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1 **Pheromone Lure and Trap Color Affects Bycatch in Agricultural Landscapes of Utah**

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20 **ABSTRACT**

21 Aerial traps, using combinations of color and attractive lures, are a critical tool for detecting and
22 managing insect pest populations. Yet, despite improvements in trap efficacy, collection of non-
23 target species (“bycatch”) plagues many insect pest surveys. Bycatch can influence survey
24 effectiveness by reducing the available space for target species and increasing trap screening
25 time, especially in areas where thousands of insects are captured as bycatch in a given season.
26 Additionally, bycatch may negatively impact local non-target insect populations, including
27 beneficial predators and pollinators. Here, we tested the effect of pheromone lures on bycatch
28 rates of Coccinellidae (Coleoptera), Apoidea (Hymenoptera), and non-target Lepidoptera.
29 Multicolored (primarily yellow and white) bucket traps containing a pheromone lure for
30 capturing one of three survey target species, *Spodoptera litura* (Fabricius), *S. littoralis*
31 (Boisduval), or *Helicoverpa armigera* (Hübner), were placed in alfalfa and corn fields, and
32 compared to multicolored traps without a pheromone lure. All-green traps with and without *H.*
33 *armigera* lures were employed in a parallel study investigating the effect of lure and trap color
34 on bycatch. Over 2,600 Coccinellidae representing seven species, nearly 6,400 bees in 57
35 species, and more than 9,000 non-target moths in 17 genera were captured across 180 traps and
36 seven temporal sampling events. Significant effects of lure and color were observed for multiple
37 taxa. In general, non-target insects were attracted to the *H. armigera* lure and multicolored trap,
38 but further studies of trap color and pheromone lure specificity are needed to better understand
39 these interactions and to minimize non-target captures.

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43 Insect traps are important tools for monitoring pest populations in surveys and integrated pest
44 management (IPM) programs. Traps can help detect invasions by novel pest species, the onset of
45 seasonal pest activity, determine the range and intensity of pest infestations, and track changes in
46 pest populations, all which help inform decision making for pest management (Knodel et al.
47 1995). Traps typically use olfactory (chemical) and/or visual cues or stimuli to attract pest
48 insects. Therefore, traps are ideally specific to the species being monitored, thus reducing the
49 amount of handling time per trap and limiting the cost of trap monitoring and maintenance, while
50 increasing the chance of early detection (Adams et al. 1989, Pair et al. 1989, Weber and Ferro
51 1991). Guerrero et al. (2014), for example, found that more male *Helicoverpa* moths were
52 captured in bucket than sticky traps, and that sticky traps required more processing time than
53 bucket traps. To further maximize trap effectiveness, trap design and trap color are often paired
54 with specific pheromone or floral scent lures to attract target pests. For example, Haynes et al.
55 (2007) found that male eastern tent caterpillar moths (*Malacosoma americanum*, Fabricius) were
56 more attracted to orange delta traps baited specifically with a 9:1 blend of (E,Z)-5,7-
57 dodecadienal and (E,Z)-5,7-dodecadienol than to other combinations of trap design, color, blend
58 ratios, and loading dose.

59 Despite attempts to improve monitoring efficacy for target species, insect traps catch
60 many non-target insects, including beneficial and rare species (Spears and Ramirez 2015). In
61 particular, white or yellow traps attract larger numbers of lady beetles (Coccinellidae), honey
62 bees (*Apis mellifera*, Linnaeus) and native bees, including different species of bumble bees
63 (*Bombus* spp.) and sweat bees (e.g., *Lasioglossum* spp.), than darker colored traps (Hamilton et
64 al. 1971, Gross and Carpenter 1991, Meagher and Mitchell 1999, Clare et al. 2000, Weber et al.
65 2005, Mori and Evendon 2013, Kemp and Cottrell 2015). Similarly, Asian ladybird beetle traps

66 (semitransparent blue) catch higher numbers of bees and are thus more effective for monitoring
67 bee diversity than yellow Japanese beetle traps (Stephen and Rao 2005).

68 Many insects are equipped with photoreceptors and may rely on color to find flower
69 resources (Briscoe and Chittka 2001). It is not surprising then that non-target insects are attracted
70 to some monitoring traps of a particular color. Pheromone blends, however, are usually designed
71 to be species-specific, even though congeners and unrelated species may still be strongly
72 attracted to the lures (Landolt et al. 2006, Keathley et al. 2013, Guerrero et al. 2014, Kelly et al.
73 2015). Some predators have also evolved to detect these pheromones and may use them to
74 identify and locate prey (Zhu et al. 1999, Verheggen et al. 2007). Although there have been
75 many efforts to increase trap and pheromone specificity and decrease capture of non-target
76 insects (e.g., Fleischer et al. 2005, Martín et al. 2013, Mori and Evenden 2013, Panzavolta et al.
77 2014), some trap and lure combinations are so attractive to beneficial insects that they become
78 unacceptable pest management tools (Aurelian et al. 2015). In general, knowledge of pheromone
79 lure effects on non-target insects is lacking for most species-specific blends, particularly those
80 used during nationwide invasive pest surveys supported by the Cooperative Agricultural Pest
81 Survey (CAPS) program (<http://caps.ceris.purdue.edu>) (Spears and Ramirez 2015).

82 The objectives of this study were to investigate the effects of pheromone lures and lure-
83 trap color interactions on bycatch of lady beetles, bees, and non-target moths collected during
84 invasive pest surveys in an agricultural landscape in Utah.

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Materials and Methods

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Lure Effects on Bycatch. Insect pheromone traps were placed near each of 15 alfalfa
and 15 corn fields in Cache, Box Elder, Weber, Utah, and Millard counties, UT (Fig. 1), as part

89 of an early-detection survey for invasive field crop pests following national CAPS guidelines
90 (CAPS 2014). Four multicolored (green canopy, yellow funnel, and white bucket) Unitraps
91 (International Pheromone Systems, Cheshire, UK) were installed along the roadside edge of each
92 field, corresponding to one trap per field for each of the target pests old world bollworm
93 (*Helicoverpa armigera*, Hübner, OWB), cotton cutworm (*Spodoptera litura*, Fabricius, CWW),
94 Egyptian cottonworm (*S. littoralis*, Boisduval, ECW), and a control (i.e., no pheromone lure) (n
95 = 30 fields; $n = 4$ traps per field; $n = 120$ traps in total). Traps within the same field were
96 separated by 20 meters and were placed 1.5 meters above the ground (CAPS 2014). A Hercon
97 Vaportape II insecticide strip (Hercon Environmental Corporation, Emigsville, PA) containing
98 10% dimethyl 2,2-dichlorovinyl phosphate and a small cellulose sponge was placed in each
99 bucket to quickly kill captured insects and to absorb rain or irrigation water, respectively
100 (Guerrero et al. 2014). A pheromone lure was placed inside the lure basket of the trap canopy for
101 each respective survey species. The OWB rubber septum lure (provided by the USDA APHIS
102 Otis Methods Lab) is composed of three compounds, Z-11-hexadecenal aldehyde (Z11-16Ald),
103 Z-9-hexadecenal aldehyde (Z9-16Ald), and butylated hydroxytoluene, the former two of which
104 are loaded into the lure dispenser in a 97:3 ratio, respectively (Venette et al. 2003; Sullivan and
105 Molet 2007; Guerrero et al. 2014; van Kretschmar et al. 2014). In previous work, the OWB lure
106 has not been considered to be species-specific, as *H. zea* has had attraction to this blend (Sullivan
107 and Molet 2007). The CWW and ECW laminate pheromone lures (USDA APHIS Otis Methods
108 Lab) are composed of two compounds, Z,E-9,11-tetradecenyl acetate (Z9E11-14Ac) and Z,E-
109 9,12-tetradecenyl acetate (Z9E12-14Ac), which are loaded into the lure dispenser in a 7:1 (for
110 CWW) and 200:1 (for ECW) ratio, respectively (Venette et al. 2003, Ellis 2004, Sullivan 2007a,
111 2007b).

112 Traps were placed in fields on 20 May and removed on 30 August 2014, providing time
113 to collect trap contents over seven dates. Trap contents were collected every two weeks, lures
114 were replaced every 28 days for OWB, and every 84 days for CWW and ECW, and insecticide
115 strips were replaced every two weeks, following pest monitoring protocols (CAPS 2014).
116 Collected insects were returned to the lab and stored in a freezer for later processing and
117 identification.

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119 **Lure and Color Effects on Bycatch.** To test for interactions between trap color and
120 pheromone lure effects on bycatch, we specifically selected the OWB lure because in previous
121 surveys lady beetles and pollinators were regularly observed in traps baited with this lure (L. R.
122 Spears, personal observation). Therefore, two additional traps ($n = 30$ fields; $n = 60$ traps in total)
123 were placed in each of the fields previously described: an all-green trap containing an OWB lure
124 and an unbaited all-green trap (green control). These traps were then compared to the
125 multicolored traps baited with an OWB lure or used as a control in the previous study. Green
126 traps were modified by painting the outside of multicolored traps with American Accents® Ultra
127 Cover hunter green paint (Rust-Oleum Corporation, Vernon Hills, IL) that closely resembles the
128 green canopy of the multicolored trap. Traps were painted, as opposed to purchasing
129 commercially available all-green traps, due to budget constraints. The same collection methods
130 described previously (see *Lure Effects on Bycatch*) were followed for these traps.

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132 **Specimen Identification.** All moths were removed from traps and sent to the
133 Washington State Department of Agriculture regional Lepidoptera screening lab where they
134 were screened for target and non-target moth species. Most non-target moths were identified to

135 genus or species, although many specimens were too degraded to identify efficiently and were
136 enumerated simply as non-target Lepidoptera. Although it is well known that *H. zea* is attracted
137 to the *H. armigera* lure (OWB) (Sullivan and Molet 2007), we treated *H. zea* as a non-target
138 during this study, as this species was not the intended target species. Remaining specimens,
139 primarily lady beetles and bees, were pin-mounted and labeled. Lady beetles were identified to
140 species at the Utah Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab at Utah State University and bees were identified
141 to species at the USDA-ARS Pollinating Insect Research Unit in Logan, Utah. Voucher
142 specimens were deposited in their respective identifying lab.

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144 **Data Analysis.** Two separate analyses were conducted to test (a): pheromone lure (and
145 control) effects and (b) main and interaction effects of the OWB lure (and control) and trap color
146 (multicolored vs. all-green) on bycatch. For both analyses, we used a general linear mixed model
147 with repeated measures. An unstructured covariance matrix was used to model repeated
148 measures across seven temporal sampling events (i.e., date of trap collection). Bycatch
149 abundance was the dependent variable; the independent variables were pheromone lure, trap
150 color, and sampling event (and their interactions). Crop type was not treated as a potential
151 predictor variable in the models, as alfalfa (and corn) fields were usually surrounded in all
152 directions by other crop types. Response variables were ln-transformed ($x + 0.05$) to meet
153 assumptions of normality. For main effects, pairwise mean comparisons were adjusted for
154 family-wise Type I errors using the Tukey-Kramer method. Pairwise comparisons for significant
155 interactions were examined with stepdown Bonferroni adjustments. Analyses were carried out in
156 SAS/STAT software Version 9.3 in the SAS System for Windows (PROC GLIMMIX, SAS
157 Institute 2013). Follow-up two sample t-tests were performed to compare the control to the

158 pheromone lures separately (PROC TTEST, SAS Institute 2013). Significance for all tests was
159 set at $\alpha < 0.05$.

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161 **Results**

162 **Diversity of Bycatch.** Across all traps, a total of 2,613 lady beetles (Coccinellidae) were
163 collected, belonging to three genera and seven species (Table 1). The most commonly collected
164 species was *Hippodamia convergens* (Guérin-Méneville), comprising 62% of the lady beetles
165 collected. *Coccinella septempunctata* (Linnaeus) was the second most abundant species
166 comprising 23% of the Coccinellidae collected, while five taxa (*C. novemnotata*, Herbst; *C.*
167 *transversoguttata*, Faldermann; *Harmonia axyridis*, Pallas; *Hi. sinuata*, Mulsant; and *Hi.*
168 *tredecimpunctata*, Linnaeus) made up 15% of lady beetle captures.

169 We collected a total of 6,399 bees, belonging to at least five families, 25 genera, and 57
170 species (Table 1). The most commonly collected genera were *Agapostemon*, comprising 24% of
171 the total bee catch, followed by *Apis* (20%), *Lasioglossum* (14%), and *Bombus* (13%). The two
172 most commonly collected taxa were *Ap. mellifera* and *Ag. angelicus* (Cockerell) / *texanus*
173 (Cresson), each of which comprised 20% of the total capture (female *Ag. angelicus* and *Ag.*
174 *texanus* are not morphologically distinguishable and were pooled for this analysis).

175 A total of 9,053 non-target moths were collected, belonging to more than five families
176 and 17 genera/species (Table 1). Moths collected in bucket traps are often devoid of identifying
177 scales, so many non-target specimens were not identified to species, especially the
178 Microlepidoptera (e.g., Tortricidae, Gelechiidae, Elachistidae). The three most captured taxa
179 were *Helicoverpa zea* (Boddie) (24% of total moth captures), *Plagiomimicus spumosum* (Grote)
180 (19%), and *Anarta decepta* (Grote) (18%).

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182 **Lure Effects on Bycatch.** Lady beetles, bees, and non-target moths were attracted to the
183 OWB lure (lady beetles: $F_{3,609} = 3.48$, $P = 0.02$; bees: $F_{3,609} = 7.96$, $P < 0.01$; moths: $F_{3,609} =$
184 716.22 , $P < 0.01$) (Fig. 2). Specifically, the OWB lure increased lady beetle, bee, and non-target
185 moth captures by 23%, 110%, and over 2000%, respectively, over the control (all Tukey-Kramer
186 comparisons: $P \leq 0.01$). Non-target moths were also influenced by the CWW lure, relative to the
187 control, yet the actual difference between means of the control and treated group was small (i.e.,
188 0.18 moths) (Fig. 2) (Tukey-Kramer: $P = 0.02$). Follow-up two sample t-tests confirmed that the
189 OWB lure increased lady beetle (albeit a marginally significant trend), bee, and non-target moth
190 captures over the control (lady beetles: $t_{418} = -1.84$, $P = 0.07$; bees: $t_{418} = -3.77$, $P < 0.01$; moths:
191 $t_{418} = -28.56$, $P < 0.01$). The CWW lure also attracted more non-target moths over the control (t
192 $_{418} = -3.74$, $P < 0.01$).

193 When beetle genera were analyzed separately, we found that *Hippodamia* was captured
194 more frequently in traps baited with the OWB lure than in control traps, and drove the observed
195 OWB lure effects on lady beetles as a whole, rather than *Coccinella* (*Hippodamia*: $F_{3,609} = 5.66$,
196 $P < 0.01$, Tukey-Kramer: $P < 0.01$; *Coccinella*: $F_{3,609} = 0.79$, $P = 0.50$, Tukey-Kramer: $P = 0.96$).
197 Similarly, *Agapostemon*, *Bombus*, and *Lasioglossum* were more abundant in traps baited with the
198 OWB lure than in control traps (*Agapostemon*: $F_{3,609} = 3.10$, $P = 0.03$, Tukey-Kramer: $P = 0.03$;
199 *Bombus*: $F_{3,609} = 31.02$, $P < 0.01$, Tukey-Kramer: $P < 0.01$; *Lasioglossum*: $F_{3,609} = 17.34$, $P <$
200 0.01 , Tukey-Kramer: $P < 0.01$). We observed no significant effect of any lure on *Apis* ($F_{3,609} =$
201 0.92 , $P = 0.43$). We found that *H. zea* was the most abundant non-target moth species and was
202 strongly attracted to the OWB lure ($F_{3,609} = 655.83$, $P < 0.01$), a result that has been previously
203 observed (Sullivan and Molet 2007). Moreover, the remaining non-target moths (i.e., *Anarta*,

204 *Chrysoteuchia*, and *Plagiomimicus*) were also more strongly attracted to the OWB lure than to
205 the control (all $P < 0.01$; all Tukey-Kramer comparisons: $P < 0.01$). Genus-level analyses,
206 however, did not reveal which genera drove the response to the CWW lure (all Tukey-Kramer
207 comparisons: $P > 0.05$).

208 There were seasonal differences in bycatch (lady beetles: $F_{6,203} = 17.24$, $P < 0.01$; bees:
209 $F_{6,203} = 12.55$, $P < 0.01$; moths: $F_{6,203} = 12.49$, $P < 0.01$), but only non-target moths varied by
210 season (sampling event) and pheromone lure (lady beetles: $F_{18,609} = 1.34$, $P = 0.16$; bees: $F_{18,609} =$
211 0.89 , $P = 0.6$; moths: $F_{18,609} = 6.1$, $P < 0.01$). Bees were more abundant early-summer, whereas
212 lady beetles were more abundant mid-summer. Non-target moths were more abundant mid-
213 summer, but only in traps baited with the OWB lure (mean values not shown).

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215 **Lure and Color Effects on Bycatch.** Lady beetles, bees, and non-target moths
216 responded to the main effects of sample date, trap color, and OWB lure (all P values < 0.01), yet
217 these effects were often compounded with interactions. Lady beetles and bees varied by sample
218 date and trap color (lady beetles: $F_{6,609} = 10.32$, $P < 0.01$; bees: $F_{6,609} = 9.18$, $P < 0.01$).
219 Specifically, lady beetle captures were greater during mid-summer and especially in multicolored
220 traps (Fig. 3). Bees were more abundant in early summer in multicolored traps, but their
221 abundances were consistently low across the survey periods in all-green traps (Fig. 3). Moths
222 varied by sample date and OWB lure ($F_{6,609} = 16.63$, $P < 0.01$). Specifically, moths were more
223 abundant in traps baited with the OWB lure during mid-summer than in early or late summer, yet
224 their abundances were similar across the survey periods in control traps (mean values not
225 shown). Further, the combination of the OWB lure and multicolored trap increased capture rates
226 of bees and non-target moths (bees: $F_{1,609} = 8.73$, $P < 0.01$; moths: $F_{1,609} = 72.07$, $P < 0.01$) more

227 than multicolored traps without, and all-green traps with, an OWB lure (Fig. 4). Bees, however,
228 were attracted to the multicolored traps even when the OWB lure was not used. The interaction
229 between trap color and OWB lure was not significant for lady beetles ($F_{1,609} = 1.74$, $P = 0.19$) as
230 it was for bees and non-target moths, but a similar trend was noted (Fig. 4). For all taxa, the
231 three-way interaction was not significant (all $P > 0.05$).

232 All of the major non-target insect genera were affected by trap color, with all-green traps
233 capturing fewer insects than multicolored traps (all main effects of color: $P \leq 0.02$; all Tukey-
234 Kramer comparisons: $P < 0.01$).

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Discussion

237 Many of the non-target insects we examined in this study responded to the pheromone
238 lure used for monitoring the invasive old world bollworm (OWB) (*H. armigera*). No study has,
239 to our knowledge, examined the effects of the OWB lure on non-target insects, despite the nearly
240 nationwide use of this lure during annual invasive pest detection surveys. Many studies,
241 however, have shown that some non-target insects are attracted to pheromone-baited traps,
242 including species that are closely related and not related to the target pest (Gross and Carpenter
243 1991, Malo et al. 2001). Indeed, it is well-documented that *H. zea*, which we considered to be a
244 non-target species in our study, is strongly attracted to the *H. armigera* lure (OWB) of which it is
245 closely related to (Sullivan and Molet 2007). In addition, Meagher et al. (2008) found that native
246 *Spodoptera* species were attracted to pheromones that were designed for exotic *Spodoptera*
247 species and Meagher and Mitchell (1999) found that *Bombus* spp. were common in traps baited
248 with *S. frugiperda* lures. More generally, studies have revealed that chemical communication is
249 an important component of lady beetle, bee, and moth behavior (reviewed in Howard and

250 Blomquist 2005). It is clear that lady beetles detect olfactory cues that are associated with prey
251 (e.g. Alhmedi et al. 2010). A well-known case is their attraction to (E)- β -farnesene, an alarm
252 pheromone that is emitted by aphids when attacked by a predator (Francis et al. 2004). Similarly,
253 bees use chemical cues to find floral resources or to attract other members of the colony (Howard
254 and Blomquist 2005), and moths use chemical cues to find mates and are attracted to some host
255 plant volatiles (Nesbitt et al. 1980, Li et al. 2005, Zhang et al. 2012). As previously mentioned,
256 the OWB lure is composed of three compounds, Z-11-hexadecenal aldehyde (Z11-16Ald), Z-9-
257 hexadecenal aldehyde (Z9-16Ald), and butylated hydroxytoluene (Sullivan and Molet 2007; van
258 Kretschmar et al. 2014). Butylated hydroxytoluene has been used extensively as a preservative in
259 food products, but some studies have shown that hexadecenal compounds are sex pheromone
260 components of skin and carpet beetles (Coleoptera: Dermestidae) (e.g., Cross et al. 1977, Olson
261 et al. 2013). Other studies show that cephalic labial gland secretions of *Bombus* contain many
262 compounds related to hexadecenal (e.g., Meulemeester et al. 2011). It is unknown at this time
263 exactly what lure component(s) these insects were responding to, or if they were responding to
264 the release rates of these compounds instead (Meagher and Mitchell 1999). What was striking is
265 that the two non-target insects that were not attracted to the OWB lure, *A. mellifera* and *C.*
266 *sempunctata*, are also exotic species. Two possibilities are that some native species are
267 strongly attracted to unfamiliar scents or conversely that these exotic species are capable of
268 disregarding chemical cues emitted by species that originate from similar geographic areas. *H.*
269 *armigera*, *A. mellifera*, and *C. sempunctata* are native to parts of Europe and Asia. There are
270 examples in the literature of (usually native) species responding differently to native and
271 introduced species (e.g., McQuillan and Hingston 1999, Pizzatto and Shine 2009, Polo-Cavia et
272 al. 2010), yet continuing research is warranted on the ecological patterns and processes that

273 affect exotic species encountering familiar environmental cues in an (somewhat) evolutionary
274 unfamiliar landscape.

275 Our results further indicated that all of the major non-target insect taxa responded
276 significantly to trap color. Other studies report that trap color affects capture of lady beetles, bees
277 (especially bumble bees), and moths (e.g., Hendrix and Showers 1990, Gross and Carpenter
278 1991, Meagher and Mitchell 1999, Clare et al. 2000, Stephen and Rao 2005, Weber et al. 2005,
279 Mori and Evendon 2013, Kemp and Cottrell 2015). Specifically, lady beetles have a low
280 response rate to green wavelengths (490-530 nm) (Rodriguez-Saona et al. 2012, Jiuxuan et al.
281 2013; Kemp and Cottrell 2015). Bees, in general, are attracted to yellow wavelengths (550-580
282 nm), although how bees respond to color is still being studied, as color preferences can vary
283 among Apidae (Stephen and Rao 2005). Finally, some moths are attracted to white and/or
284 yellow, particularly the fall armyworm (*S. frugiperda*, J.E. Smith) -- a pest that is closely related
285 to two of the target pests in our commodity survey (Mitchell et al. 1989, Pair et al. 1989,
286 Meagher 2001). Conversely, all-green traps have resulted in a reduction in moth captures.
287 Indeed, this is partly the reason why multicolored traps are still being used during exotic moth
288 surveys. Although we did not quantify fluorescence and infrared spectral attributes of these traps,
289 many studies suggest that yellow or white traps attract large numbers of non-targets because
290 these colors either mimic food (flowers) resources or contrast more strongly against background
291 foliage than green-colored traps (e.g., Haynes et al. 2007; but see Rao and Ostroverkhova 2015).

292 Bucket traps are the approved trap for monitoring many invasive moth pests due to the
293 effectiveness of the trap over other trap types and also due to identification needs. In general,
294 bucket traps are easy to handle and cost effective, offer a high trap capacity and easy catch
295 removal, and their canopy helps to provide high quality specimens for identifiers by protecting

296 specimens from inclement weather. Conversely, sticky traps capture a limited number of moths
297 and require more processing time to avoid damaging insect specimens (Guerrero et al. 2014).
298 While it is important to use the most effective survey tools for monitoring destructive, invasive
299 pests (Dodds et al. 2010), it is also critical to reduce insect bycatch for at least two reasons. First,
300 non-target captures can compromise monitoring efforts by reducing the available space for target
301 species and increasing trap screening time (Adams et al. 1989, Pair et al. 1989, Weber and Ferro
302 1991). Increasing the specificity of traps and pheromone lures would reduce the amount of
303 handling time monitoring programs must devote to sorting and identifying trap contents. Second,
304 incidental captures of beneficial insects may interfere with ecosystem services, such as
305 pollination and natural pest control (Aurelian et al. 2015, Spears and Ramirez 2015). Fisheries
306 bycatch has led to negative impacts on marine ecosystems (e.g., Read et al. 2006, Lewison et al.
307 2014), and it is possible that similar effects could happen to terrestrial insect systems. However,
308 no study has been published on this topic.

309 It has long been known that pheromone-baited traps attract more than the intended
310 targets, and a concerted effort has been made to increase trap and pheromone specificity and
311 decrease capture of non-target insects (e.g., Fleischer et al. 2005; Martín et al. 2013; Meagher
312 and Mitchell 1999; Mori and Evenden 2013; Panzavolta et al. 2014). Yet, there is still much to
313 be learned about which trap features can be modified to minimize bycatch of beneficial insects.
314 Reducing the time that traps are in the field, using specific trap colors during certain times of the
315 summer, or strategically placing traps in areas with known low populations of beneficial insects
316 may further help minimize incidental captures. To our knowledge, these strategies are not
317 currently being used. Despite the benefits of reducing bycatch, however, we understand that
318 some trap features cannot be compromised because they are critical to attracting target species to

319 traps. Since compilations of regional bycatch may help expand our knowledge of trap effects on
320 non-target species and insect ecology more generally (Spears and Ramirez 2015), we
321 recommend that bycatch data be processed and made available to other researchers through a
322 centralized online depository, such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility
323 (www.gbif.org).

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Table 1. Abundance^a and diversity of bycatch captured during CAPS monitoring of invasive pests in an agricultural landscape in Utah.

Order	Family	Species	Abundance
Coleoptera	Coccinellidae	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	601
		<i>Coccinella novemnotata</i> (Herbst, 1793)	15
		<i>Coccinella transversoguttata</i> (Faldermann, 1835)	86
		<i>Harmonia axyridis</i> (Pallas, 1773)	73
		<i>Hippodamia convergens</i> (Guérin-Ménéville, 1842)	1611
		<i>Hippodamia sinuata</i> (Mulsant, 1850)	54
		<i>Hippodamia tredecimpunctata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	173
		Hymenoptera	Apidae
<i>Anthophora</i> spp.	93		
<i>Apis mellifera</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	1248		
<i>Bombus centralis</i> (Cresson, 1864)	119		
<i>Bombus fervidus</i> (Fabricius, 1798)	399		
<i>Bombus griseocollis</i> (DeGeer, 1773)	68		
<i>Bombus huntii</i> (Greene, 1860)	75		
<i>Bombus rufocinctus</i> (Cresson, 1863)	99		
<i>Melissodes</i> spp.	877		
	Halictidae		

Order	Family	Species	Abundance
		<i>Agapostemon femoratus</i> (Crawford, 1901)	249
		<i>Halictus ligatus</i> (Say, 1837)	65
		<i>Halictus rubicundus</i> (Christ, 1791)	64
		<i>Halictus tripartitus</i> (Cockerell, 1895)	52
		<i>Lasioglossum sisymbrii</i> (Cockerell, 1895)	276
		<i>Lasioglossum</i> spp.	603
	Megachilidae	<i>Megachile rotundata</i> (Fabricius, 1787)	91
		<i>Megachile</i> spp.	232
Lepidoptera	Crambidae	<i>Chrysoteuchia topiarius</i> (Zeller, 1886)	1446
		<i>Loxostege</i> spp.	115
	Noctuidae	<i>Anarta decepta</i> (Grote, 1883)	1619
		<i>Apamaea</i> spp.	60
		<i>Dargida</i> spp.	53
		<i>Euxoa</i> spp.	56
		<i>Helicoverpa zea</i> (Boddie, 1850)	2138
		<i>Heliothis</i> spp.	838
		<i>Plagiomimicus spumosum</i> (Grote, 1874)	1670
		<i>Resapamea</i> spp.	58

^a All lady beetles (Coleoptera) collected as bycatch are represented in the table above; only those bees (Hymenoptera) and non-target moths (Lepidoptera) represented by ≥ 50 individuals are shown.

Figure Captions

Fig. 1. Distribution of survey locations (dark circles) in Utah. Some survey locations overlap in the figure. Stars indicate major city locations, dotted polygons indicate major lakes, dark lines represent major highways, major cities are in bold faced font, and counties are in normal font and outlined by light borders. Insets show a zoomed-in view of some of the survey regions.

Fig. 2. Mean (\pm SE) number of insect bycatch caught in multicolored bucket traps baited with different pheromone lures (CON: control/no pheromone; CWW: *S. litura*; ECW: *S. littoralis*; OWB: *H. armigera*). Bars with different letters represent significant ($\alpha < 0.05$) Tukey-Kramer comparisons among lures.

Fig. 3. Mean (\pm SE) number of insect bycatch caught in all-green (black bars) and multicolored (gray bars) bucket traps across sampling events. Bars with different capital (and lowercase) letters represent significant ($\alpha < 0.05$) differences among groups with the same shade bar; an asterisk indicates a difference within a group (sampling event). Significant interactions were examined with stepdown Bonferroni adjustments.

Fig. 4. Mean (\pm SE) number of insect bycatch caught in all-green (black bar) and multicolored (gray bar) bucket traps baited with different pheromone lures (CON: control/no lure; CWW: *S. litura*; ECW: *S. littoralis*; OWB: *H. armigera*). Bars with different letters represent significant ($\alpha < 0.05$) differences among groups with the same shade bar; an asterisk indicates a difference within a group (pheromone lure). Significant interactions were examined with stepdown Bonferroni adjustments.