

Article title: **Invasive alien plants benefit more from clonal integration in heterogeneous environments than natives**

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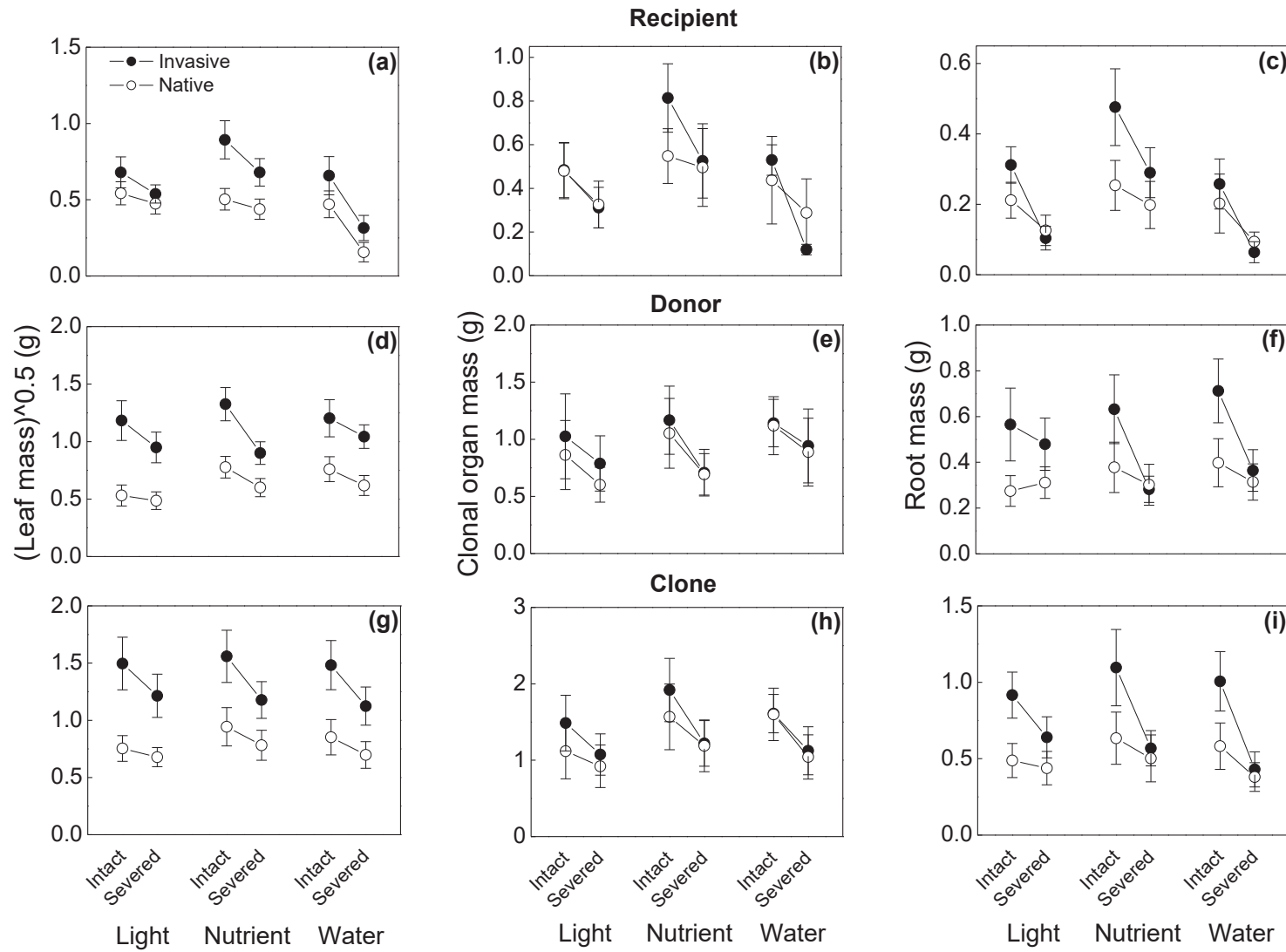


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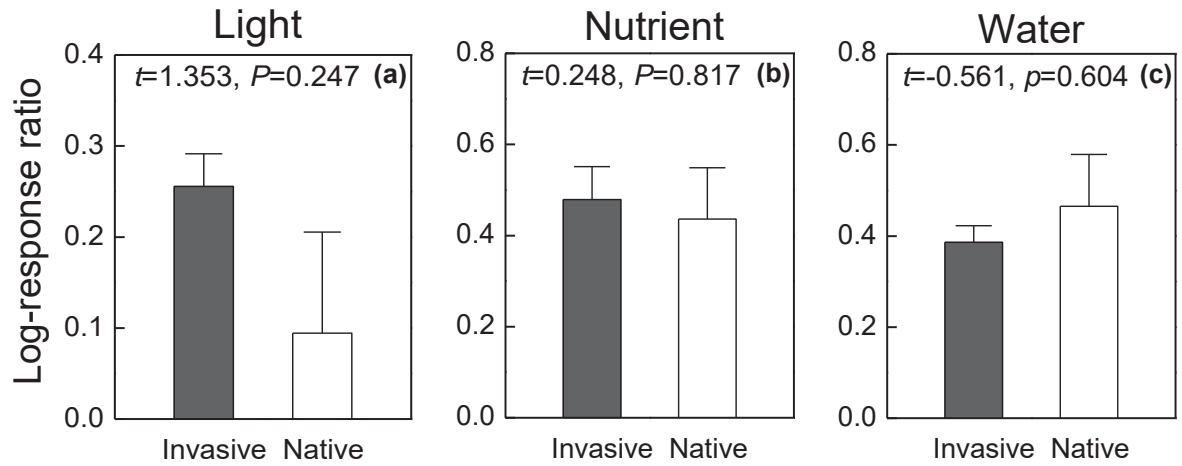


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Species	Family	Origin	Native range	Clonal organ	Typical habitat
<i>Wedelia trilobata</i> (L.) Hitchc	Asteraceae	Invasive alien	North and South America	Stolon	Moist grasslands, edges of canals, roadsides
<i>Wedelia chinensis</i> (Osbeck.) Merrill	Asteraceae	Native	Asia	Stolon	Moist grasslands, edges of canals, crop fields, roadsides
<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i> (Mart.) Griseb	Amaranthaceae	Invasive alien	South America	Stolon	Wetlands, canals, nearby fields
<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (Linn.) DC	Amaranthaceae	Native	Asia, Africa	Stolon	Wetlands, other moist habitats
<i>Hydrocotyle vulgaris</i> L.	Araliaceae	Invasive alien	North America, Europe	Stolon	Wetlands, other moist habitats
<i>Hydrocotyle sibthorpioides</i>	Araliaceae	Native	Asia	Stolon	Wetlands, other moist habitats
<i>Paspalum notatum</i> Flugge	Poaceae	Invasive alien	North and South America	Rhizome	Roadsides and grasslands
<i>Paspalum orbiculare</i> Forst.	Poaceae	Native	Asia, Oceania	Rhizome	Roadsides, other moist habitats
<i>Paspalum virgatum</i> L.	Poaceae	Invasive alien	South America	Rhizome	Moist grasslands
<i>Paspalum distichum</i> L.	Poaceae	Native ¹	Tropics and subtropics of Asia, America	Rhizome	Roadsides, nearby fields, grasslands

Origin and habitat information are based on the Flora of China (www.efloras.org), Scientific Database of China Plant Species (DCP) (<http://www.plants.csdb.cn/eflora>) and other references He (2012) and Wan *et al.* (2012). ¹ The native status of this species in China is not fully resolved, with some references to support this, and exclusion of the species and the species pair which it is part of does not change the results qualitatively (results not shown).

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Table S2 Results of generalized linear mixed models for effects of origin and integration on leaf mass, clonal organ mass and root mass of the recipient ramets (A), the donor ramets (B) and the whole clone (C) when the clone was grown in heterogeneous light, nutrient and water conditions

Variable	Effect	DF	Light experiment		Nutrient experiment		Water experiment	
			χ^2	<i>P</i>	χ^2	<i>P</i>	χ^2	<i>P</i>
Leaf mass ¹	(A) Recipient							
	<i>Fixed factor</i>							
	Origin (O)	1	2.253	0.141	4.628	0.031	3.388	0.066
	Integration (I)	1	4.189	0.045	7.536	0.003	36.543	<0.001
	O × I	1	1.287	0.276	4.036	0.046	0.978	0.345
	<i>Random factor</i>							
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.155		<0.001		0.169	
	Species identity	10	0.176		0.212		0.120	
	(B) Donor							
	<i>Fixed factor</i>							
	Origin (O)	1	8.240	0.004	5.330	0.021	6.117	0.013
	Integration (I)	1	4.583	0.032	20.515	<0.001	3.891	0.049
	O × I	1	3.492	0.057	3.788	0.049	0.285	0.594
	<i>Random factor</i>							
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.024		<0.001		0.048	
	Species identity	10	0.200		0.179		0.219	
	(C) Clone							
	<i>Fixed factor</i>							
	Origin (O)	1	6.120	0.013	5.735	0.017	4.917	0.027
Integration (I)	1	7.585	0.005	32.351	<0.001	34.964	<0.001	
O × I	1	5.191	0.022	3.129	0.075	3.012	0.089	
<i>Random factor</i>								
Taxonomic pair	5	0.173		<0.001		0.125		
Species identity	10	0.262		0.263		0.245		
Clonal organ mass	(A) Recipient							
	<i>Fixed factor</i>							
	Origin (O)	1	0.409	0.522	0.284	0.594	0.200	0.655
	Integration (I)	1	4.243	0.039	5.602	0.018	17.059	<0.001
	O × I	1	1.963	0.161	6.073	0.014	3.996	0.046
	<i>Random factor</i>							
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.094		<0.001		0.121	
	Species identity	10	0.139		0.278		0.104	
	(B) Donor							
	<i>Fixed factor</i>							

	Origin (O)	1	1.886	0.176	0.031	0.861	0.034	0.853		
	Integration (I)	1	9.930	0.002	11.991	<0.001	10.301	0.001		
	O × I	1	1.085	0.298	0.435	0.510	0.203	0.652		
	<i>Random factor</i>	N	SD		SD		SD			
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.328		0.218		0.387			
	Species identity	10	0.389		0.360		0.386			
	(C) Clone									
	<i>Fixed factor</i>									
	Origin (O)	1	0.402	0.526	0.184	0.668	0.011	0.914		
	Integration (I)	1	4.569	0.033	26.593	<0.001	37.194	<0.001		
	O × I	1	10.719	0.001	7.158	0.008	0.050	0.823		
	<i>Random factor</i>	N	SD		SD		SD			
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.392		<0.001		0.330			
	Species identity	10	0.488		0.724		0.503			
Root mass	(A) Recipient									
	<i>Fixed factor</i>									
		Origin (O)	1	<i>3.421</i>	<i>0.066</i>	4.172	0.041	2.154	0.142	
		Integration (I)	1	18.939	<0.001	0.202	0.653	17.533	<0.001	
		O × I	1	3.821	0.048	4.352	0.037	<i>3.212</i>	<i>0.075</i>	
		<i>Random factor</i>	N	SD		SD		SD		
		Taxonomic pair	5	0.082		0.125		0.081		
		Species identity	10	<0.001		0.057		<0.001		
		(B) Donor								
		<i>Fixed factor</i>								
		Origin (O)	1	5.090	0.024	2.202	0.138	2.686	<i>0.099</i>	
		Integration (I)	1	4.028	0.044	11.771	<0.001	5.533	0.019	
		O × I	1	4.897	0.029	4.331	0.037	22.457	<0.001	
		<i>Random factor</i>	N	SD		SD		SD		
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.159		0.169		0.138			
	Species identity	10	0.097		0.085		0.136			
	(C) Clone									
	<i>Fixed factor</i>									
	Origin (O)	1	5.246	0.022	<i>3.005</i>	<i>0.083</i>	<i>3.630</i>	<i>0.057</i>		
	Integration (I)	1	5.576	0.019	7.111	0.008	24.387	<0.001		
	O × I	1	3.968	0.044	5.817	0.016	13.697	<0.001		
	<i>Random factor</i>	N	SD		SD		SD			
	Taxonomic pair	5	0.248		0.282		0.219			
	Species identity	10	0.121		0.162		0.133			

¹ Data were square-root transformed. Values are in bold when $P < 0.05$ and in italic when $0.05 < P < 0.1$.