phosphorus from Soluble Reactive Phosphate (SRP)
- ug/L of Phosphorus from Total Dissolved Phosphorus (TDP)
- mg/L Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)

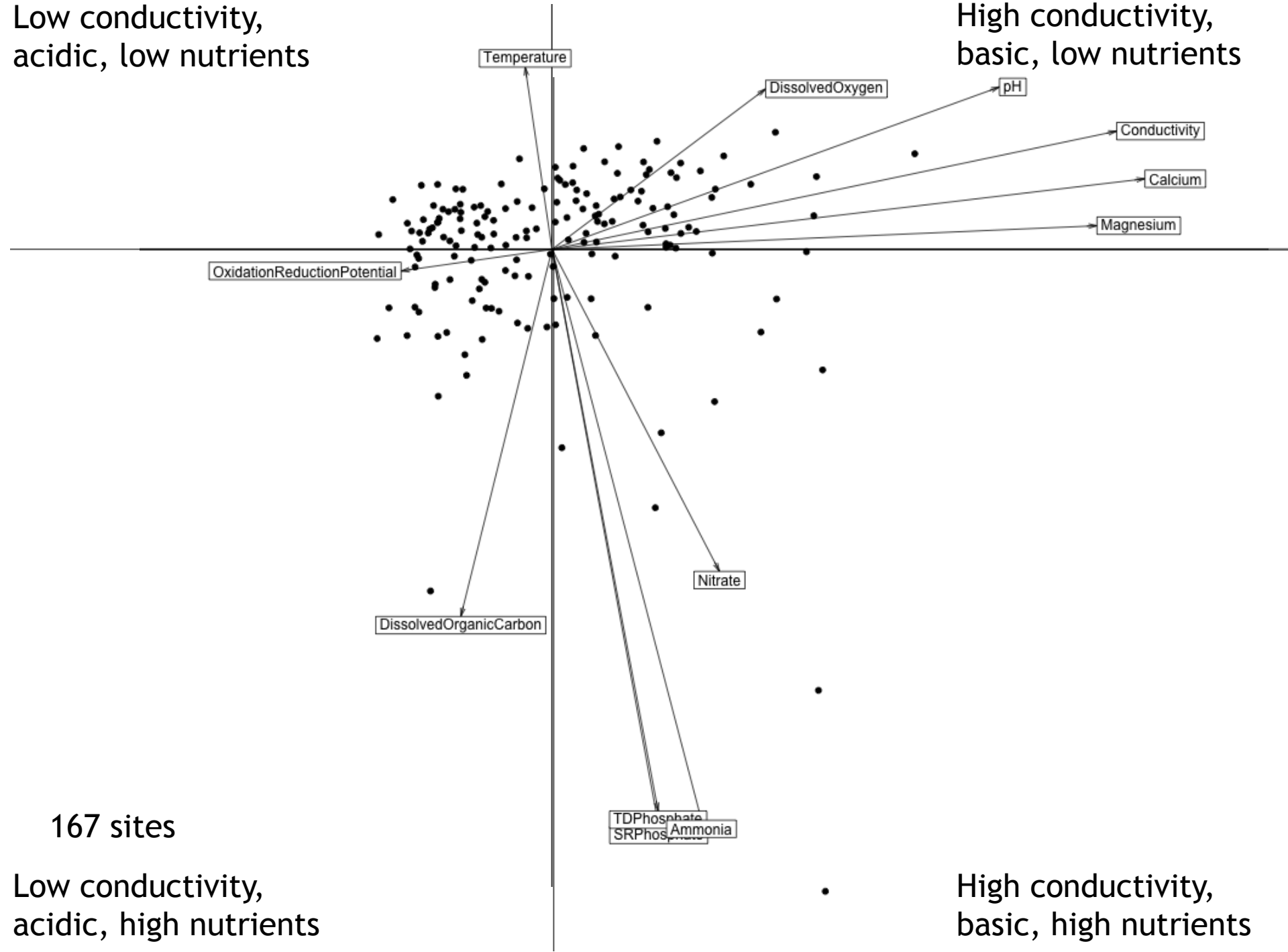
Outlying Mean Index

(Doledec et al., 2000)

- ▶ OMI separates species based on their marginality
- ▶ 2 table approach
- ▶ No parameter transformations are needed
- ▶ No prior assumptions about the shape of the response curve
- ▶ Implemented with ade4 package in R

Low conductivity,
acidic, low nutrients

High conductivity,
basic, low nutrients



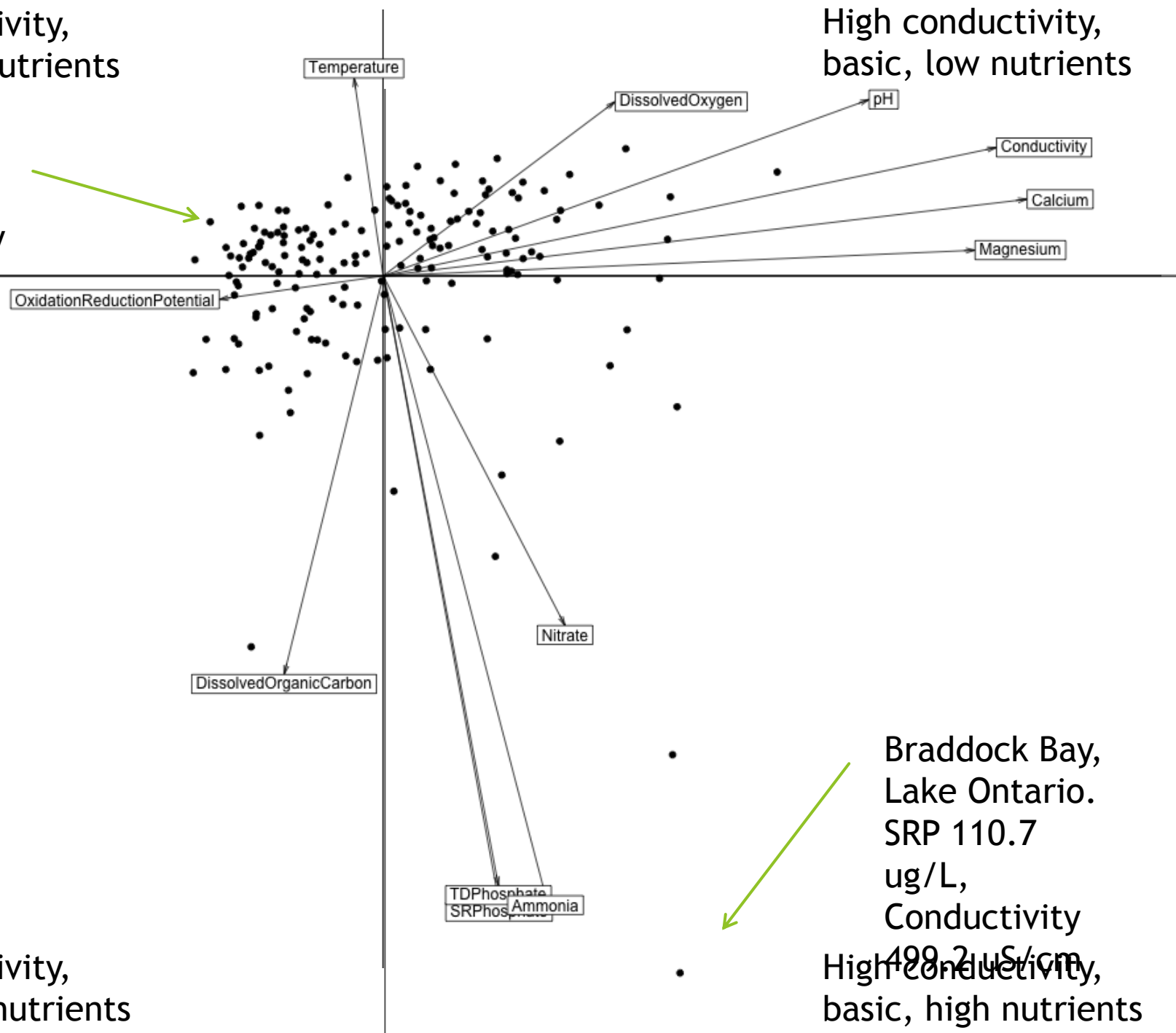
167 sites

Low conductivity,
acidic, high nutrients

High conductivity,
basic, high nutrients

Low conductivity,
acidic, low nutrients

Willis Lake.
SRP 0.9
ug/L,
Conductivity
18.9 uS/cm



High conductivity,
basic, low nutrients

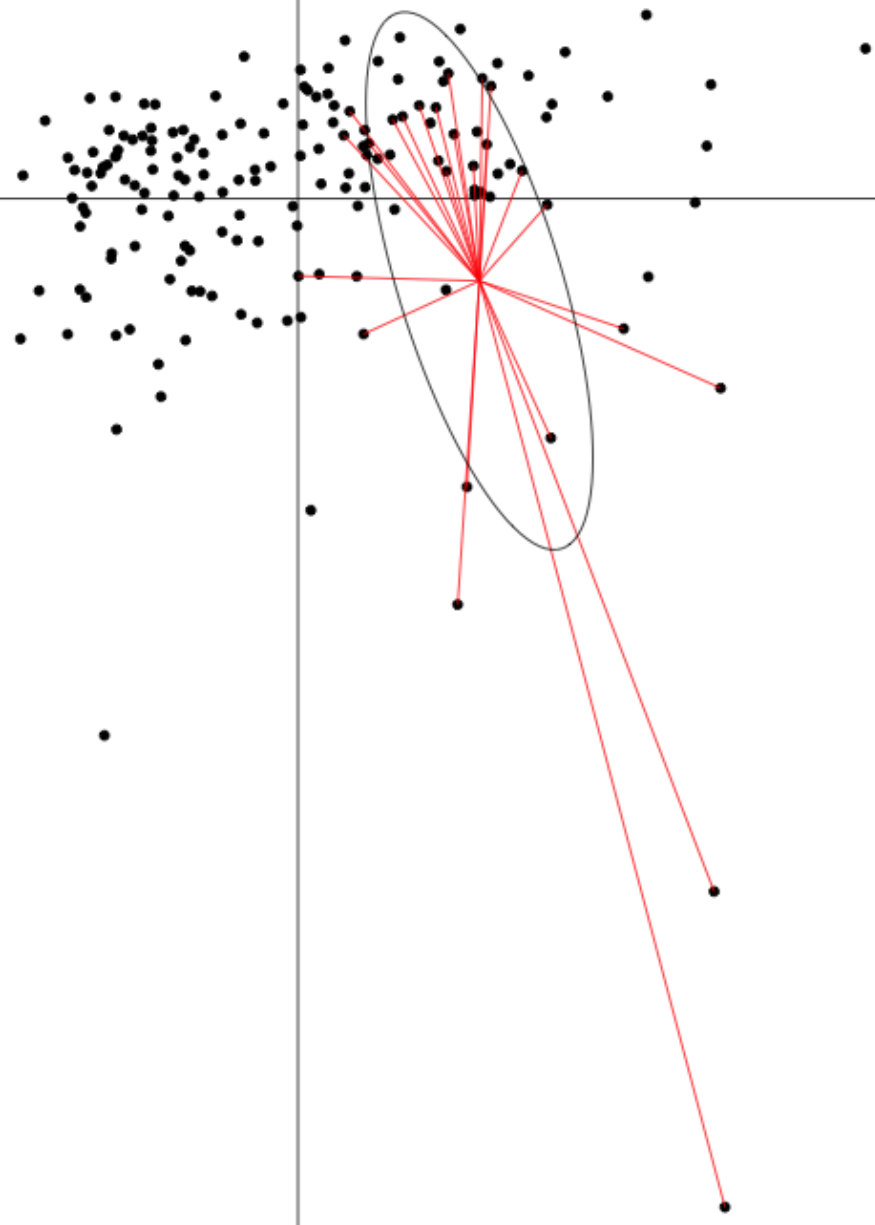
Braddock Bay,
Lake Ontario.
SRP 110.7
ug/L,
Conductivity
499.2 uS/cm

Low conductivity,
acidic, high nutrients

High conductivity,
basic, high nutrients

Low conductivity,
acidic, low nutrients

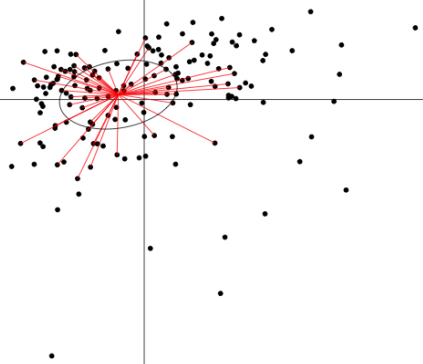
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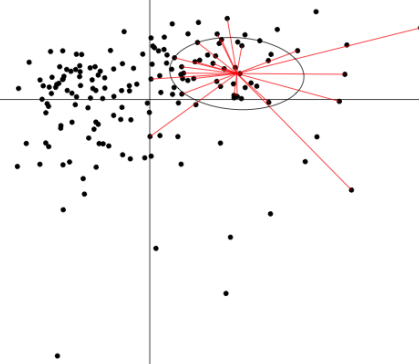
Nitellopsis obtusa
25 sites

Low conductivity,
acidic, high nutrients

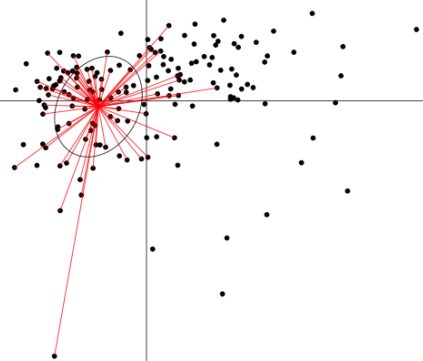
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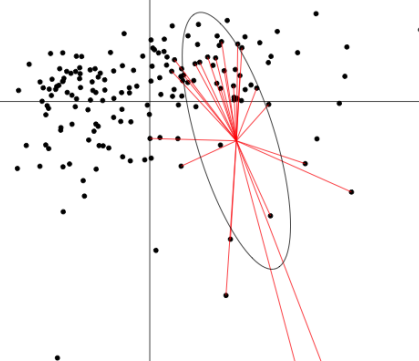
Chara braunii
44 sites



Chara
24 sites



Nitella
64 sites

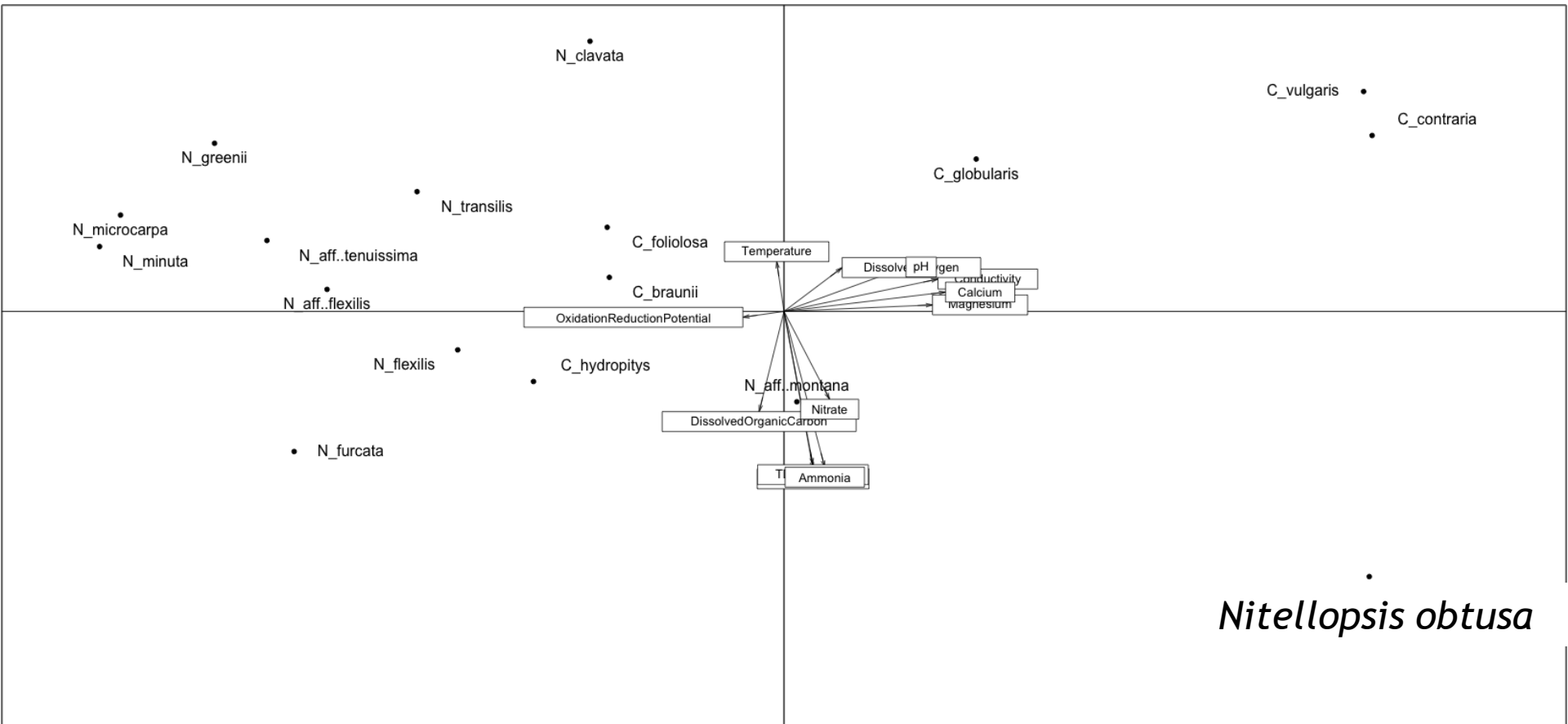


Nitellopsis
25 sites

Low conductivity,
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Species in OMI Space

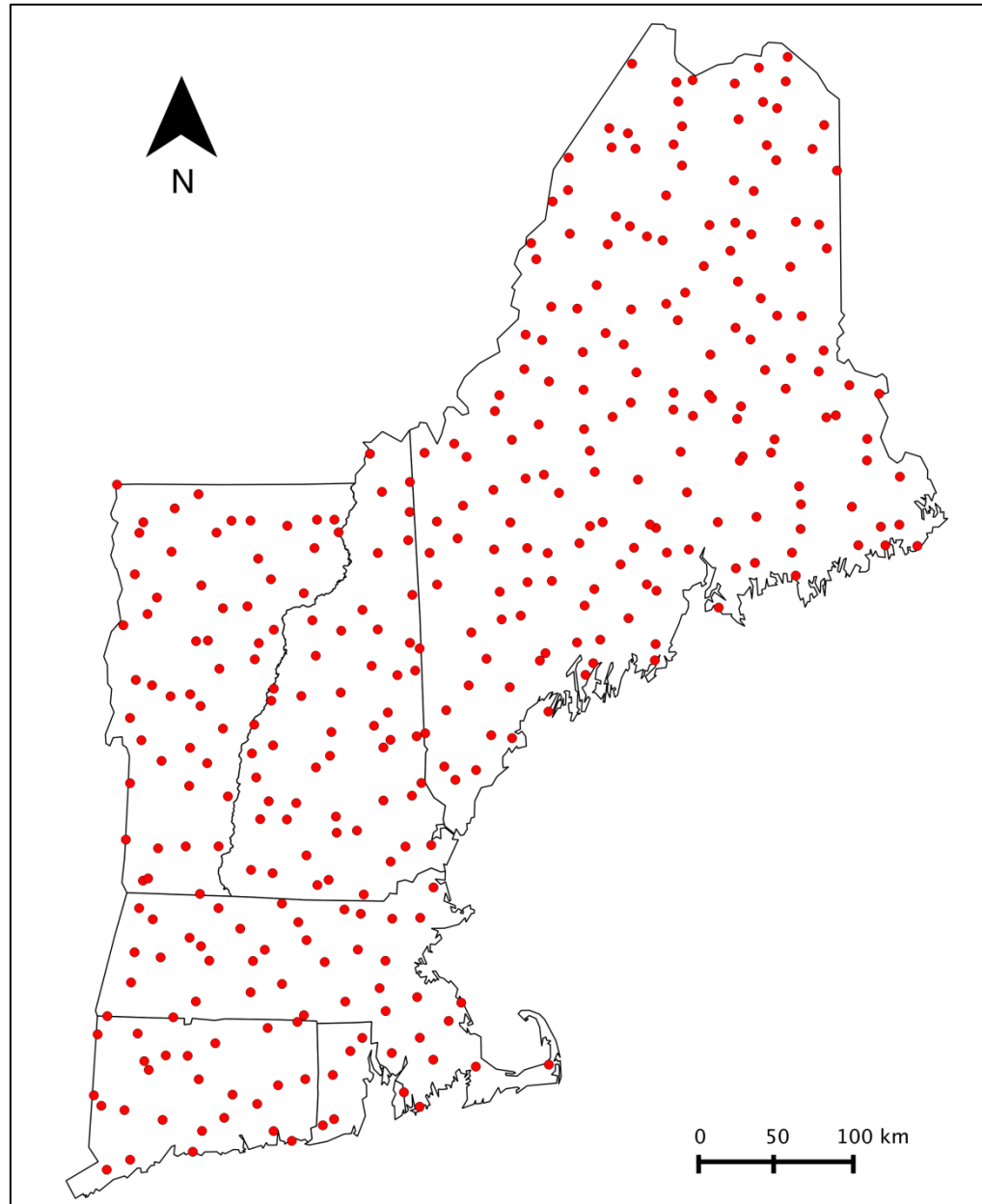
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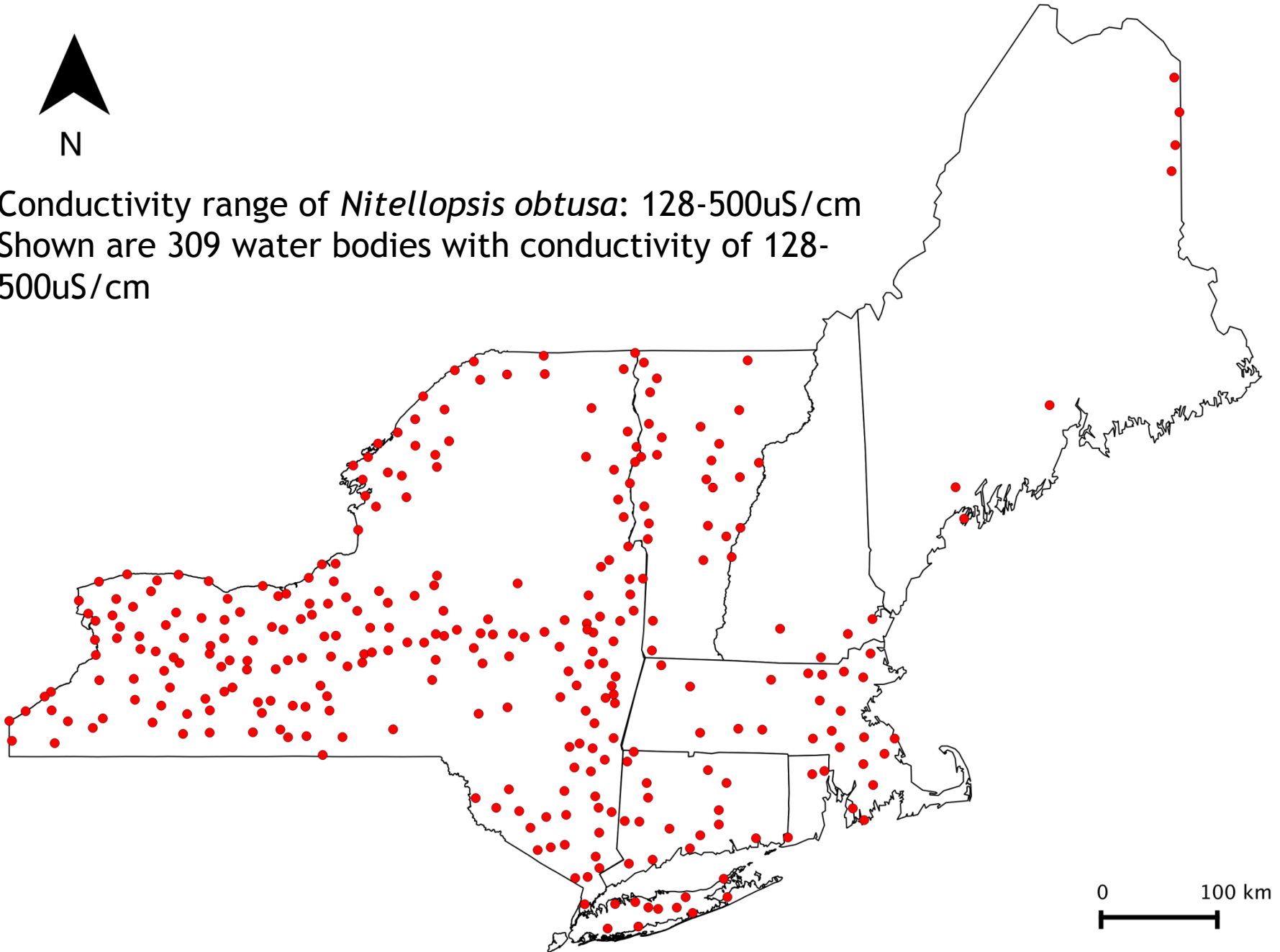
2015 New England Survey

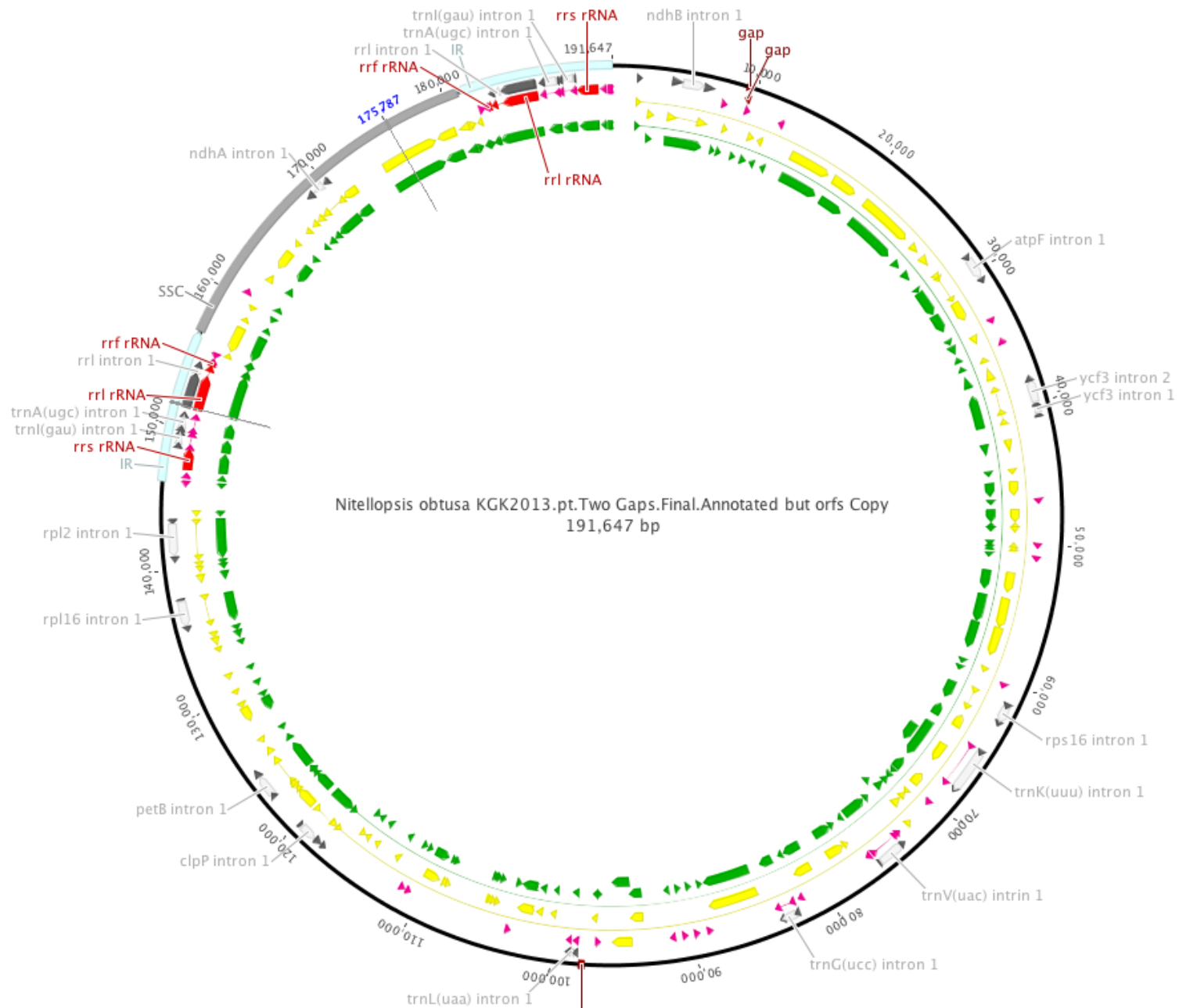




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Conductivity range of *Nitellopsis obtusa*: 128-500uS/cm
Shown are 309 water bodies with conductivity of 128-500uS/cm





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Evidence for evolution of glyphosate tolerance, not resistance in Japanese knotweed

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Outline

1. Background
2. Resistance vs. tolerance
3. Assaying for tolerance
4. Assaying for resistance
5. Results
6. Conclusions
7. Future Directions

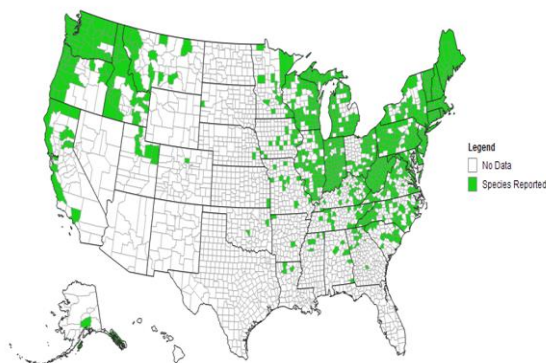


What is Japanese knotweed?

Large, rhizomatous perennial
Fallopia japonica, *Reynoutria japonica*,
Polygonum cuspidatum

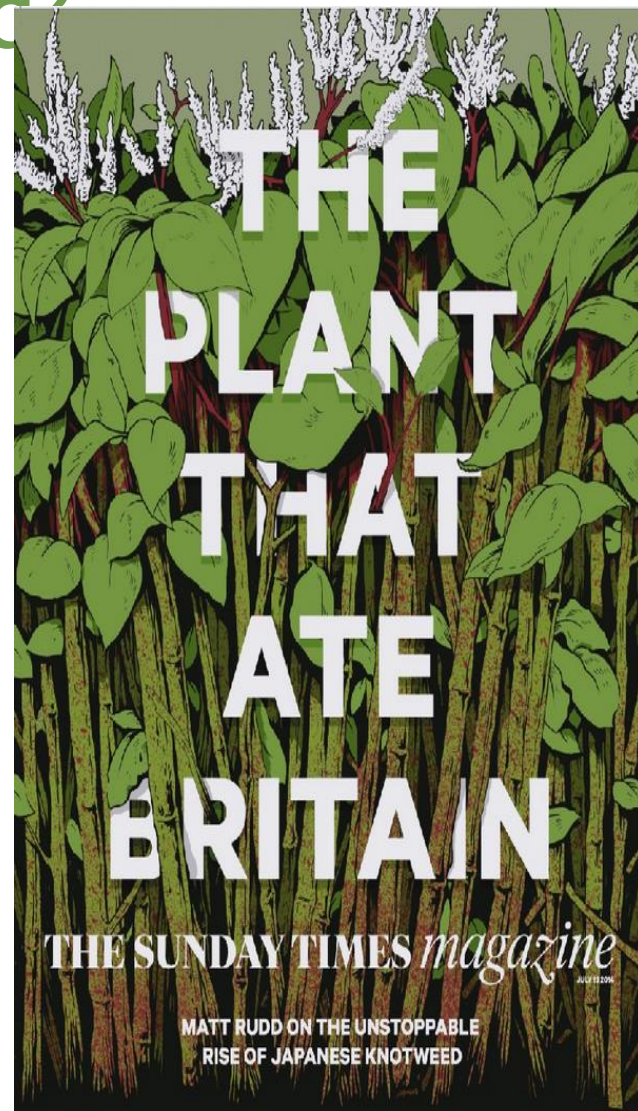
Reproduces sexually and asexually, disputed
which is predominant (Hollingsworth and Bailey 2000
vs Gammon et al. 2007)

Most effective treatment:
stem injection



Map generated on Oct 14, 2015

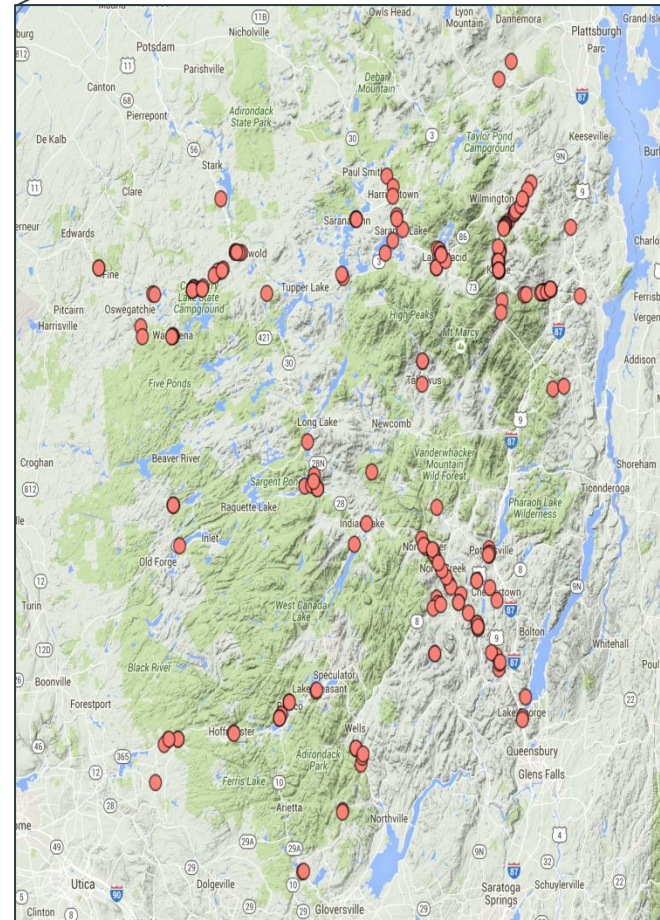
EDD Maps
Early Detection & Diagnostics



The Sunday Times

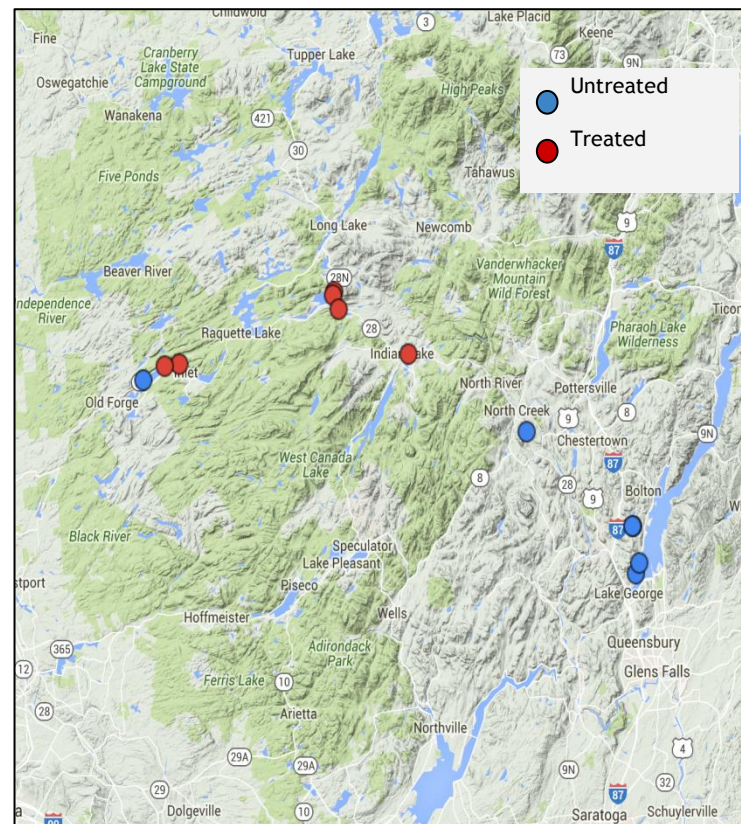
Background: Adirondack knotweed

Since 2007, over 830 stands of knotweed have been treated, >100,000 canes Glyphosate-based herbicides (Roundup, Rodeo)
At some locations, knotweed regrow following treatment
Indication of **variation in response to herbicide**



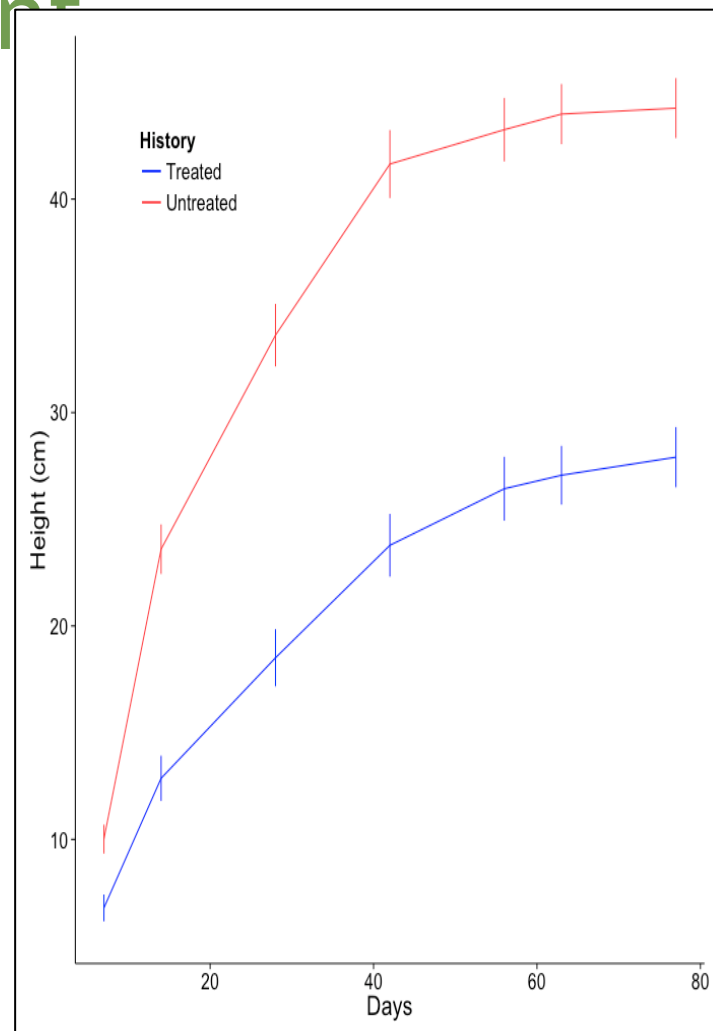
Selection for resistance or tolerance?

Do knotweed at historically treated sites show a difference in response to herbicide from those at historically untreated sites?
Rhizomes collected from six historically treated, six untreated



Are populations different

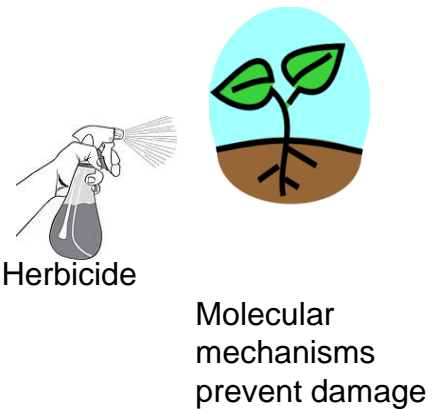
Growth in greenhouse over several months
Definite difference in growth between
historically treated and untreated
-Likely residual impact of glyphosate
damage
-Indicates persistent difference based
on treatment history



Error bars ± 1 SE

Resistance versus tolerance (Baucom and Mauricio 2004)

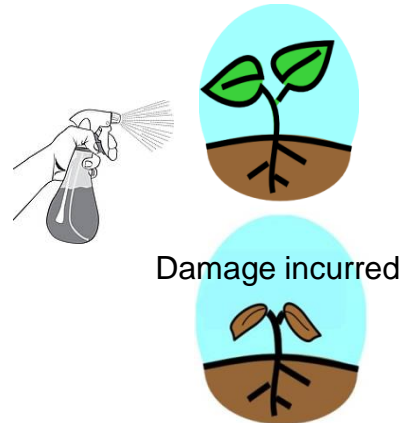
Resistant



No damage

Fitness maintained

Tolerant



Regrowth

Fitness maintained

- Resistant: biochemical mechanisms prevent damage from occurring
- Tolerant: growth after damage maintains fitness

Assay for tolerance

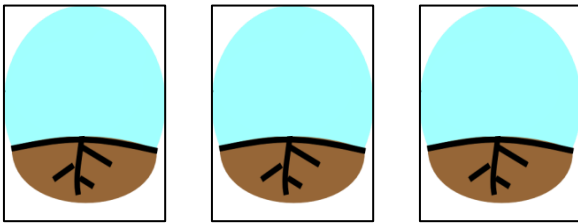
[Glyphosate]: Control
High

Moderate



Wait 24 hours

Cut to
stimulate
regrowth



Measure
regrowth



- Glyphosate will damage plants
- **If tolerant: glyphosate concentration will have less impact on regrowth**
- **H₁: Historically untreated plants will have higher herbicide tolerance**

Assay for resistance

[Glyphosate]: Control

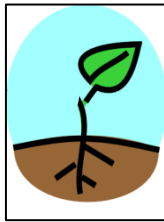
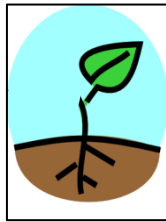
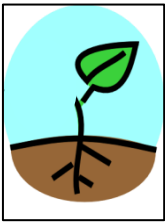
Moderate
0.5x dose

High
2x dose



Wait 24 hours

Harvest
leaves



Extract
and
measure
shikimate
increase

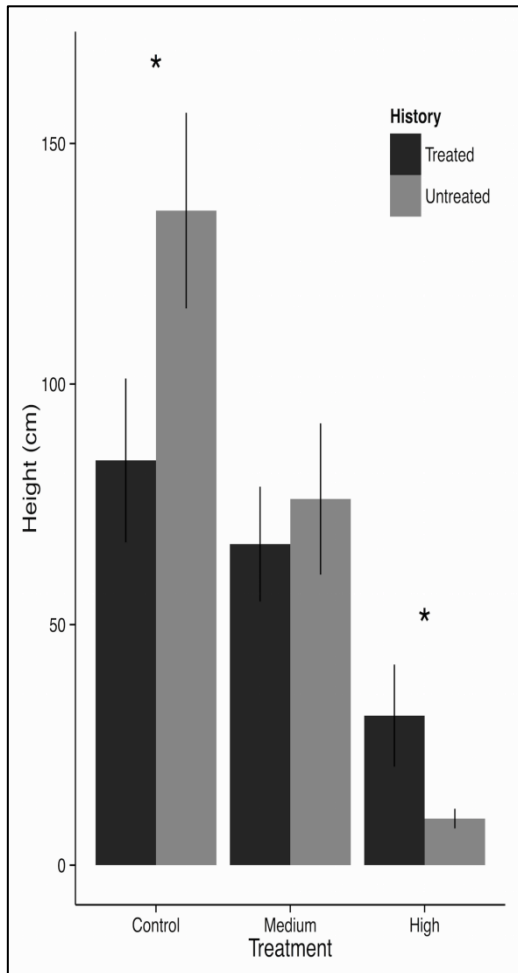
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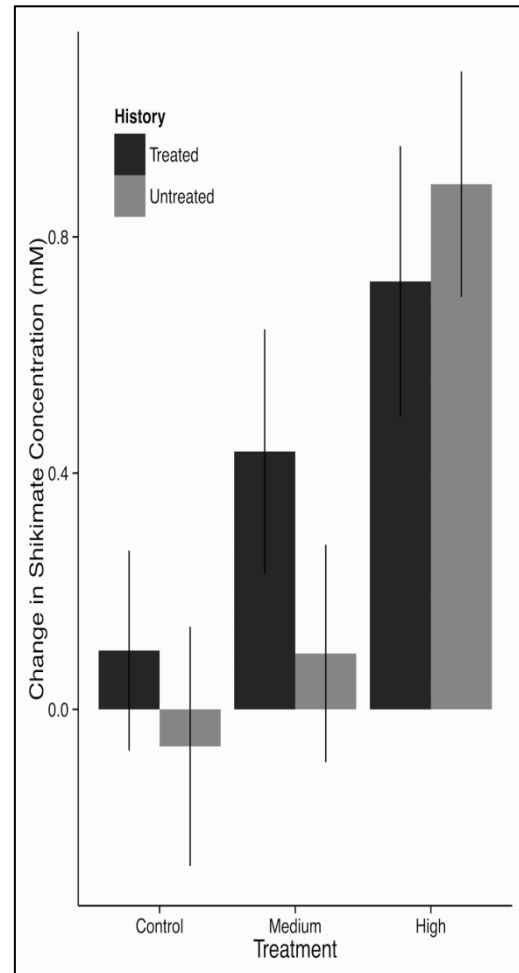
Large
increase

- Glyphosate blocks enzyme EPSPS - leads to shikimate accumulation
- **If resistant: no shikimate buildup**
- **H₂: Historically treated plants will have higher herbicide resistance**

Results: Yes tolerance, no resistance



Tolerance: Historically treated can re-grow following high glyphosate, untreated cannot. Error bars ± 1 SE



Resistance: no detectable difference between historically treated and untreated. Error bars ± 1 SE

Conclusions

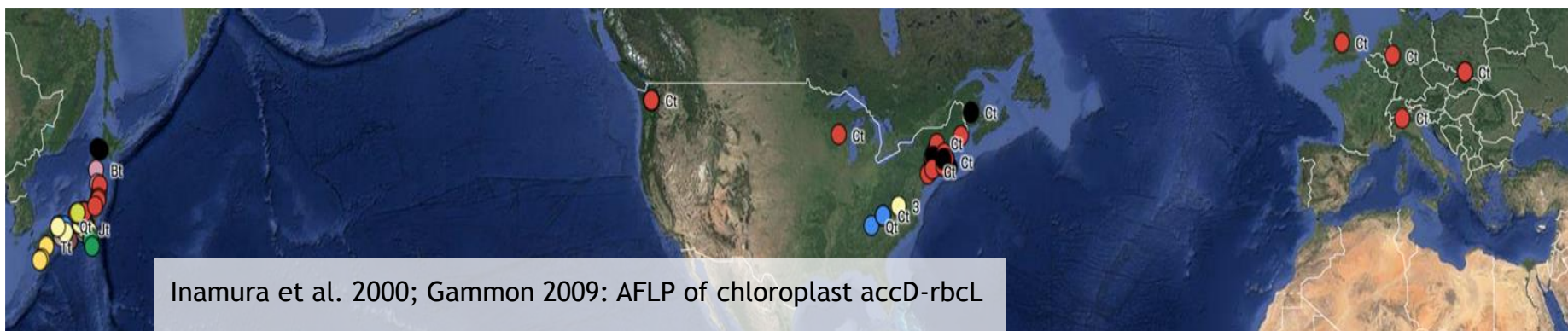
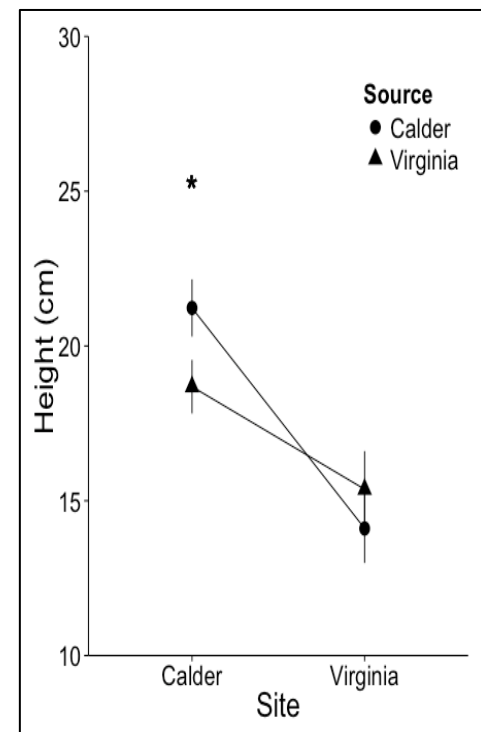
- ▶ Stands that have historically survived glyphosate treatment show increased tolerance to herbicide
- ▶ Evidence for either:
 - ▶ Selection for tolerance by herbicide treatment
 - ▶ Plastic response in tolerance to herbicide
- ▶ No evidence of resistance
- ▶ Managers should consider variance in tolerance to herbicides when attempting knotweed removal



Future directions

1. Local adaptation in Japanese knotweed

2. Genetic composition of US knotweed



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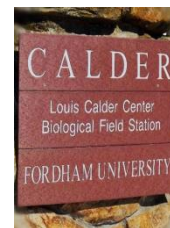
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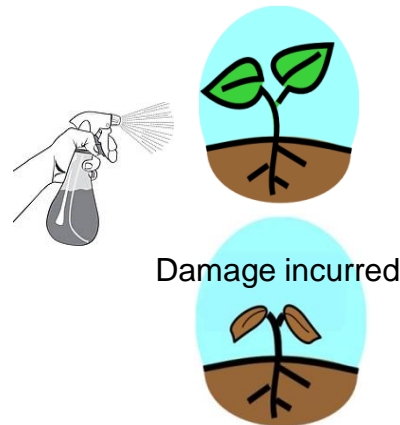
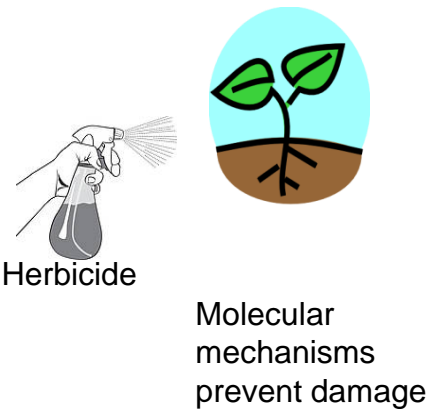
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Resistance versus tolerance (Baucom and Mauricio 2004)

Resistant

Tolerant



- Resistant: biochemical mechanisms prevent damage from occurring
- Tolerant: growth after damage maintains fitness



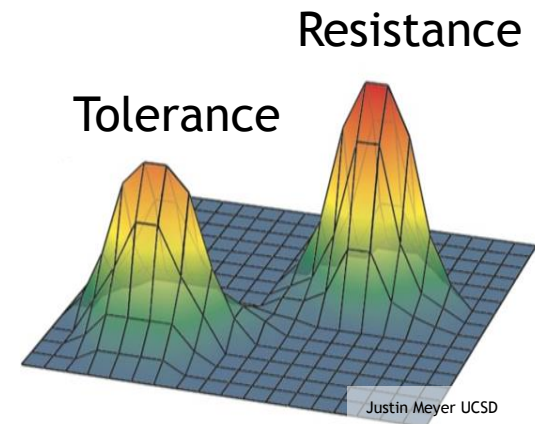
No damage



Regrowth

Fitness maintained

Fitness maintained



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