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ABSTRACT - We monitored individual plants of winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

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In the temperate zone the overwhelming majority of vertebrate-dis-

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METHODS AND STUDY SPECIES

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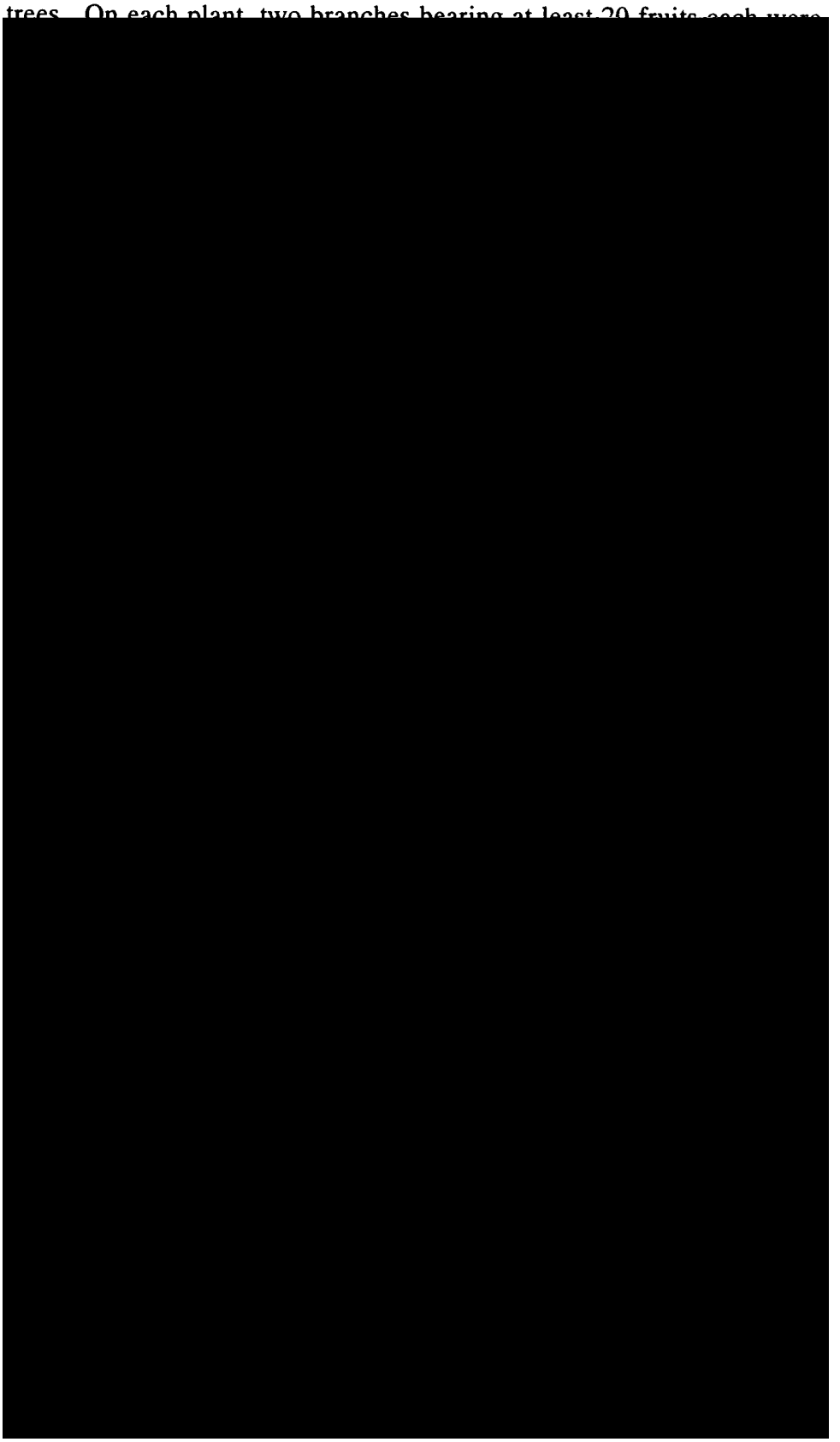
trees. On each plant, two branches bearing at least 20 fruits each were



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RESULTS

Removal rates of fruits were typically slow and relatively constant for

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crop sizes in *Viburnum* were generally smaller. What fruits there were

Fig. 2. Removal rates of *Ilex verticillata* fruits. Symbols as in Fig. 1. 1987: N =

original fruits had disappeared while under the snowpack, and fruits appeared unchanged by winter conditions. By the end of April, 1988

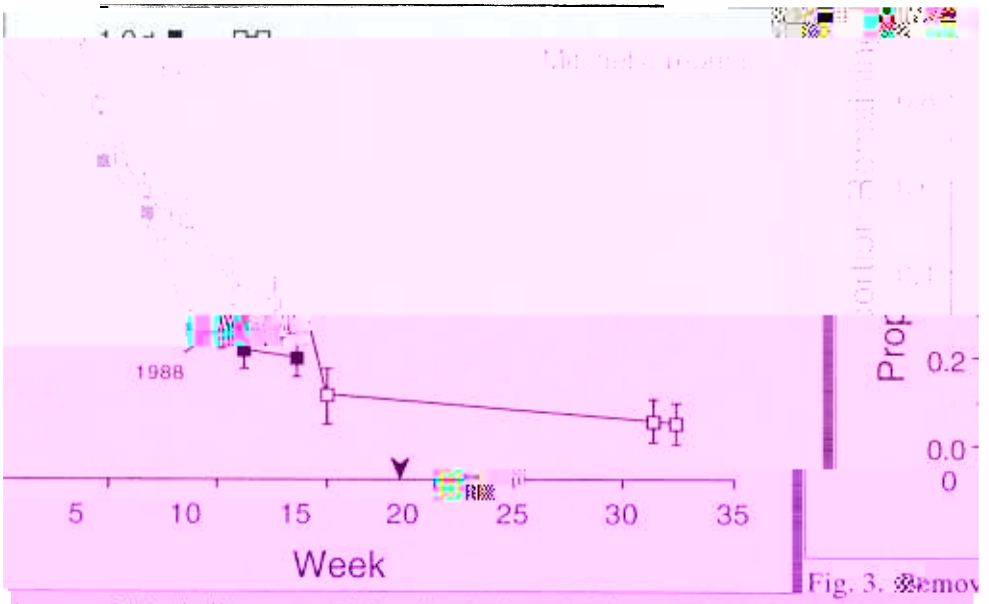
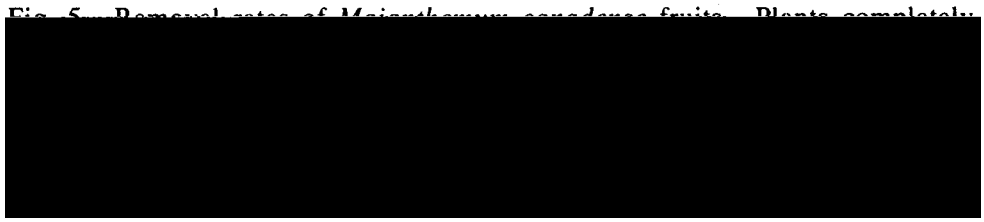


Fig. 3. Removal rates of *Mitchella repens* fruits. Symbols as in Fig. 1. 1987: N = 157 fruits. 1988: N = 170.

were removed from any of the plants during the first six weeks; during



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