



# Silent Earth

AVERTING THE INSECT APOCALYPSE

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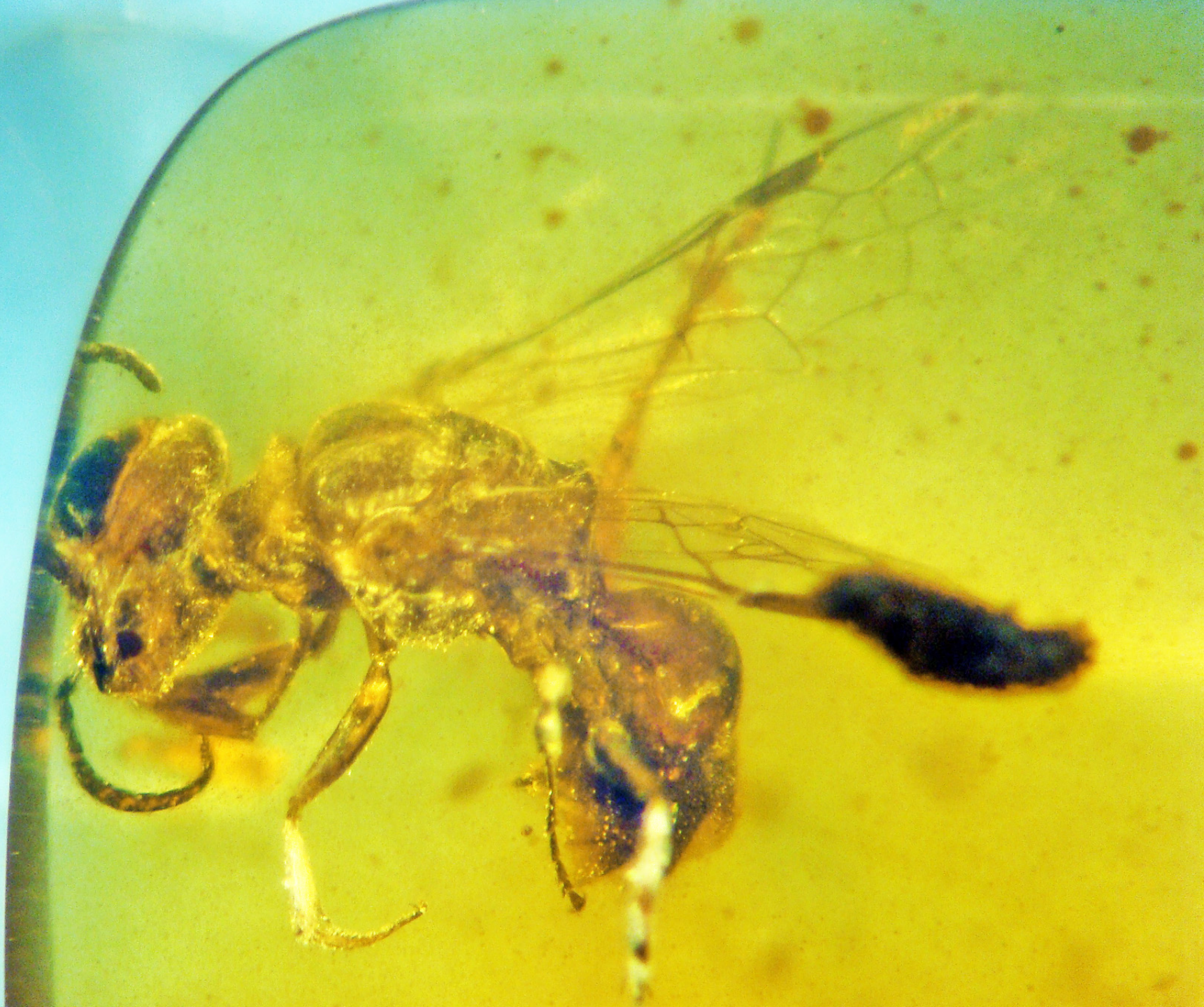
















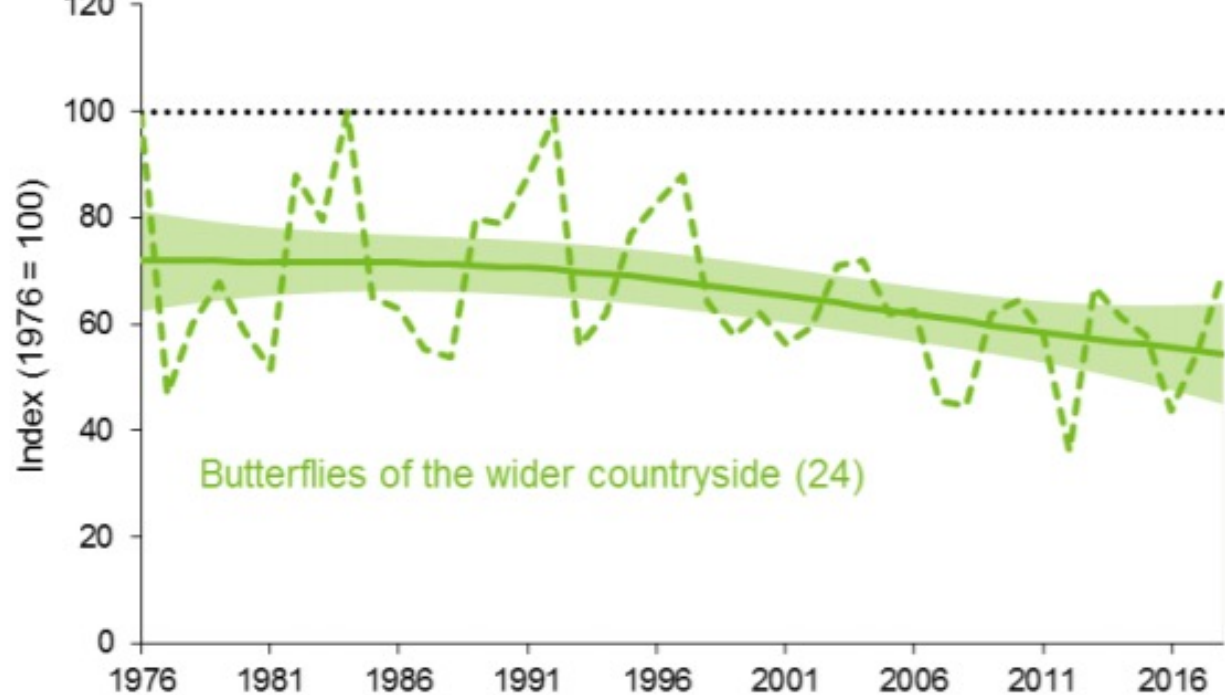




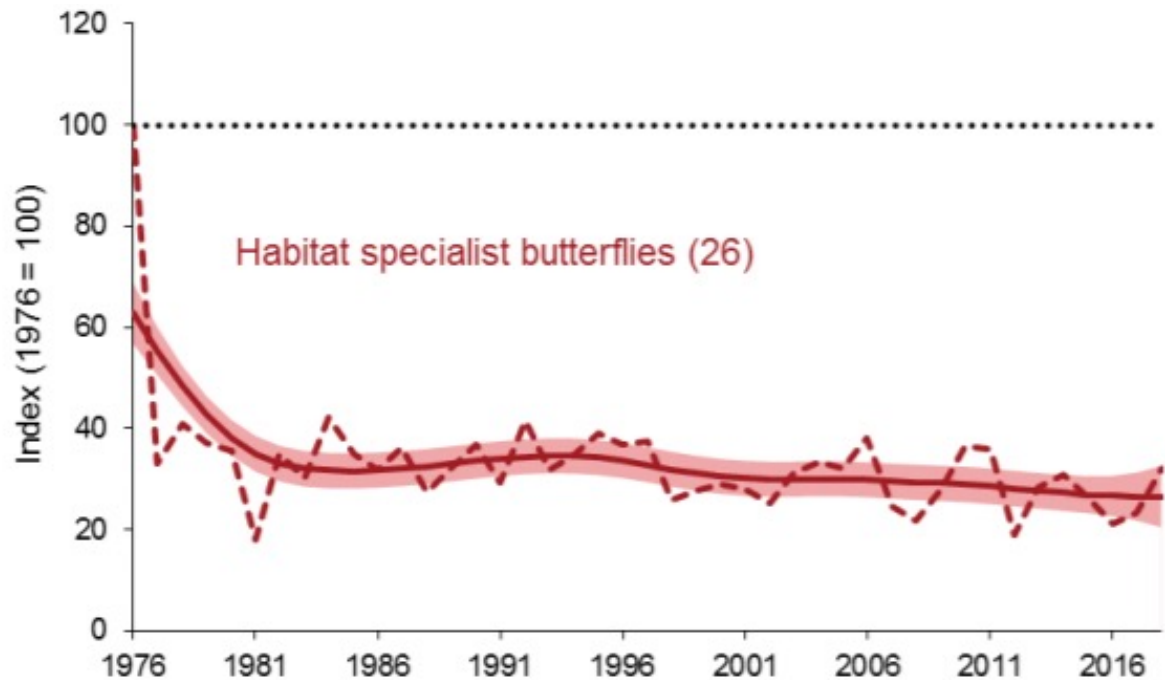


# UK butterflies

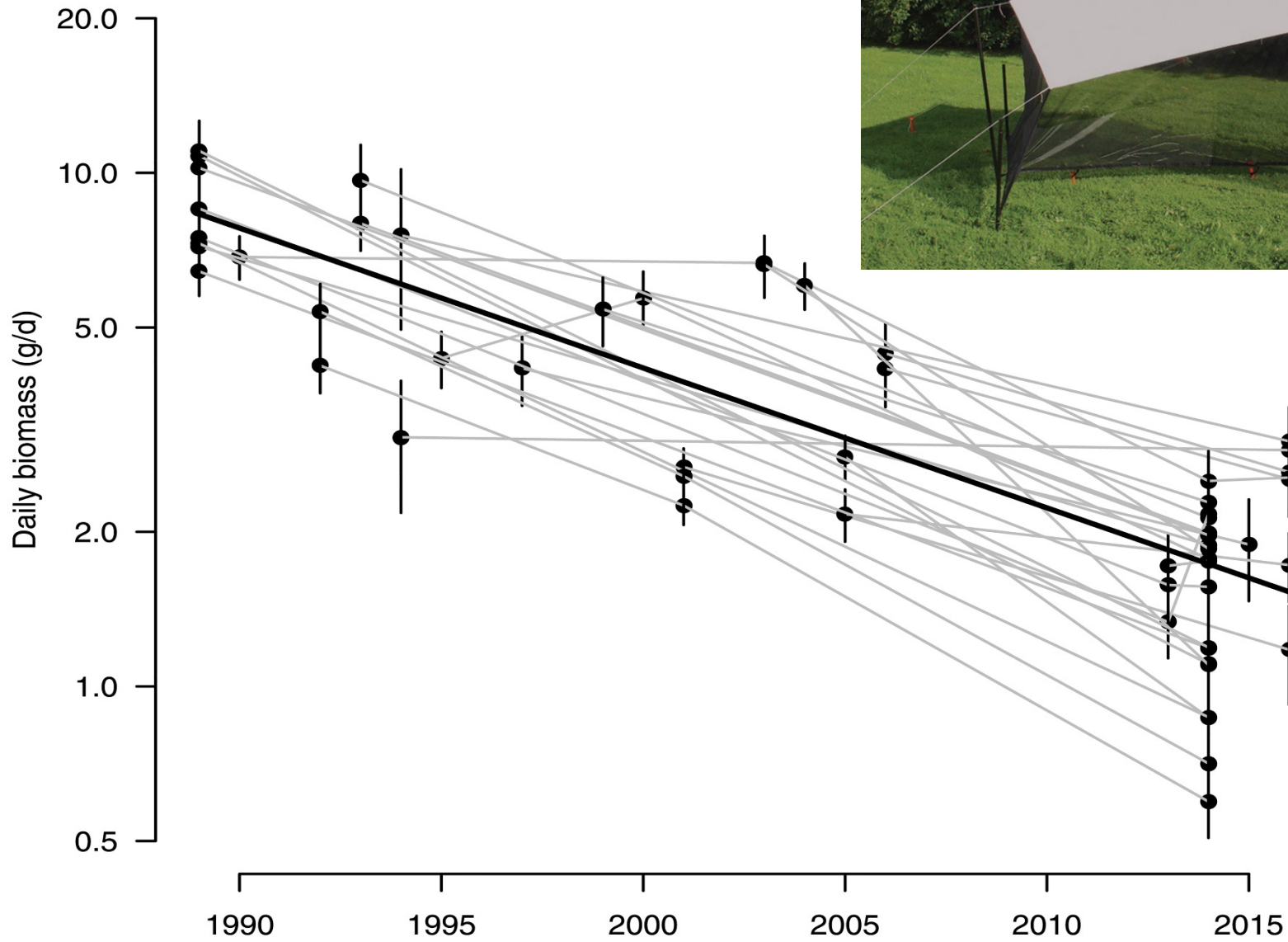
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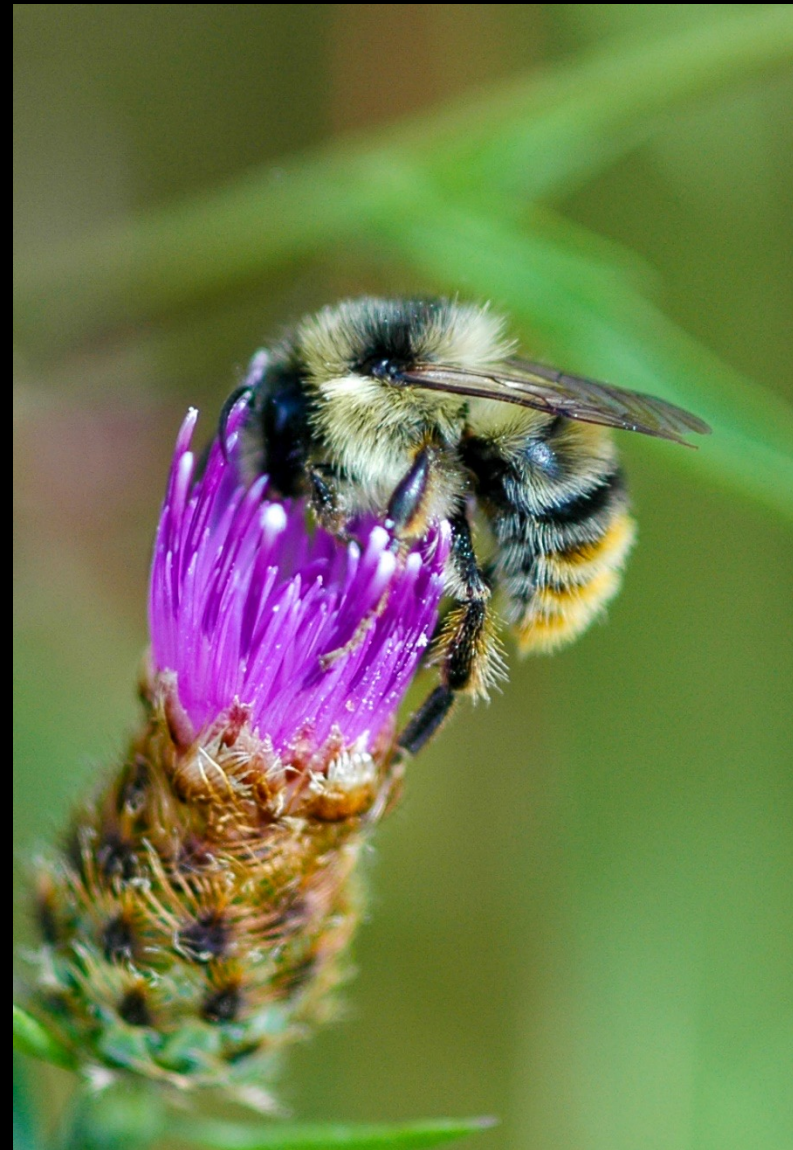


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**Post-2000**



Shrill carder,  
*Bombus sylvarum*



## Why does loss of insects matter?

*“If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago.*

*If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos.”*

E O Wilson



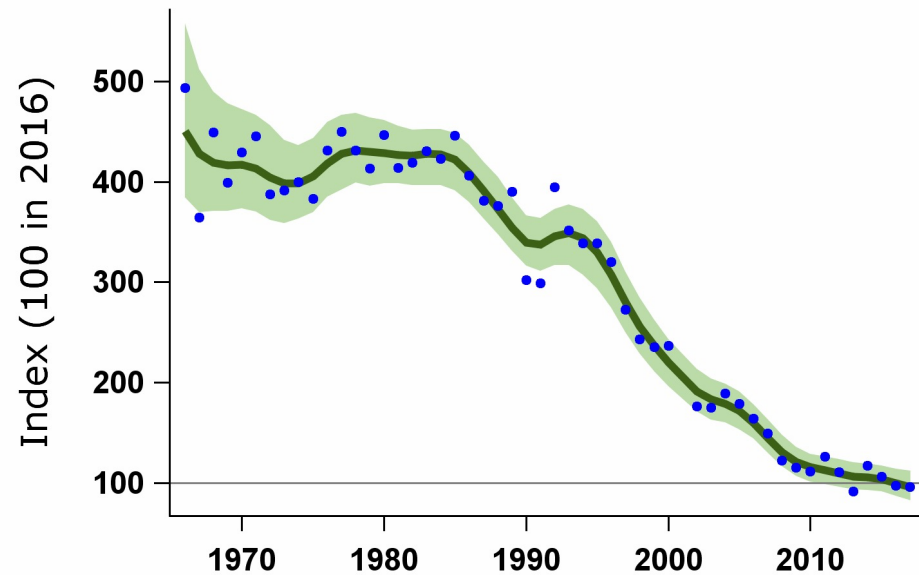




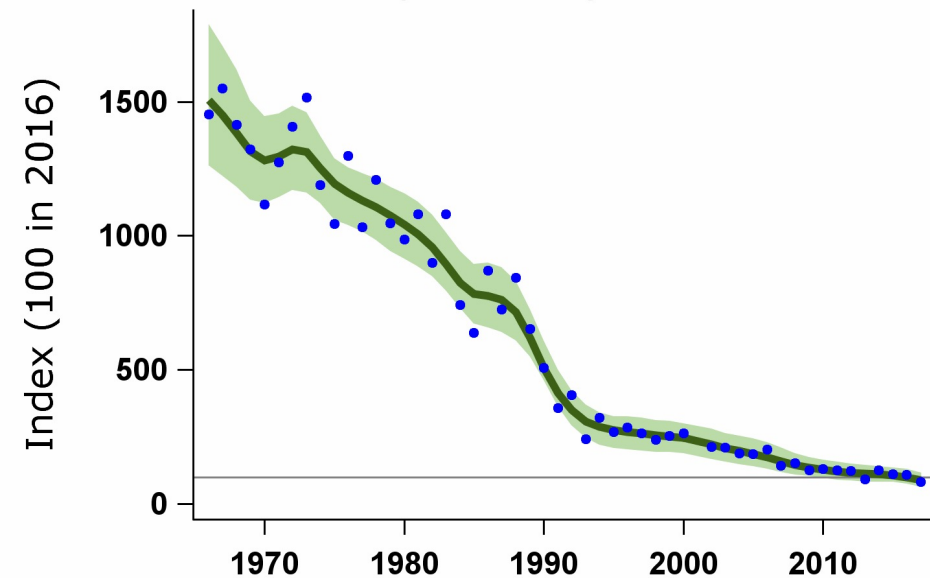


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CBC/BBS England 1966–2017  
Cuckoo



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Spotted Flycatcher



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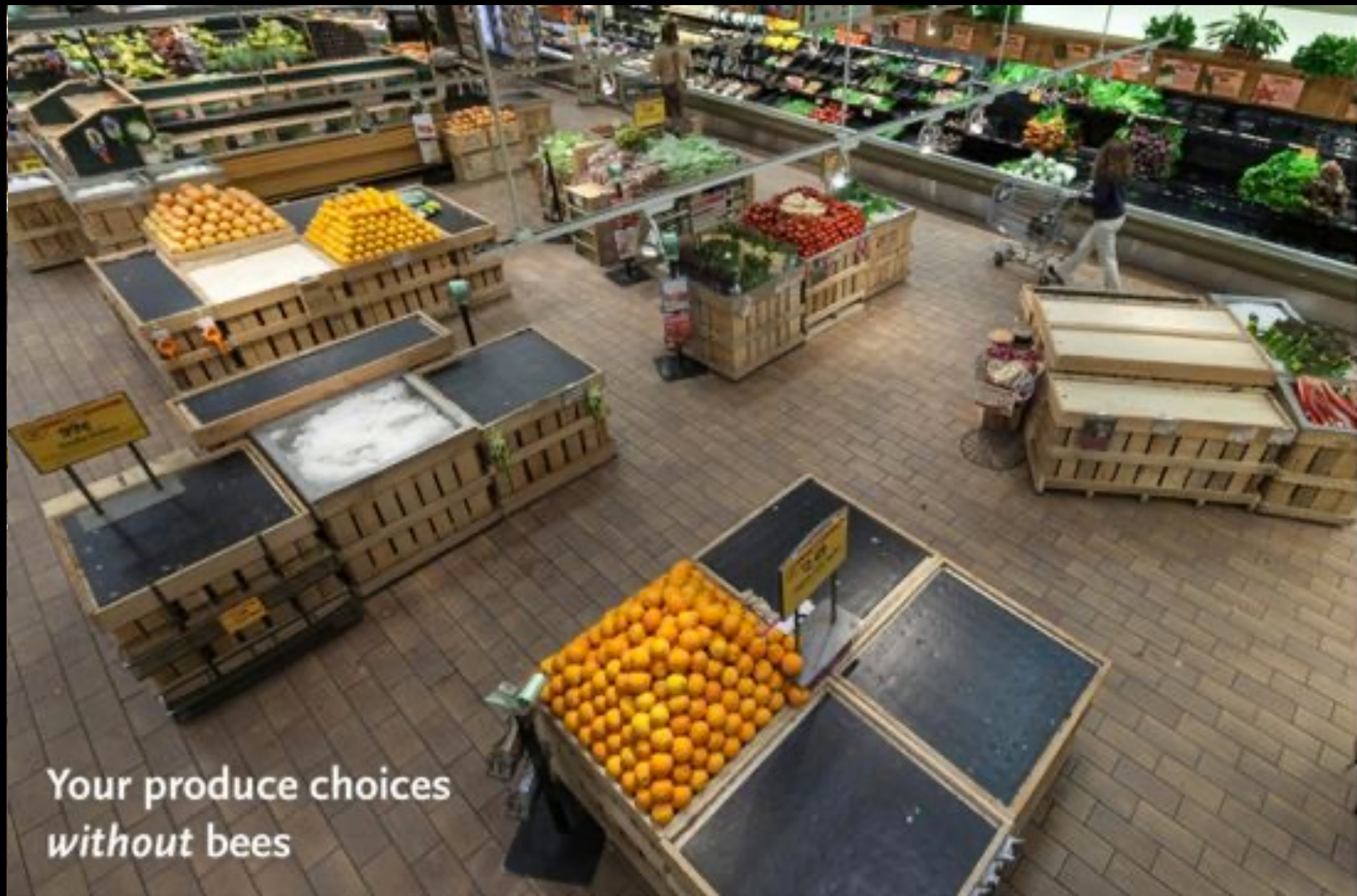












Your produce choices  
*without* bees



Don't all insects deserve to live, regardless of what they do for us?





# Causes of insect declines?

Loss of habitat

Pesticides

Foreign diseases

Climate change

Fertilizers

Light pollution

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**Pesticides**  
3 million tons / yr globally

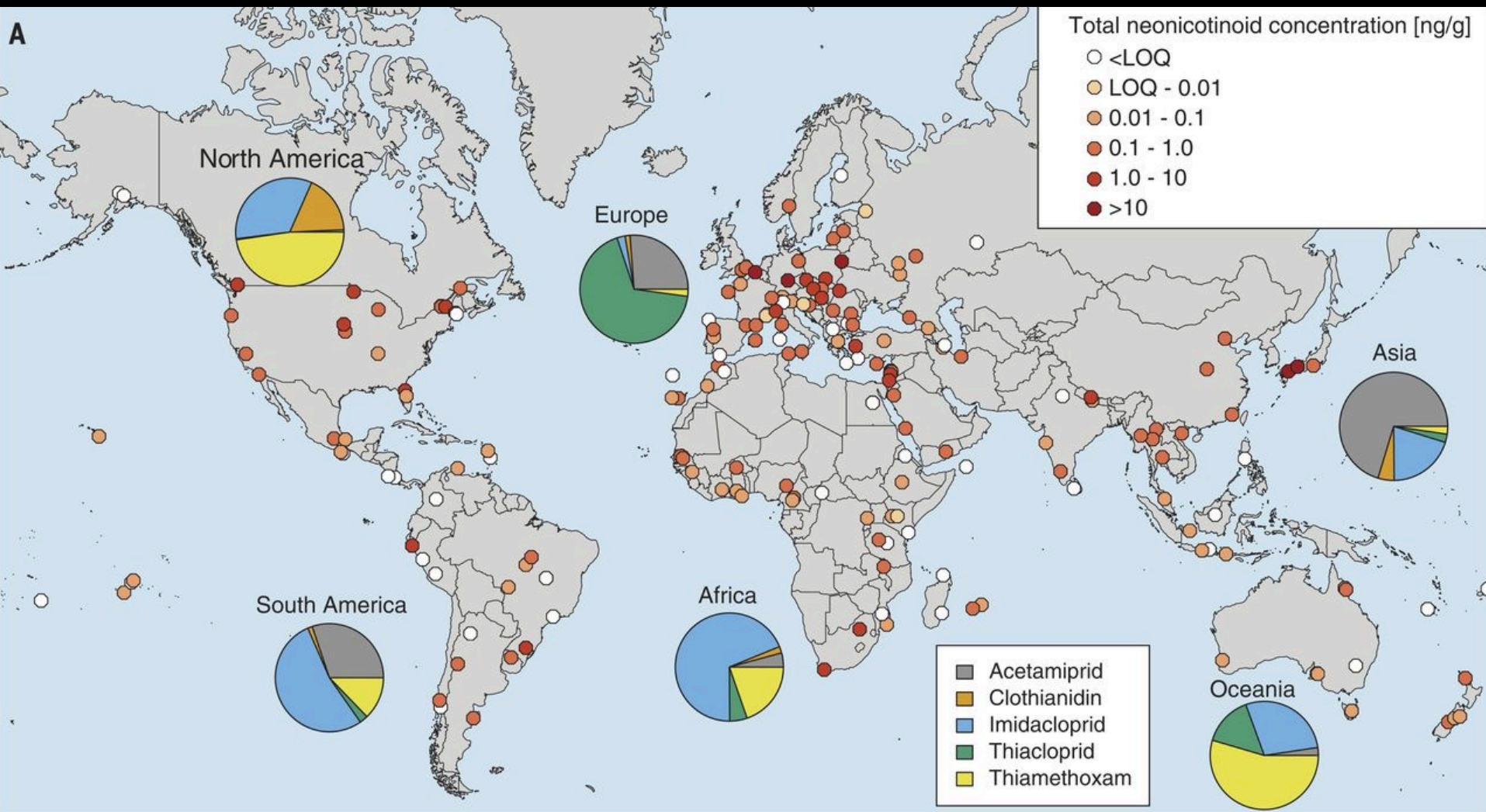














What can we do?









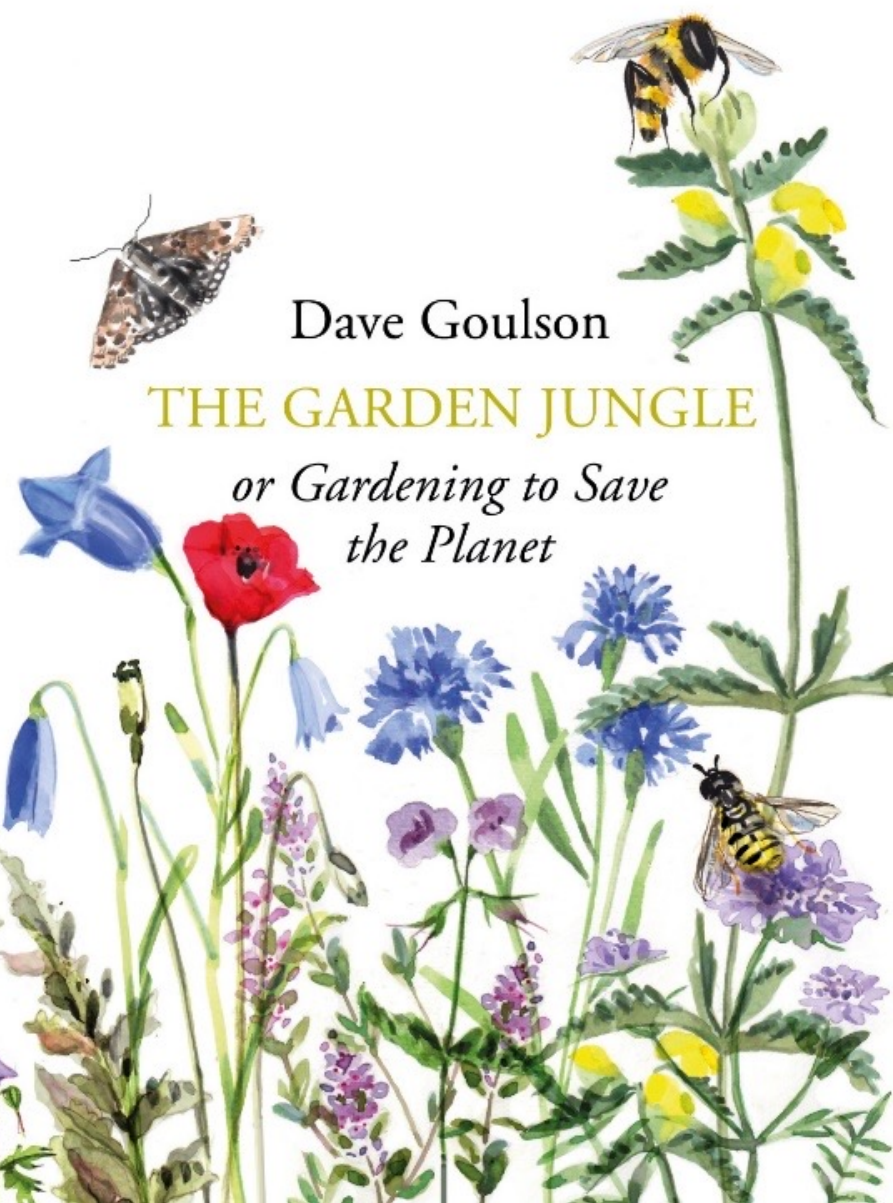
What can we do?

Promote wildlife-  
friendly gardening

Turn our cities, towns  
and villages into a  
network of insect  
reserves







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## THE GARDEN JUNGLE

*or Gardening to Save  
the Planet*



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## GARDENING for BUMBLEBEES



*A Practical Guide  
to Creating a Paradise  
for Pollinators*



























What about farming?  
Is this approach to farming the only way  
to feed the world?



Globally, farming is damaging our environment; this is not sustainable





# What might sustainable farming look like?

- > Produce a diverse and healthy diet for humans
- > Look after soil
- > Work with nature
- > No pesticides







Agroforestry



Permaculture



Biodynamic farming



Organic







