

# The Phenology of Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus* L.) in the Western United States

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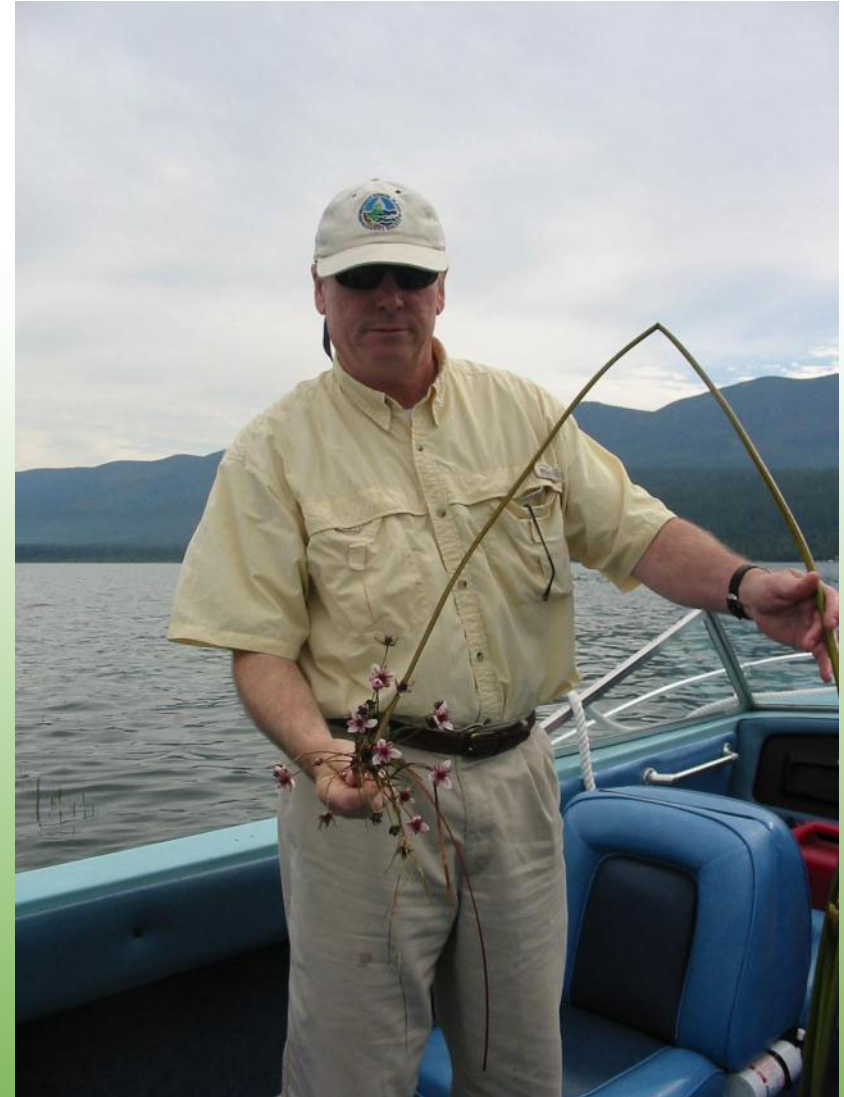


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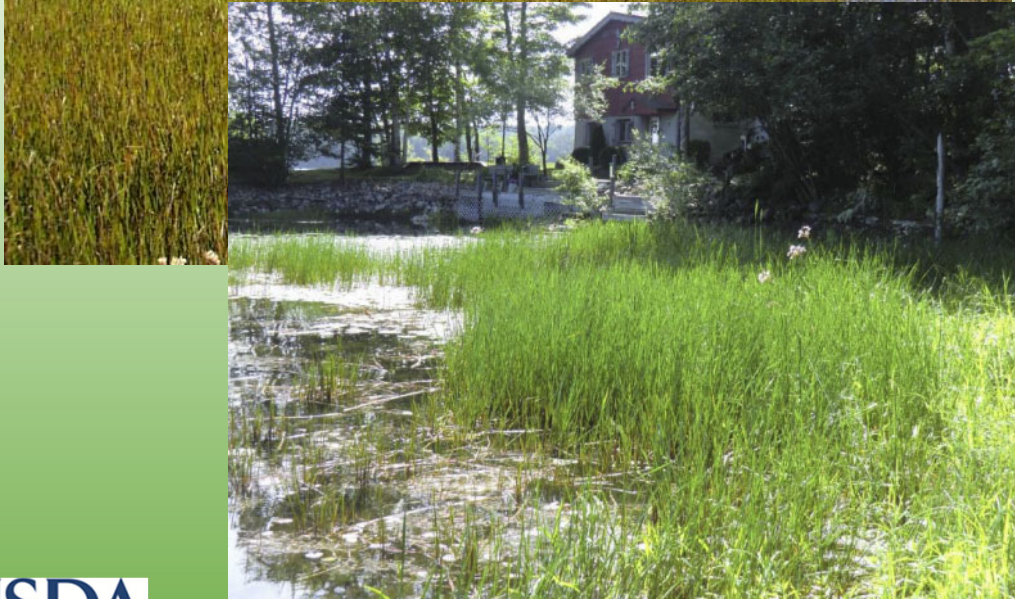
- Long, flexuous or erect leaves growing from a basal rhizome, up to 10' tall
- May grow submersed or emerged in 1 to 10' water depth, may also grow in moist soil or as facultative wetland plant
- Inflorescence is separate stalk with an umbel of pink flowers; each flower has three petals and three sepals



Kurt Getsinger, USAERDC – the co-investigator on the phenology work in the West



# Monoculture stands





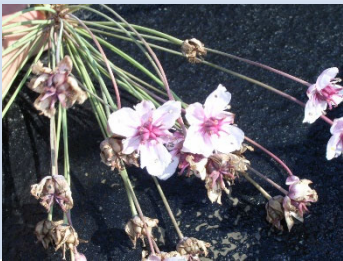


# Flowering Rush (*Butomus umbellatus* L.)

- Introduced from Europe and Asia
- Both a diploid and triploid biotypes
- Diploid biotype undergoes sexual reproduction and produces > 20,000 seeds per plant
- Diploid biotype also produces > 100 of vegetative bulbils per plant and many rhizome buds
- Triploid biotype produces few seeds and relies on vegetative growth for spread





# Diploid vs Triploid

Characteristic	Diploid	Triploid
Flowering and Seed Production 	Flowers produce fertile seed	Flowers produce sterile seed
Bulbil Vegetative propagule formed In the inflorescence (Photo by Eckert) 	Lots	Rarely, a few
Rhizome Bud Vegetative Propagule formed On rhizome 	Lots	Many



# Rhizome Buds

Management must be directed at population of rhizome buds:

- ✓ Reducing number of rhizome buds
- ✓ Preventing the production of new buds
- ✓ Any technology (biological, chemical, mechanical, physical) must address vegetative reproduction



Figure 6A. The rhizome of flowering rush with two rhizome buds, indicated by the yellow arrows. Rhizome buds initiate new shoots and are the main form of vegetative propagation in flowering rush. Photo by J. Madsen, GRI.



# Flowering Rush Phenology Objectives

- Identify significant life history stages or structures to target for management
- Identify low points or dynamics in starch storage to facilitate management



Flowering rush shoots sprouting from buds on the rhizome.

# Overview of Projects

- Detroit Lakes phenology study with Concordia College
- Davis CA “Common Garden” experiment
  - Three triploid populations grown together in a common environment
- Field sampling for phenology
  - Three sites in Idaho and Montana



Flowering rush growing along a wave break in Pend Oreille Lake, Idaho



# Detroit Lake Phenology Study

- Sampled three sites monthly, May to Nov.
- Twenty samples per site with a 6" core
- Counted rhizome buds, rhizome and shoot biomass
- Mississippi State and Concordia College worked together

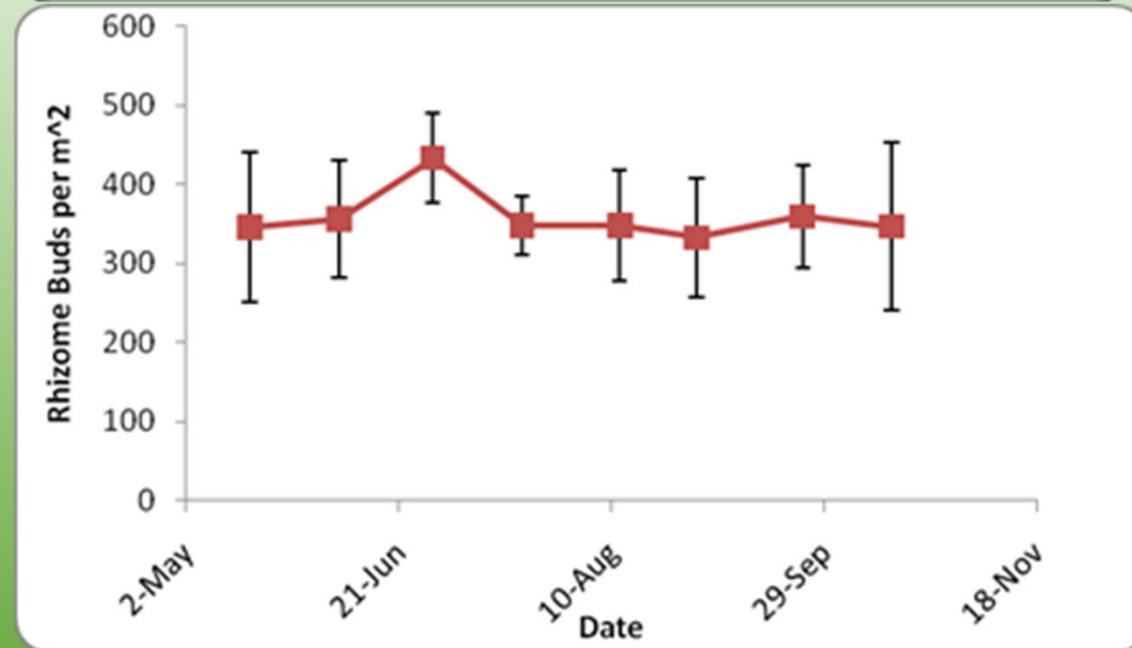
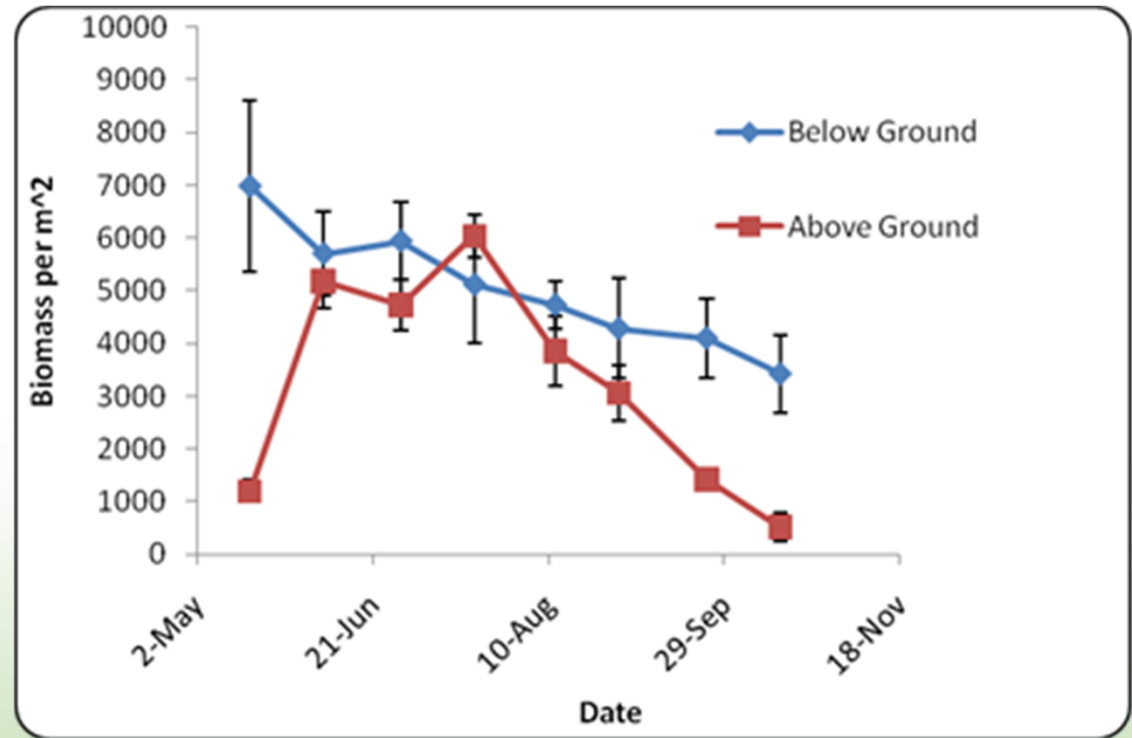


# Phenology

Flowering rush is an herbaceous perennial that grows from May through and dies back in late summer

Flowering rush forms about 350 rhizome buds per square meter – almost 1.5M buds per acre!

Graphs by Michelle Marko





Detroit Lakes,  
Minnesota

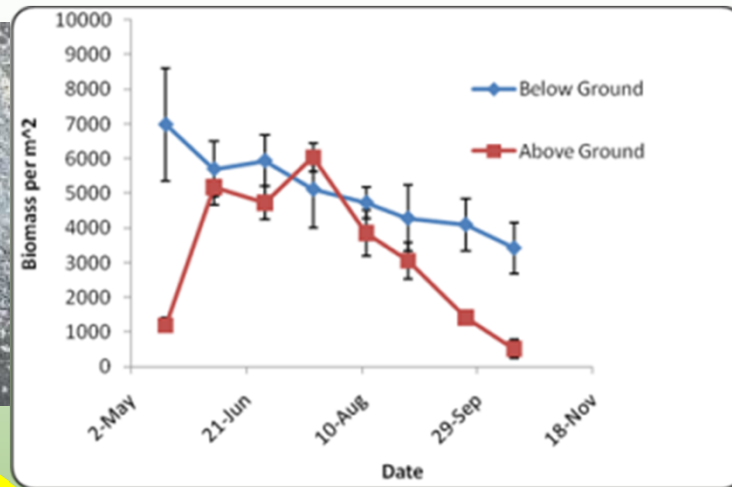


SUMMER  
Leaves

FALL



SPRING



Rhizome Buds  
Increased

WINTER



Rhizome

# Flowering Rush and Reservoir Operations in the Far West

October – April



May - September





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# Common Garden Experiment – Davis, CA

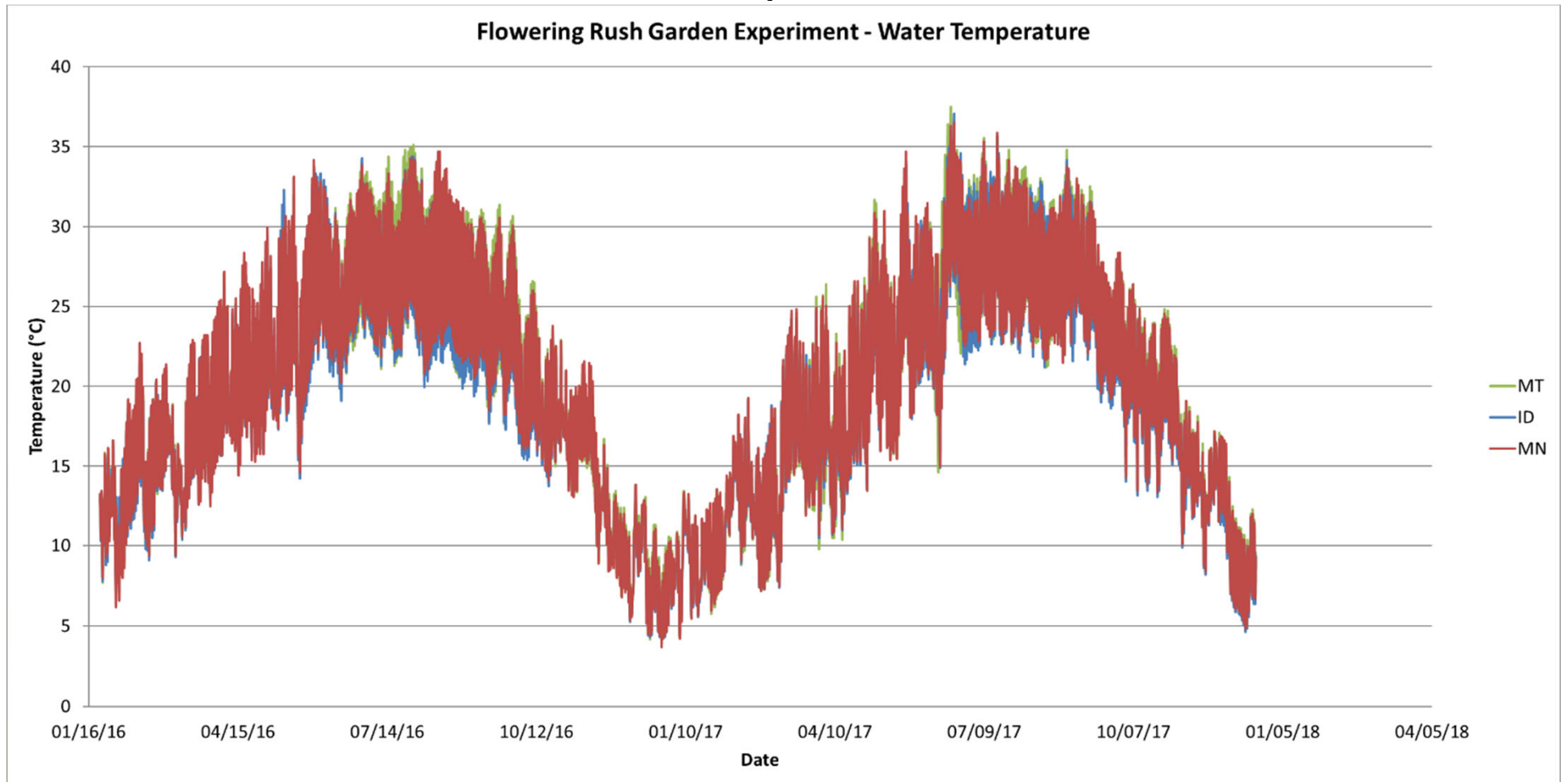
- 48 pots of flowering rush planted in each of three vaults for three populations (Minnesota, Montana, and eastern Idaho)
- All are triploid populations
- Height measured weekly
- Two pots per vault harvested each month
- Temperature recorded continuously



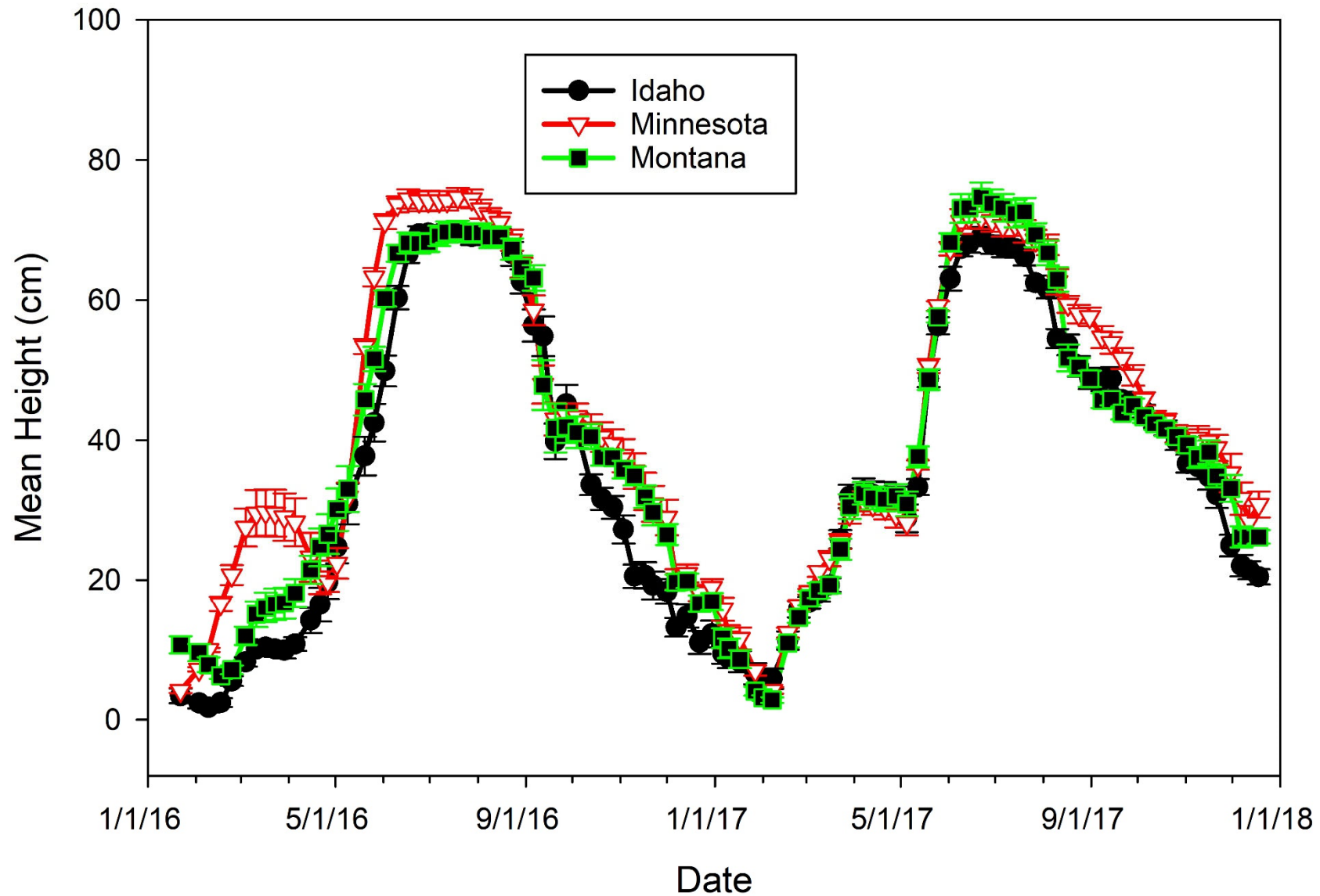
Kurt Getsinger collecting plants for use in the common garden experiment



# Vault Water Temperature

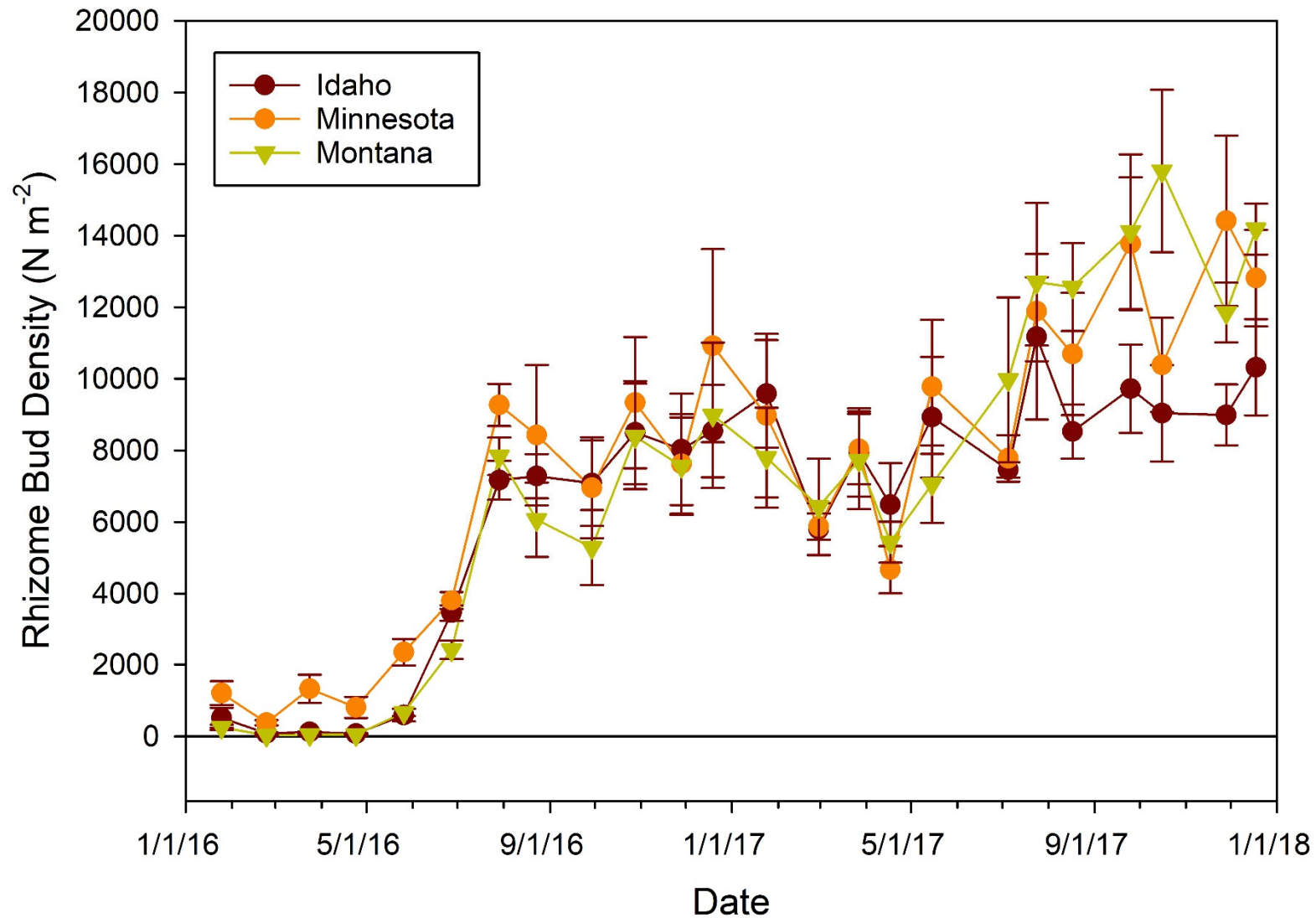


# Weekly Shoot Height

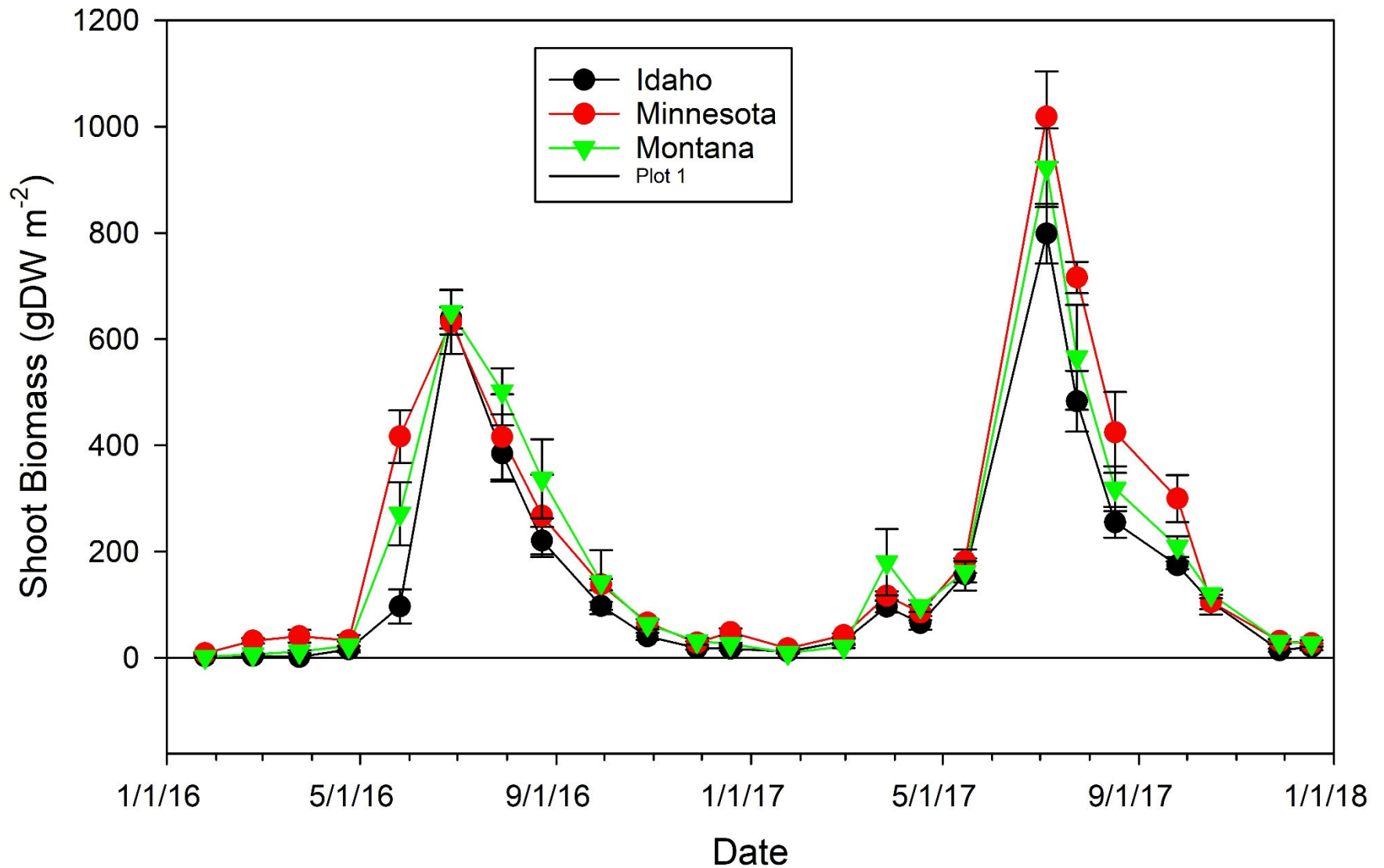




# Garden Experiment Bud Density



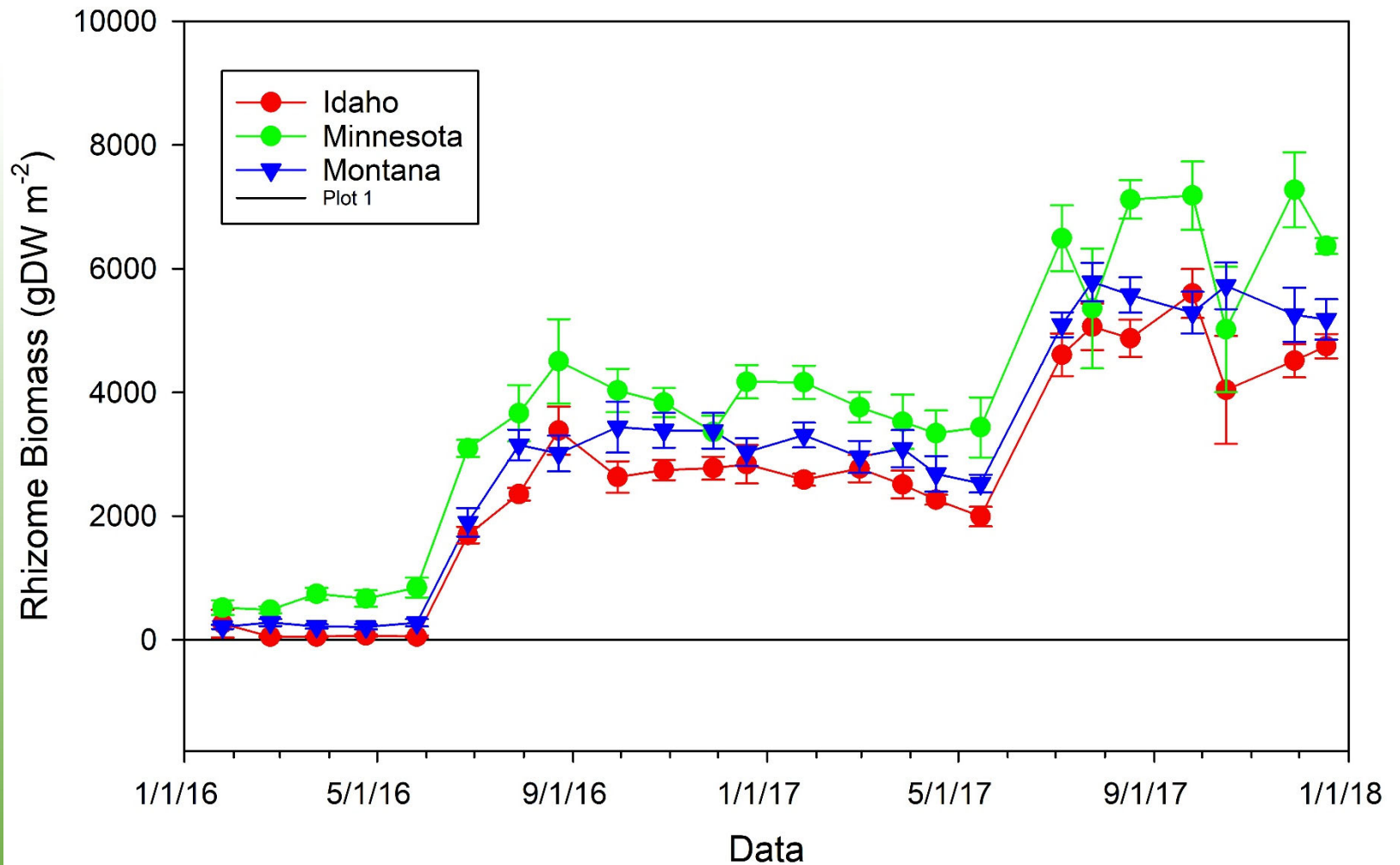
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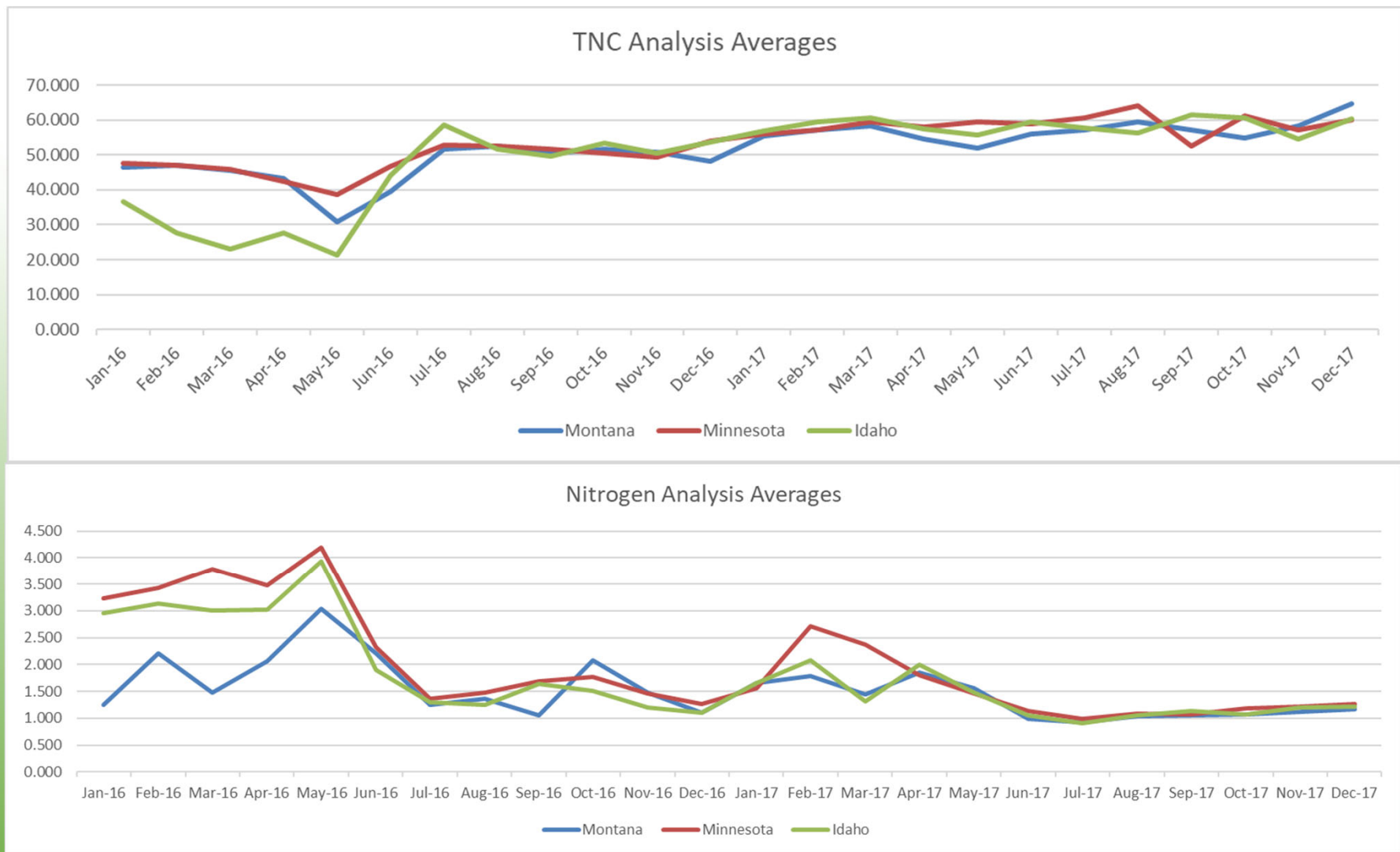


# Rhizome Biomass

## Garden Rhizome Biomass



# Rhizome TNC and Nitrogen



# Common Garden Experiment Summary

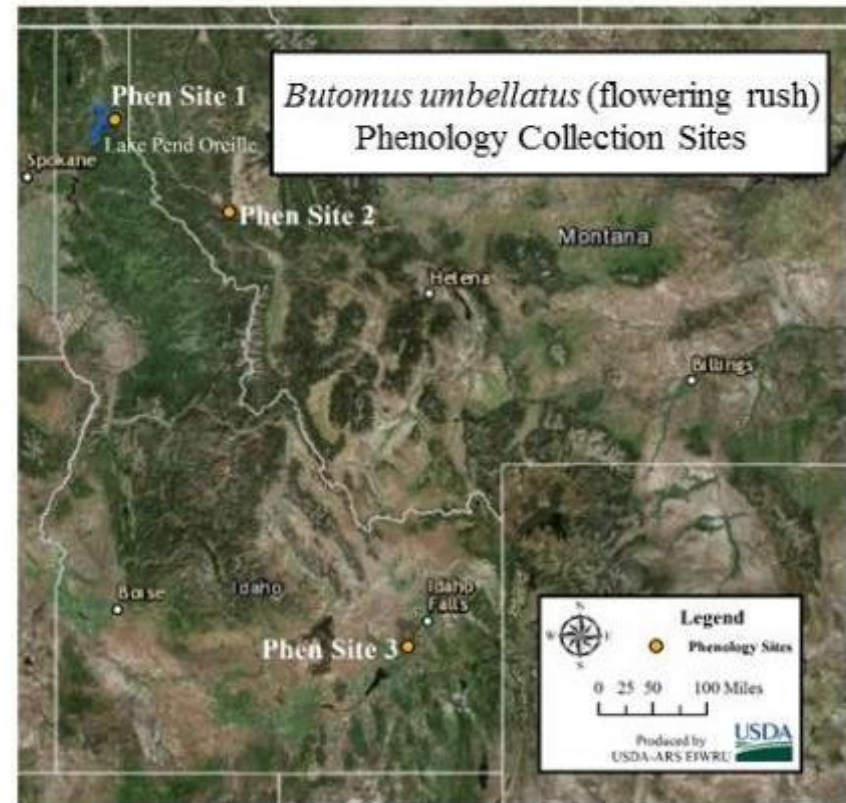


- Shoot elongation started when water temperature was 15C
- Shoot biomass had a brief peak at 600 (2016) to 1,000 (2017) gDW m<sup>2</sup>
- Rhizome biomass increased from one year to next
- Performance of the three triploid populations was identical

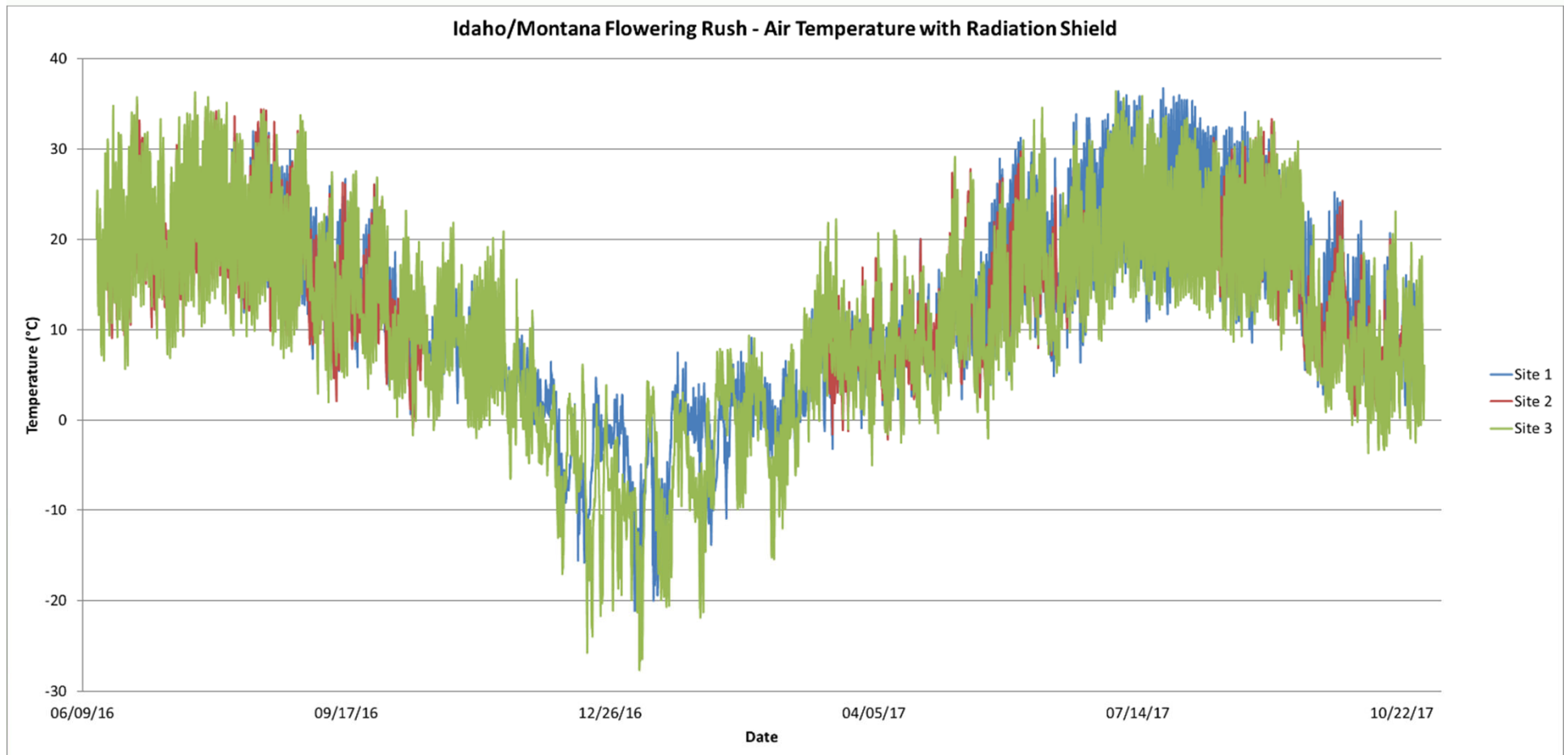


# Field Sampling – Idaho, Montana

- Samples collected in three sites
  - 1 – Pend Oreille Lake, ID
  - 2 – Kookoosint Boat Launch, Flathead River, MT
  - 3 – Rose Pond, Blackfoot, ID
- 20 biomass samples collected per time
- April, June, Aug, Oct 2016 and 2017



# Air Temperature



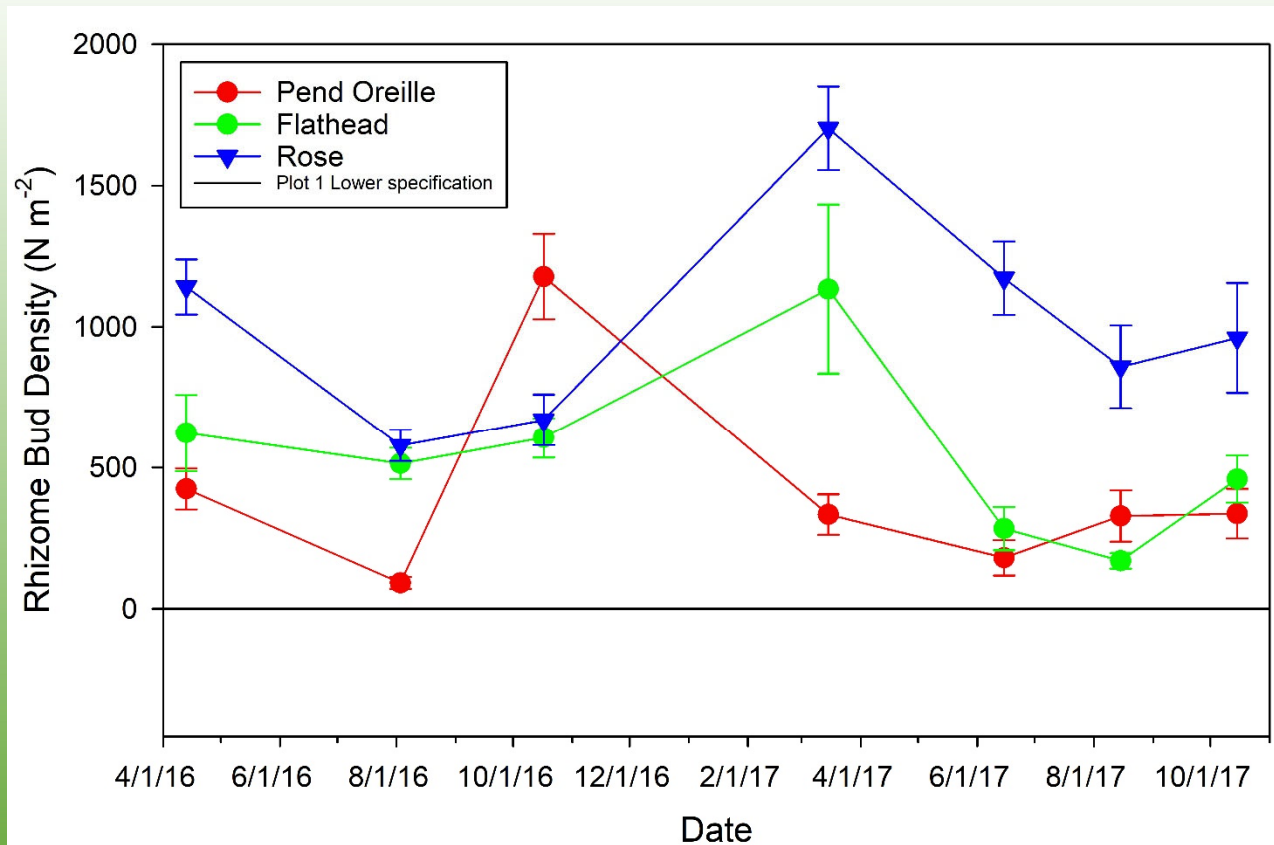
# Field – Bud Density

Bud density ranges from 200 to 1,700 buds per square meter

Translates to .5 to 5 million buds per acre

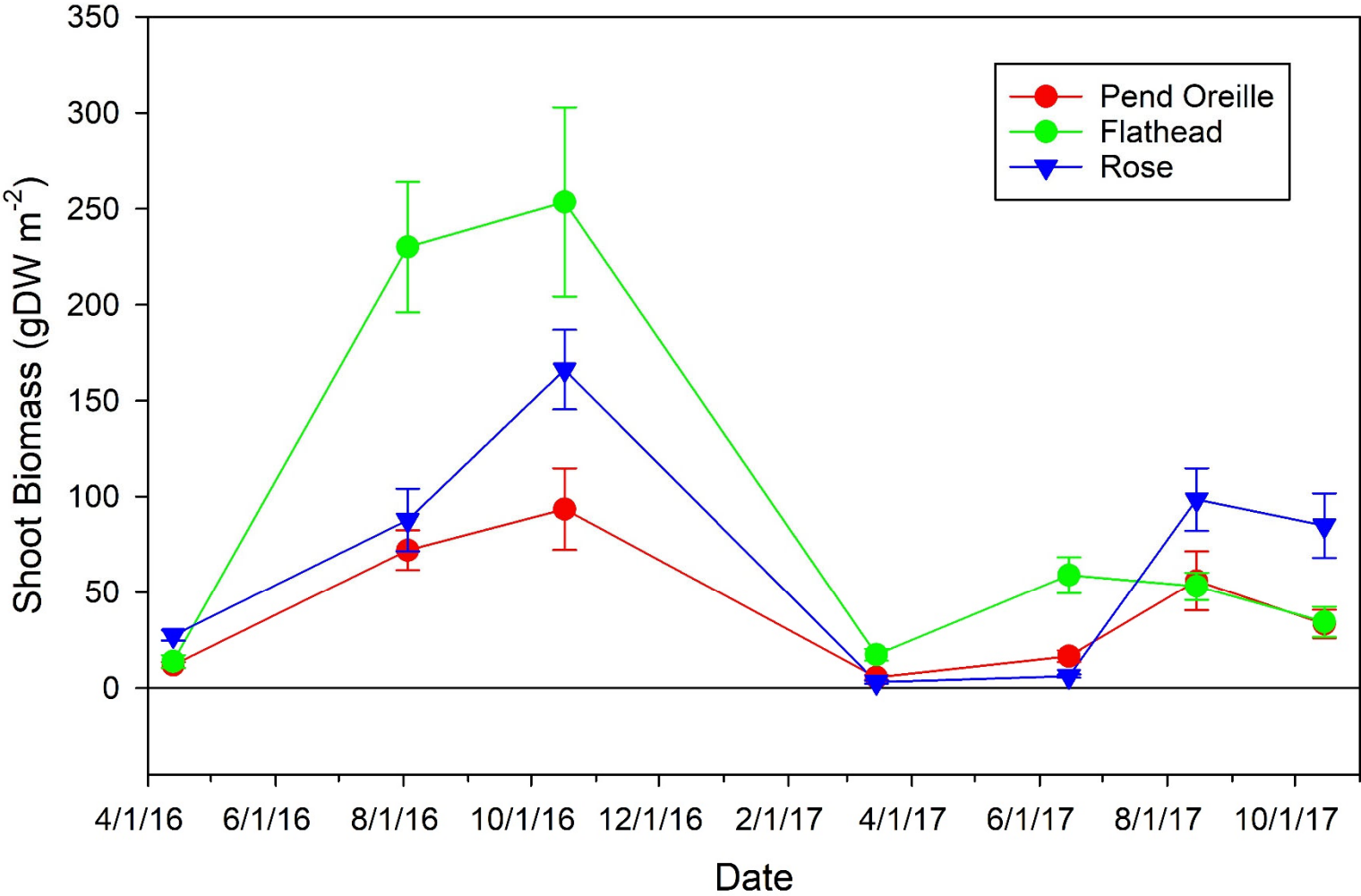
Buds “consumed” when shoots sprout, generated in August

Management to prevent bud formation or destroy sprouting buds

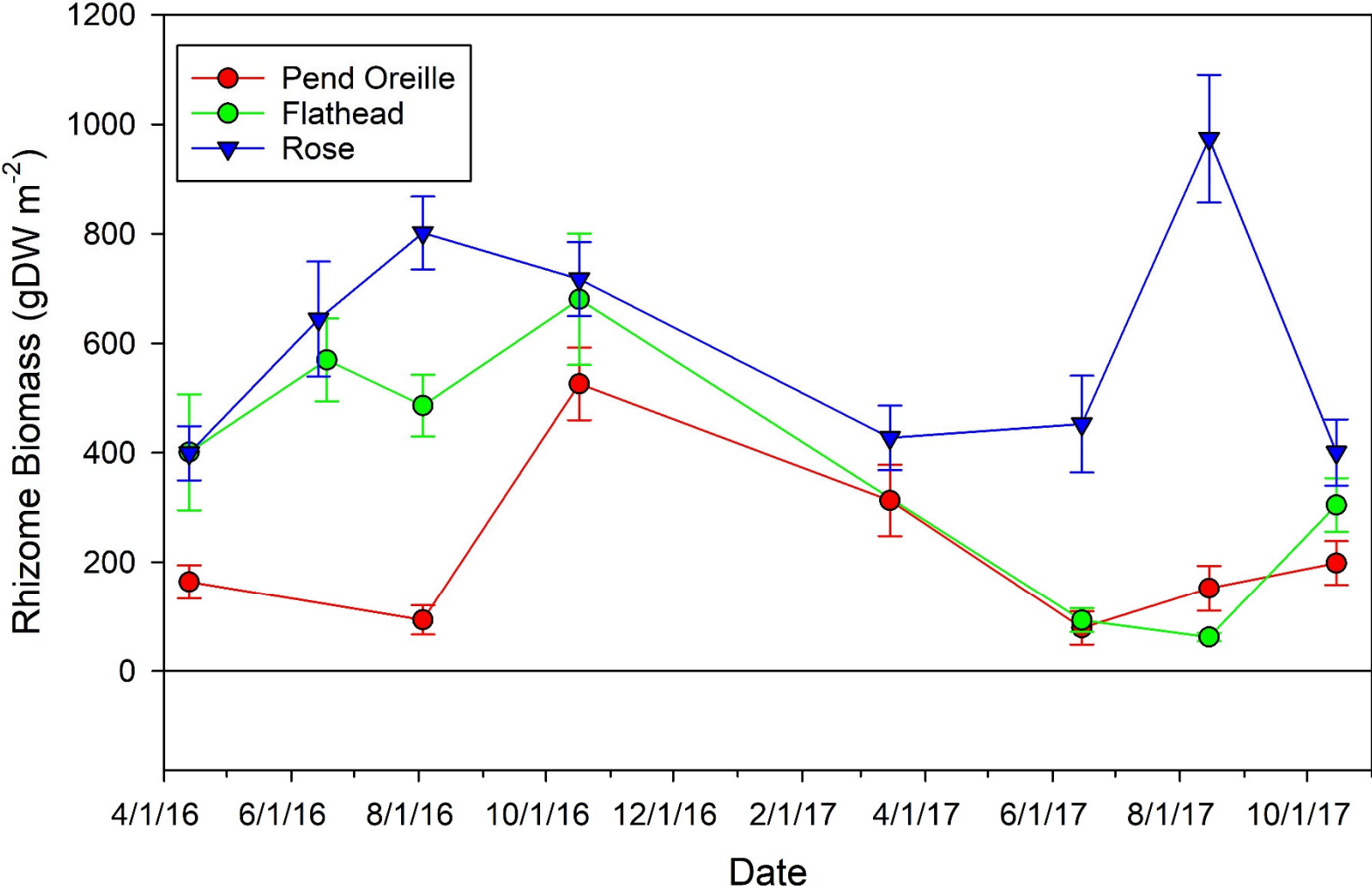




# Field – Shoot Biomass



# Field – Rhizome Biomass



# Phenology Summary

- Phenology studies the life history, seasonal growth, and carbohydrate storage patterns of target aquatic weeds
- The important life stage of flowering rush is the rhizome bud
- Management should exploit either preventing bud formation, depleting existing rhizome buds, or both





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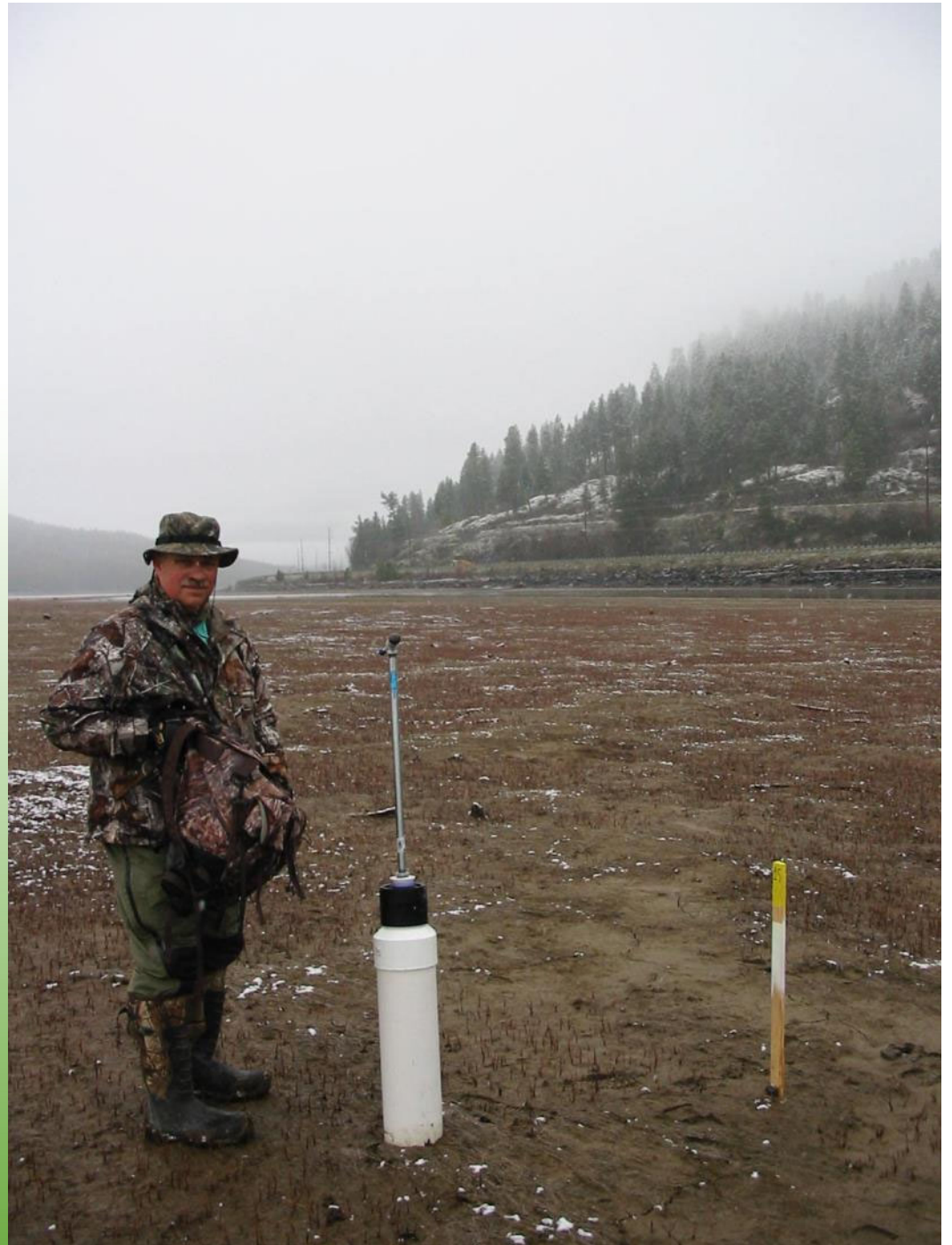
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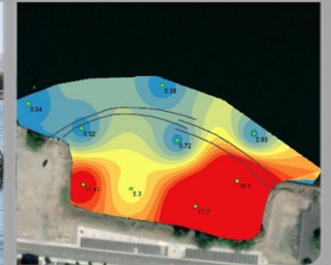




# Management of Flowering Rush in Hydrodynamic Systems: Water Exchange Processes and Herbicide Contact Time

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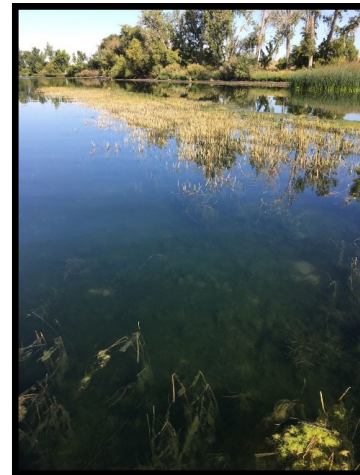


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# Outline:

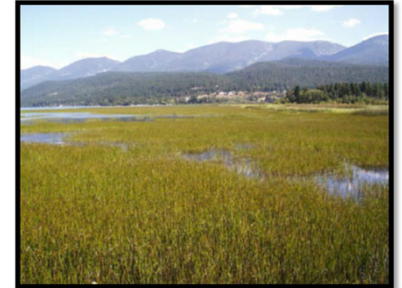
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  - Problem
  - Site Description
2. Water Exchange Evaluations 2018
  - Materials and Methods
  - Results
3. Small Scale Herbicide Trial
4. Herbicide Treatment 2019-2020
  - Water Exchange
  - Herbicide efficacy
5. Conclusions
6. Ongoing and Future Research



# **Problem:** Flowering rush continuing to expand across the northern U.S. and Southern Canada

## Negative impacts to

- Native plant communities
- Fish & wildlife habitat
- Water use
- Promote establishment/spread of other invasive species



Increase substrate availability for invasive mussels

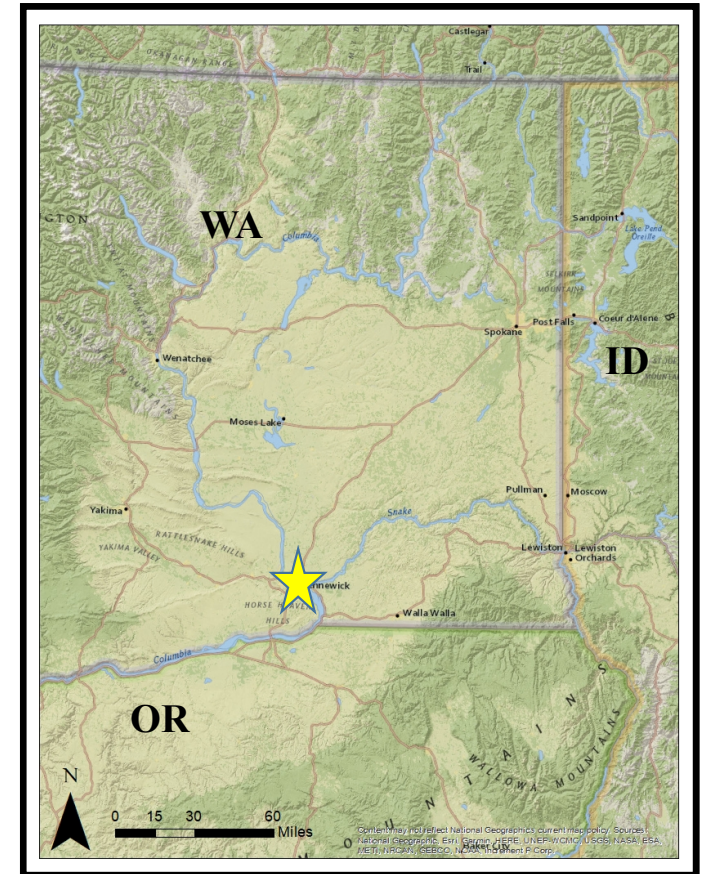
Increase invasive fish habitat





# Study Site: Columbia River, Kennewick, WA

- McNary Pool / Lake Wallula
- Priest Rapids Dam (upstream)
- McNary Dam (downstream)
- Drainage area: 214,000 sq mi
- Flowering rush first documented in 2008





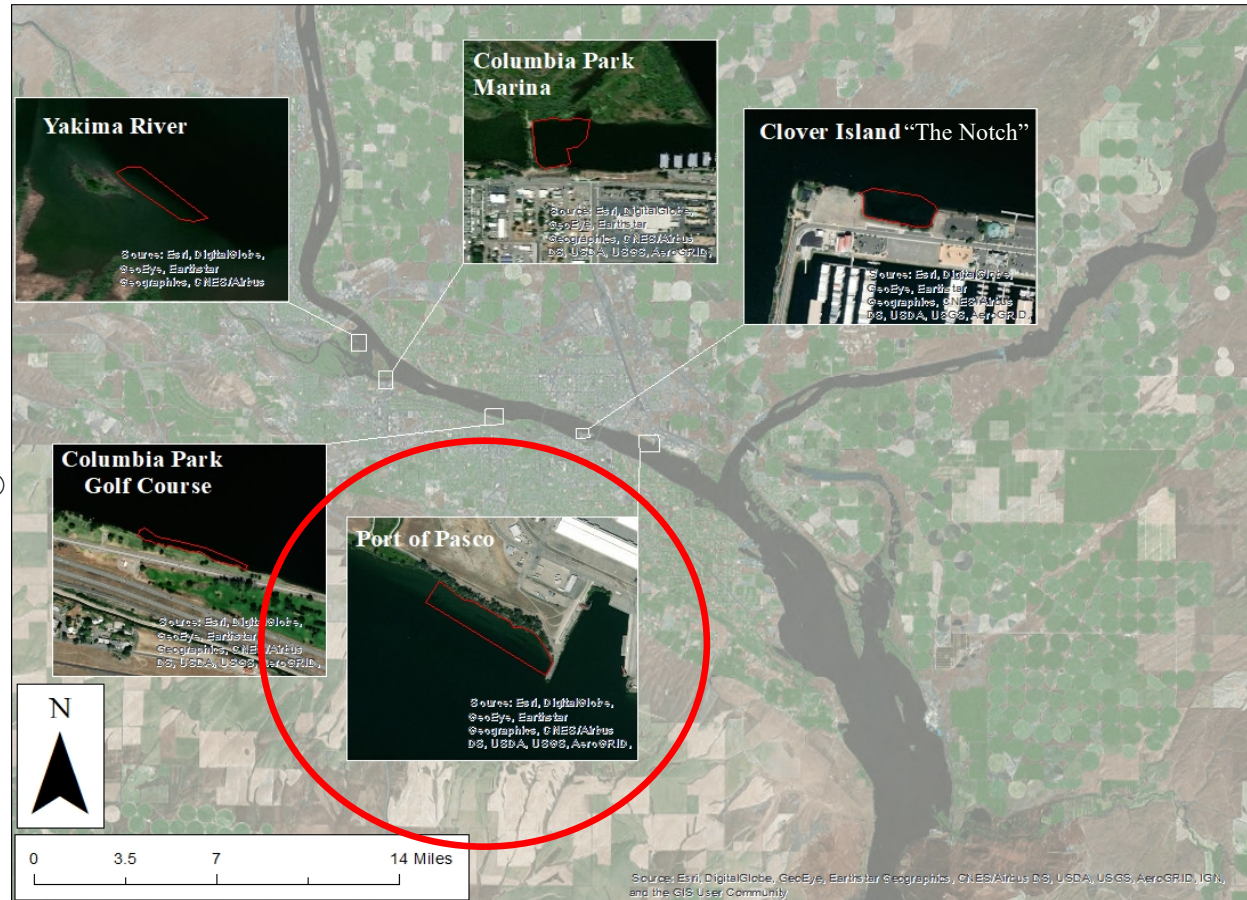
# Water Exchange Evaluations: 2018

## Unrestricted Flow

- High, moderate, low flow sites
- No barriers/curtains

## Bubble Tubing

- First evaluation of Bubble Tubing®
- Clover Island “The Notch”
- Multiple configurations



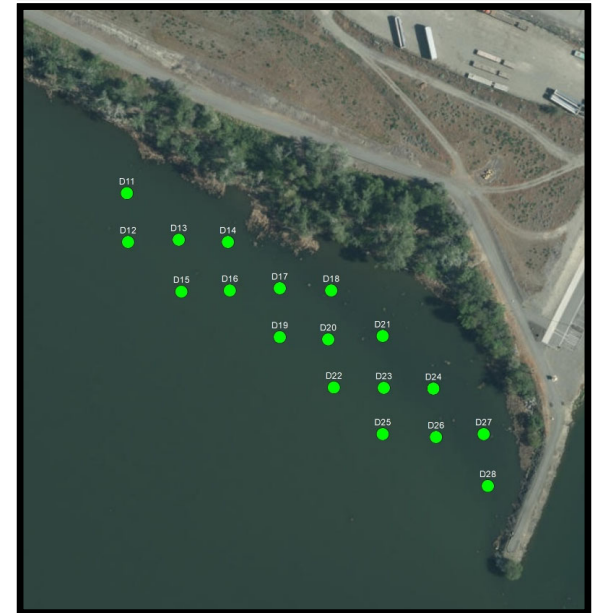
# Port of Pasco/Osprey Point

- Largest site evaluated ~7.5 acres
- Extends along the shoreline parallel to the main river channel
- Average depth 5.6'
- Rip rap shoreline and small peninsula on the downstream end
- Flowering rush occurrence >80%



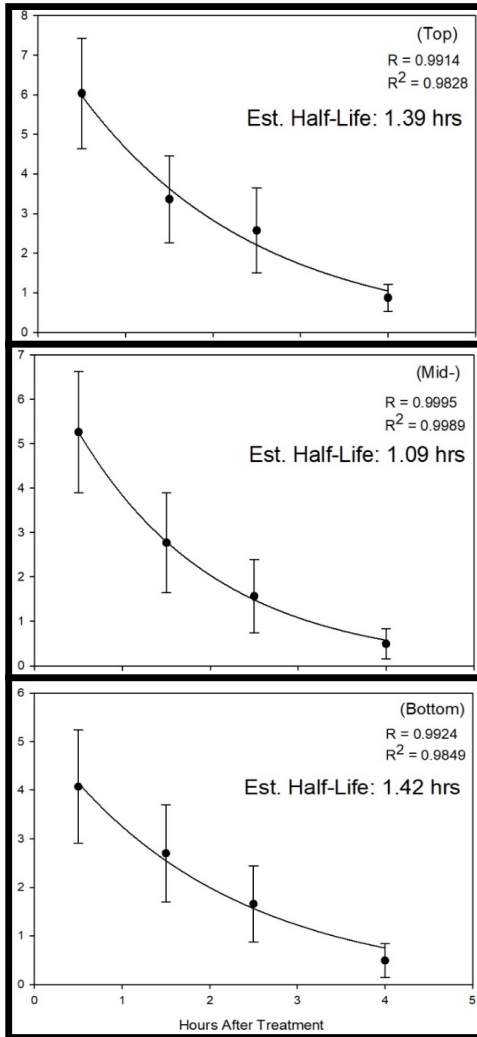
## Materials and Methods

- Rhodamine WT dye
- Target concentration  $10 \mu\text{g/L}$
- Dye measurements at pre-determined points and time intervals
- Dye applied August 25, 2018
- McNary Dam discharge during treatment and sampling 184-185 kcfs



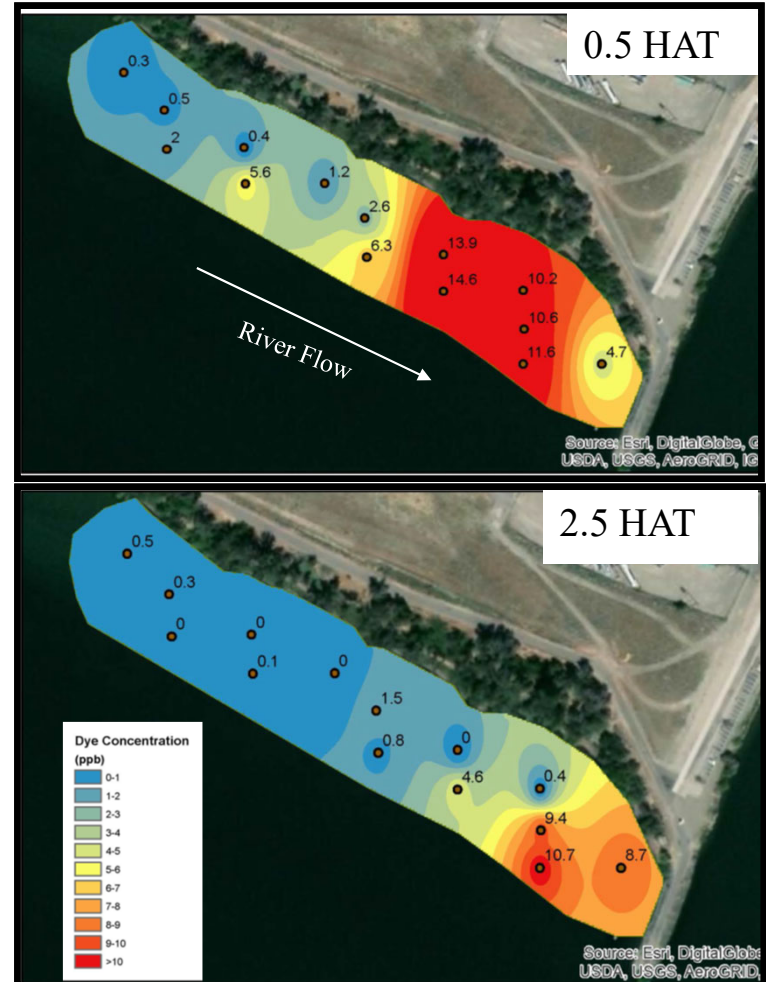


Rhodamine Wt Dye Concentration (ppb)



# Water Exchange Results

Whole Plot RWT  
Half-life: 1 hr 20 min





## Treatments

- Non-treated control
- Diquat (0.37 ppm)
- Endothall (5 ppm)
- Diquat + Endothall (0.36 ppm + 1.8 ppm)

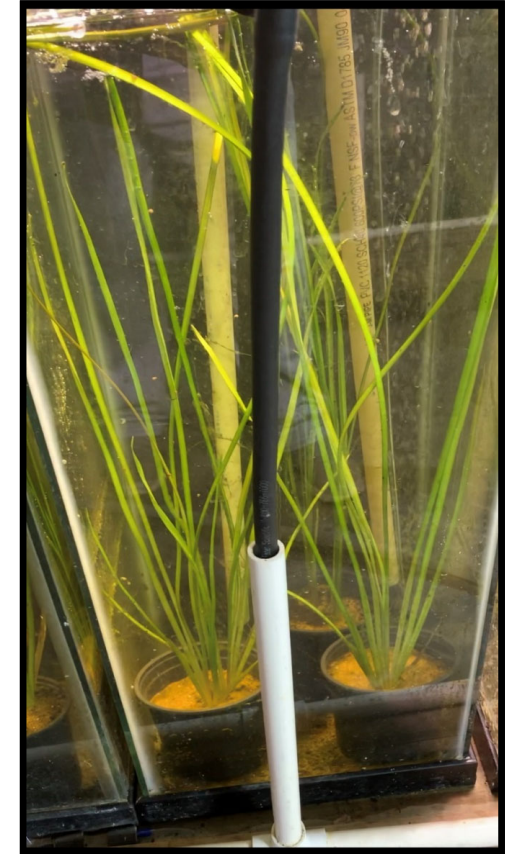
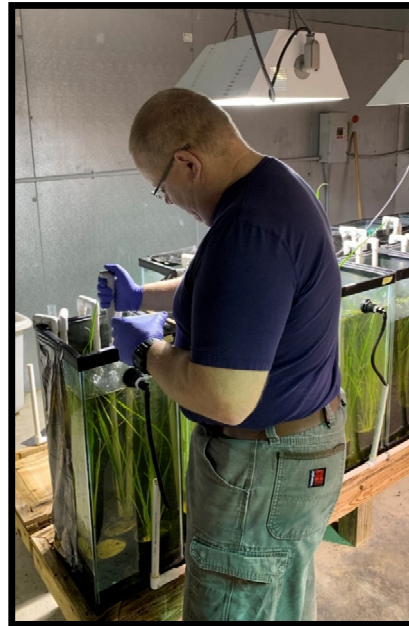
## Exposure Times

- 3 hour
- 6 hour
- 12 hour

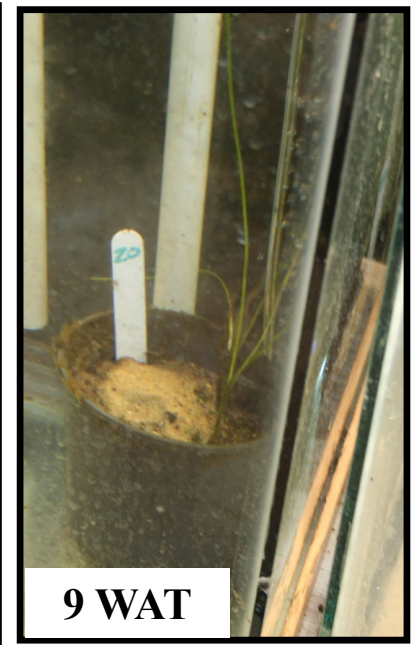
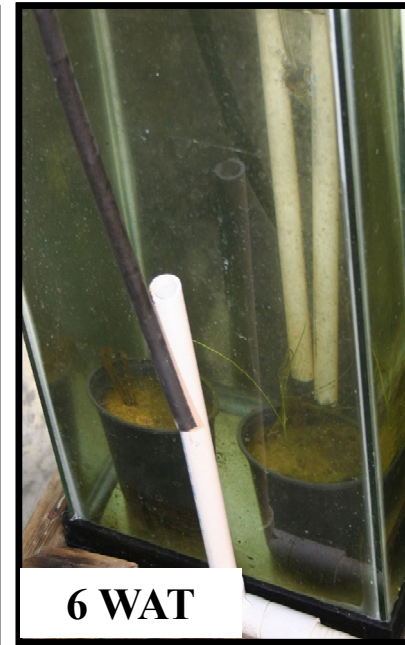
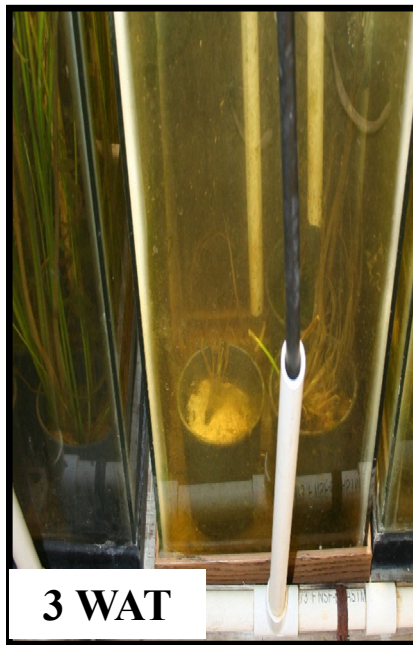
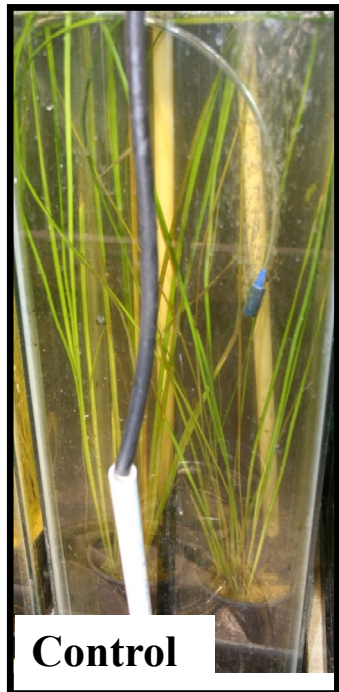
## Harvest

- 4 WAT
- 8 WAT
- 12 WAT

# Small Scale Herbicide Trials



- All treatments resulted in loss of shoot vigor 2 DAT
- Visual ratings  $\geq 70\%$  control of shoot biomass 3 WAT
- No notable differences observed between treatments or exposures



# Small Scale Herbicide Trial Results

Dry weight biomass g per m<sup>2</sup>  
(Percent Biomass Reduction Compared to the Reference)

Main Effect Factor	4 WAT		8 WAT		12 WAT	
	Rhizome	Shoot	Rhizome	Shoot	Rhizome	Shoot
Reference <sup>a</sup>	165.8 ± 39.6	78.6 ± 21.8	283.8 ± 85.0	58.9 ± 24.3	231.5 ± 102.3	42.4 ± 16.1
<u>Herbicide<sup>b</sup></u>						
Diquat	59.9 ± 8.5 ns (64 ± 5%)	3.4 ± 0.8 ns (96 ± 1%)	50.0 ± 9.5 ns (82 ± 4%)	2.2 ± 0.5 ns (96 ± 1%)	34.1 ± 9.2 ns (85 ± 4%)	1.5 ± 0.6 a (96 ± 2%)
Endothall	58.6 ± 10.3 ns (65 ± 6%)	6.0 ± 1.9 ns (92 ± 3%)	53.6 ± 10.8 ns (81 ± 4%)	8.5 ± 3.3 ns (85 ± 6%)	42.5 ± 9.8 ns (82 ± 4%)	8.8 ± 3.2 b (79 ± 8%)
Diquat + Endothall	57.3 ± 12.1 ns (65 ± 7%)	2.3 ± 0.8 ns (97 ± 1%)	47.0 ± 10.2 ns (83 ± 4%)	3.1 ± 1.4 ns (95 ± 2%)	30.7 ± 7.9 ns (87 ± 3%)	1.5 ± 0.5 a (97 ± 1%)
<u>Exposure Time</u>						
Three Hours	56.7 ± 10.6 ns (66 ± 6%)	3.9 ± 1.2 ns (95 ± 2%)	54.7 ± 9.6 ns (81 ± 6%)	3.9 ± 1.3 ns (93 ± 2%)	48.3 ± 11.6 ns (79 ± 5%)	5.7 ± 2.4 ns (87 ± 6%)
Six Hours	65.8 ± 10.6 ns (60 ± 6%)	5.3 ± 1.8 ns (93 ± 2%)	37.9 ± 8.2 ns (87 ± 3%)	1.5 ± 0.7 ns (97 ± 1%)	33.0 ± 6.6 ns (86 ± 3%)	2.6 ± 1.2 ns (94 ± 3%)
Twelve Hours	53.3 ± 9.7 ns (68 ± 6%)	2.6 ± 0.8 ns (97 ± 1%)	58.0 ± 11.9 ns (80 ± 4%)	8.5 ± 3.3 ns (85 ± 6%)	26.0 ± 7.4 ns (89 ± 3%)	3.5 ± 2.4 ns (92 ± 6%)

<sup>a</sup> Reference data were not included in the statistical analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Data for each main effect factor are pooled over all levels of the other factor. Means within a column for each main effect factor followed by the same letter are not significantly different based on LSMEANS mean separation test ( $\alpha=0.01$ ); n = 21.

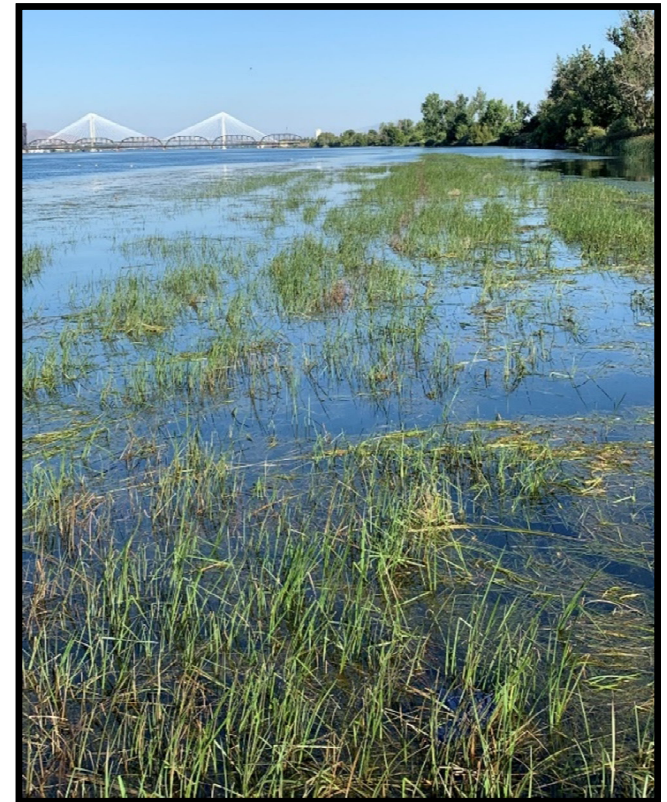
- No Herbicide x Exposure Interaction or exposure time effect ( $\alpha=0.01$ )
- Shoot biomass 12 WAT significant herbicide effect
- Diquat or products containing diquat provided significantly better control of flowering rush shoots 12 WAT



# Water Exchange & Herbicide Evaluation 2019

## Port of Pasco/Osprey Point

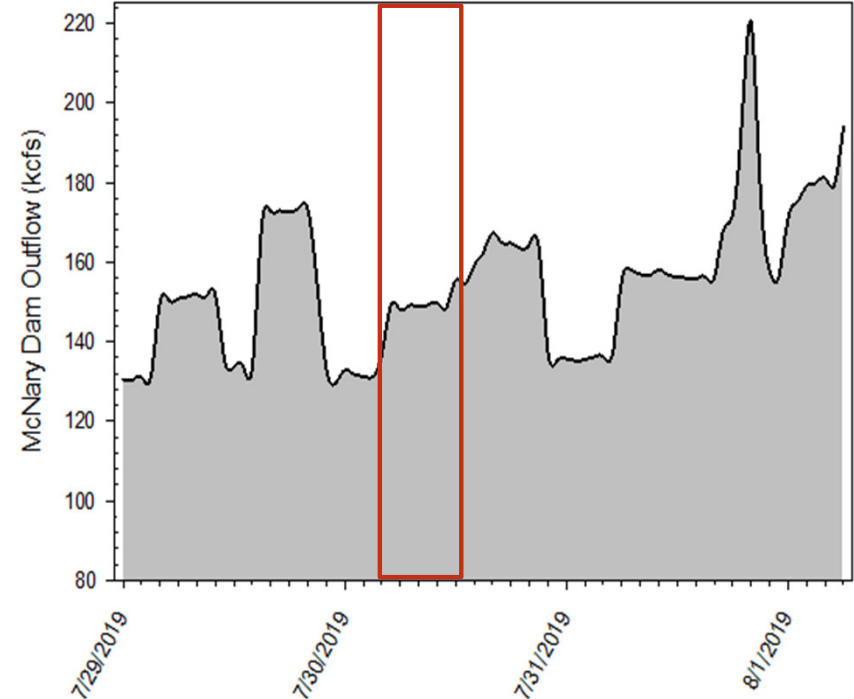
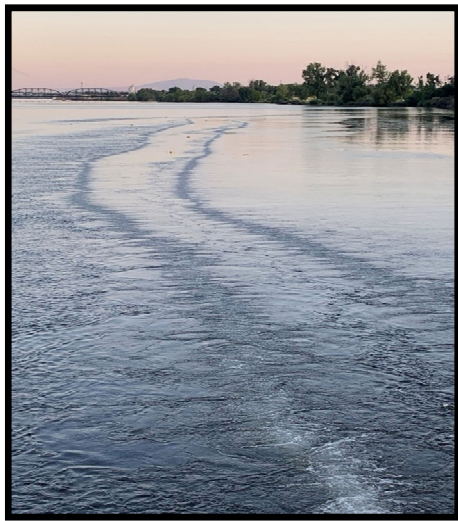
- Water exchange data from 2018
- Ease of access for Bubble Tubing deployment
- Large stand of flowering rush
- Site reduced from original 7.5 acres to 4.5 acres



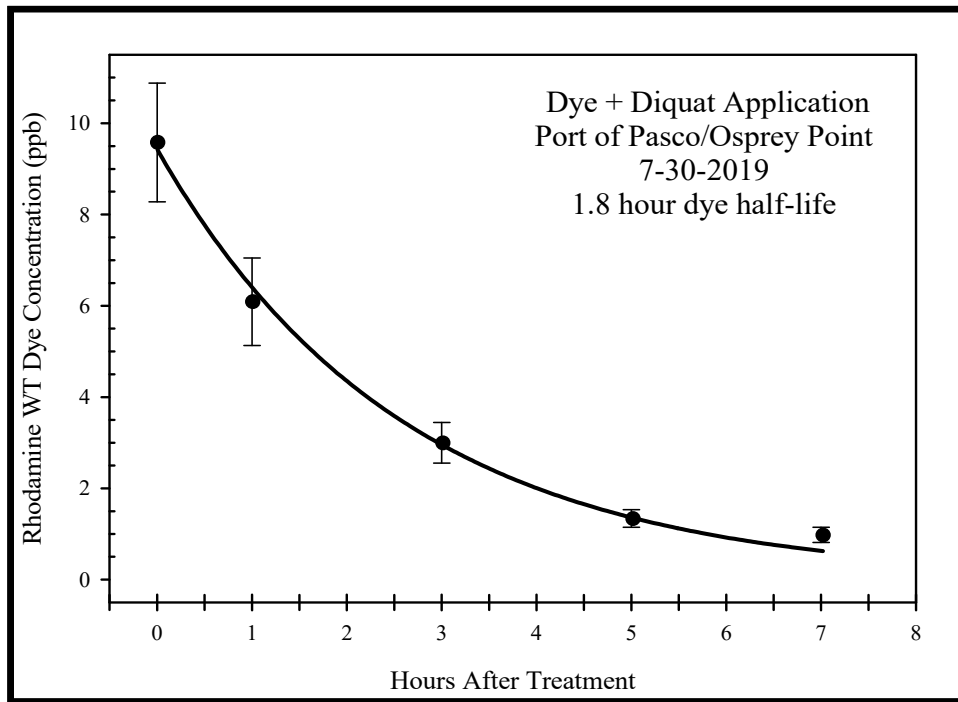


# Herbicide + Dye Treatment 2019

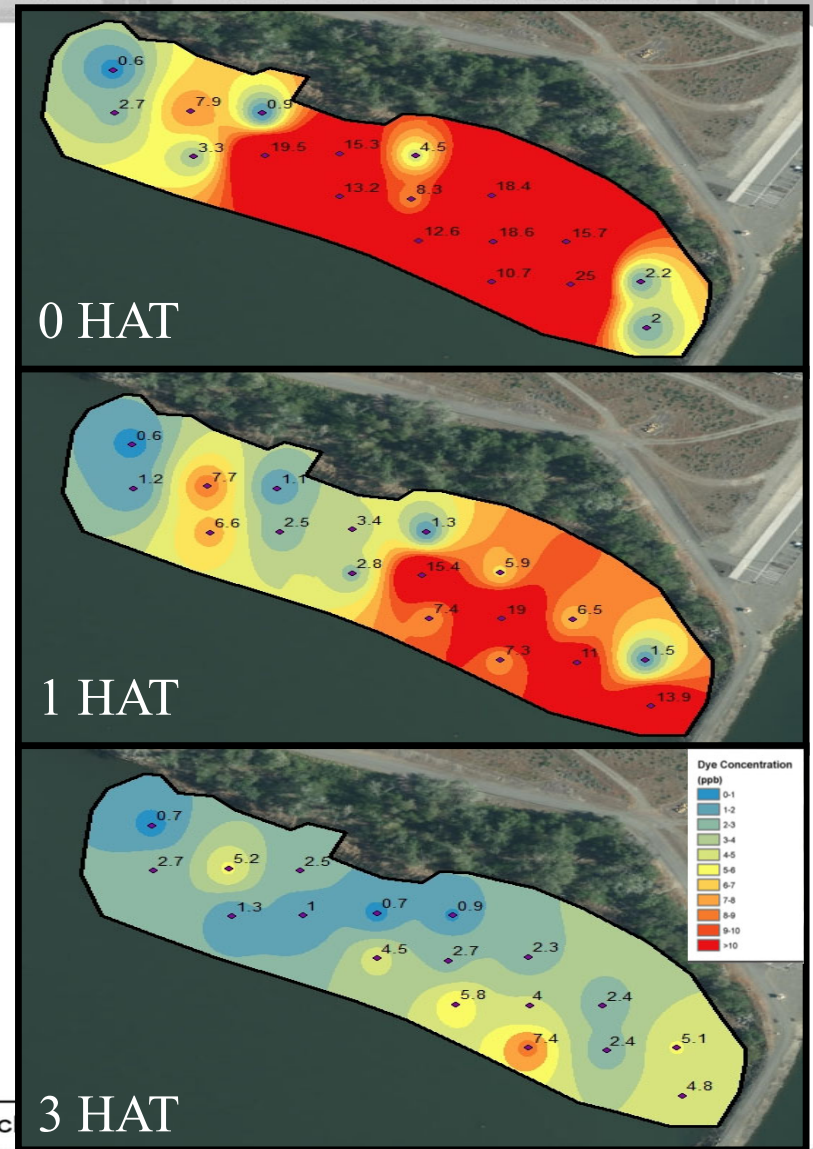
- Diquat + RWT dye applied 30 July, 2019 at 0400 hrs
- Double Bubble Tubing around the treatment plot
- McNary Dam discharge averaged 149 kcfs



# Water Exchange 2019



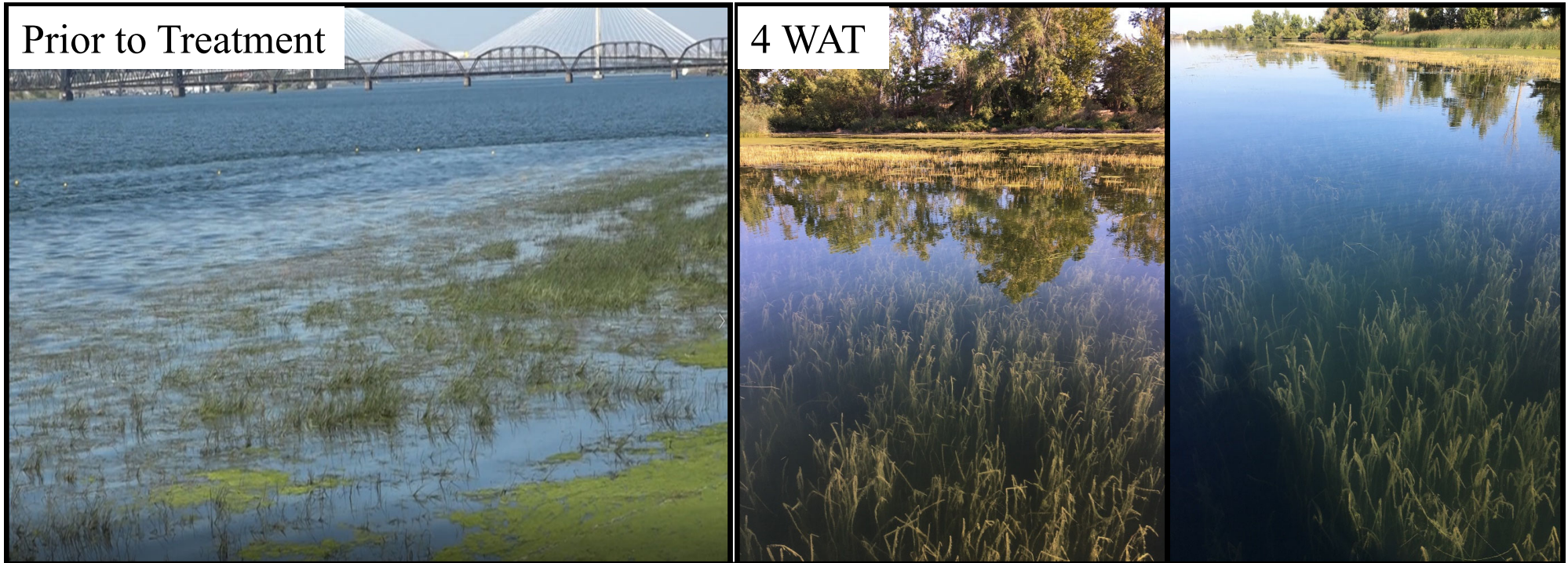
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## Herbicide Efficacy –Results

- Flowering rush injury visible by 2 DAT
- Survey conducted at 4, 8, 10, & 52 WAT



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# Herbicide Efficacy 52 Weeks After Treatment

- Minimal emergent plants present
- Flowering Rush % occurrence ~90%

Prior to Treatment 2019



Prior to Treatment 2020

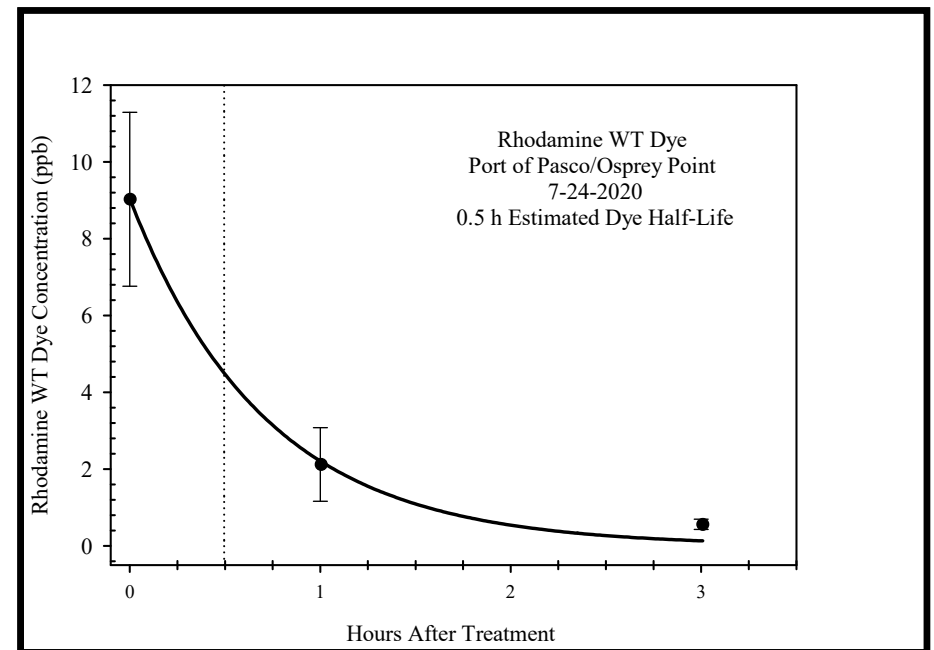


# Water Exchange/Herbicide Evaluations 2020

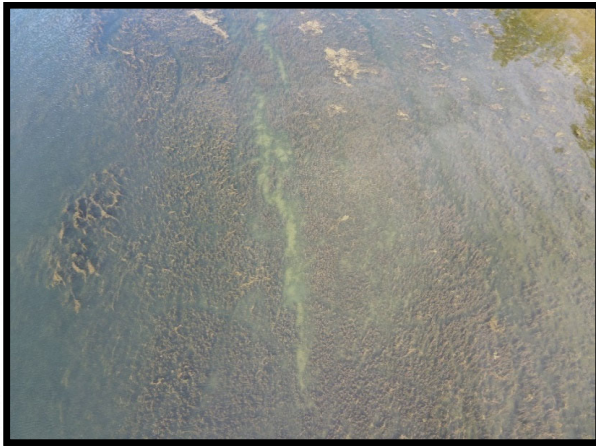
- Follow up Diquat + RWT dye treatment
- Applied: 24 July 2020, 0630 hours
- McNary Dam discharge 185 kcfs
- No bubble curtain included

## Water Exchange Results

- Estimate dye half-life: ~30 min
- McNary Dam discharge 35,000-40,000 cfs greater than 2019
- No bubble curtain
- Lack of emergent flowering rush biomass

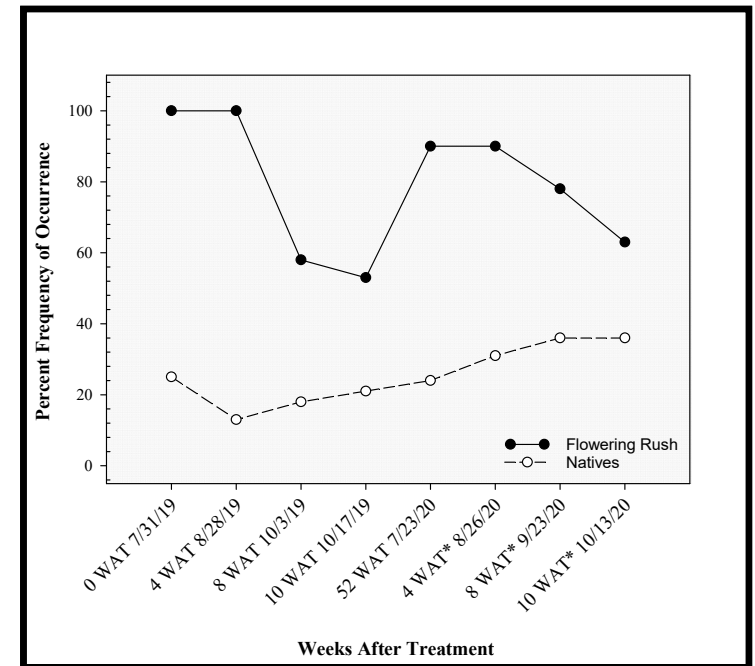


## 4 Weeks After 2<sup>nd</sup> Treatment



- Flowering rush frequency of occurrence decreased following 2019 and 2020 treatments
- Native plant frequency occurrence (*C. demersum*, *H. dubia*, *E. canadensis*, *Potamogeton spp.*) slightly increased

Change in percent frequency of occurrence over time





## Conclusions of 2019-2020 Field Work

- 2019 diquat treatment effective at controlling emergent/submersed flowering rush shoots
- 52 WAT flowering rush occurrence was 90%, however minimal to no emergent plants were present
- Follow up treatment applied in 2020
- Water exchange more rapid in 2020 (30 min) vs. 2019 (1 h 45min)
- 2020 treatment resulted in significant injury of flowering rush shoots and decrease in frequency of occurrence 8 WAT

What is the minimum exposure time needed for diquat to effectively control flowering rush?

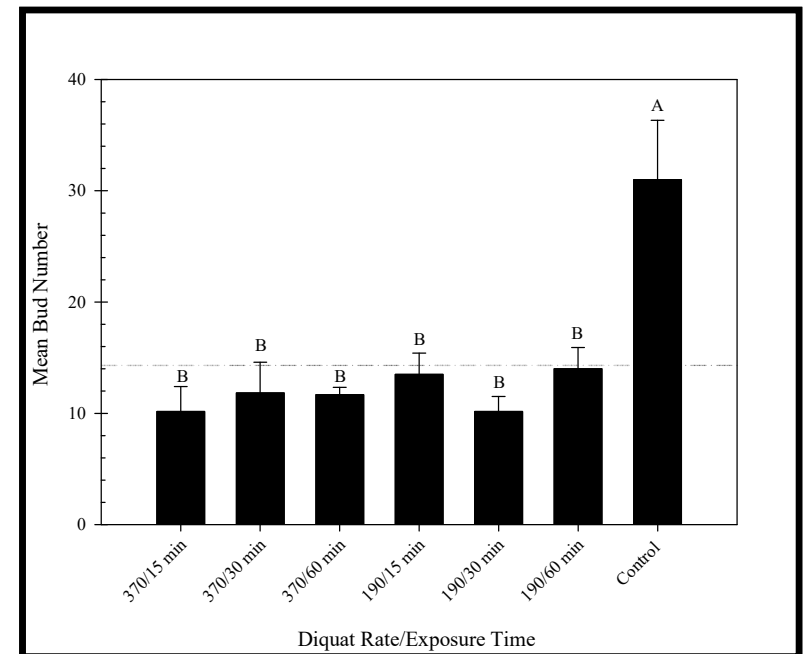
# Ongoing Research: Preliminary Results

Control 14 DAT

Diquat: 190 ppb/15 minute exposure  
14 DAT



Mean Number of Buds  
4 Weeks After Treatment



# Future Research

- ❑ Linkage of reservoir operations with water exchange evaluations
  - Low dam generation periods (early morning/night)
  - With and without bubble tubing
  
- ❑ Herbicide efficacy field verification studies
  - 2 year post treatment vegetation assessment
  - Expand to multiple flowering rush locations in McNary Reservoir
  - Additional Pre / Post treatment vegetation assessments

Additional information on the Bubble Curtain Evaluations

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDWChNwJMIM&t=48s>



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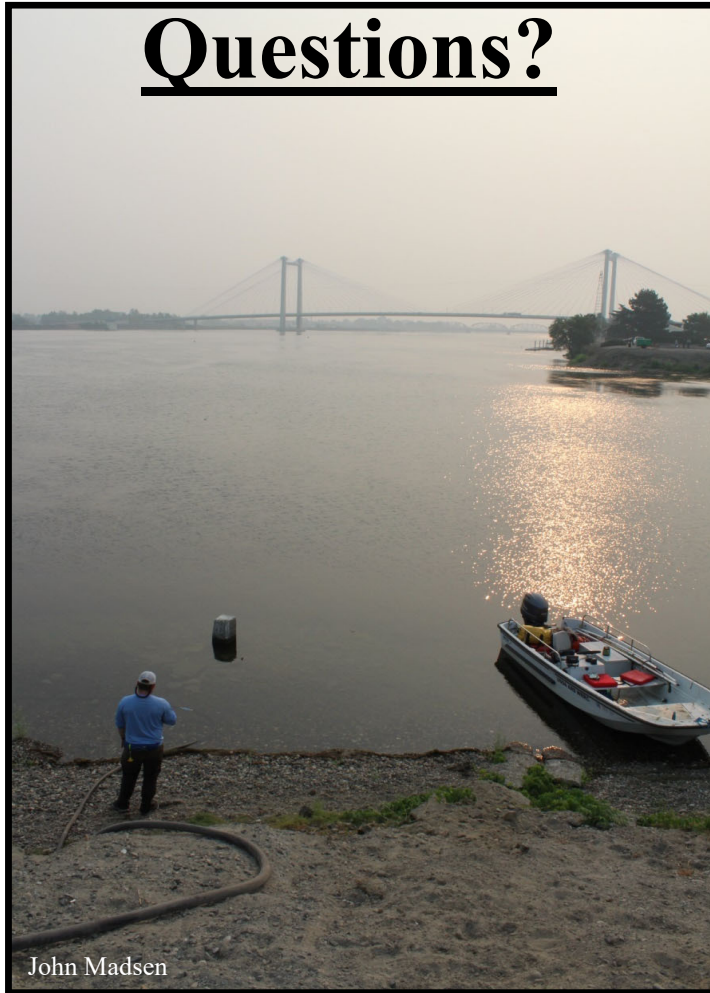


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# Genotypic Variability and Invasive Traits of Flowering Rush

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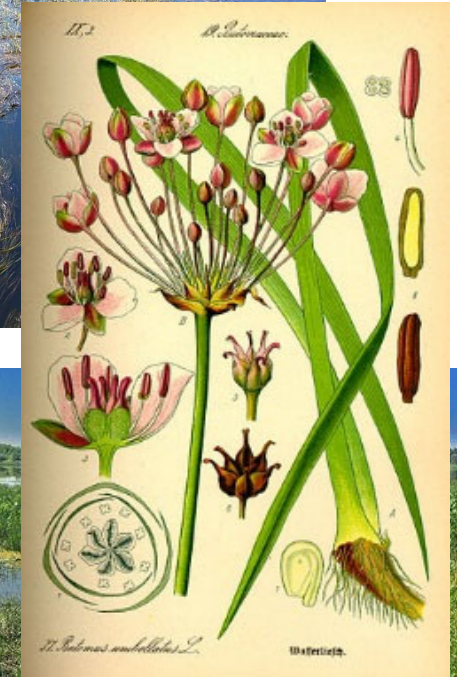
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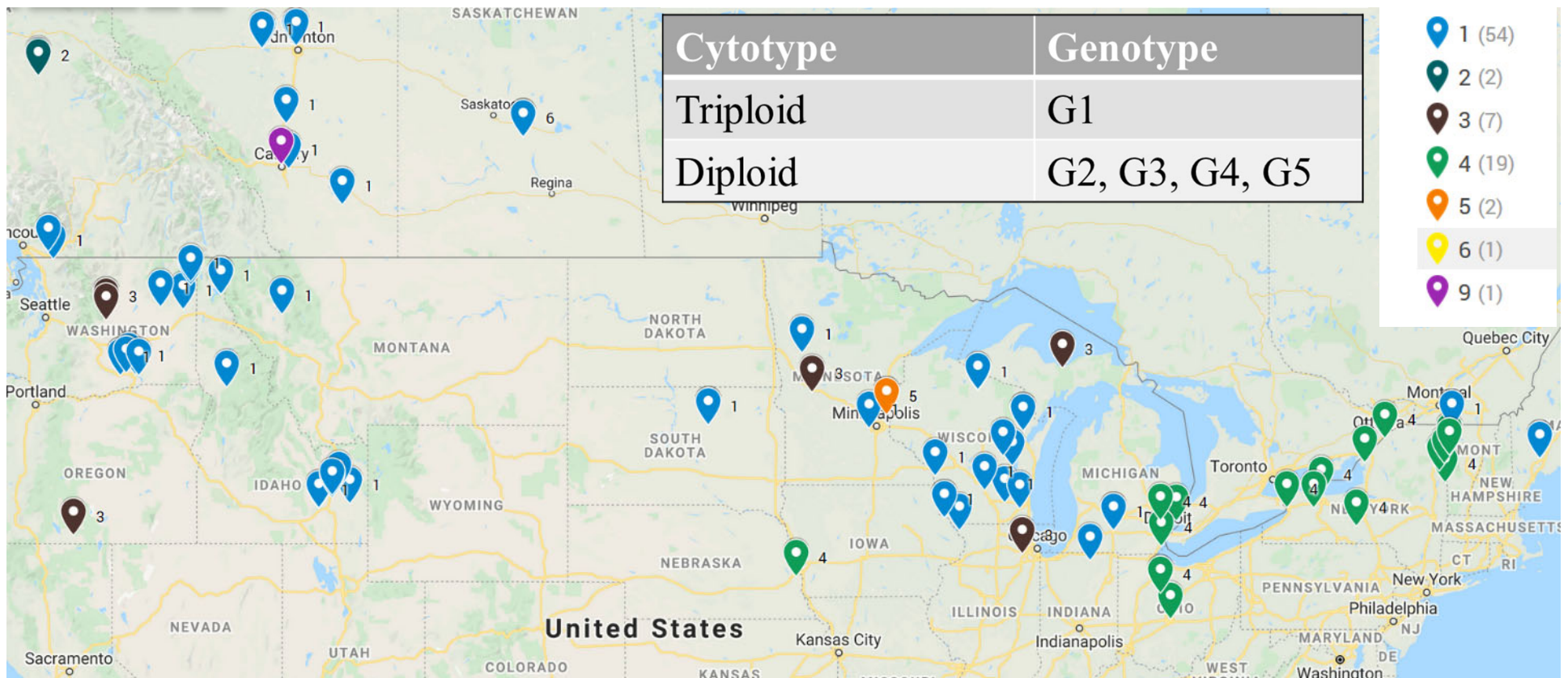
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- Eurasian perennial weed
  - ▶ Rare/threatened in native range
- 2 ploidy levels in US
  - ▶ Diploid ( $2n=26$ )
  - ▶ Triploid ( $3n=39$ )
- Multiple genotypes
  - ▶ Management implications
- Biological control development
  - CABI Switzerland



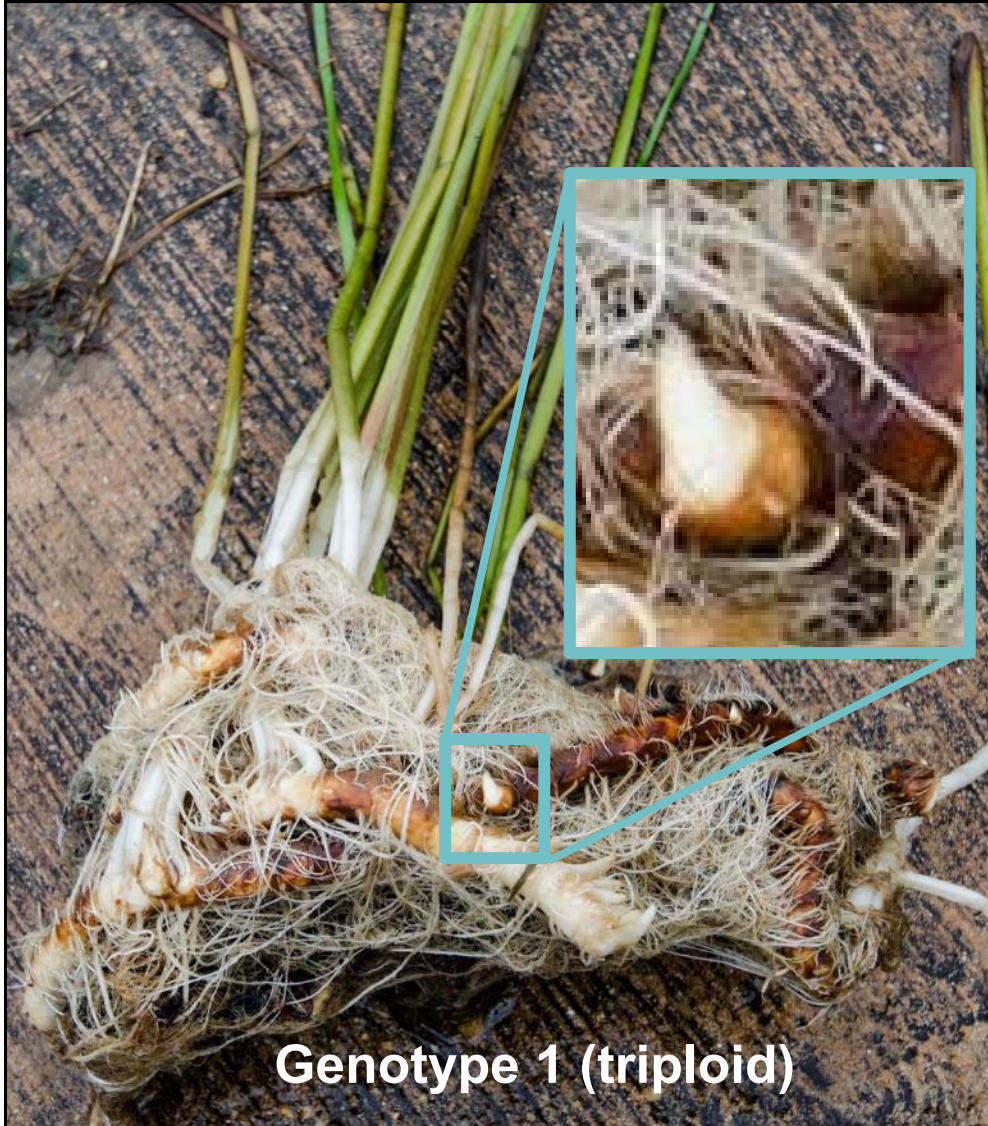


# Flowering rush reproduction is largely clonal but has multiple genotypes in the US



John Gaskin, unpublished data





**Genotype 1 (triploid)**

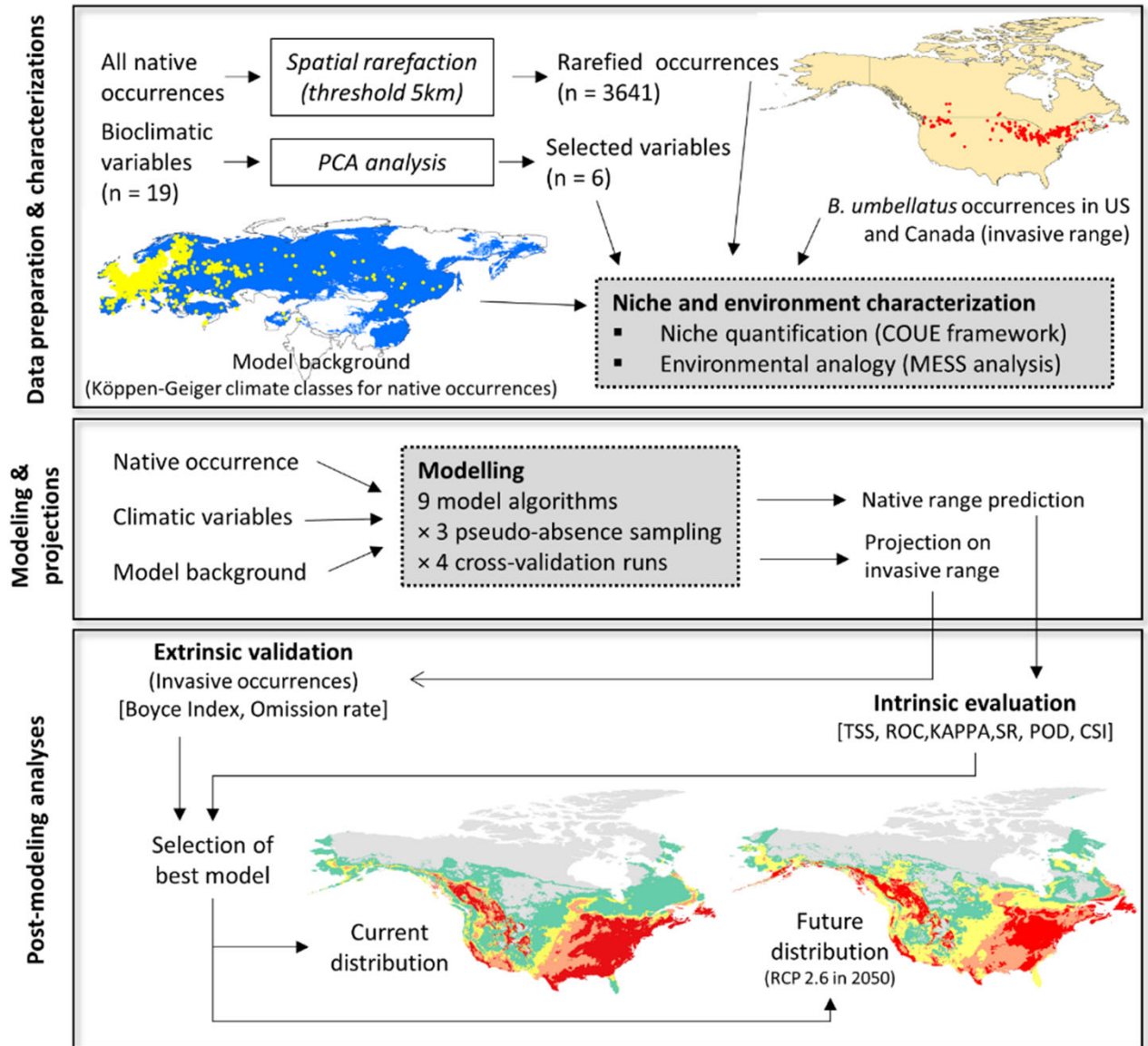


**Genotype 4 (diploid)**



# Potential distribution in North America

- Areas at risk include southern locations, Alaska
- 57% of NA climatically suitable under current climate, may decrease under future climates
- A shortcoming of ENMs may be genetic variation in modelled species!



Modeling framework used by Banerjee et al. (2020)

# Why is flowering rush so successful?

- Competition- invades established communities or disturbance specialist?
- Nutrient use- does flowering rush thrive in both low and elevated nutrient conditions?
- Disease- are there pathogens present that may limit fitness?
- Herbivory- are there native herbivores that feed, resist invasion?

# To compare characteristics of triploid and diploid flowering rush, common garden approach was used

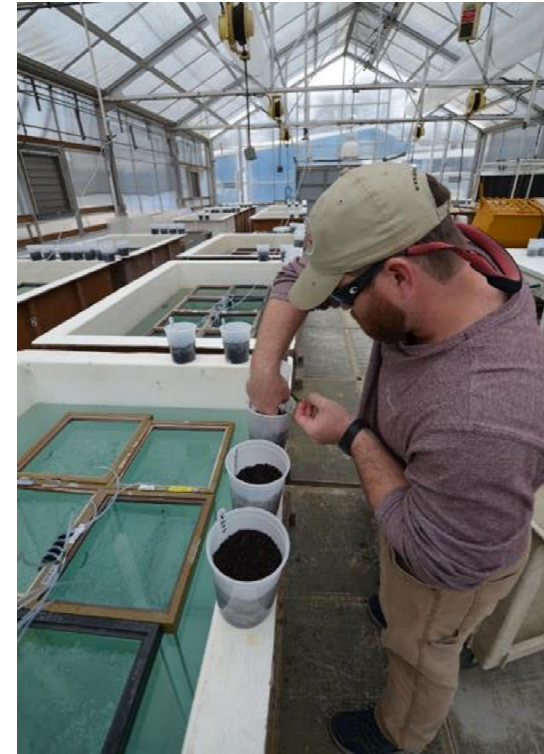
- ▶ Allows comparison of genetic-based differences (in same environment)
- ▶ Every clone genotyped
- ▶ 10 diploid (7 G4, 1 G5, 1 G3), 19 triploid (G1)
- ▶ Propagated repeatedly to reduce maternal effects





# Competition/ invasion studies

- Can indicate how likely FR is to invade established communities
- May indicate disturbance specialist
- Submersed and emergent experiments
- 10 FR populations (6 diploid, 4 triploid)
- Grown alone or in community



# Submersed

- *Heteranthera dubia*,  
*Myriophyllum spicatum*
- Grown in 48 L aquaria
- Smart-Barko nutrients
- Duration 16 weeks
- Partial incomplete block design



# Emergent

- *Typha latifolia*,  
*Schoenoplectus acutus*
- Grown in 20 L buckets
- Charcoal filtered tap water
- Duration 12 weeks
- Partial incomplete block design



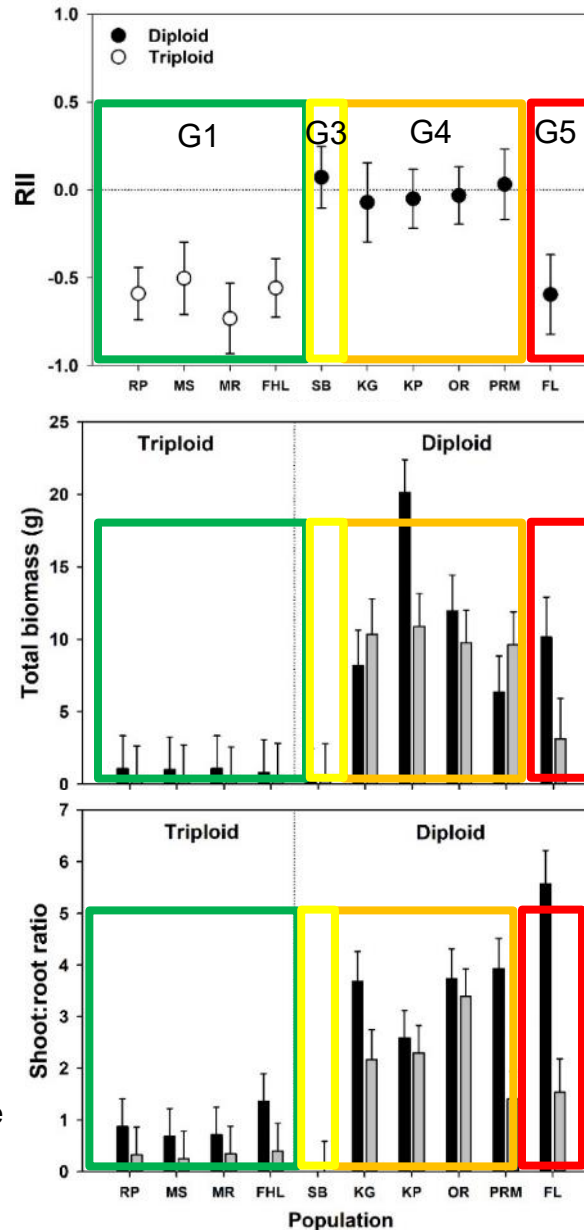
# Competition study results:

**Submersed-** diploid plants less impacted by community competition (RII), diploid more successful at establishing (biomass)

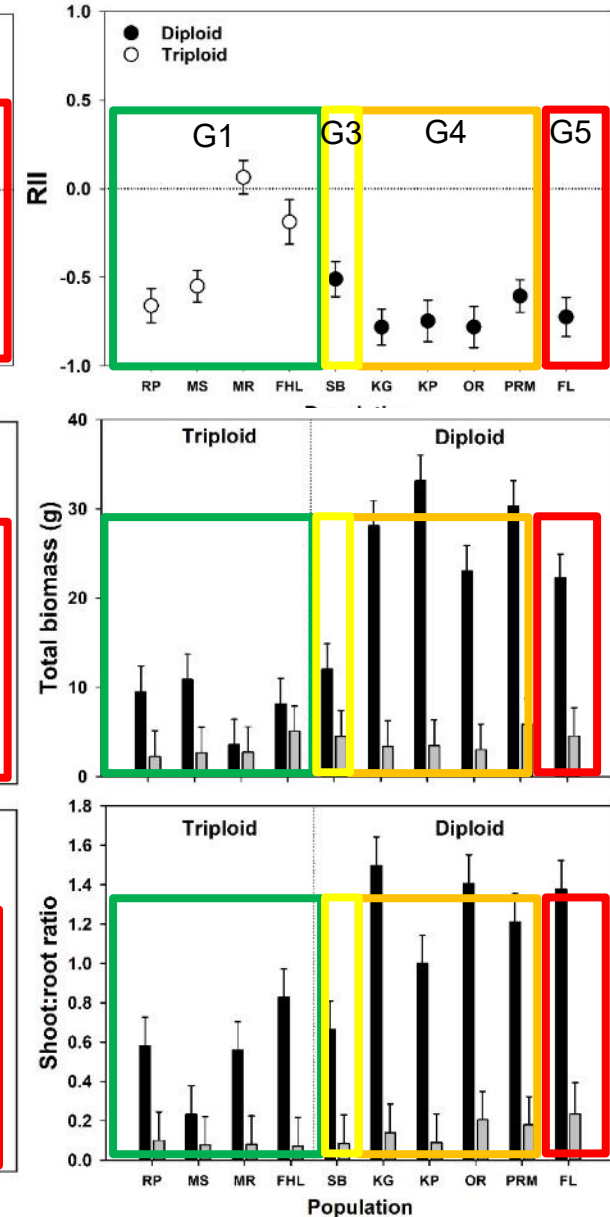
**Emergent-** both cytotypes impacted by competition (RII), diploid more successful at establishing (biomass), BUT biomass same in competition

monoculture  
 community

## Submersed



## Emergent





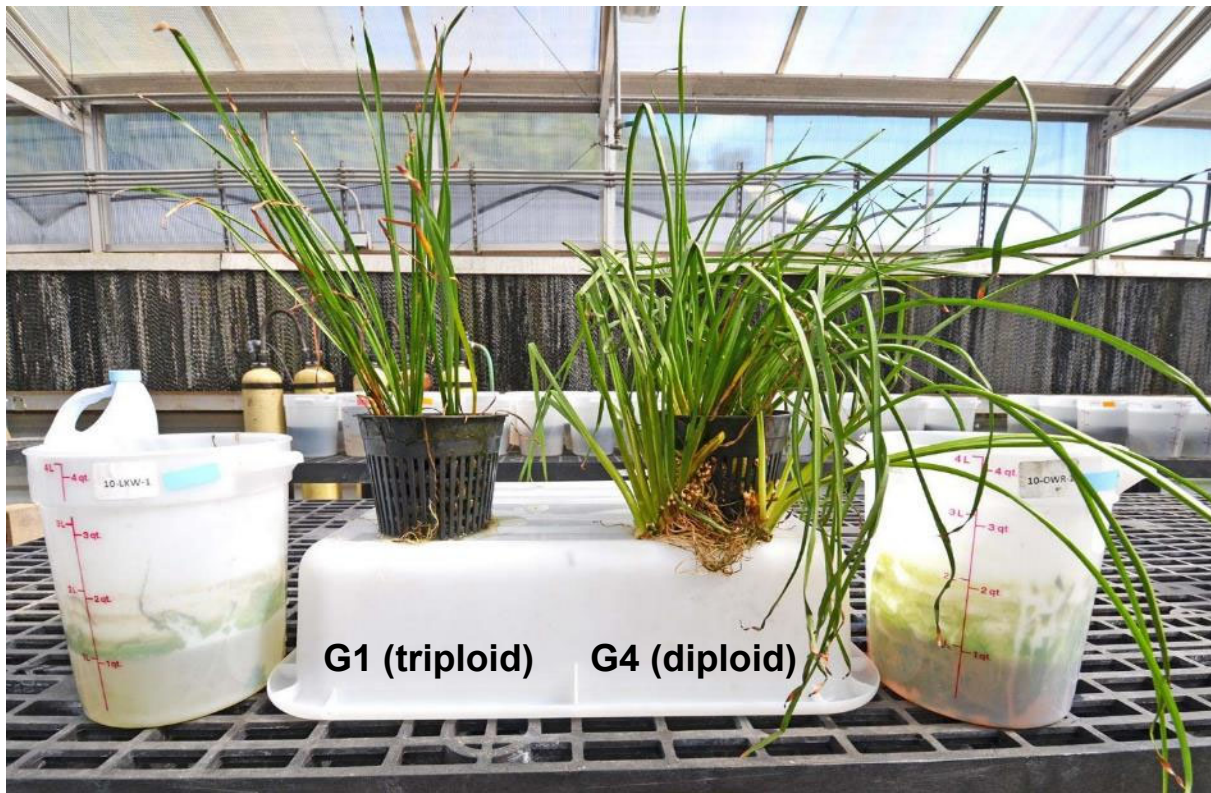
# Response to nutrients (N,P)

- Performance under increased (or reduced) nutrients can help identify locations at risk for impacts
- Tested FR growth under range of N and P
  - N: 4 – 400 mg/L
  - P: 0.4 – 40 mg/L
  - Other nutrients held constant
- Grown hydroponically in modified Hoagland's nutrients





# Response to nutrients (N,P)



G1 (triploid) G4 (diploid)

400 mg/L [N]



4 mg/L [N] 400 mg/L [N]

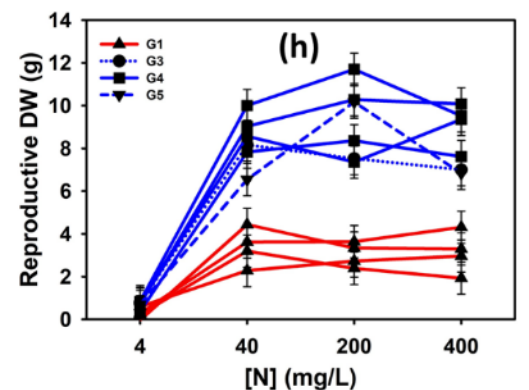
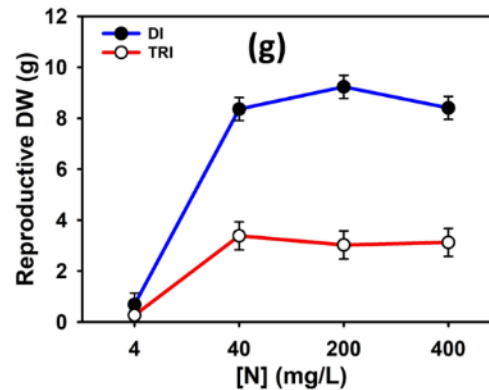
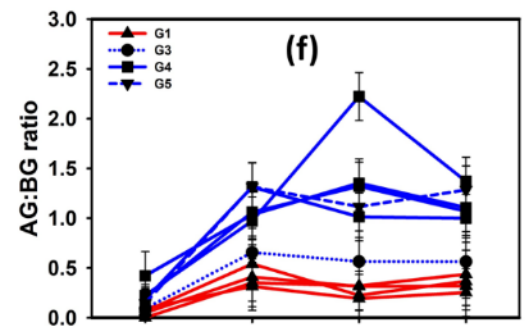
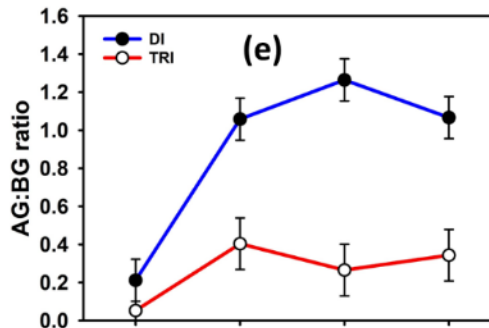
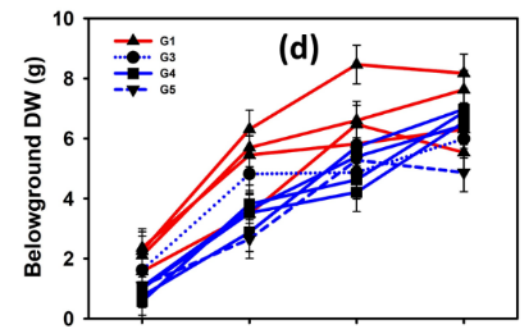
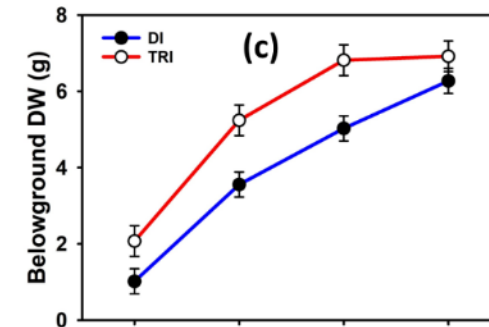
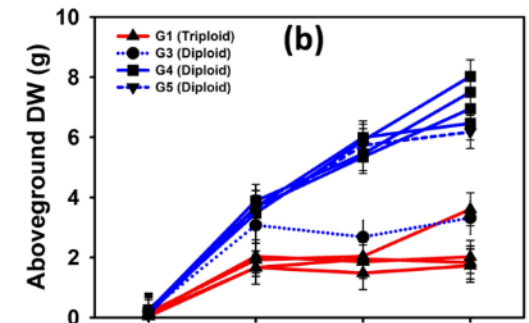
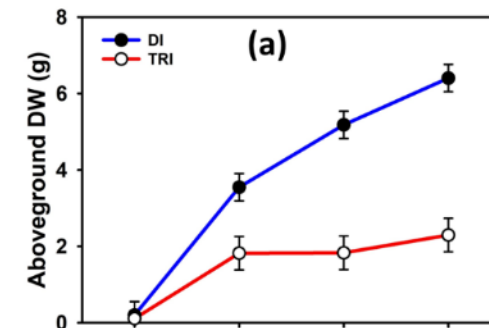
G4 (diploid)

Nutrient (N) effects were strong, as were genotype/ cytotype effects

# Response to nutrients (N)

Diploid populations increased AG biomass with N, both cytotypes responded in belowground biomass

Majority of triploid biomass in roots/rhizomes

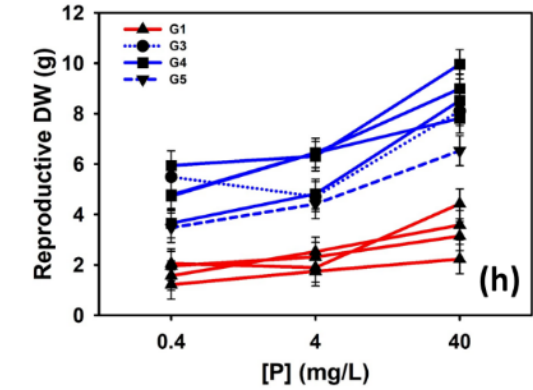
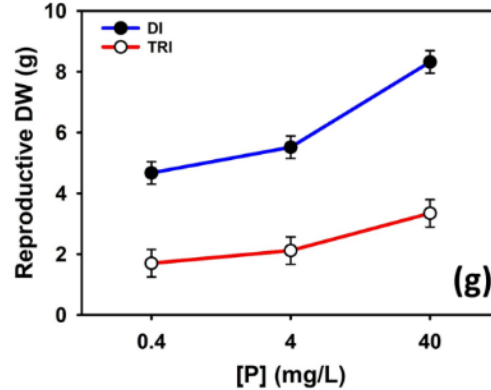
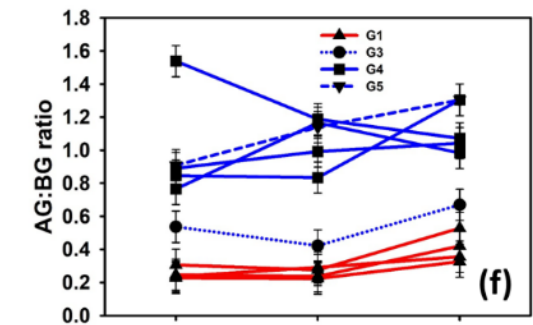
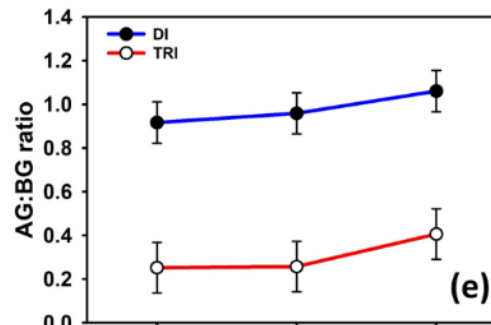
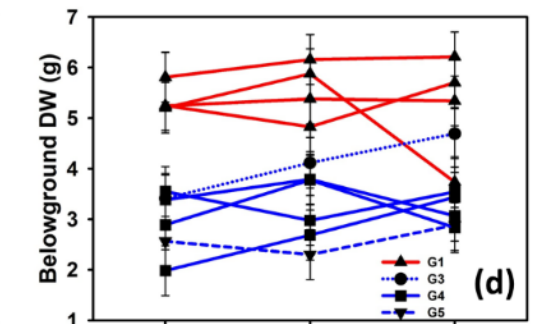
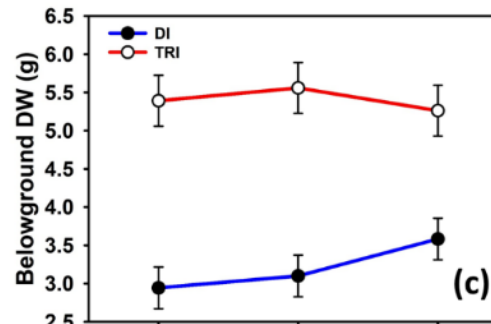
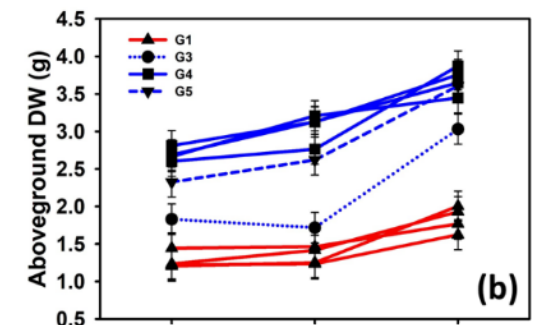
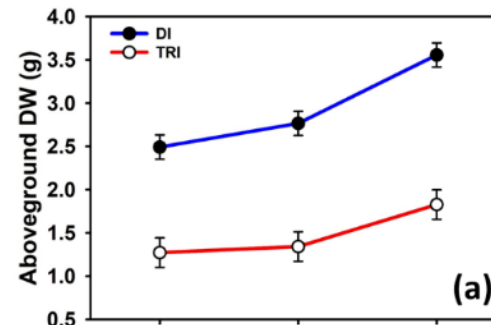




# Response to nutrients (P)

Both cytotypes increased AG biomass with P, BG biomass relatively unaffected but nearly double in triploid plants

Majority of triploid biomass in roots/rhizomes



# Biotic factors- disease and herbivory

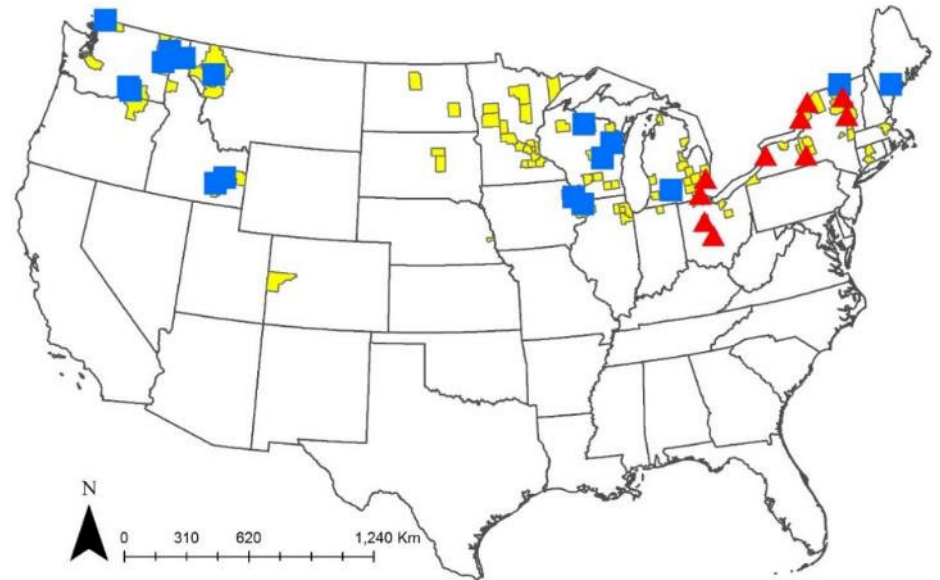
Do introduced cytotypes differ in susceptibility to herbivores or disease, and what are the implications for biological control?



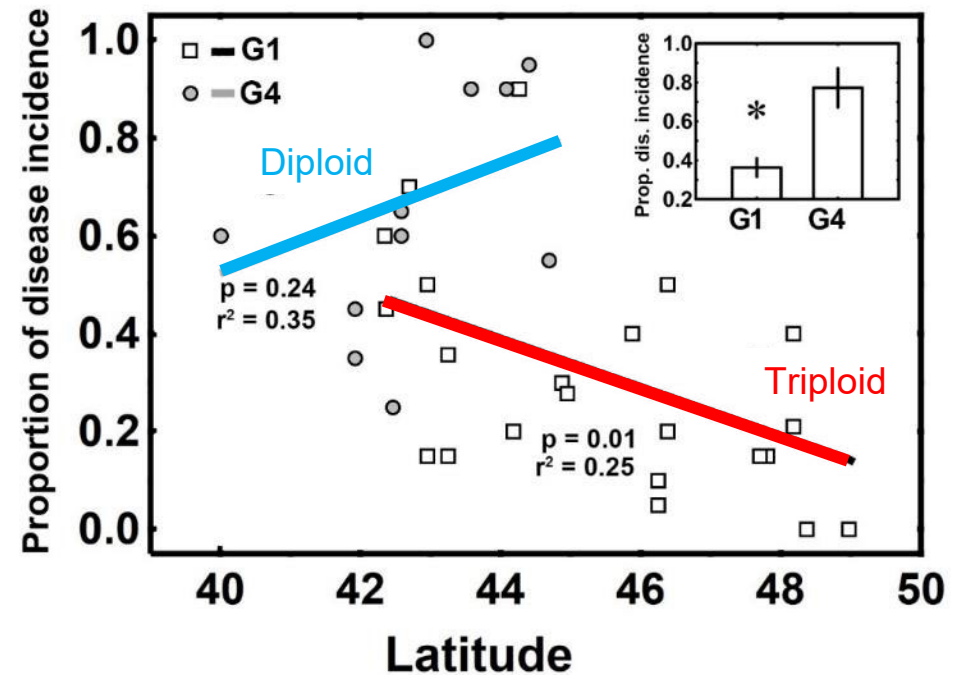
## Domestic natural enemy surveys conducted during 2014-2016 with Dr. Judy Shearer (ret.)

Are there damaging native herbivores or pathogens present that could be used for control?

Will there be interactions with future biocontrol introductions?



Harms et al (2020)



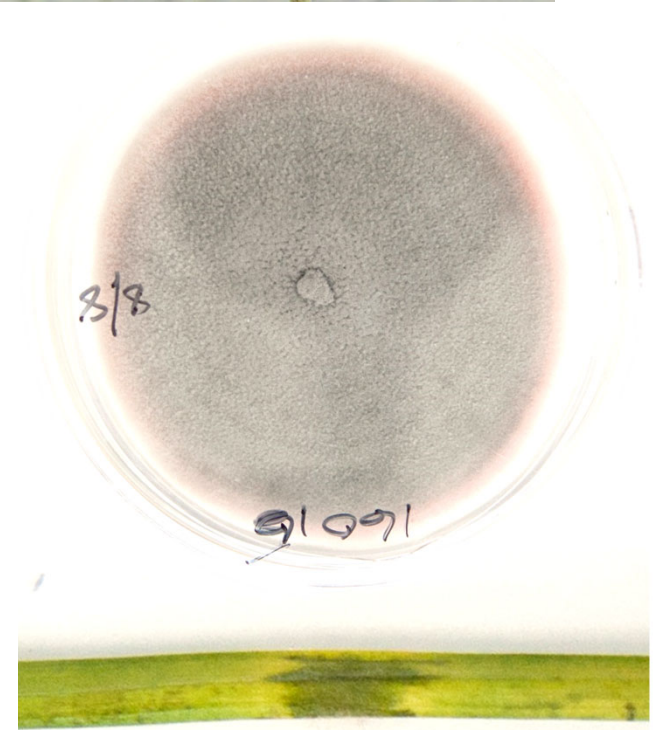
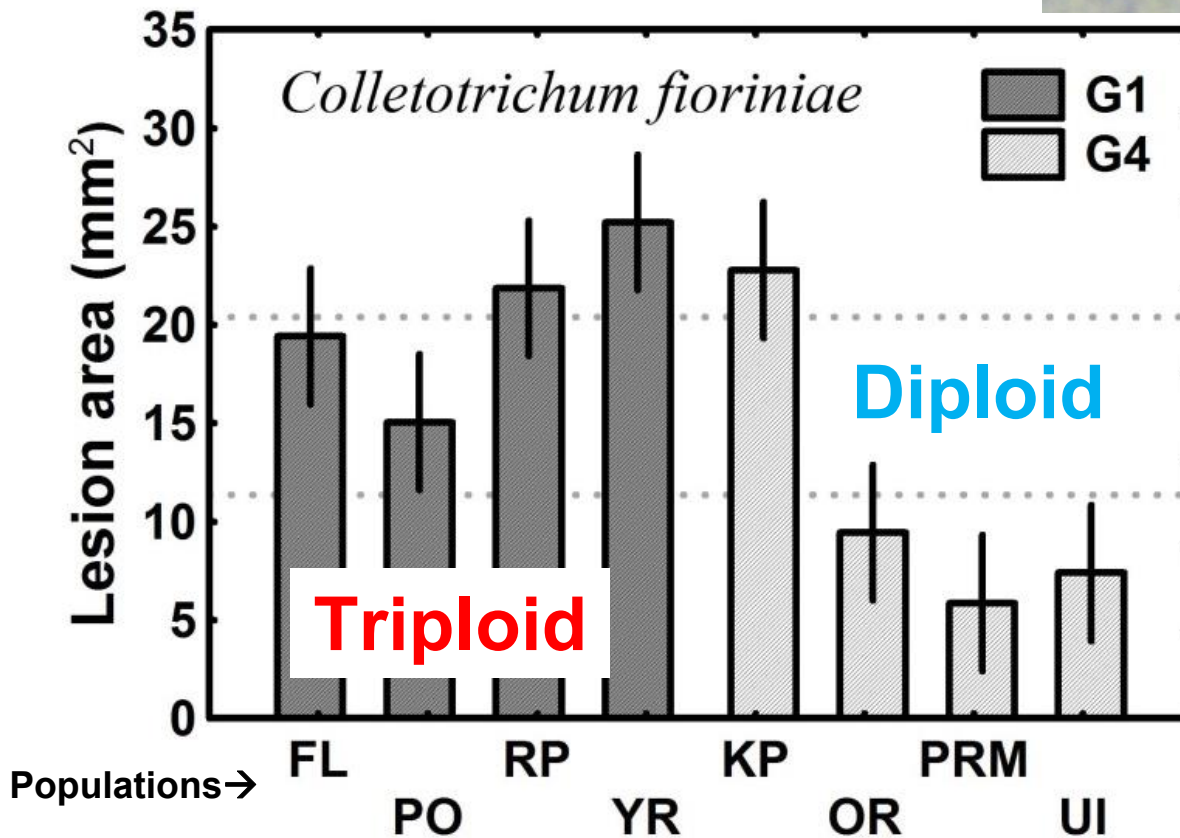


## Surveys followed up by laboratory infection assays

Three pathogens isolated from US populations

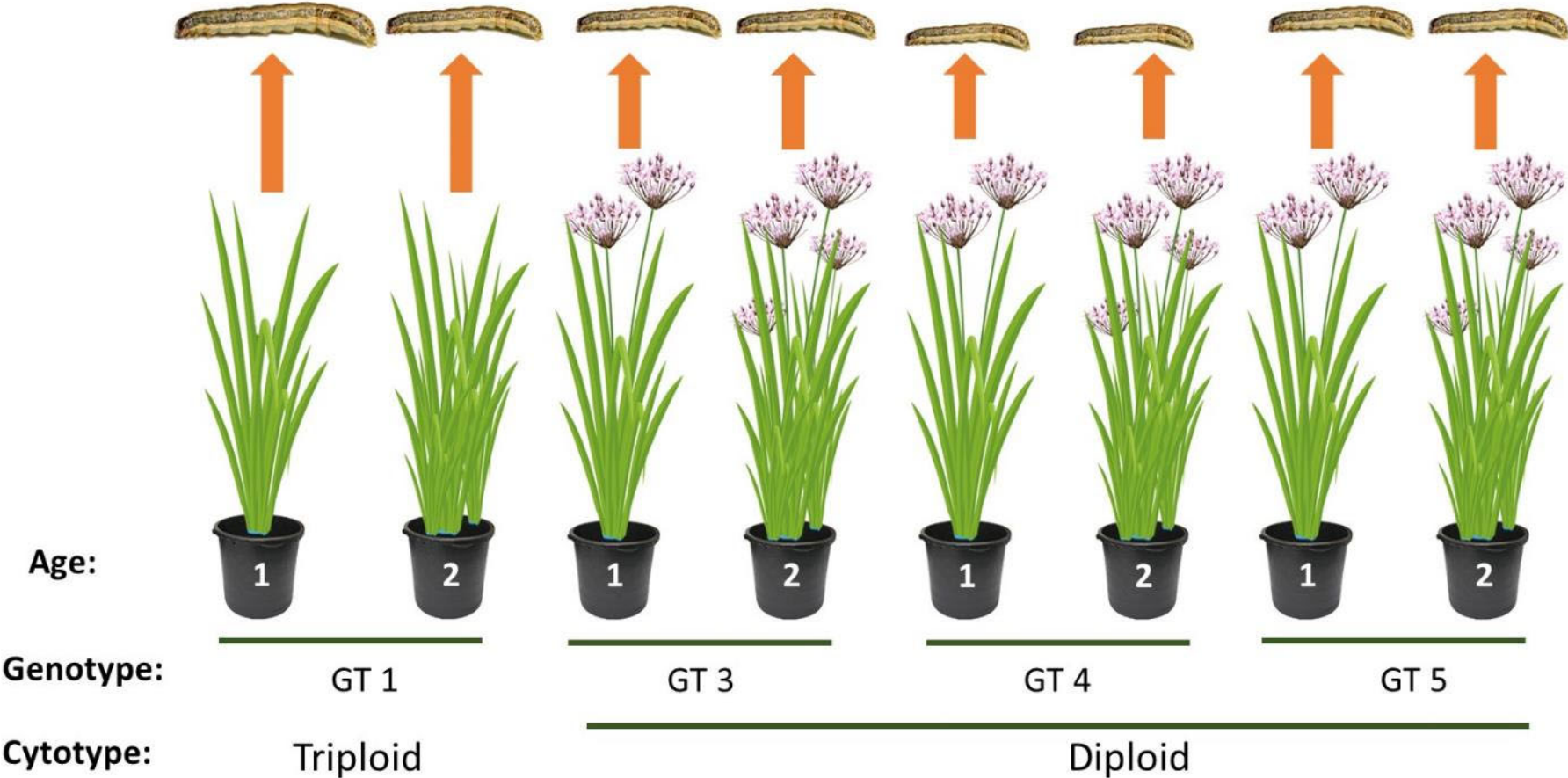
Diploid plants trended towards less susceptible to infection/disease

Unexpected result compared to the field- the importance of environment/climate?



Harms et al (2020)

# How does genetic identity influence herbivore performance on flowering rush?



Differences between genotypes has implications for biocontrol\*

\*whether different responses of generalist are predictive of biocontrol is not clear

Age 1 = "colonizing"  
Age 2 = "established"



# Question: How does genetic identity influence herbivore performance on flowering rush?

- 12 populations
- 2 age classes
- Short-term herbivore development
  - ▶ *Spodoptera frugiperda*
- Leaf traits measured:
  - ▶ %N, %C, C:N ratio, DMC, total phenolics

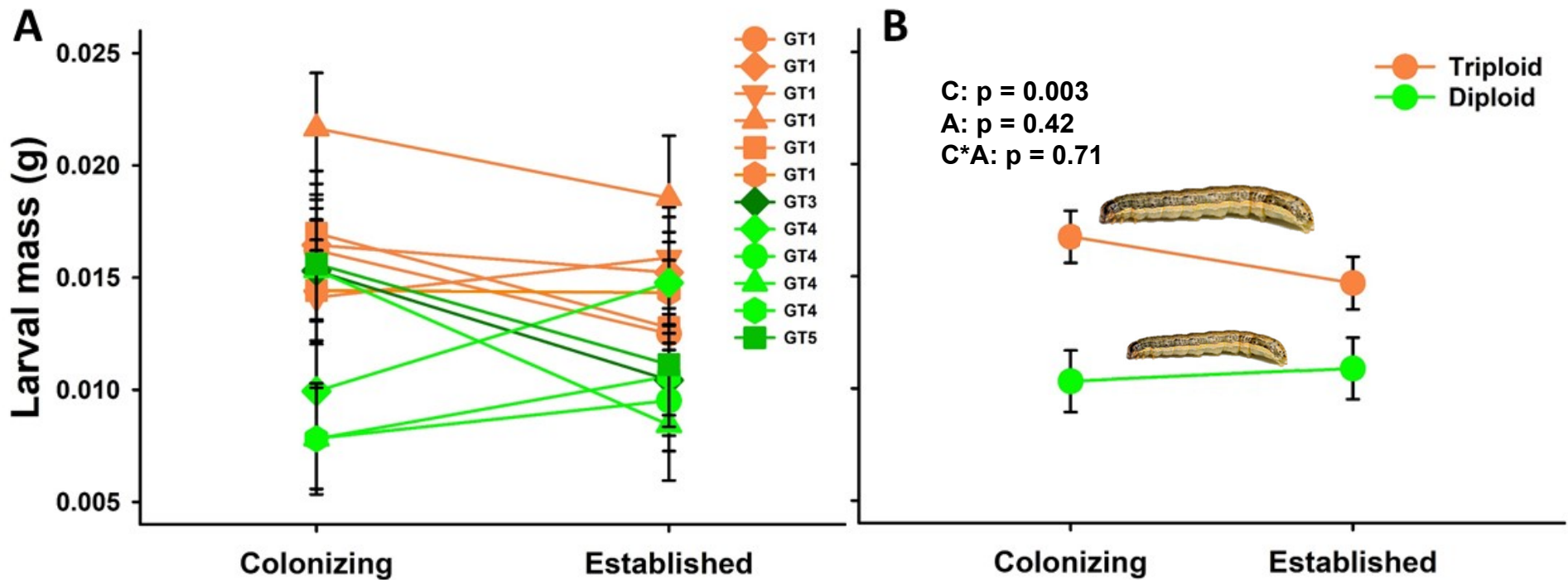
Population	Genotype	Cytotype	Latitude	Longitude
Oswegatchie River, NY	4	Diploid	44.69	-75.49
Kenduskeag River	4	Diploid	44.82	-68.79
Springbrook pond, IL	3	Diploid	41.73	-88.21
Point Rosa Marsh, MI	4	Diploid	42.58	-82.81
Kildeer Pond, OH	4	Diploid	40.71	-83.37
Forest Lake, MN	5	Diploid	45.27	-92.94
Missisquoi River, VT	1	Triploid	44.95	-73.16
Yakima River in Prosser	1	Triploid	46.38	-119.43
Flathead Lake, MT	1	Triploid	47.70	-114.07
Rose Pond, ID	1	Triploid	43.25	-112.32
MS River	1	Triploid	42.34	-90.41
Lake Kawaguesaga	1	Triploid	45.88	-89.73





# Question: How does genetic identity influence herbivore performance on flowering rush?

Diploid genotypes generally more resistant to generalist caterpillar than triploid, age had variable effect

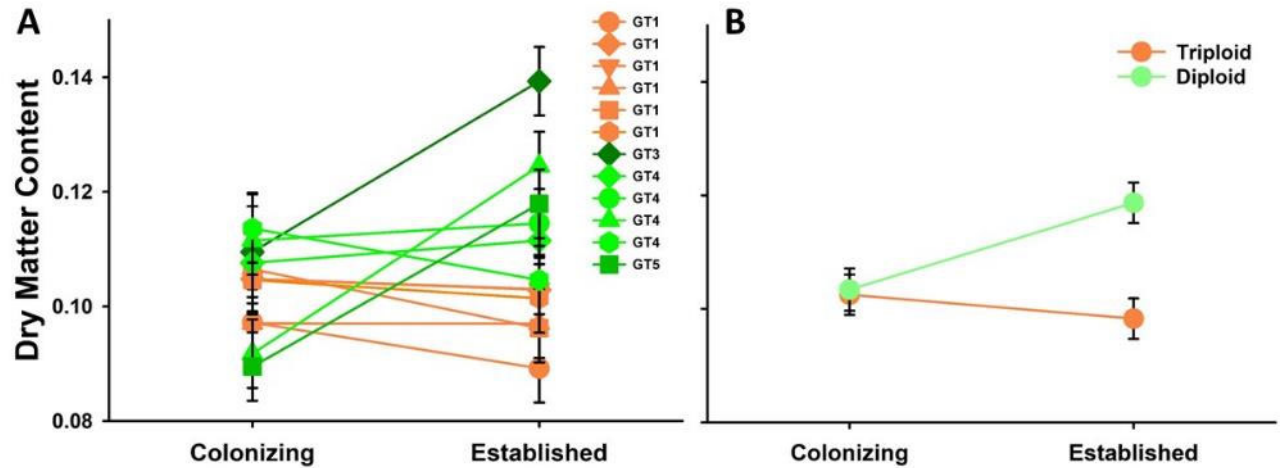


Larvae grew **36% larger** on triploid leaves

\*whether different responses of generalist are predictive of biocontrol is not yet clear

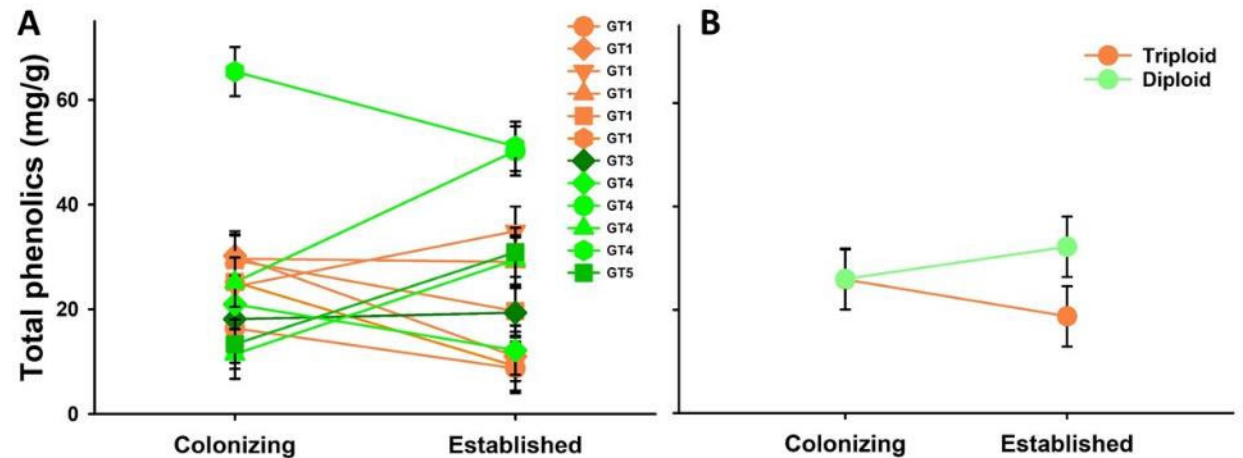
“Colonizing” = Age 1  
“Established” = Age 2

Diploid plants  
higher DMC  
overall but  
varied with age



DMC of diploid leaves **20% higher** than triploid leaves

Total phenolics  
not different  
between  
cytotypes, high  
diploid variability

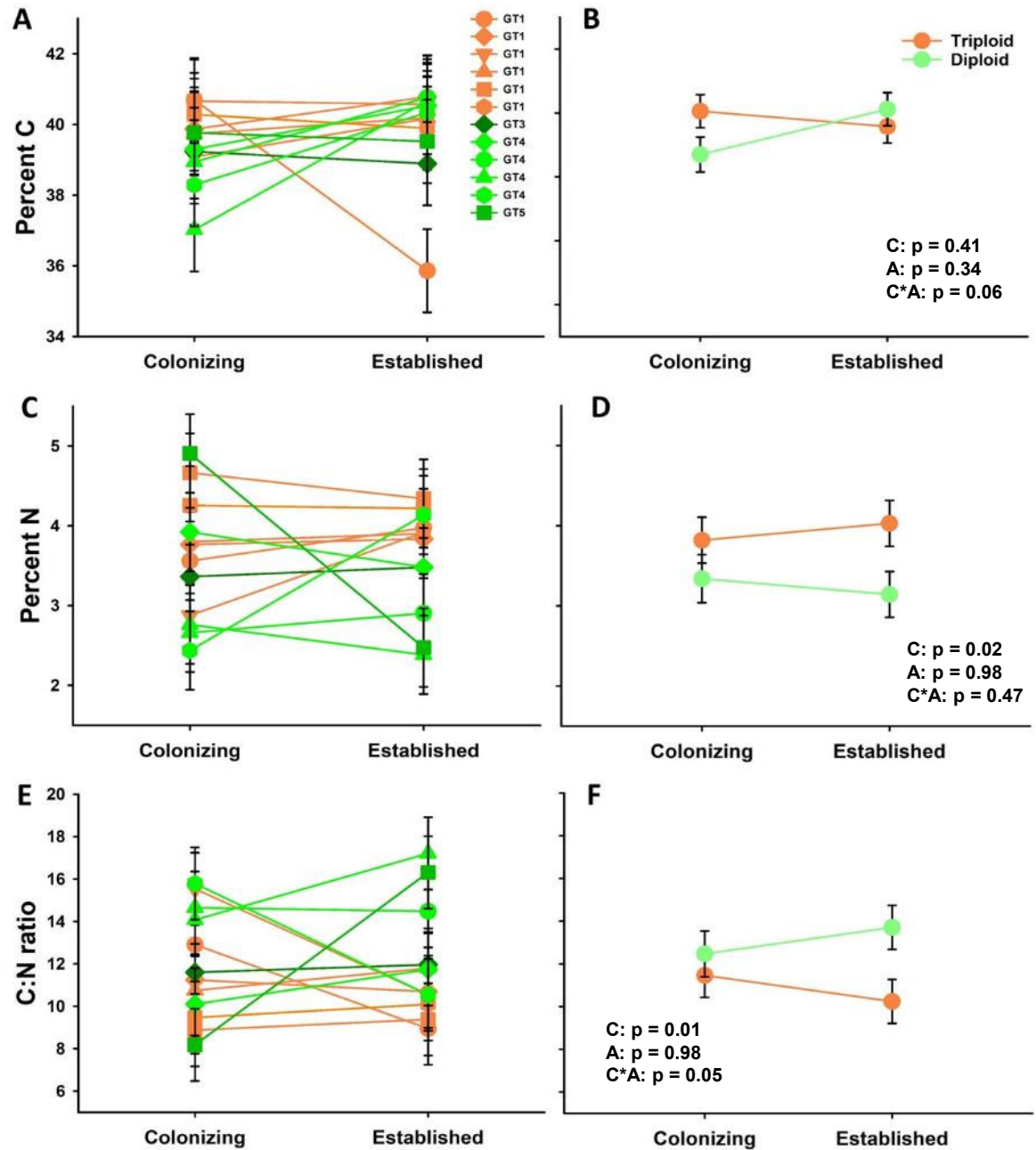


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“Colonizing” = Age 1  
“Established” = Age 2

Diploid populations had lower %N and higher C:N ratio across treatments

Measured leaf traits largely supported differences in larval development





# Biological control of flowering rush is under development in Europe

- CABI (Delemont, Switzerland) in collaboration with a consortium of NW federal, state and local agencies (led by Jen Andreas- Washington State)
- Two insects and one pathogen are currently under investigation
- Testing performance on US genotypes underway



## *Bagous nodulosus* (Col.: Curculionidae)

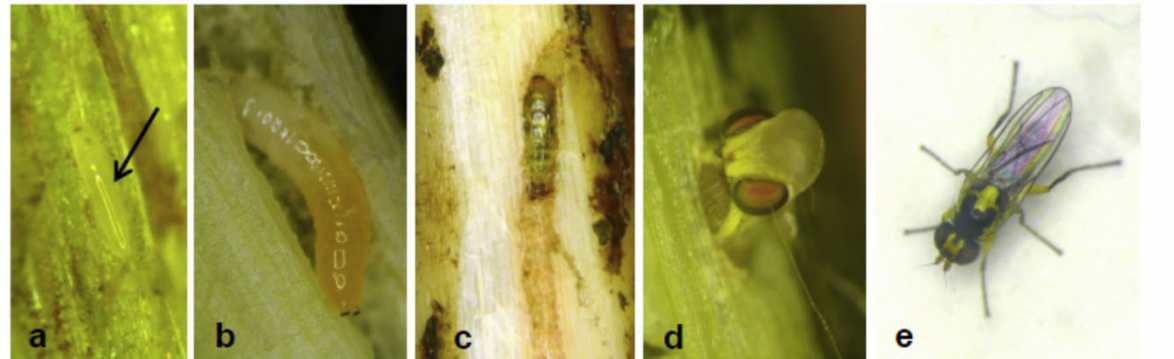
- Semi-aquatic weevil, most damaging herbivore during field surveys
- Larvae damage leaves and rhizomes



Photos: P. Hatliger (CABI)

## *Phytoliriomyza ornata* (Dip.: Agromyzidae)

- Larvae mine leaves and flowering stems, cause wilting within weeks
- Host-specificity tests ongoing; 17 non-targets tested, no larval development found
- Impact experiment with 10% biomass reduction



## *Doassansia niesslii* (white smut)

- FR genotype important!
  - Genotypes 1, 4, 5 resistant
- Preliminary host-range testing yielded promising results
- Able to infect submersed plants



# Why is flowering rush so successful?

- Competition- Diploid plants more impacted by competition under emergent, but not submersed conditions. Triploid biomass allocated to roots.
- Nutrient use- Diploid plants respond strongly to increased nutrients, triploid plants allocate biomass to roots
- Disease- Many generalist pathogens, triploid plants more susceptible in lab studies, diploid plants more diseased in the field
- Herbivory- triploid plants generally less resistant to feeding, feeding in the field is low across the board
- **Resource allocation**- how does higher underground biomass allocation benefit an invader?
- **Propagule pressure**- how many propagules, and how viable are they?



# Take home:

- Prioritization of management may depend on expected impacts and genetic variation in population response to management
- Genetic identity has broad implications for the ecology and biology (and thus management) of the plant
- Future plans include longer-term experiments under real-world conditions





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