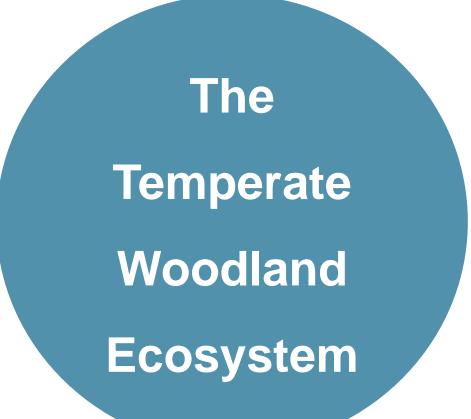
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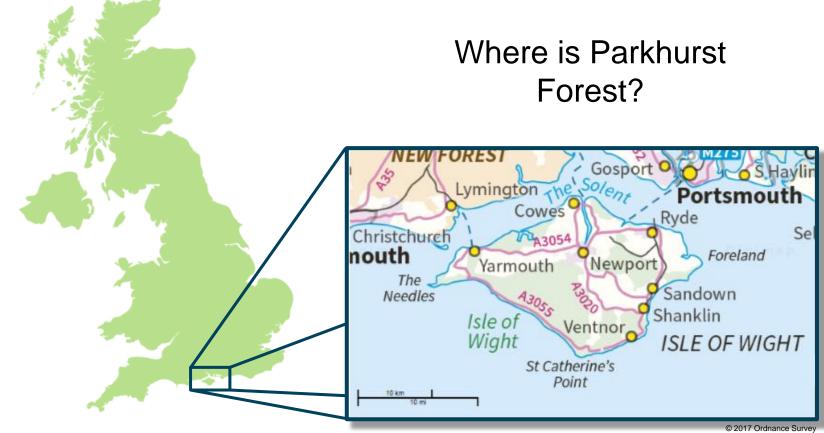
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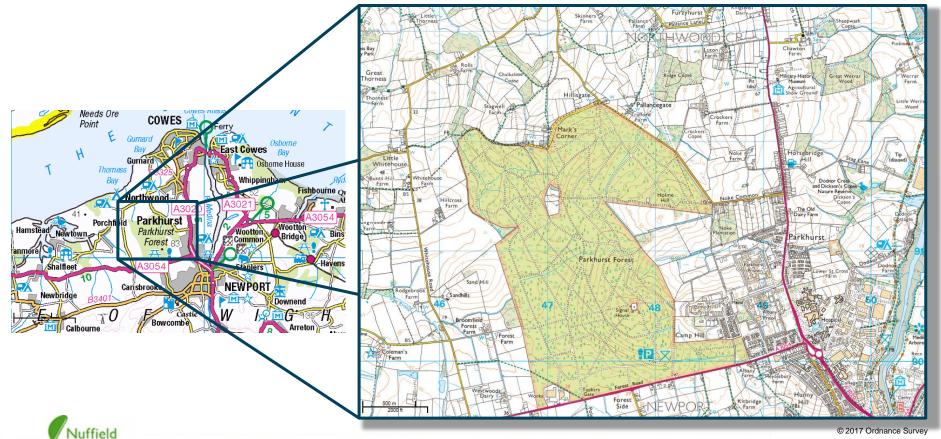
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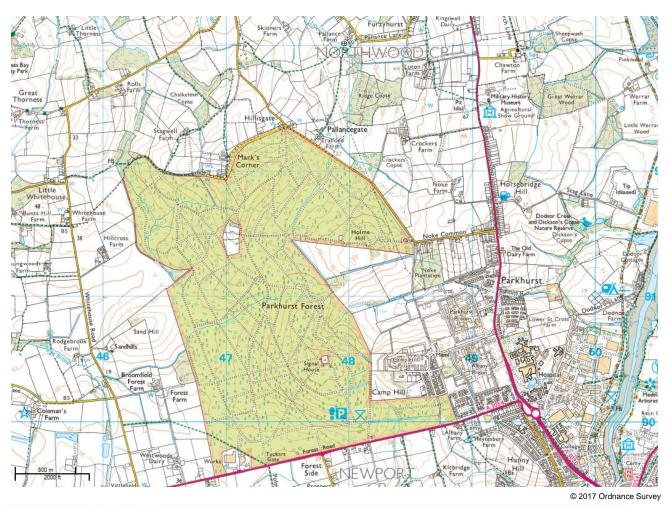


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Continuous





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Discrete





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Velocity





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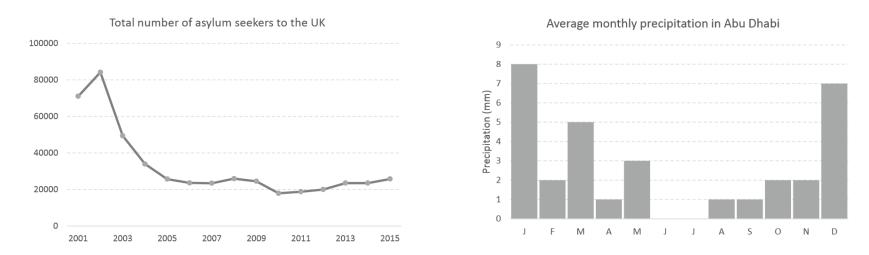




When using discrete data avoid:

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Histograms



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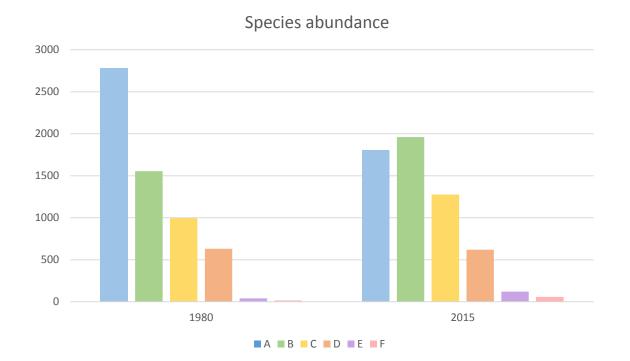
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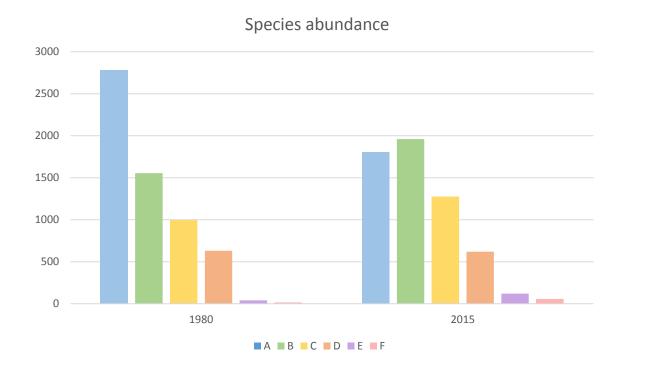
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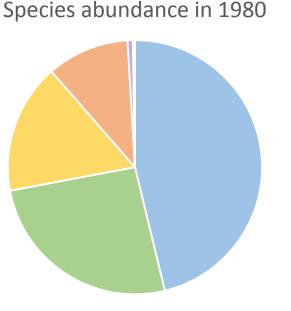


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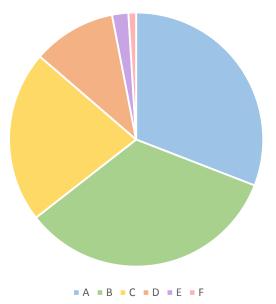


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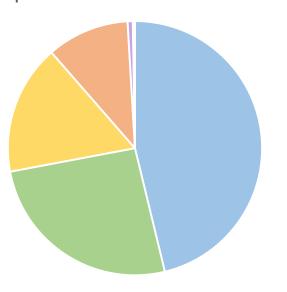
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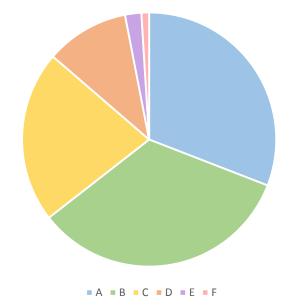
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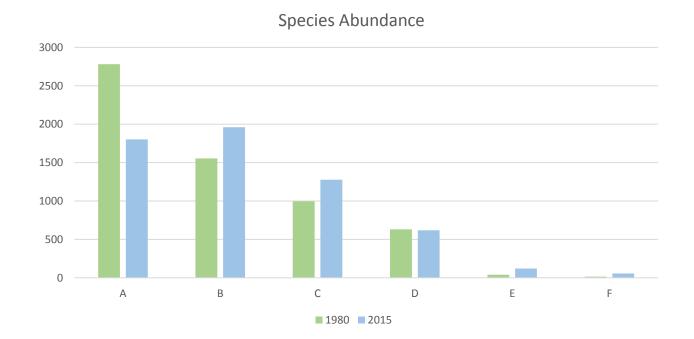


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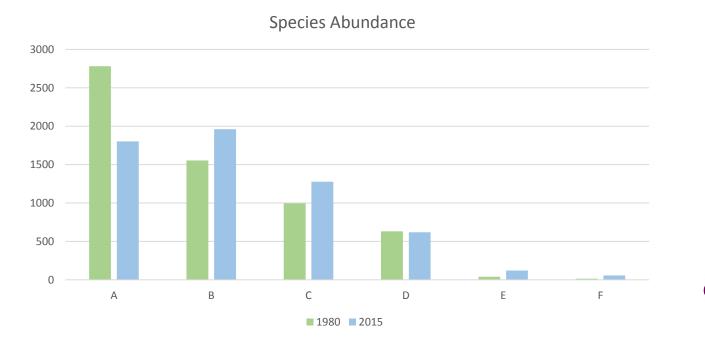




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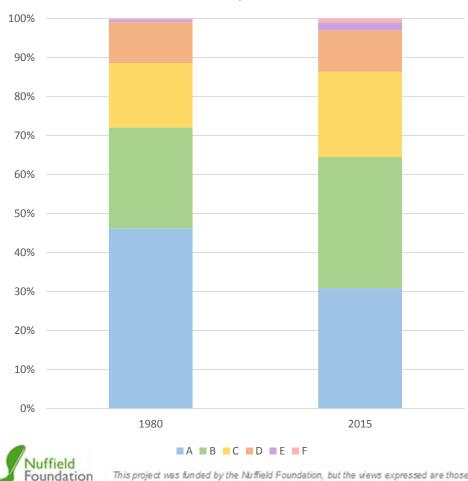
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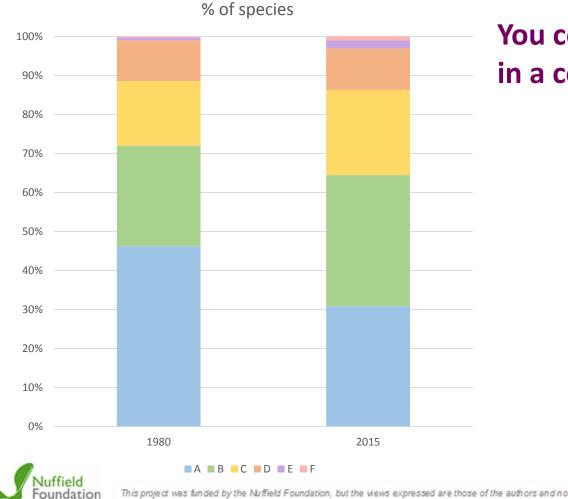
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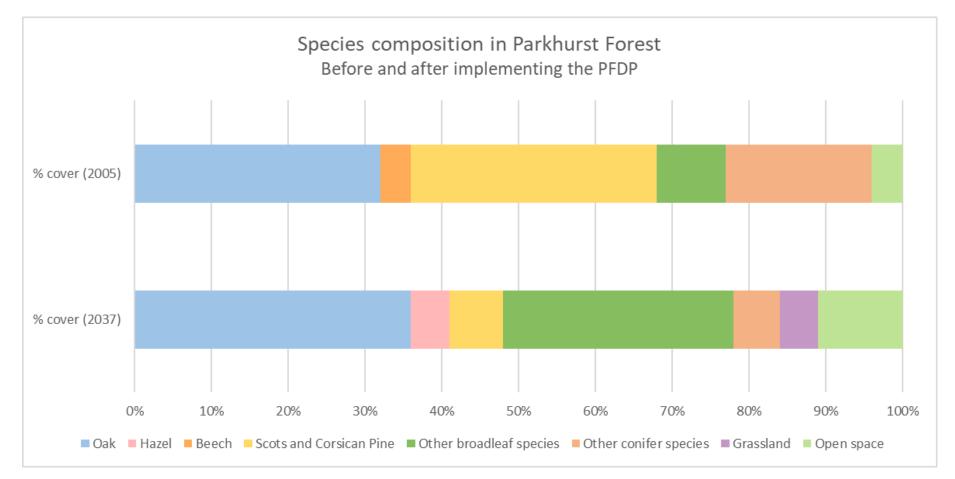




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|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Oak | 32 | 36 |
| Hazel | 0 | 5 |
| Beech | 4 | 0 |
| Scots and Corsican Pine | 32 | 7 |
| Other broadleaf species | 9 | 30 |
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| Open space | 4 | 11 |











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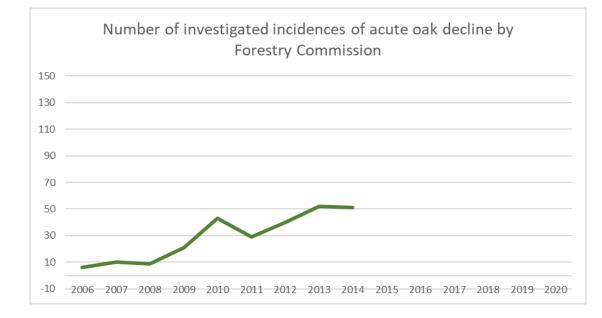




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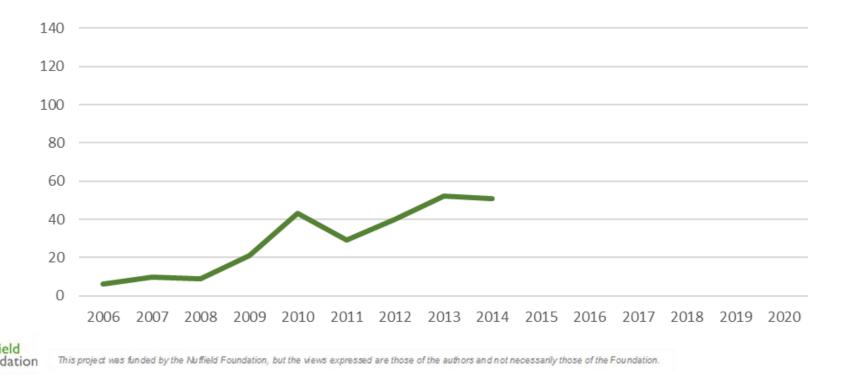


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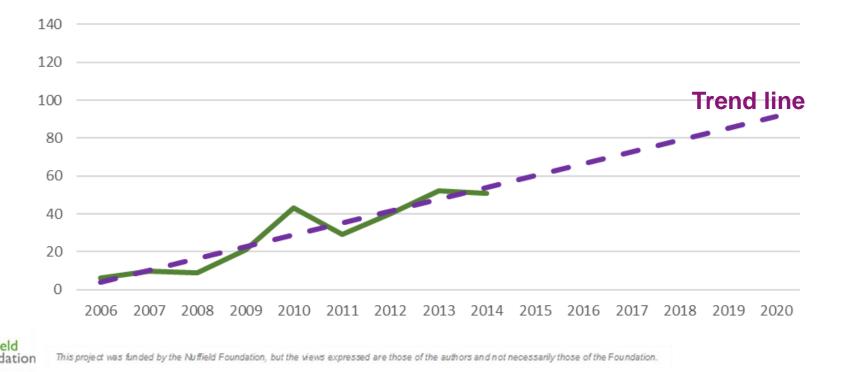
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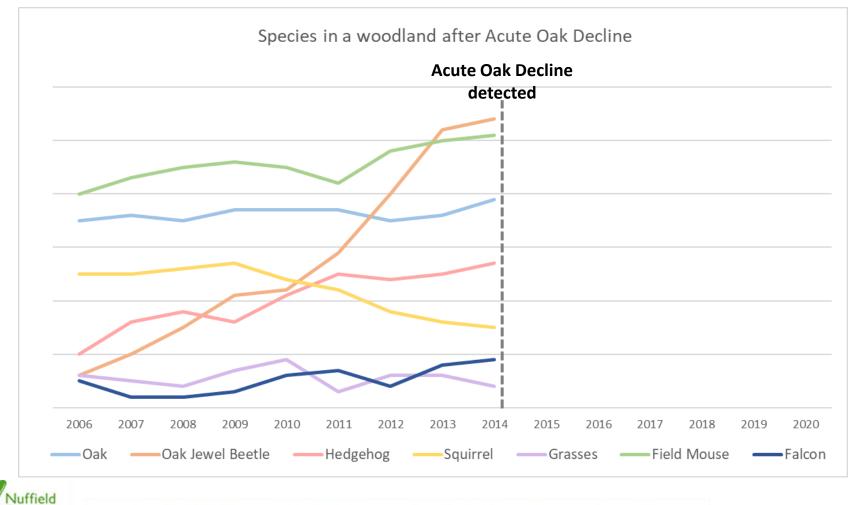
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Think about

- Food webs and how species interact with each other
- The shape of the line of you draw (does it have to be straight?)







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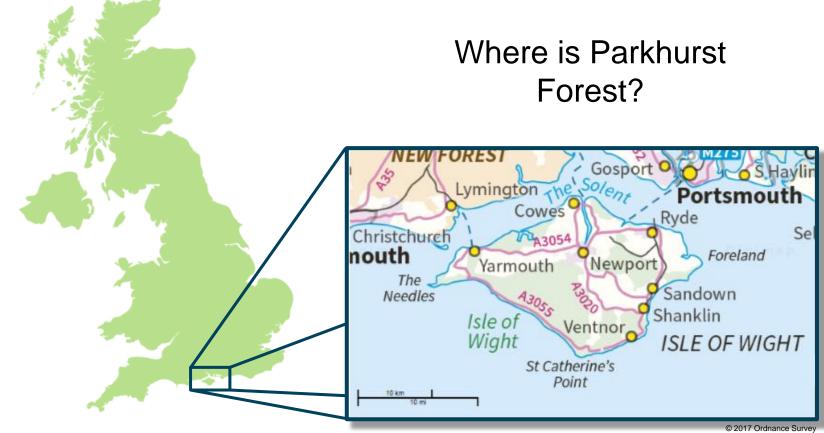
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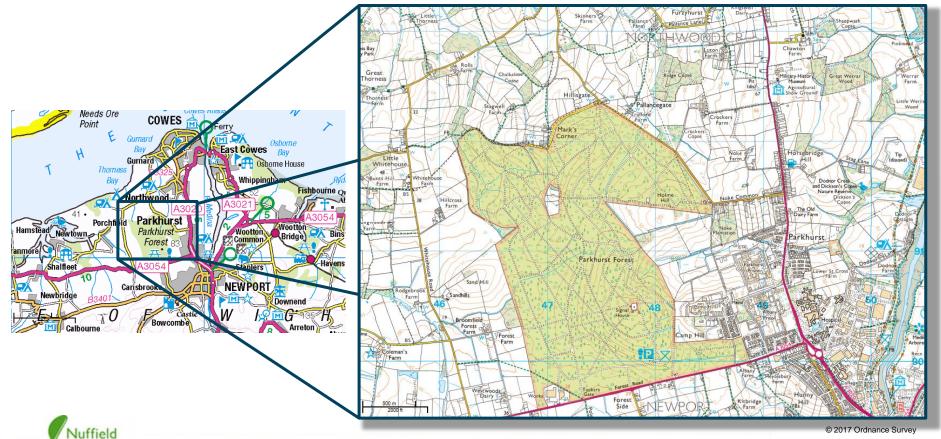
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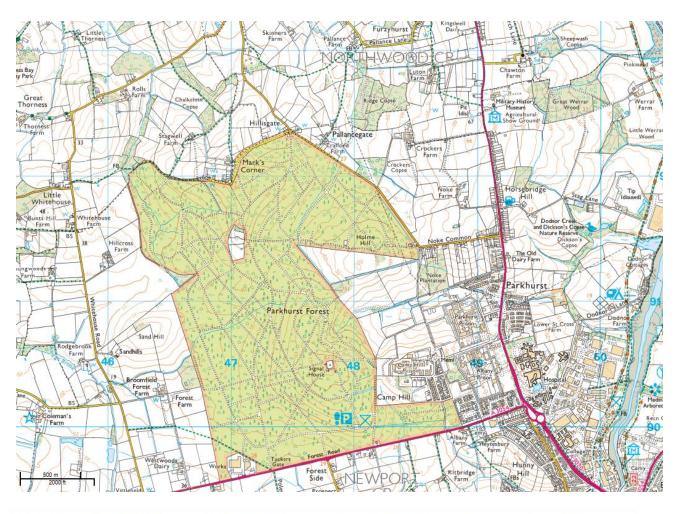


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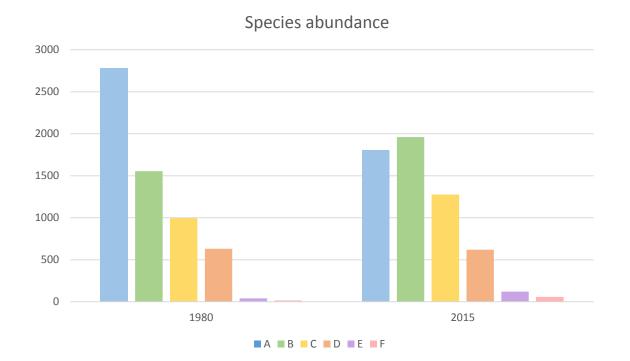
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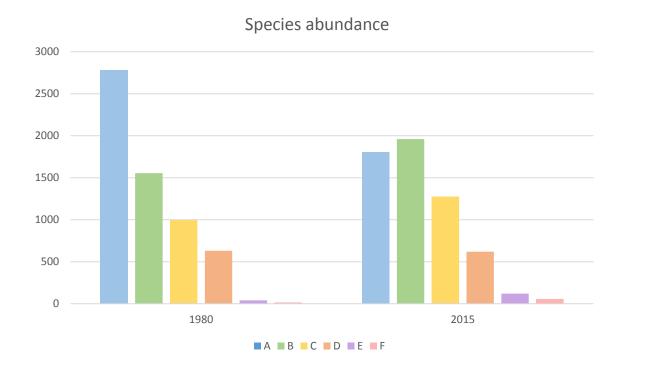
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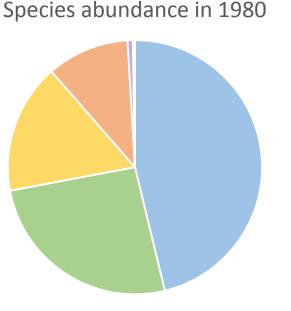


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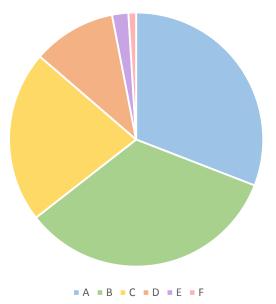


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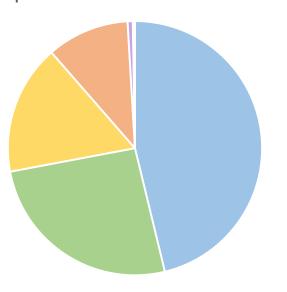
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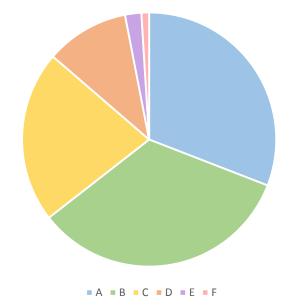
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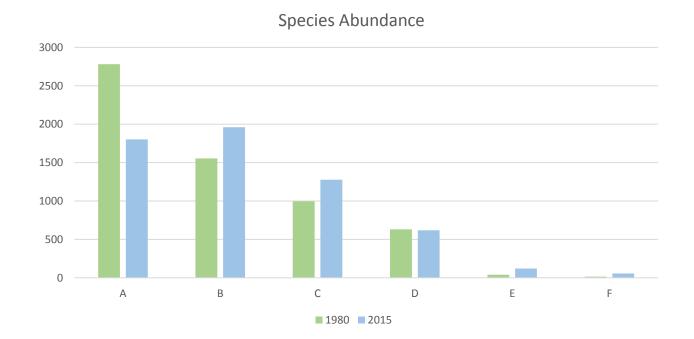


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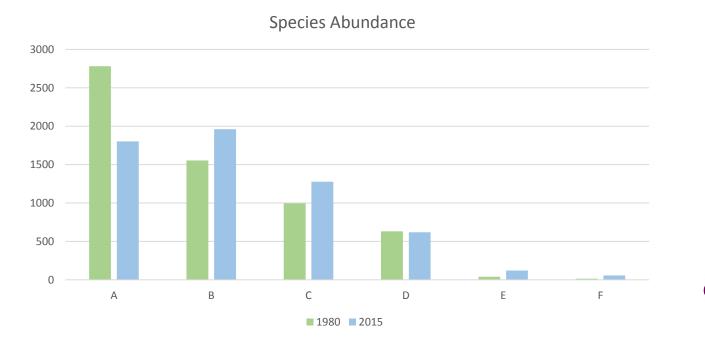




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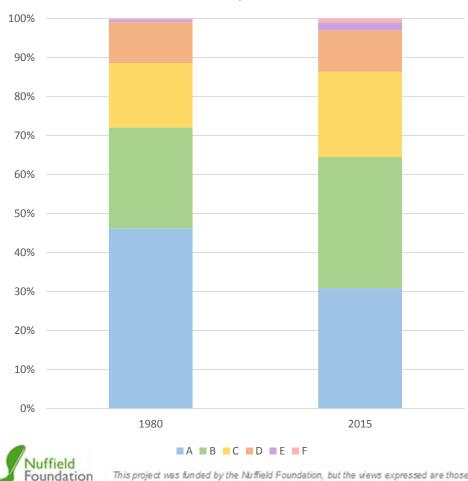
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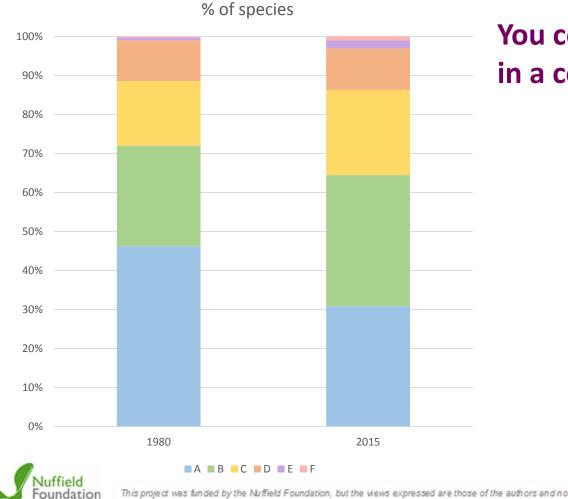
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