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Unraveling the ecological and evolutionary impacts 2 of a plant invader on the pollination of a native plant 3

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7 Abstract Interactions between a native plant species 8 and its pollinators, herbivores, or microbiome can be 9 affected by the presence of non-native plant species. 10 Non-native plant species are altering plant-pollinator 11 interactions, yet we know little about how these non-12 native species influence natural selection. In addition, 13 year-to-year variation in flowering could influence the 14 impacts of non-native species on reproductive success 15 in native plants and the strength and direction of 16 pollinator-mediated selection. We examined whether 17 the presence of the highly invasive plant Linaria 18 vulgaris influenced average pollinator visitation, 19 species composition of floral visitors, or pollinator-20 Ao1 mediated selection in the native *Penstemon strictus*. In 21 the field, we conducted small scale L. vulgaris 22 inflorescence removals, that were repeated through 3

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years. Pollinator-mediated selection on the floral trait 23 of platform length was examined by determining the 24 relationships between platform length and visitation, 25 between visitation and seed production, and by 26 calculating net selection based on seed production. 27 We found that the presence of *L. vulgaris* on a small 28 spatial scale facilitated pollinator visitation rates to P. 29 strictus but did not influence pollinator-mediated 30 selection on platform length. Pollinator visitation 31 varied across years, as did the relationship between 32 seed production and pollinator visitation, and the 33 relationship between pollinator visitation and platform 34 length. Although components of selection varied 35 across years, no net selection on platform length was 36 detected in any of the 3 years. Our results show how 37 the presence of an invasive plant and year-to-year 38 variation in plant-pollinator interactions affect the 39 pollination and components of pollinator-mediated 40 selection in native plants. 41

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Introduction

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The presence of non-native plant species can alter 46 interactions between native plants and their 47



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48 pollinators, herbivores, or microbiomes (Traveset and 49 Richardson 2006; Bezemer et al. 2014; Coats and 50 Rumpho 2014). By imposing new selective pressures, 51 plant invasions could also influence the evolution of 52 native plant species (Oduor 2013). It is crucial to 53 understand the potential of non-native species to alter 54 natural selection because adaptive change, along with 55 plasticity, could eventually influence the persistence 56 of a native species in the face of an invasion (Berthon 57 2015). Most studies addressing evolutionary change in 58 native plants have focused on direct competitive 59 impacts of the presence of the invader (Callaway 60 et al. 2005; Goergen et al. 2011) rather than the 61 evolutionary effects of the invader that are mediated 62 by interactions with third-party organisms (Lau 2008), 6 AQ2 such as pollinators (Beans and Roach 2015).

64 Ecological impacts of invasive plants on average 65 pollination are better studied, and these impacts range from negative to positive (Morales and Traveset 2009; 66 67 Charlebois and Sargent 2017). For example, non-68 native plant species can negatively influence pollina-69 tion through decreases in average pollinator visitation 70 rates (Brown et al. 2002; Bjerknes et al. 2007; 71 Albrecht et al. 2016). Furthermore, if pollinators exhibit low floral constancy (i.e., they switch fre-72 73 quently between plant species in a single foraging 74 bout), they could increase pollen wastage, or cause 75 deposition of heterospecific pollen onto stigmas 76 (Brown and Mitchell 2001; Bruckman and Campbell 77 2016). In some cases this lack of floral constancy can 78 lead to reductions in seed production of the native 79 plant (Flanagan et al. 2009). In other instances, non-80 natives could facilitate the pollination of native species. For example, invasive plants can generate a 81 82 larger floral display that attracts more pollinators to a 83 patch, thus increasing the chances that a co-flowering 84 species is visited by a pollinator (Jakobsson and 8: AQ3 Padrón 2014).

Invasive plants can also change the composition of 86 87 flower visitors that are visiting native plants; for 88 example, when only a subset of the pollinator species 89 that visit a plant species change their visitation 90 frequency in the presence of the invader (Albrecht 91 et al. 2016). Additionally, changes in pollinator 92 species composition can lead to differences in seed 93 production if pollinators vary in effectiveness (Sahli 94 and Conner 2007; Rafferty and Ives 2012). Thus the 95 impact of invasive plants on the pollination of native plant species can be quite varied, and, as recent 96



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research suggests, these effects can be highly context-97 dependent on the spatial scale and relative floral 98 densities of the interacting species (Albrecht et al. 99 2016; Bruckman and Campbell 2016). AQ4_00

Plant community composition can not only influ-101 ence the average level of pollination in a population, 102 but it can also change natural selection exerted by 103 pollinators on the floral traits of plants. Since the time 104 of Darwin, natural selection by pollinators on floral 105 traits has been viewed as critical to the evolutionary 106 diversification of the Angiosperms (Harder and John-107 son 2009). Two pathways can lead to pollinator-108 mediated phenotypic selection on floral traits. Either 109 the pollinator (i.e., selective agent) needs to show a 110 preference (e.g., higher visitation rate) for certain trait 111 values, or be more effective at transferring pollen from 112 or to plants with certain trait values, such that a trait 113 influences pollination success. In addition, for the trait 114 to experience net selection the higher visitation or 115 higher effectiveness must translate into higher fitness. 116 If either of these relationships breaks down, for 117 example, between visitation and fitness (Fig. 1a) or 118 between the impact of a trait on pollinator visitation 119 (Fig. 1b), net selection will be weakened (Fig. 1c). 120 Impacts of an invasive plant species on average 121 pollination and on selection of floral traits are both 122 more likely for plant species that depend on animal 123 pollination. 124

In communities of native plants, the presence of a 126 competing plant species has been shown to influence 127 the advantageous trait value for flowering phenology 128 (Campbell 1985), daily display size (Wassink and 129 Caruso 2013), selfing rate (Fishman and Wyatt 1999), 130 and flower size (Caruso 2000). Similarly, invasive 131 plant species could affect natural selection mediated 132 by pollinators in native plants. In theory, selection in 133 the presence of an invader could favor floral traits that 134 enhance interspecific competitive ability through 135 increasing pollinator attraction, or floral traits that 136 minimize interspecific pollen transfer (Campbell and 137 Motten 1985), for example by limiting access to 138 specific pollinators or by altering pollen placement on 139 the body of a pollinator. In addition, if stands of a 140 highly invasive species attract a different set of floral 141 visitors (Albrecht et al. 2016), that difference in visitor 142 composition might also favor different floral trait 143 values, thereby changing selection. So far, only one 144 study has described the effects of an invasive plant on 145 pollinator-mediated selection in a native plant species 146

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Fig. 1 Diagram showing how changes in linear relationships between pollinator visitation, plant reproduction, and floral traits lead to changes in the strength of selection. Contributions of **a** the relationship between pollinator visits and seed production, **b** pollinator trait preferences (selection based on visitation), and **c** to net selection through female function.

147 (Beans and Roach 2015), finding that the native
148 *Impatiens capensis* experienced selection for shorter
149 corollas in the presence of the non-native *Impatiens*150 *glandulifera*, although whether that trait affected visit
151 AOS quantity or quality was not determined.

152 Impacts on both average pollination and selection 153 mediated by pollinators may also vary with other 154 ecological conditions. Temporal variation in pollina-155 tion across flowering seasons is often assumed yet not 156 widely studied (Price et al. 2005). Pollination success can be influenced by spatiotemporal variation in 157 pollinator species composition, pollinator effective-158 159 ness, and visitation by pollinators and pollen eaters 160 (Herrera 1988; Horvitz and Schemske 1990; Fishbein and Venable 1996; Fenster and Dudash 2001; Price 161 162 et al. 2005). Such variation in pollination success 163 could, in turn, influence the strength and direction of pollinator-mediated selection (Benitez-Vieyra et al. 164 165 2012). However, competitor effects have mostly been tested by examining the level of within-season rather 166 167 than year-to-year variation in pollination success. 168 Assessing consistency across years is critical to 169 determine if selection consistently favors particular 170 trait values, as fluctuating selection would weaken any 17 Aq6 evolutionary response (Grant and Grant 2002).

172 Here we assess how an invasive plant influences 173 pollinator visitation rate and net selection through 174 female function in a native plant species and determine if these effects are consistent across 3 years. We 175 176 focus on yellow toadflax (L. vulgaris), which is a 177 highly invasive plant in the western mountains of the 178 U.S. and other regions of North America and classified 179 as a noxious weed in seven states (USDA and NRCS

Different line types (solid and dashed) represent different years or invasive species treatments. While this figure panel describes the patterns in terms of some potential linear relationships, it is also possible for other linear, saturating, or other non-linear relationships to occur

2020). We examined the impact of this widespread 180 invasive on a focal native plant species, P. strictus, in 181 dry subalpine meadows in Colorado. We chose this 182 species because it is often spatially intermixed, flowers 183 simultaneously, and shares the same bumblebee 184 visitors with L. vulgaris (Castellanos et al. 2004; 185 Burkle et al. 2007). We experimentally removed 186 flowers of L. vulgaris to test the impacts of the 187 presence of L. vulgaris on P. strictus visitation and 188 seed production during a growing season, and we 189 looked at whether these effects were consistent over 190 191 years. We answered the following questions. (1) Does the nearby presence of the invasive L. vulgaris 192 influence the mean rate of pollinator visitation or seed 193 production in P. strictus? We also tested for changes in 194 species composition of flower visitors to address one 195 potential mechanism that could alter natural selection. 196 (2) Does the invasive influence the relationship 197 between pollinator visitation and seed production 198 (Fig. 1a)? (3) Does the invasive influence the rela-199 tionship of a floral trait to pollinator visitation 200 (Fig. 1b; selection based on visitation)? (4) What are 201 the resultant effects of the invasive on net selection 202 through female function (Fig. 1c)? (5) How consistent 203 are all these effects over 3 years that differed in the 204 degree of flowering overlap between the plant species? 205

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206 Materials and methods

207 Site and species description

208 Our study site was at the Lupine Trail near Nicholson Lake, Crested Butte, Colorado, United States (GPS 209 coordinates: 38.903260, - 107.011476-WGS 84 210 211 Web Mercator). In this area, the invasive Linaria 212 vulgaris Mill. (Scrophulariaceae) co-occurs and 213 shares pollinators with the native Penstemon strictus 214 Benth. (Scrophulariaceae). L. vulgaris is an herba-215 ceous perennial plant that is native to Europe and Asia 216 (Saner et al. 1995). It was introduced to North America 217 in the nineteenth century and has spread widely, through both rhizomes and seeds, throughout the 218 219 continental United States (Saner et al. 1995). Near our 220 study site, L. vulgaris produces an average of 27 pale 221 vellow flowers per flowering shoot and is pollinated by 222 bumblebees such as Bombus appositus, B. californi-223 cus, B. fervidus, B. flavifrons, and B. frigidus (Burkle 224 et al. 2007). Penstemon strictus, the Rocky Mountain 225 Penstemon, is an herbaceous perennial plant native to 226 the southern Rockies, present in Colorado, eastern 227 Utah, eastern Arizona, southern Wyoming, and north-228 ern New Mexico (Ogle et al. 2013). This plant has a 229 basal rosette from which one to a few inflorescences 230 can arise (Ogle et al. 2013). Each inflorescence can 231 have up to 50 purple flowers open at any given time 232 and offers both pollen and nectar to its visitors 233 (Thomson 1996). Near our field sites, P. strictus is 234 visited by many insects, including wasps, solitary 235 bees, and several species of bumblebees, including 236 Bombus bifarius, B. flavifrons, B. appositus, and B. 237 californicus (Thomson 1996, Wilson et al. 2004, W. 238 Recart personal observation). In P. strictus, control, 239 bagged flowers not exposed to pollinators, did not set 240 seed, indicating that P. strictus is dependent upon 241 animal visitation and does not self-pollinate in the 242 absence of pollinators (Fig. S1; Online Resource 1: 243 Methods S1).

244 The degree of flowering overlap between the two 245 species varied across the 3 years. In 2015 and 2017 L. vulgaris and P. strictus flowered at the same time, 246 247 from mid-July (approximately July 12th) through late-248 August (approximately August 20th). In 2016 L. 249 vulgaris did not bloom during the time of our 250 pollinator observations on P. strictus (Online 251 Resource 1: Fig. S2).

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Calculating the effectiveness of *Penstemon strictus* visitors

254 In our study, P. strictus was visited by several species of hymenopterans, including Anthophora terminalis, 255 Bombus appositus, B. bifarius, B. californicus, B. 256 flavifrons, Pseudomasaris vespoides, and a wide 257 variety of unidentified small solitary bees. To allow 258 interpretation of patterns in visitation, in 2017 we 259 measured the effectiveness of several of these visitors, 260 in terms of seeds produced from a single visit (n = 113) 261 single visits; n = 31 unvisited flowers), to flowers on 262 43 P. strictus plants (Online Resource 1: Methods S1). 263

Linaria removal experiment

We examined whether the nearby presence of the 265 invasive L. vulgaris influenced mean visitation rate by 266 floral-visitors (as a proxy for pollinator visitation), 267 visitor composition, selection based on visitation, and 268 net selection in the native *P. strictus*. We tested these 269 effects in 2015, 2016, and 2017 at the Lupine Trail 270 field site. In each year, we established experimental 271 blocks at this site, with seven blocks in 2015, five 272 additional blocks in 2016, and five additional blocks in 273 2017 (more details on the sample sizes are found in 274 Online Resource 1: Table S1). Each block was placed 275 over a continuous L. vulgaris patch. In our field site 276 these L. vulgaris patches do not usually exceed the 277 area of our block size, thus our blocks are represen-278 279 tative of the maximum patch size that can be found in this area. Each block had two 3 by 3 m plots that were 280 281 3 meters apart, and each plot received one of the two L. vulgaris treatment, either L. vulgaris flowers present 282 or L. vulgaris flowers removed by clipping inflores-283 cences (Fig. 2a). Five potted or cut inflorescences of 284 P. strictus, obtained from the Lupine trail site, were 285 placed into each plot, arranged in the form of an X 286 (Fig. 2a). Both cut and potted inflorescences were 287 brought to the field site on the day pollinator 288 observations were made and set out just prior to 289 beginning observations. Insects sometimes visited 290 those flowers within a few minutes of placement. 291 Each block was at least 10 meters away from other 292 blocks. The P. strictus density in the experimental 293 blocks (0.37 *P. strictus* individuals/m²) resembled the 294 average density of *P. strictus* in our field site (0.36) 295 under the assumption of a random distribution, while 296 at the same time maximized the number of plants we 297



Fig. 2 a Diagram of the experimental design applied and replicated during the 3 years of the experiment. Gray space represents areas where *L. vulgaris* is present. The bigger outer square represents the block and the inner two squares represent the plots containing the *L. vulgaris* treatment: removed (white square) or present (gray square). The plots are three meters by three meters and are three meters apart. Inside the plots there are five *P. strictus* individuals—represented by each green rosette with a purple flower. **b** Flower of *P. strictus* showing the landing platform—the floral trait of interest in this experiment

298 were able to observe at each plot (details on density 299 calculation in Online Resource 1: Methods S2). 300 During 2016, only a few individuals of L. vulgaris 301 bloomed at the field site and they did so later in the 302 summer (early August through late August) than P. 303 strictus (see Online Resource 1: Fig. S2). Thus, we 304 were not able to implement the L. vulgaris removal in 305 2016. We still collected data during this year and used 306 the same experimental design (without conducting the 307 L. vulgaris removal but keeping two observation plots within each block) and data collection protocol 308 300 (Fig. 2a).

311 Some methodological details differed across the 3 312 years (Online Resource 1: Table S2). In 2015 we used 313 cut inflorescences only, allowing measurements of 314 pollinator visitation but not of seed production. Cut 315 inflorescences were placed in floral picks with water, 316 and floral traits were measured immediately after 317 pollinator observations were complete. In 2016 we 318 used potted P. strictus individuals. In 2017 two of the 319 blocks contained cut inflorescences, and the other 320 three contained potted P. strictus individuals. By using 321 cut and potted P. strictus individuals we eliminated 322 belowground inter- and intra-specific competition 323 with other plants. All potted P. strictus plants were 324 overwintered at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory and placed in a pollinator-free greenhouse325to prevent visitation by pollinators. Plants needed to be326overwintered since the shock of transplantation pre-
vented them from blooming during the same flowering327season. P. strictus plants were placed in 4L pots and
planted using soil from our field site, where they were
collected.331

In all 3 years, pollinators were observed on P. 332 strictus for three hours at both plots (L. vulgaris 333 present or removed) in each block to determine plot 334 level visitation rate (visits per open flower per hour) 335 and species composition of the flower visitors of P. 336 strictus. Pollinators were assigned to one of the two 337 following groups, Bombus spp. or non-Bombus insect 338 group. The distinction between Bombus spp. and non-339 Bombus insects was made because bumblebees were 340 the most common and effective pollinator group (see 341 Results on Effectiveness). In the Bombus group, 342 bumblebees were identified as B. bifarius or not-B. 343 bifarius. We did this further distinction in the Bombus 344 group because B. bifarius was the most common floral 345 visitor to P. strictus. We observed plots simultane-346 ously when two observers were in the field. When 347 there was only one observer in the field, the observer 348 alternated every hour between the two plots. Pollinator 349 observations were completed on each block before 350 conducting pollinator observations in another block. 351 Using this protocol, it took one or two days to fully 352 complete the three hours of pollinator observations for 353 both plots in a single block. Thus, before moving to the 354 next block we collected data from a plot where L. 355 vulgaris was removed and one where L. vulgaris was 356 present. More details on the duration of the pollinator 357 observations can be found in the Online Resource 1: 358 Fig. S2. Pollinator observations were conducted 359 during sunny days (no overcast or rain) and during 360 the day (9:00–16:00). The entire experiment included 361 102 plot-hours of observation. Each individual (potted 362 or cut inflorescence) was observed only once for three 363 hours during the experiment. We calculated seed 364 production per flower and per fruit from all the flowers 365 open during the pollinator observations from the 366 potted P. strictus individuals (data only available in 367 2016 and 2017). When potted P. strictus individuals 368 were not used for pollinator observations they were 369 inside a pollinator-free enclosure. 370

We used the abovementioned experimental setup to371assess the impact of L. vulgaris on pollinator-mediated372phenotypic selection on the trait of platform length373

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374 (Fig. 2b). We focus on pollinator visitation, as one 375 component of fitness (Arnold and Wade 1984; Campbell et al. 1991) and refer to that relationship as 376 377 "selection based on visitation" (Campbell et al. 1996). 378 We also document female fitness as estimated by seed production and use the shorthand "net selection" to 379 refer to the impact of a trait on seed production, 380 381 recognizing that selection can also occur through male 382 fitness (Stanton et al. 1986) or be influenced by events 383 after seed formation (Campbell et al. 2017). We chose 384 platform length because a landing platform is present 385 in bee-pollinated Penstemon species and absent in hummingbird-pollinated Penstemon spp. (Castellanos 386 387 et al. 2003; Wilson et al. 2004), suggesting it could be 388 a trait under strong selection by bees, which are the shared pollinators with L. vulgaris. Pilot pollinator 389 390 observations on P. strictus showed that bumblebees 391 interacted with the platform by hanging on to this 392 surface to access the nectar or pollen rewards present 393 inside the flower. Experimentally reducing platform 394 size reduced bumblebee visitation to P. strictus in a 395 previous study, demonstrating selection on that trait, 396 and so did restricting corolla tube width (Zung et al. 397 2015). We recognize that these two traits-corolla tube width and platform size-could be correlated, 398 399 such that we cannot unambiguously distinguish 400 between selection on the two traits. Platform length 401 was measured with a digital caliper, from the split of 402 the fused petals to the end of the platform (Fig. 2b), and averaged across three measured flowers for each 403 404 P. strictus individual. To estimate selection, we 405 examined the effects of platform length on both pollinator visitation rate (i.e., selection based on 406 407 visitation) and seed production (i.e., net selection).

408 Statistical analysis

409 All data analysis was performed using the R statistical program version 3.4.4 (R Core Team 2018). All 410 411 pollinator visitation data were analyzed for the 412 following categories: all pollinator visitors, only 413 bumblebee pollinators, and only non-bumblebee pol-414 linators. All seed production data were analyzed as 415 seeds per flower (total seeds divided by the number of open flowers). For all statistical analyses, normality of 416 417 the residuals was tested using the Shapiro-Wilks test 418 (shapiro.test function), and pollinator visitation rate 419 was square-root transformed in order to achieve 420 normality of the residuals.

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Effects of Linaria vulgaris on pollinator visitation,421visitor composition, and seed production (Question 1)422

423 Mean rate of pollinator visitation to P. strictus (n = 24plots) was analyzed using a linear mixed effects model 424 (hereafter LME; using lme4 package, lmer function) 425 with L. vulgaris treatment and year as fixed crossed 426 effects and block as a random effect nested within year 427 (Bates et al. 2015: statistical models summarized in 428 Online Resource 1 Table S2). Mean seed production 429 for a plot (n = 6 plots) was analyzed using *L. vulgaris* 430 treatment as a fixed effect and block as a random effect 431 using only the 2017 data. We analyzed the effect of L. 432 vulgaris treatment on P. strictus visitor composition 433 (n = 24 plots) using MANOVA on visitation rate by B. 434 bifarius, bumblebees other than B. bifarius, and non-435 bumblebee pollinators, with block identity as an 436 additional factor. 437

Effects of Linaria vulgaris on the relationship438between visitation and seed production (Question 2)439

The relationship between pollinator visitation rate and 440 seed production (3 blocks, n = 26 plants) was only 441 analyzed with 2017 data, as that was the only year with 442 appropriate data (see Online Resource 1: Table S2). 443 Due to the small sample size, we could not analyze the 444 full LME with block nested within L. vulgaris 445 treatment. Instead, we first ran a linear model deter-446 mining whether block identity influenced seed pro-447 duction. Since we detected no effect of block, we then 448 ran a linear model to determine whether pollinator 449 visitation rate and L. vulgaris treatment interacted in 450 their effects on seed production. 451

Effects of Linaria vulgaris on pollinator-mediated452selection (Question 3 and 4)453

To examine selection based on visitation and its 454 dependency on the invasive species (Question 3), we 455 used a LME where each data point consisted of a P. 456 strictus individual for which we had a mean platform 457 length value and a pollinator visitation rate value as 458 the fitness components (n = 103 plants). We set 459 platform length, L. vulgaris treatment and year as 460 fixed crossed effects and block identity was nested 461 within year. In cases where we did not detect an 462 interaction between platform length and presence of L. 463 vulgaris, we then performed a standard analysis of 464

465 covariance in which we removed the interaction term to determine the overall slope of the fitness component 466 on platform length. Lastly, to enable comparisons of 467 468 selection in this study with those of other plant species, 469 we expressed the strength of selection as a standard-470 ized selection differential. A standardized selection 471 differential is the change in the average value of the 472 trait due to phenotypic selection, expressed in units of 473 standard deviation of the trait. To estimate standard-474 ized selection differentials, we repeated the ANCOVA 475 using untransformed pollinator visitation rate relative 476 to the mean as the dependent variable and platform length standardized to a mean of zero and standard 477 478 deviation of one (Kingsolver et al. 2001).

479 Net selection (Question 4) was examined by
480 repeating the analyses described for estimating selec481 tion based on visitation and standardized selection
482 differentials but using seed production per flower as
483 the dependent variable (n = 15 plants).

484 Yearly variation in pollinator visitation and seed485 production (Question 5)

486 To analyze the effects of year on mean pollinator 487 visitation and on selection, we took out the L. vulgaris 488 treatment from the statistical analysis allowing us to analyze all years of data collection (2015 through 489 2017; Online Resource 1: Table S3). The effect of year 490 491 on mean plot pollinator visitation rate was analyzed 492 using a LME with year as a single fixed effect and the 493 random effect of plot identity nested within year 494 (n = 34 plants).

The relationship between pollinator visitation rate and seed production was analyzed for 2016 and 2017—when we had both pollinator visitation data and seed production data, by using a LME with year as a fixed effect crossed with pollinator visitation, and seed production per flower set as the dependent variable (n = 74 plants).

502 We used a LME to determine whether the year (data 503 from 2015 to 2017) influenced the relationship 504 between platform length and pollinator visitation rate 505 (selection based on visitation). For this model, each 506 data point consisted of a P. strictus individual for 507 which we had a mean platform length value and a 508 pollinator visitation rate value (n = 148 plants), with 509 year and platform length set as fixed crossed effects and plot identity nested within year. We also 510

calculated standardize selection differentials using 511 the same approach as detailed for Question 3. 512

We used a linear model to determine whether the513year (2016 or and 2017) influenced the relationship514between platform length and seed production (net515selection; n = 60 plants). Selection differentials were516calculated as described previously using seeds per517flower as the dependent variable.518

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Results

Effectiveness of *Penstemon strictus* visitors

A visit to P. strictus by Bombus spp. yielded three 521 times more seeds than did a visit by a non-Bombus 522 insect, making the bumblebees a more effective 523 pollinator group (Online Resource 1: Table S5 and 524 Fig. S1). The results below focus on the following 525 categories: all flower visitors, Bombus spp., and B. 526 bifarius (the most common bumblebee visitor). Anal-527 ysis on non-Bombus insects for this and subsequent 528 sections are reported in the online resource file (Online 529 530 Resource 1: Results S1).

Effects of <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> on pollinator visitation,	531
visitor composition, and seed production	532
(Question 1)	533

In the removal experiments, the presence of L. 534 vulgaris increased by 50% the mean visitation rate 535 by all flower visitors to P. strictus ($\bar{x} \pm 1SE$: 536 present = 0.95 ± 0.15 , removed = 0.64 ± 0.08 ; 537 F1₁₀ = 6.87, P = 0.03, Fig. 3). This increase in 538 visitation was likely driven by a 76% increase in 539 visitation by B. bifarius ($F_{1,10} = 3.94, P = 0.07$) and a 540 57% increase in visitation by other visitors 541 $(F_{1,10} = 3.73, P = 0.08)$. Visitor composition was 542 not influenced by the presence of L. vulgaris 543 (MANOVA: $F_{1,21} = 0.57$, P = 0.64). Even with only 544 3 blocks in 2017 available for testing the impact on 545 seed production, there was a trend for the presence of 546 L. vulgaris to increase the seed production per flower 547 of P. strictus by 80% ($\bar{x} \pm 1SE$: pre-548 sent = 18.44 ± 4.92 , removed = 10.23 ± 2.68 ; 549 $F_{1,2} = 13.34, P = 0.07$). 550 551

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Fig. 3 Pollinator visitation rates to *P. strictus* in the removal or presence of *L. vulgaris* sorted by different pollinator groups. Means and standard errors are shown, based on the means of visitation rate grouped by *L. vulgaris* treatment and pollinator group

552	Effects of Linaria vulgaris on the relationship
553	between visitation and seed production (Question
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555 In 2017, we detected a positive relationship between 556 visitation rate by all visitors and seed production per flower ($F_{1,22} = 13.43$, P = 0.001, Fig. 4a). This 557 558 relationship was not affected by the presence of L. vulgaris (interaction term: $F_{1,22} = 0.10$, P = 0.75, 559 Fig. 4a), as slopes were similar whether L. vulgaris 560 561 was present (slope = 1.78) or removed (2.49). Since 562 pollinator visitation was markedly reduced in the absence of L. vulgaris, visitation rate in that situation 563 564 has a smaller range, but there was no evidence for any curvature in the relationship (quadratic term P = 0.63565 566 in quadratic regression of seed production on visita-567 tion in presence of L. vulgaris). Seed production also increased with higher bumblebee visitation ($F_{1,22}$ = 568 4.94, P = 0.04). This pattern was seen for visitation 569 570 specifically by *B. bifarius* ($F_{1,22} = 5.59$, P = 0.03), but 571 not for other bumblebee visitors ($F_{1,22} = 0.05$, 572 P = 0.82), suggesting that the increase in bumblebee 573 visitation was driven by an increase in B. bifarius 574 visitation. The relationship between seed production and bumblebee visitation was not influenced by the 575 576 presence of *L. vulgaris* (interaction term $F_{1,22} = 0.01$, 577 P = 0.92). The presence of L. vulgaris also did not influence the relationship between visitation by B. 578 579 *bifarius* and seed production ($F_{1,22} = 0.11$, P = 0.74). 580

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Fig. 4 Relationships in the removal and presence of *L. vulgaris* between **a** pollinator visitation rate and seed production per flower in *P. strictus*, **b** *P. strictus* platform length and visitation rate by all pollinators, and **c** *P. strictus* platform length and seed production per flower. Gray shading around each regression line represents 95% confidence intervals

Effects of Linaria vulgaris on pollinator-mediated	581
selection (Question 3 and 4)	582

The presence of L. vulgaris did not detectably alter the583slope of pollinator visitation on the trait of platform584length ($F_{1,90} = 0.83$, P = 0.37, Fig. 4b). Plants with585longer platforms had higher visitation rate by all586flower visitors combined ($F_{1,95} = 4.41$, P = 0.04),587with a standardized selection differential equal to 0.09588

589 (Fig. 4b). This relationship between platform length 590 and visitation rate was lost, however, when looking at 591 any given visitor group (*Bombus* spp.: $F_{1,93} = 1.58$, 592 P = 0.21; non-Bombus spp.: $F_{1,92} = 2.67$, P = 0.11; *B. bifarius*: $F_{1,90} = 1.39$, P = 0.24; other *Bombus* spp.: 593 594 $F_{1,92} = 0.35$, P = 0.56). In the 2017 experiment 595 manipulating L. vulgaris, net selection did not differ detectably from zero ($F_{1,11} = < 0.001$, P = 0.99, 596 597 Fig. 4c). That net selection strength did not differ 598 depending on whether L. vulgaris was present (inter-599 action $F_{1,11} = 1.0811$, P = 0.32) and that remained so 600 after removing the one outlier that made the ranges of 601 platform length different across the two treatments (P = 0.95).602

Wearly variation in pollinator visitation and seedproduction (Question 5)

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605 When grouping all the data by year independently of 606 the L. vulgaris treatment we found that mean visitation 607 rate by all flower visitors (averaged by plot identity) to P. strictus varied greatly across years ($\bar{x} \pm 1SE$: 608 609 $2015 = 0.70 \pm 0.11$, $2016 = 2.36 \pm 0.38$, 2017 =610 0.93 ± 0.16 ; F_{2,14} = 9.71, P = 0.002, Fig. 5). Visitation rate by all visitors was 195% higher in 2016, the 611 612 year of non-overlap, than in 2015 and 2017 (Tukey-HSD test $P \le 0.001$). This increase in visitation rate 613 614 was not due to grouping together visitation rate 615 independently of L. vulgaris treatment (for 2015 and 616 2017 data); when we analyzed visitation rate using 617 data only from one treatment at a time (either L. 618 vulgaris present or L. vulgaris removed) along with



Fig. 5 *Penstemon strictus* pollinator visitation rate from 2015 to 2017. Means and standard errors are shown, based on the means of visitation rate grouped by year and pollinator group

the 2016 visitation data, we saw the same patterns 619 reported above. Visitation rate by bumblebees also 620 varied across years ($F_{2,14} = 13.30, P \le 0.001$, Fig. 5), 621 with bumblebee visitation being 310% higher in 2016 622 than in 2015 and 2017 (Tukey-HSD test $P \leq 0.001$). 623 Visitation by B. bifarius (the most frequent visitor to 624 P. strictus) did not vary detectably across years 625 $(F_{2.14} = 0.98, P = 0.40)$. In contrast, visitation by 626 other species of Bombus changed across years 627 $(F_{2.14} = 17.94, P \le 0.001)$ and was highest in 2016 628 when compared to 2015 and 2017 (Tukey-HSD test 629 $P \leq 0.001$). Seed production per flower did not differ 630 significantly between 2016 and 2017 ($\bar{x} \pm 1SE$: 631 $2016 = 9.65 \pm 1.59$, $2017 = 14.34 \pm 3.11$; $F_{1,6} =$ 632 1.64, P = 0.25). 634

Seed production per flower increased with the 635 visitation rate by all flower visitors in 2017 but did not 636 change detectably in 2016 (interaction of year \times 637 visitation rate, $F_{1.70} = 9.84$, P = 0.002, Fig. 6a). This 638 was also the case when using visitation by bumblebees 639 only (interaction term $F_{1,50} = 11.27$, P = 0.001) and 640 when looking at *B. bifarius* visitors (interaction term 641 $F_{1.70} = 16.69, P = 0.0001$). There was no relationship 642 between visitation rate and seed production per flower 643 for other bumblebee species ($F_{1,70} = 2.01$, P = 0.16). 644

Yearly variation in pollinator-mediated selection (Question 5)

Total visitation by all flower visitors increased with 647 platform length in P. strictus indicating selection 648 based on visitation ($F_{1,140} = 5.66, P = 0.02$, Fig. 6b 649 [showing 2016 and 2017 data]), with a standardized 650 selection differential of 0.06. That selection on 651 platform length was similar across the 3 years of the 652 experiment (interaction of trait x year, $F_{2.140} = 0.46$, 653 P = 0.63, Fig. 6b [showing 2016 and 2017 data]). A 654 similar pattern was seen when only looking at the 655 bumblebee visitors; the interaction between year and 656 visitation rate was not detectable ($F_{2,137} = 1.75$, 657 P = 0.18) and there was a positive effect of platform 658 length on visitation rate by bumblebees ($F_{1,137} = 3.86$, 659 P = 0.05). Interestingly, platform length had no 660 detectable effect on *B. bifarius* visitation ($F_{1,32}$ = 661 0.33, P = 0.56), but it did positively influence visi-662 tation by other bumblebees ($F_{1,137} = 6.13$, P = 0.01). 663 We also detected a significant interaction between 664 platform length and year on visitation by other 665

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Fig. 6 Relationships in 2016 and 2017 between **a** visitation rate by all visitors to *P. strictus* and seed production per flower, **b** *P. strictus* platform length and visitation rate by all pollinators, and **c** *P. strictus* platform length and seed production per flower. Gray shading around each regression line represents 95% confidence intervals

bumblebees ($F_{2,137} = 5.51$, P = 0.005) with a steeper relationship in 2016. There was no detectable relationship between platform length and seed production within or across years (standardized selection differential = 0.12, $F_{1,56} = 3.02$, P = 0.09; Fig. 6c), meaning that net selection was not detected throughout this experiment.

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Discussion

We saw two main patterns in average pollinator 675 visitation and seed production. First, the nearby 676 presence of the invasive plant L. vulgaris increased 677 pollinator visitation rate and seed production of P. 678 strictus. Second, these measures of average reproduc-679 tive success varied considerably across 3 years of the 680 study. The first pattern indicates facilitation, which 681 could be partially driven by the small spatial scale at 682 which the non-native plant was manipulated. It is 683 plausible that the non-native L. vulgaris serves as a 684 magnet species, attracting pollinators to patches with 685 L. vulgaris which then leads to an increase in 686 pollinator visitation to P. strictus. Such facilitative 687 effects are more commonly reported when the distance 688 between control and removal treatments is small 689 (Albrecht et al. 2016; Bruckman and Campbell 2016; 690 Charlebois and Sargent 2017). 691

Although we saw facilitation in our small-scale 692 manipulation of L. vulgaris, our comparison across 3 693 years suggests that L. vulgaris may successfully 694 compete for pollination at a scale larger than our 695 removals. In our second pattern, P. strictus exhibited 696 higher visitation rates in a year (2016) of non-overlap 697 in flowering compared to 2 years when L. vulgaris was 698 present. Since 2016 did not have higher abundances of 699 bumblebees than in 2015 (Ogilvie et al. 2017), it is 700 unlikely that the temporal pattern is explained simply 701 by temporal variation in bee abundances, as can be 702 common in other systems (Horvitz and Schemske 703 1990). In contrast, it could be due to competition for 704 pollination over a much wider spatial scale. One recent 705 study found negative effects of heterospecific density 706 at a community-wide scale even though they were 707 absent at a finer neighborhood spatial scale (Albor 708 et al. 2019). Our results suggest that even though the 709 invasive L. vulgaris facilities local visitation, it may 710 have overall negative impacts on pollination over a 711 much wider spatial scale. 712

We expected the L. vulgaris treatment to strongly 713 influence the visitation rates by shared pollinators 714 (e.g., Bombus spp.) when compared to non-shared 715 pollinators, yet this was not the case. In our system we 716 saw increase in visitation by both shared and non-717 shared pollinators in the presence of nearby Lvulgaris. 718 Contrastingly, in other systems, the shared pollinator 719 group was the pollinator guild that exhibited variation 720 in visitation rate with the invasive treatment (Albrecht 721



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722 et al. 2016; Bruckman and Campbell 2016). One 723 possibility is that pollinators cue on L. vulgaris flowers 724 to identify flowering patches and once near these 725 patches they forage for suitable flowers (Hegland et al. 726 2009). If this is the case, we should expect a 727 relationship between L. vulgaris flowering density 728 and pollinator visitation rate to P. strictus. While the 729 nearby presence of L. vulgaris increased visitation by 730 all pollinators, we did detect an increase by bumble-731 bees other than B. bifarius in the year when L. vulgaris 732 was not co-flowering with P. strictus, in 2016. This 733 Bombus group (bumblebees other than B. bifarius) are 734 effective pollinators to P. strictus (based on seeds 735 produced from a single visit; Online Resource 1 Fig. S1), and thus the temporal absence of L. vulgaris 736 737 should have positively influenced the seed production 738 of P. strictus. Nevertheless, we detected no difference 739 in seed production between 2016 and 2017. One 740 explanation for this pattern is that we did not detect a 741 positive relationship between visits by this specific 742 pollinator group and seed production in either 2016 743 and 2017 even though we did for some other pollinator 744 types in 2017.

745 The invasive plant (L. vulgaris) increased both 746 pollinator visitation and seed production per flower to 747 the native plant (P. strictus), but did not alter the 748 relationship between these two variables, visitation 749 and seed production. It is conceivable that we would 750 have detected a difference with larger sample sizes, 751 especially when the invasive was removed and the 752 range of visitation values was smaller, but there was 753 no evidence that the relationship was non-linear. Thus, 754 the increase in seed production in the presence of L. 755 vulgaris is unlikely due to changes in pollinator 756 effectiveness but instead to simple increase in polli-757 nator visitation. This result aligns with other research 758 studying 'magnet species' where the presence of 759 another species increases both pollinator visitation and seed production in the target species (Molina-Mon-760 761 tenegro et al. 2008). In addition, visitation by all 762 Bombus species was more strongly and positively 763 correlated with seed production, when compared to 764 that by other pollinator groups-even though this was 765 the pollinator group that was shared between the two species. This pattern has also been detected in another 766 767 system, where a native co-flowering species increased 768 visitation rates and seed production of another native 769 co-flowering species (Yang et al. 2013). In this system, 770 the authors hypothesized that the lack of interspecific

pollen transfer was due to differences in flower 771 morphology between the two species and a high 772 773 pollinator flower constancy (Yang et al. 2013). Both differences in floral morphology between L. vulgaris 774 and P. strictus and pollinator flower constancy could 775 be factors that in our system maintained the high 776 effectiveness of the shared pollinator group, Bombus 777 spp., although we did not measure the degree of 778 779 constancy.

In contrast, the relationship between pollinator 780 visitation and seed production varied across years, 781 suggesting that visitation data alone is not always a 782 reliable measure of impacts on reproduction, despite 783 its common use in studies of competition or facilita-784 tion for pollination (Charlebois et al. 2017). This 785 change in the relationship between visitation and seed 786 production held not only for all visitors combined but 787 also for B. bifarius. This temporal variation could be 788 due to variation in pollen quality and quantity, or to 789 changes in maternal resources. Since all potted plants 790 were overwintering in the ground it is theoretically 791 possible that differences in snowmelt timing between 792 the 2 years could have influenced soil moisture 793 (Blankinship et al. 2014) and altered resource alloca-794 tion in these plants, however the 2 years only differed 795 by 5 days in snowmelt at a nearby weather station in 796 Gothic, Colorado (http://gothicwx.org). Changes in 797 water availability throughout the flowering season 798 between the 2 years could not be responsible since for 799 both years we used potted plants subject to the same 800 watering regime. It is also possible that pollen quality 801 or quantity was different across the 2 years. For 802 example, in Phacelia parryi, variation in water 803 availability to conspecific pollen donors influenced 804 seed production, presumably by affecting pollen 805 quality (Recart et al. 2019). Differences in pollen 806 production across years have been suggested to 807 explain differences in the relationship between polli-808 nator visitation and seed production for Ipomopsis 809 aggregata, a common species at our field sites (Waser 810 and Price 2016). Additional studies are needed to 811 determine whether changes in the relationship 812 between pollinator visitation and seed production are 813 driven by changes in maternal resource limitation, 814 pollinator behavior, pollen quantity, pollen quality or a 815 combination. 816

In the *L. vulgaris* manipulation, selection based on 817 visitation favored longer platforms, with a strength 818 (standardized selection differential = 0.09) indicating 819

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820 that the average trait value could be changed by up to 821 0.09 SD in a generation. That strength of selection is 822 similar to that seen on average in studies of selection 823 on flower size that used pollination success as a fitness 824 measure (Harder and Johnson 2009). The removal of 825 L. vulgaris did not appear to influence selection based 826 on visitation on P. strictus. This lack of effect could be 827 in part due to a lack of change in the visitor 828 composition with L. vulgaris treatment. If visitor 829 composition had changed and pollinators were track-830 ing different floral traits or trait values, then we should 831 have seen a change in selection based on visitation in 832 the removal versus presence of L. vulgaris. Alterna-833 tively, pollinators could change their floral preferences 834 due to changes in floral neighborhood and thus 835 influence selection based on visitation (Caruso 2000; 836 Beans and Roach 2015). Our data suggest that the 837 pollinators retain their trait preferences independently 838 of the presence or removal of the invader, with the 839 caveat that we only studied one trait. In a previous 840 study, the invasive plant Impatiens glandulifera influ-841 enced pollinator-mediated selection experienced by 842 the native plant Impatiens capensis (Beans and Roach 843 2015). The two species of Impatiens had more similar 844 flower morphology compared to the species in our 845 study. This flower shape similarity could have 846 increased interspecific pollen transfer, leading to a 847 change in selection in the presence of the invader. In 848 two other studies looking at interactions between two native species, results have varied, with Castilleja 849 linariaefolia altering selection on corolla length of 850 851 Ipomopsis aggregata (Caruso 2000), while Mimulus 852 ringens did not alter selection on corolla lobe length, 853 corolla tube length, stigma-nectary distance or petal 854 color in Lobelia siphilitica (Wassink and Caruso

856 Even though pollinator visitation and seed produc-857 tion of *P. strictus* were affected by the presence of *L*. 858 vulgaris, we were unable to detect differences in 859 pollinator-mediated selection on platform length. 860 While platform length is a floral trait involved in the 861 evolution of hummingbird and bee-visited Penstemon species (Castellanos et al. 2003; Wilson et al. 2004), it 862 863 is plausible that other floral traits related to nectar and pollen accessibility could have been selected for 864 865 differently in the presence of L. vulgaris. With only 866 a few case studies of how invasive species influence 867 pollinator-mediated selection, we still cannot generalize about when such effects will be common. Future 868

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research should address whether the presence of 869 pollinator sharing, and shared pollinator-attractive 870 trait values are characteristics that promote changes in 871 pollinator-mediated selection. Net selection was not 872 detected in either the presence or removal of L. 873 vulgaris. This lack of detection could be due to a 874 relatively small sample size and low statistical power 875 rather than an absence of net selection since both the 876 relationships between platform length and visitation, 877 and between visitation and seed production were 878 present in that experiment. 879

Selection based on visitation was present in all 3 880 years. Ultimately, this selection based on visitation did 881 not translate to detectable net selection in 2016 or 882 2017, as seen by a lack of a significant relationship 883 between platform length and seed production even 884 though the estimate of net selection was as high as for 885 selection based on visitation (0.12 vs. 0.09; Fig. 6b). 886 The apparent lack of net selection was most likely due 887 to a lack of a positive relationship between pollinator 888 visitation rate and seed production in 2016 and an 889 overall weak relationship between visitation and 890 platform length in 2016 and 2017. For selection based 891 on visitation to translate into net selection based on 892 female fitness there needs to be a correlation between 893 visitation rate and seed production as reported from 894 some other plant-pollinator systems (e.g., Galen 1989; 895 Gómez 2000) but seen only inconsistently through the 896 years here. 897

Studies looking at the evolutionary effects of non-898 899 native plant species that are mediated by plant enemies or mutualists are scarce (Lau 2008, 2012; Beans and 900 Roach 2015). As non-native plant species become 901 increasingly embedded in native ecosystems their 902 evolutionary impacts on other species become ever 903 more pressing to document. Most such studies have 904 focused on direct impacts of the non-native plant on 905 selection in the native (Oduor 2013) rather than the 906 possibility of diffuse selection (sensu Iwao and 907 Rausher 1997), in which presence of the non-native, 908 such as another plant, influences selection mediated by 909 another organism, such as a pollinator. Here we 910 showed how an invasive plant impacted average 911 pollinator visitation and seed production but not 912 natural selection on a plant trait mediated by pollina-913 tors. Our study also illustrates how year-to-year 914 variation in the presence of a plant invader can 915 influence the outcomes of interactions between native 916 plant species and other trophic levels. 917

918 Conclusion

919 The long-term impacts of invasive species may 920 depend on evolution in response to the new biotic 921 conditions, but little is known about whether, or how, 922 invasive plants influence selection mediated by polli-923 nators. The non-native L. vulgaris facilitated the 924 pollination of nearby P. strictus but did not influence 925 the relationship between visits and seed production, or 926 pollinator-mediated selection based on visitation. In 1 927 year, seed production related strongly to visitation, 928 with a weak yet detectable pollinator preference for 929 the trait of platform length. In another year, pollinators 930 preferred long platforms, but there was no relationship 931 between visitation and seed production. Different 932 elements of the selection process were stronger in 933 different years, but in neither year did the focal trait 934 have an overall net detectable effect on seed produc-935 tion. These results emphasize the importance of 936 measuring multiple mechanisms that can contribute 937 to net selection. They furthermore provide an illustra-938 tion of year-to-year variation in the impacts of 939 invasive species on interactions between native 940 species, emphasizing the need for longer studies of 941 impacts mediated by pollinators.

942 **Online supplementary materials**

943 Online supplementary resource materials are all in a 944 single file containing the following information. 945 Figure S1: Effectiveness of a single visit by different pollinator groups to the seed production per flower of 946 947 P. strictus. Methods S1: Methods for calculating 948 pollinator effectiveness to P. strictus. Figure S2: Summary of phenology data collected during the 949 950 experiment and the timeframe of the pollinator 951 observations. Methods S2: Estimate of P. strictus 952 density at the Lupine Trail near Nicholson Lake, 953 Crested Butte, Colorado. Table S1: P. strictus sample 954 sizes divided by year, L. vulgaris treatment, and data 955 collection type. Table S2: Data collected during the 3 956 years of the experiment. Table S3: Models generated 957 to evaluate the ecological and evolutionary effects of 958 the presence of L. vulgaris. Table S4: Models gener-959 ated to evaluate the ecological and evolutionary 960 effects of year-to-year variation in plant-pollinator 961 interactions. Table S5: Sample size of single visits 962 observed on P. strictus by Bombus species to calculate effectiveness measurements. Results S1: Findings963when analyzing data in terms of visitation by pollina-
tors that are not bumblebees.964965

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