

Seasonal changes in the fruits of *Viburnum opulus*, a fleshy-fruited

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Introduction

In the temperate zone, most fleshy fruited plant species

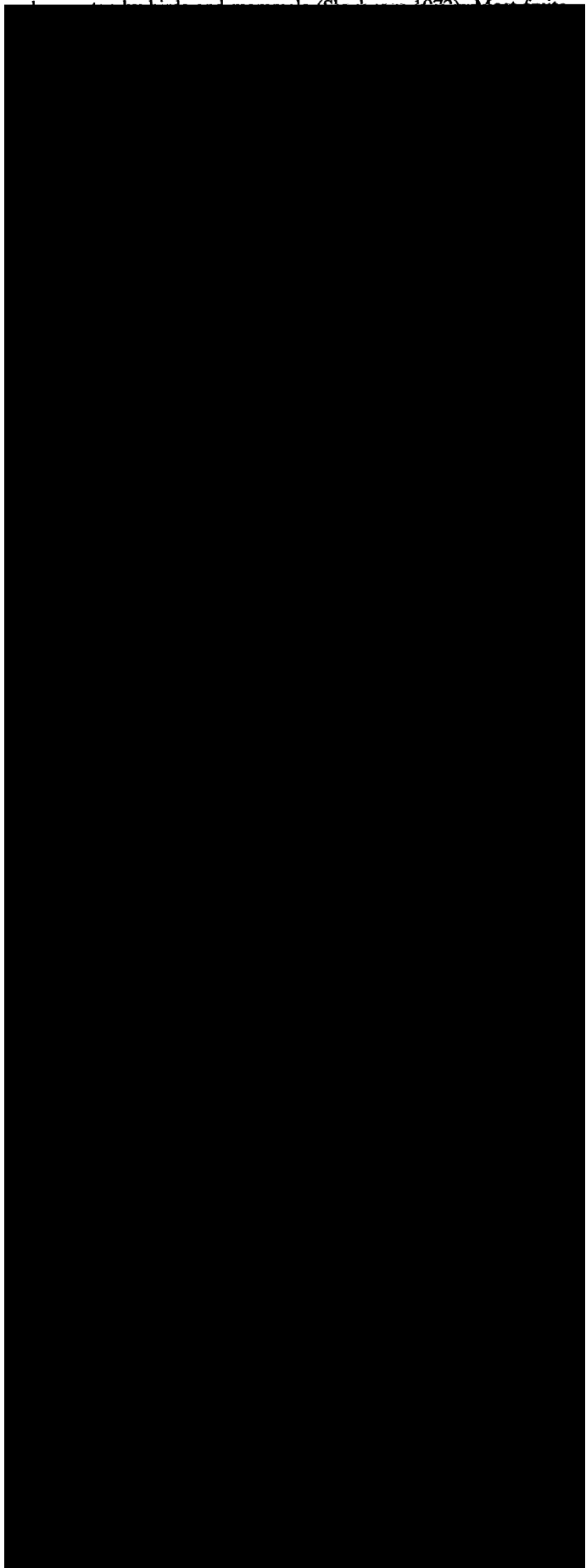
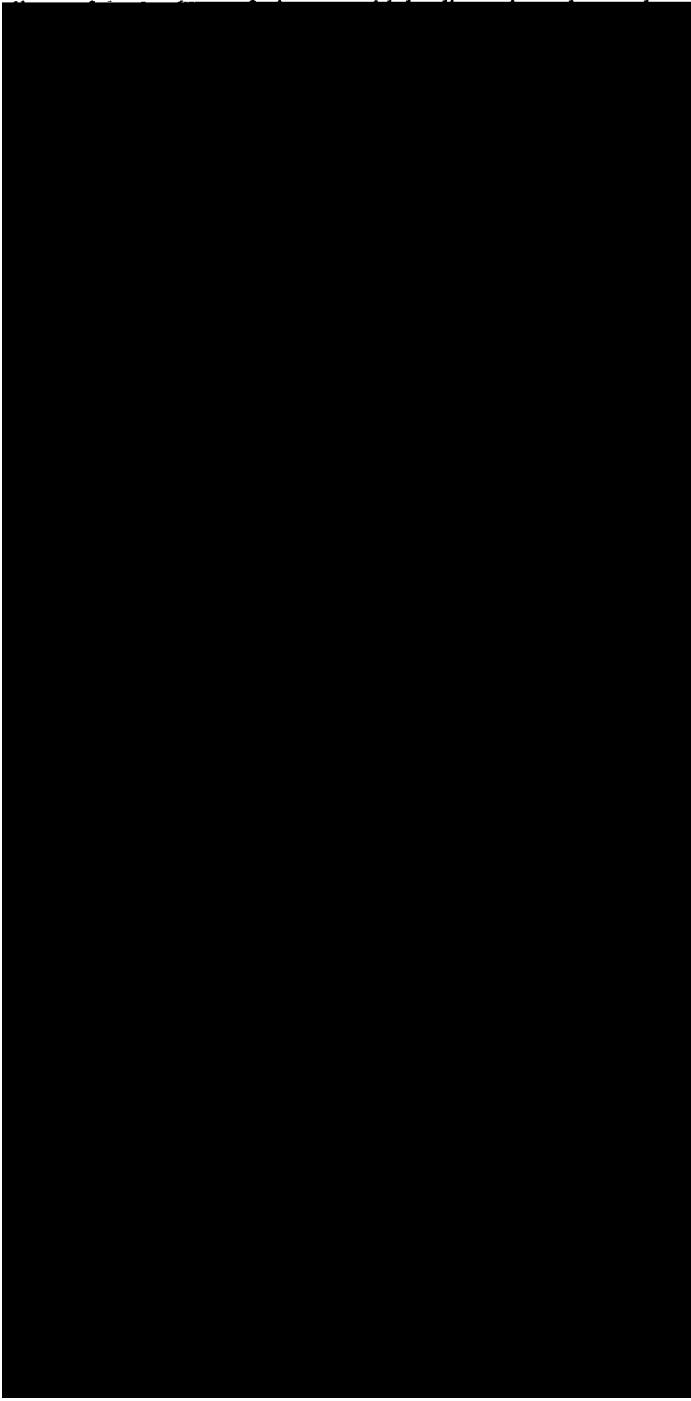
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Stiles 1980) and presumably individuals benefit by retaining their fruits on the plant until the fruit crop of their competitor

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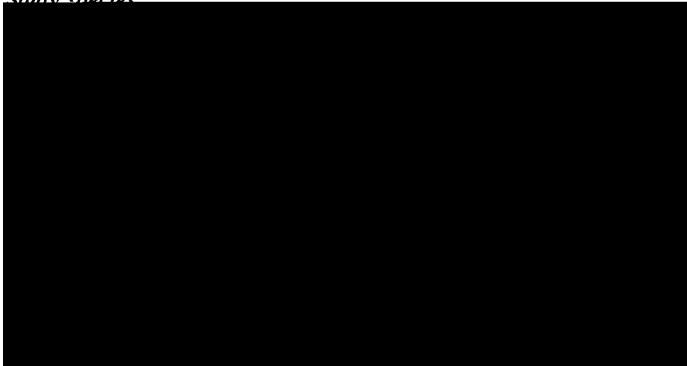
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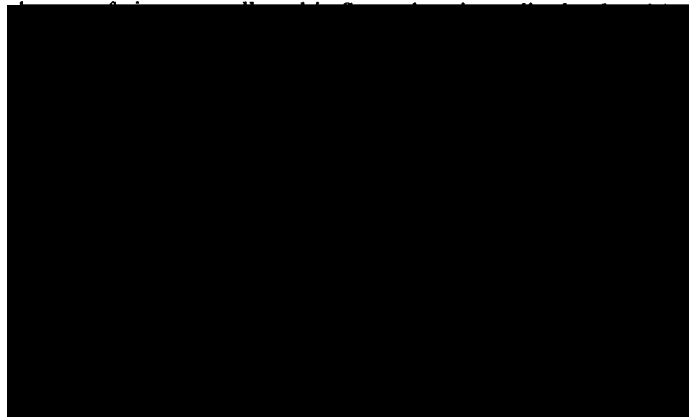
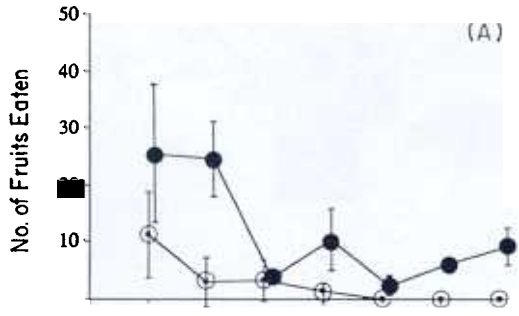




Methods

Study species





No. of Fruits Eaten

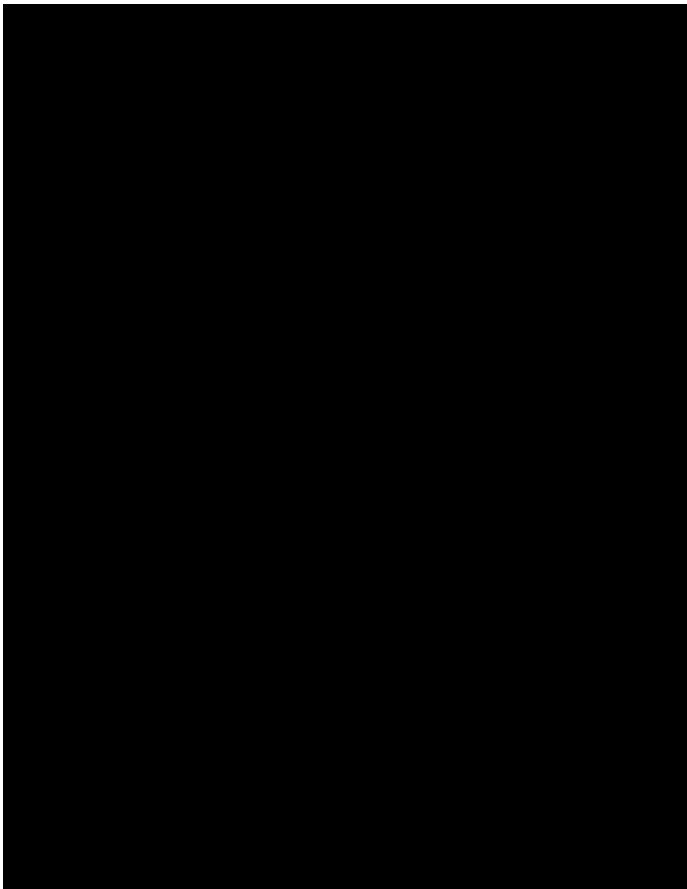
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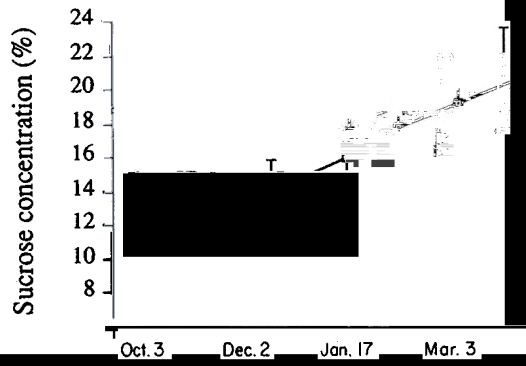
Results

Removal of fruits in the field

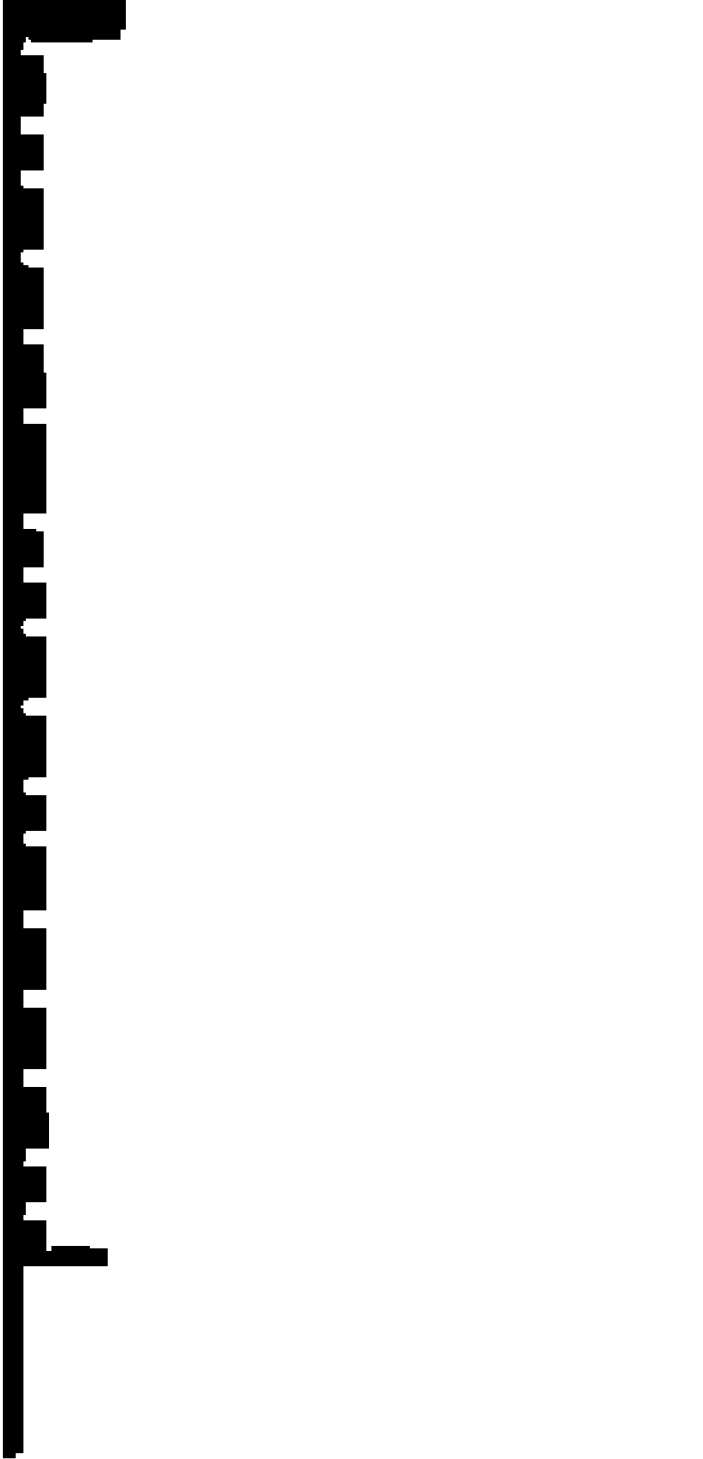
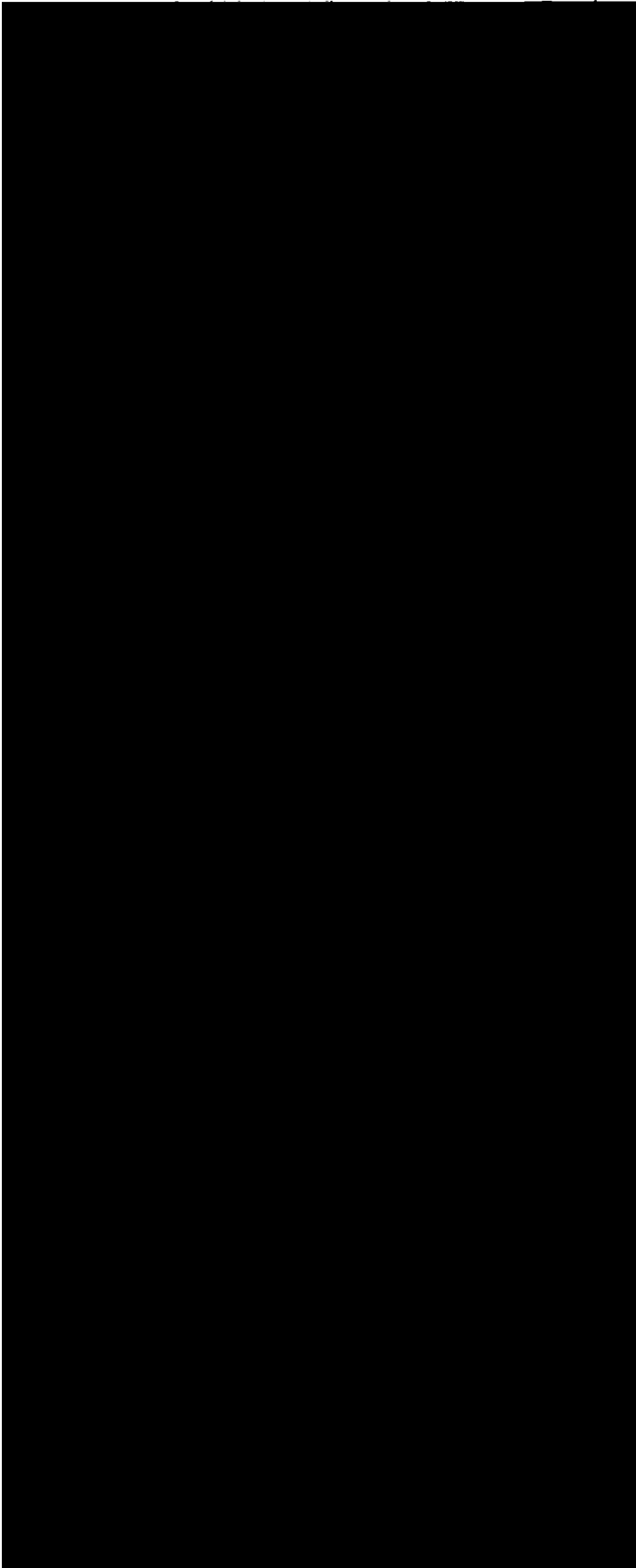
Although *V. opulus* fruits ripen in late August or early September, few fruits had been removed by October 26, by

[The following text is extremely faint and mostly illegible due to heavy noise and low contrast. It appears to be a continuation of the 'Removal of fruits in the field' section, possibly describing the percentage of fruits removed over time. Some discernible words include 'disappeared after 1 day', 'after 4 days', and 'after 10 days'.]





V. dentatum than when *V. opulus* fruits were offered alone ($P < 0.02$). Earlier experiments with artificial fruit displays in the field and laboratory showed that robins and other fruit-



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