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# Factors driving insect vector presence, abundance and pathogen transmission: Case study of *P. spumarius* and *N.* *campestris*

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### Occupancy and detection of agricultural threats: The case of *Philaenus spumarius*, European vector of *Xylella fastidiosa*

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### Bioclimatic and Landscape Factors drive the Potential Distribution of *Philaenus spumarius*, *Neophilaenus campestris* and *N. lineatus* (Hemiptera, Aphrophoridae) in Southeastern Iberian Peninsula

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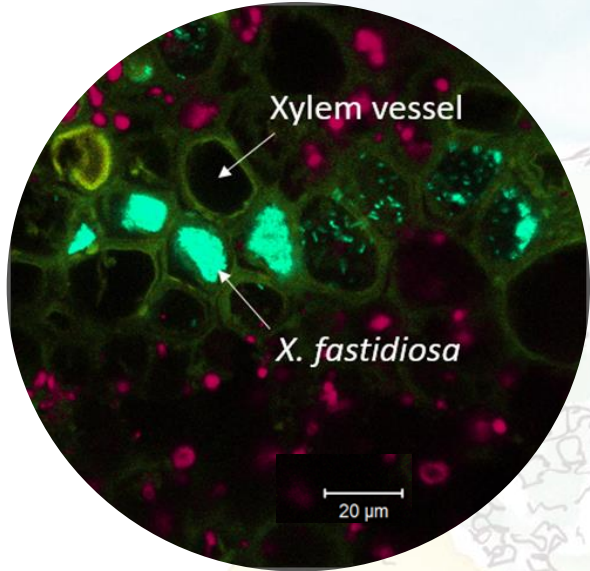
Climatic factors  
(e.g., precipitation, humidity,  
evapotranspiration)

Type of crop (e.g.,  
vineyard or olive)

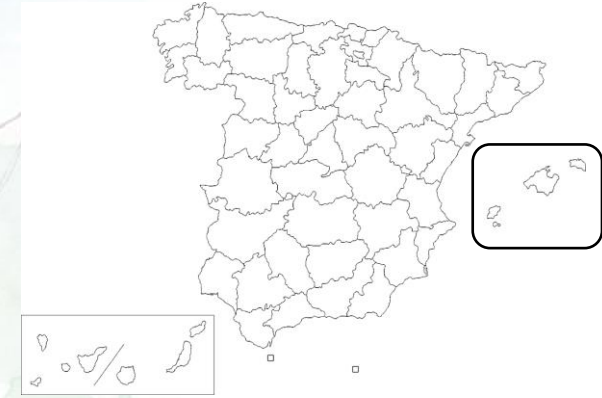
Presence of forest

Presence of plant  
cover vegetation

Sunlight hours



2016



**Confirmed vectors:**

***Philaenus spumarius***  
(Hemiptera:Aphrophoridae)

***Neophilaenus campestris***  
(Hemiptera:Aphrophoridae)





Number of samples analysed = 1864

### Vector surveillance

Model type	GLMMs Zero-inflated model
Variables (covariates and factors)	Crop, species, temperatura, Et0, month, year, week, day+day <sup>2</sup> , locality, plot, season and vegetation
Dependent variable	Spittlebug's density

Vector sampling and transmission assays methodology described in López-Mercadal et al., 2021



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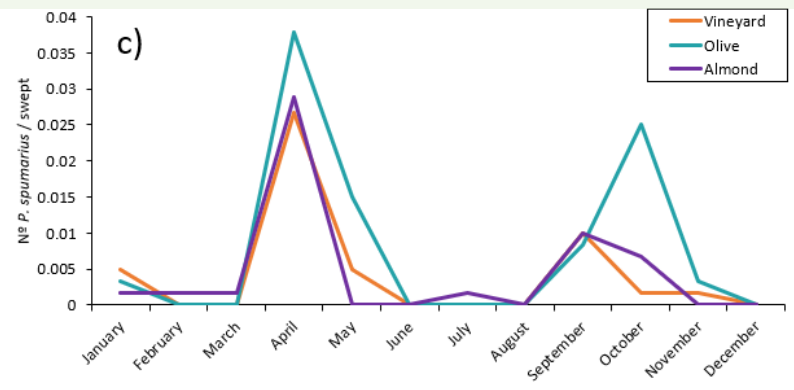
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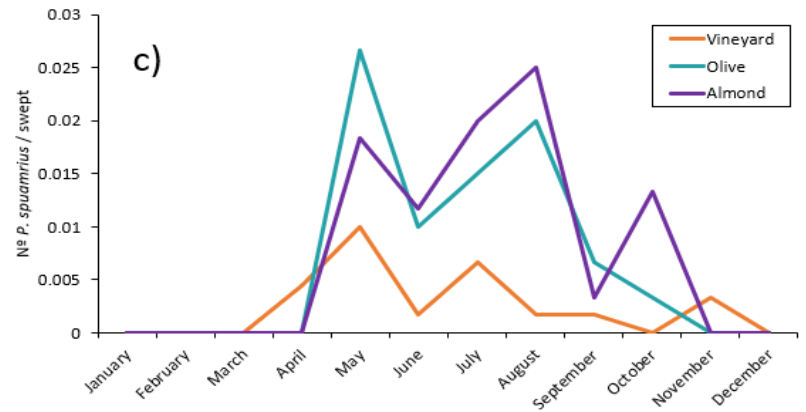
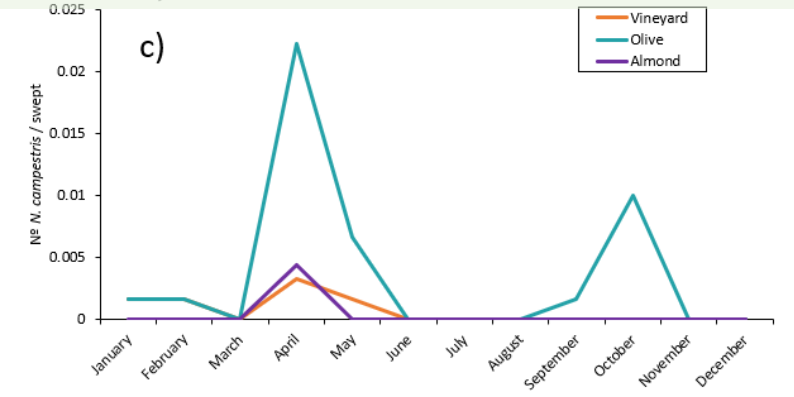


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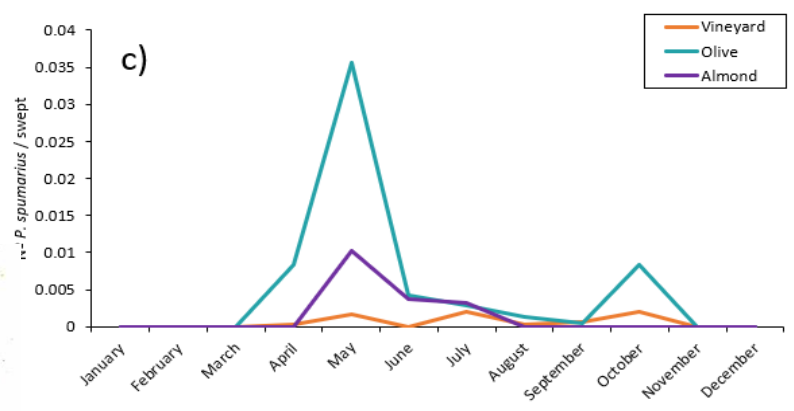
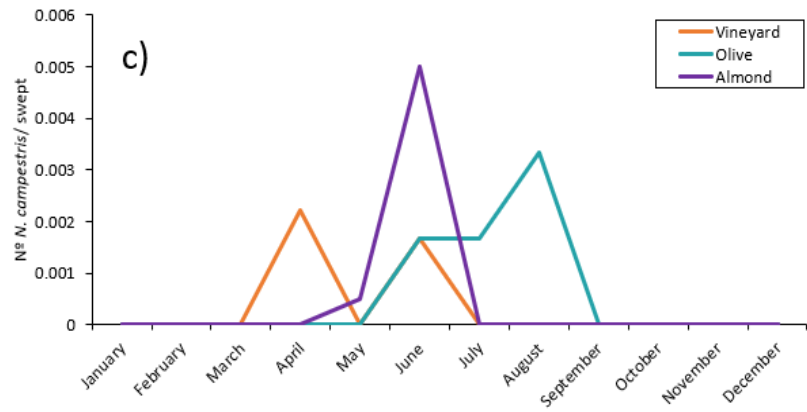
*N. campestris*



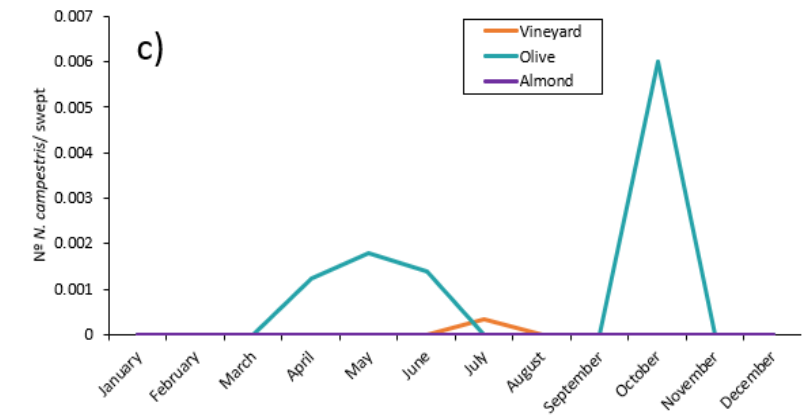
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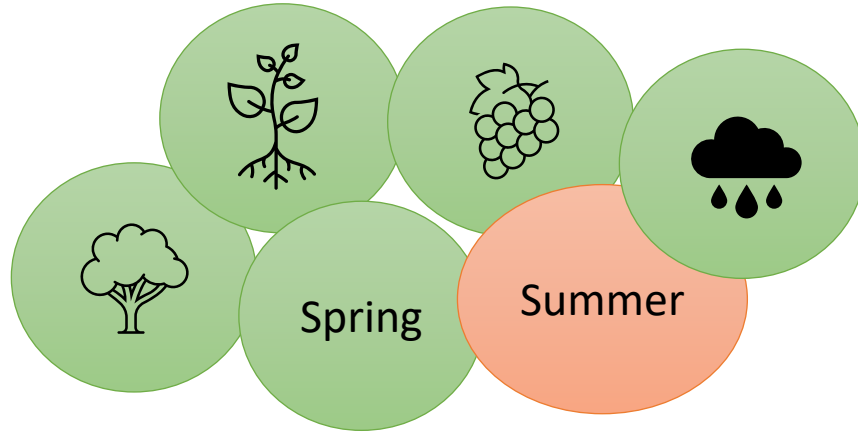
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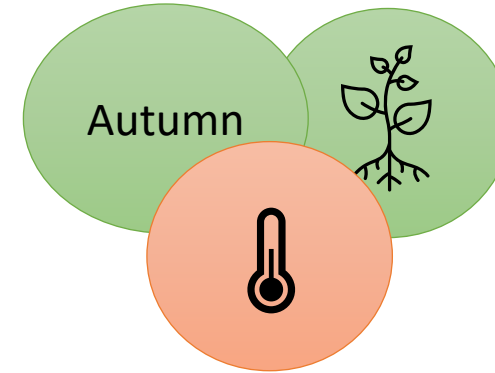


## *P. spumarius*

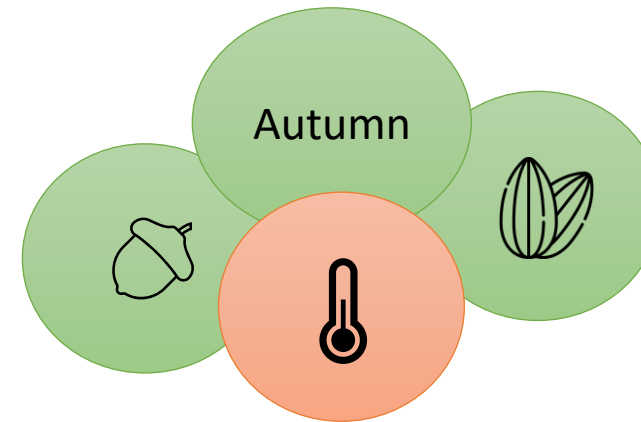
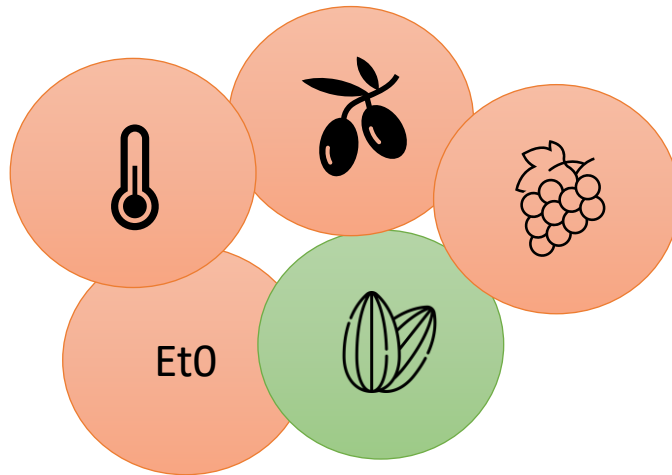
Presence



## *N. campestris*



Abundance

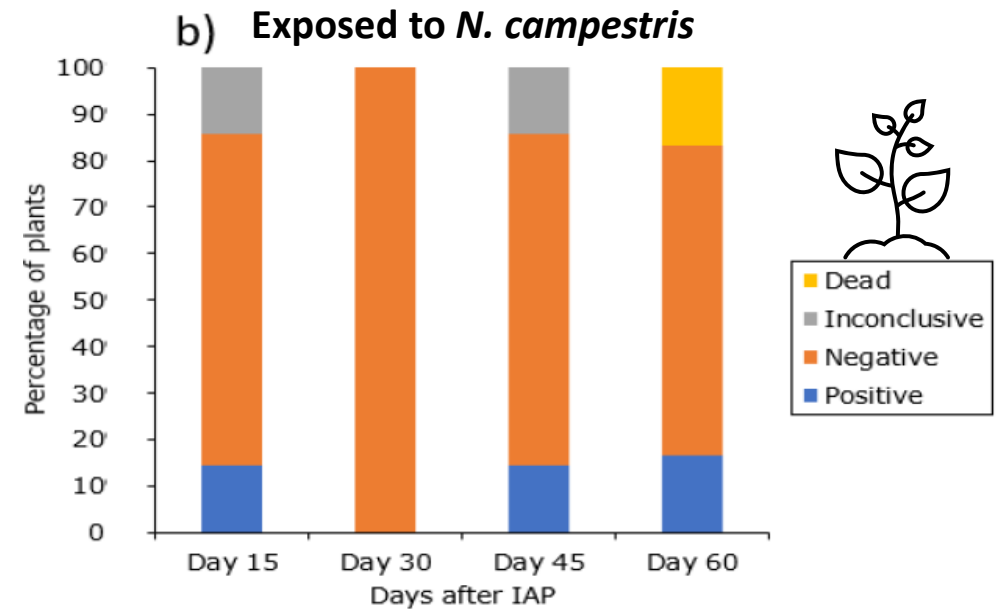
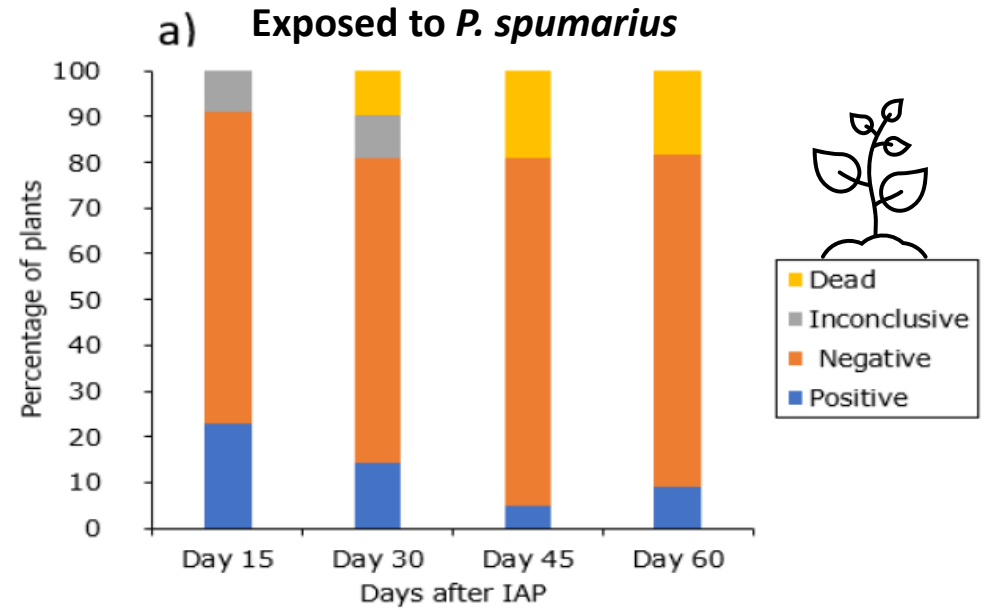
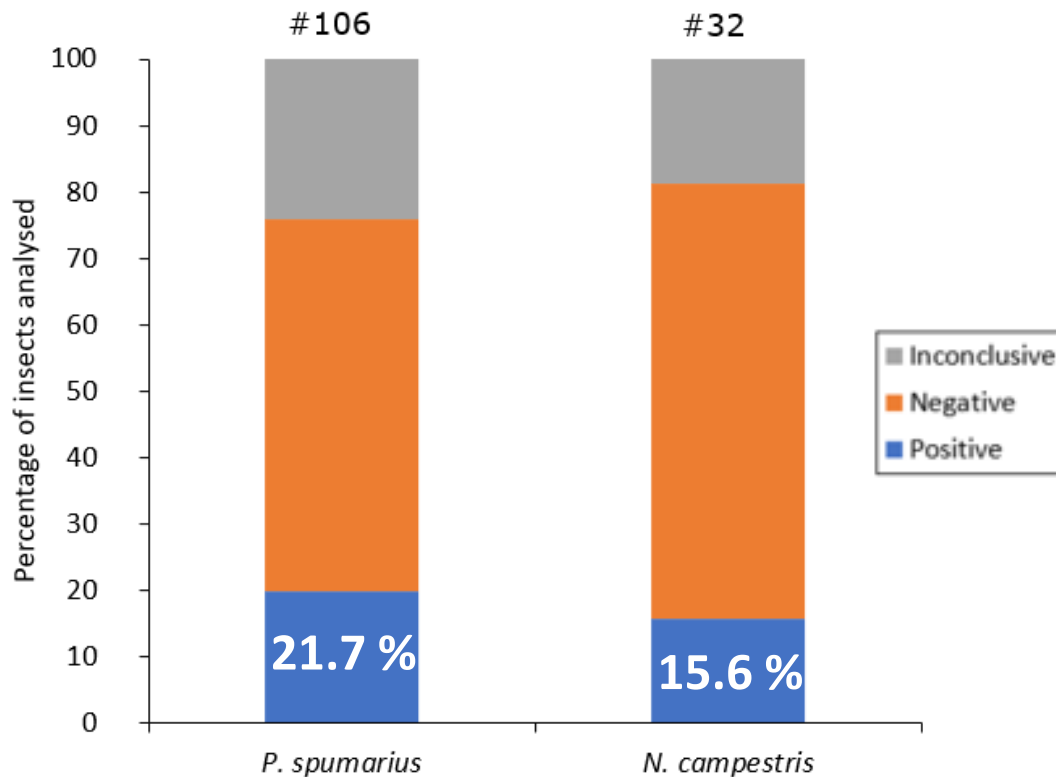




## Transmission Test

2020

**150 field collected insects:**  
116 *P. spumarius* (92.2 % survived)  
34 *N. campestris* (91.4 % survived)





### Prevalence in vector did **not** depend on:

- The **vector species** (P-value > 0.1): both species were infected equally.
- **Gender** (P-value > 0.1).

### Prevalence in *M. sativa* after IAP did **not** depend on:

- The **vector species** used (P-value > 0.1).
- **How many of them were infected** (P-value > 0.05).







Temperature and evapotranspiration affect negatively to vector abundance

Precipitation favours presence of the vectors



Cover and tree canopy favour the presence of the vectors

Preference type of crop

Both *P. spumarius* and *N. campestris* have the same transmission capacity



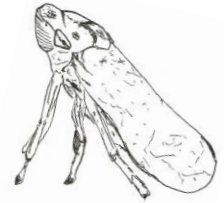
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