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Modelling *Harmonia axyridis* interactions within the aphidophagous guild

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The rapid spread of the harlequin ladybird, *Harmonia axyridis*, across the UK is predicted to impact native coccinellids through direct competition and intra-guild predation.

Climate change is predicted to affect the population dynamics and seasonal overlap of coccinellids with their aphid prey.

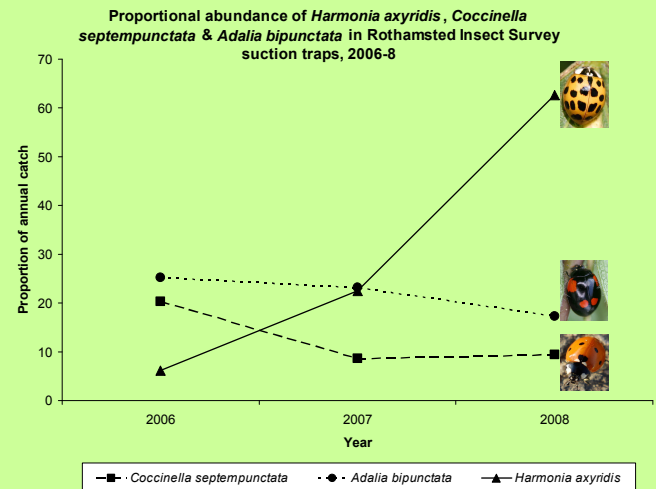
The combination of these two effects could alter relationships within the aphidophagous guild.



Harmonia axyridis overwintering aggregation



Harmonia axyridis (above) & aphids on *Lotus corniculatus* (right)



We aim to quantify the impact of *H. axyridis* on native coccinellids by answering three main questions:

- What are the roles of top-down, bottom-up and abiotic factors in driving the dynamics of coccinellid and aphids?
- Which native coccinellids have niches overlapping with *H. axyridis*?
- Will *H. axyridis* impact negatively on these overlapping species?

Data for model:

- Rothamsted Research Aphid Survey (1963-present)
- BRC Ladybird Surveys (1968-present) including:
 - *Coccinella septempunctata*: 8,366 records
 - *Adalia bipunctata*: 7,773 records
 - *Harmonia axyridis*: 15,647 records

We will model the effects of the following on the responses of native coccinellids to *H. axyridis*:

- prey abundance
- community structure
- How will climate change affect these interactions?



Exochomus quadripustulatus

Coccinella



Propylea quatuordecimpunctata



Adalia bipunctata



Harmonia axyridis ova



Harmonia axyridis larva



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