

Review of outcomes for biodiversity

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Project Aims



» Focus on insects as our component of biodiversity



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REVIEW

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The contribution of constructed green infrastructure to urban biodiversity: A synthesis and meta-analysis

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REVIEW AND
SYNTHESIS

Biodiversity in cities needs space: a meta-analysis of factors determining intra-urban biodiversity variation

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Abstract

Understanding varying levels of biodiversity within cities is pivotal to protect it in the face of global urbanisation. In the early stages of urban ecology studies on intra-urban biodiversity focused

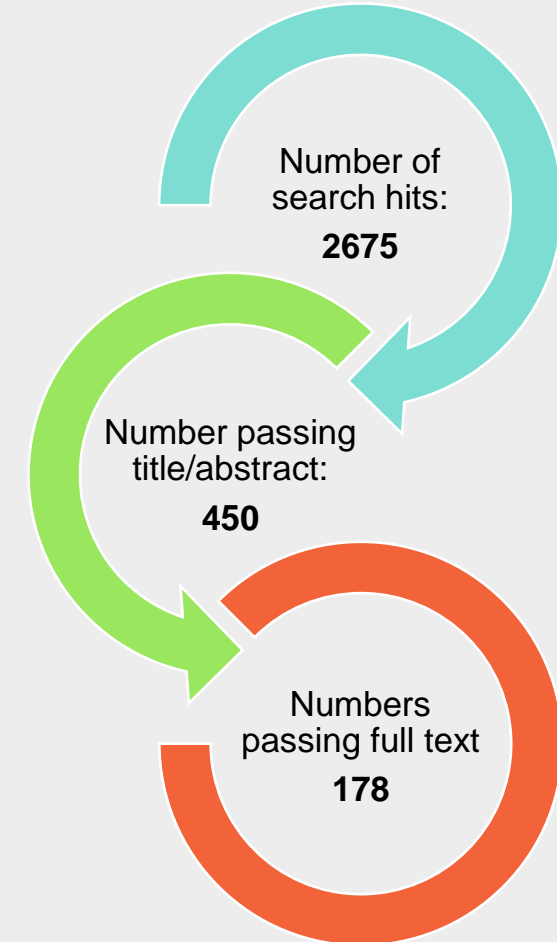
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Search Inclusion criteria



» Searched for studies that measured:

- insect richness, abundance or biomass
- within an urban area following the typology of infrastructure of Jones et al.
- within at least two types of locations within the urban area

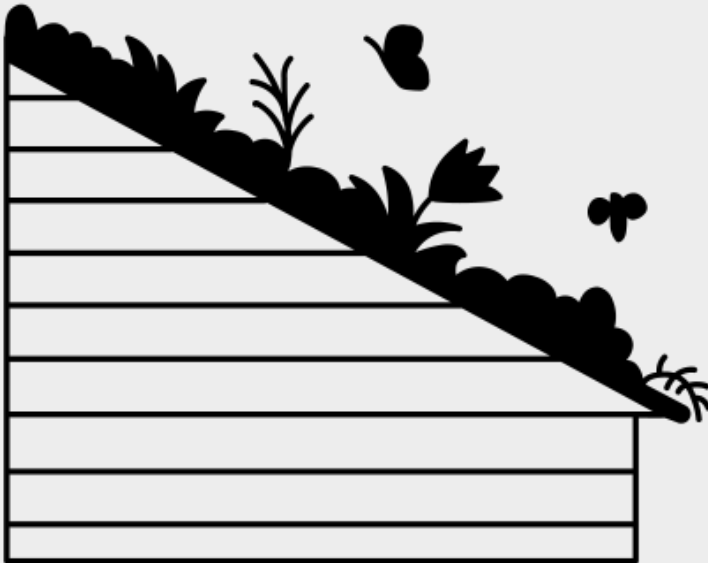


Importance of the comparator

How do we measure the benefits to insects?

Number of insects counted will depend on many factors including:

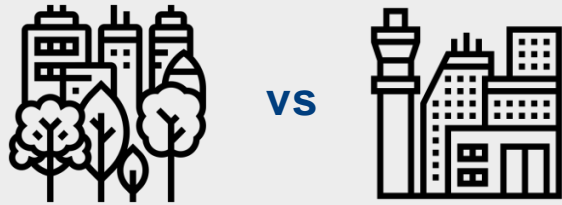
- focal taxon group
- sampling method
- sampling effort
- weather on day of sampling
- geographic location of study site
- landscape context



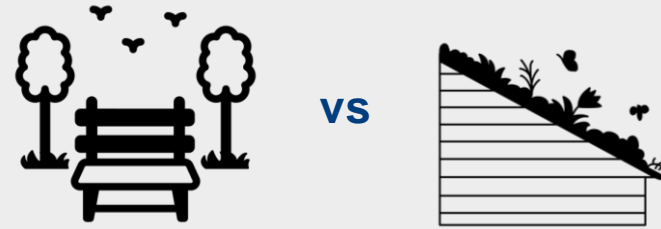
To assess the benefits, we need some reference level or comparator to control for these factors.

Study types: types of comparator

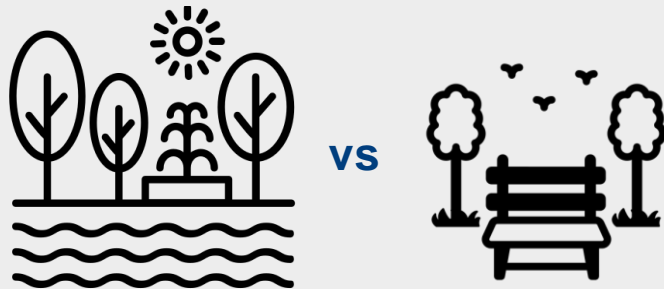
Urban green vs Urban non-green



Urban green type 1 vs Urban green type 2



Urban green type with feature A vs Urban green type with feature B



Urban vs rural (or other non-urban land uses)

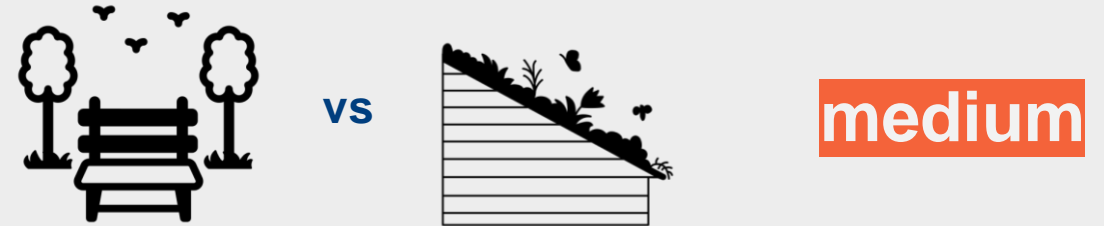


Study types: levels of evidence

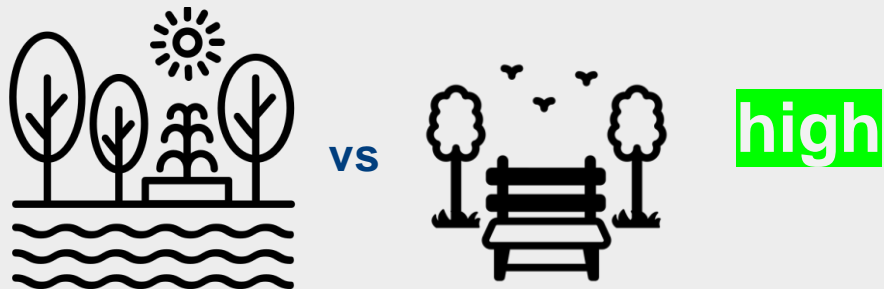
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Thanks for listening

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