

# Population Ecology of Animals

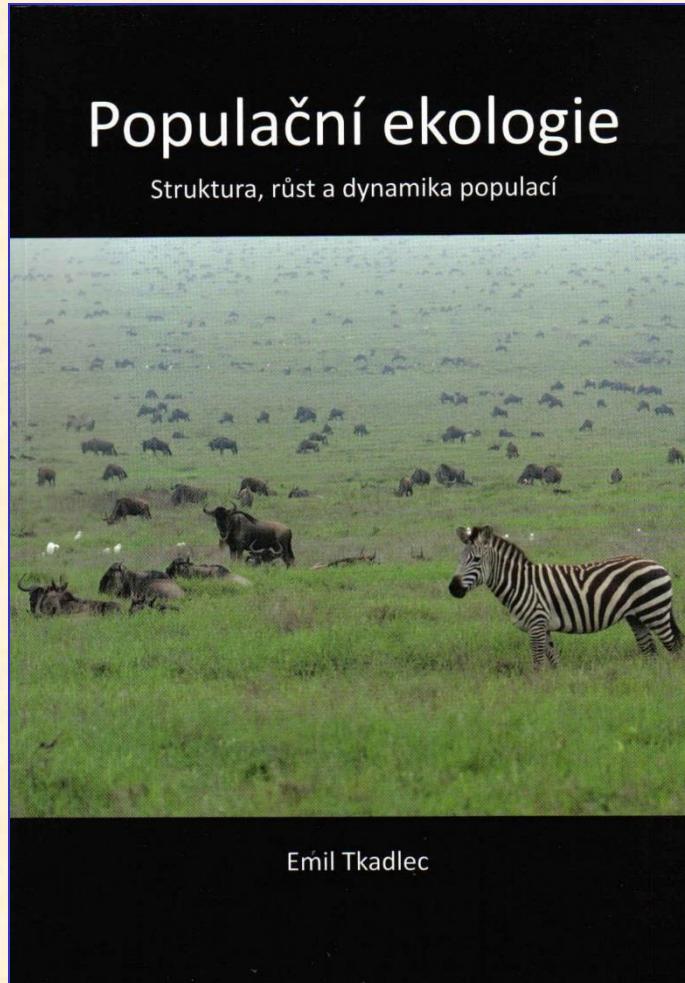
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# Content

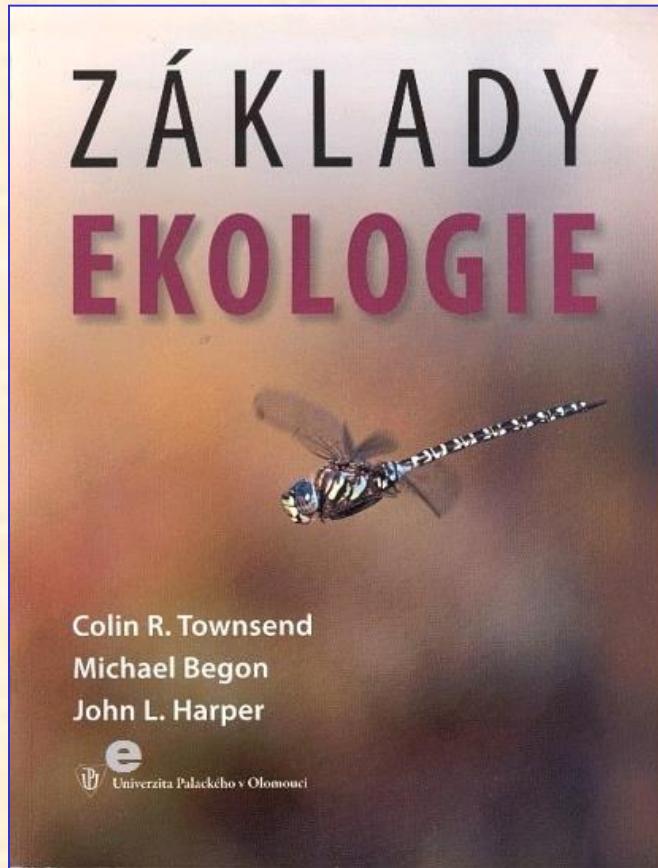
- Population ecology (Resources, Conditions, Models)
- Population growth (Population censuses)
- Population structure (Stage/Age life-tables, k-factor analysis)
- Temperature models (Degree-days)
- Intraspecific competition (Harvesting, Allee effect)
- Spatial ecology (Distribution, Dispersal, Metapopulations)
- Interspecific competition (Mutualism)
- Predation (Functional and numerical responses)
- Predation models (Host-pathogen/parasite, Prey-predator, Host-parasitoid, Plant-herbivore)

# Literature

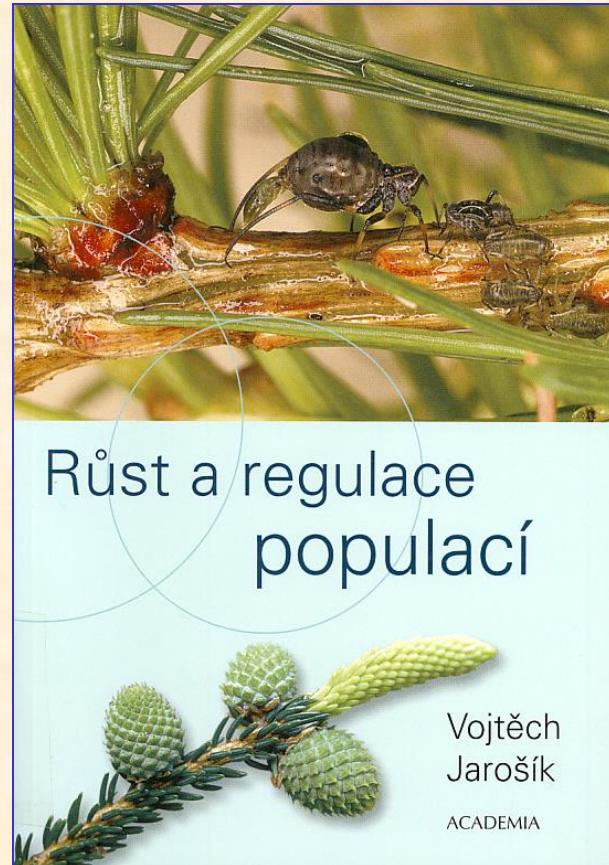


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# Presentations

No.	Topics	Date
1.	Adaptation, fitness, phenotypic plasticity, r/K selection	27.9.
2.	Abundance and cycles	
3.	Geographic variability (temperature, physiological time)	4.10.
4.	Intraspecific competition, Cooperation, Allee effect	11.10.
5.	Management of endangered species, Regulation of pests	18.10.
6.	Dispersal, movement, dormancy, navigation, and migration	25.10.
7.	Interspecific competition, competitive exclusion principle, apparent competition	1.11.
8.	Niche and coexistence (storage effect, heteromyopy, resource partitioning)	8.11.
9.	Amensalism, comensalism, mutualism	15.11.
10.	Defence against predators (crypsis, mimicry)	22.11.
11.	True predators, parasitoids, and host manipulation	29.11.
12.	Herbivores, Parasites and pathogens	6.12.

# Projects

## 1. Functional response – in the laboratory



# Projects

## 2. Demography – in the laboratory



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## 3. Population dynamics – in the laboratory



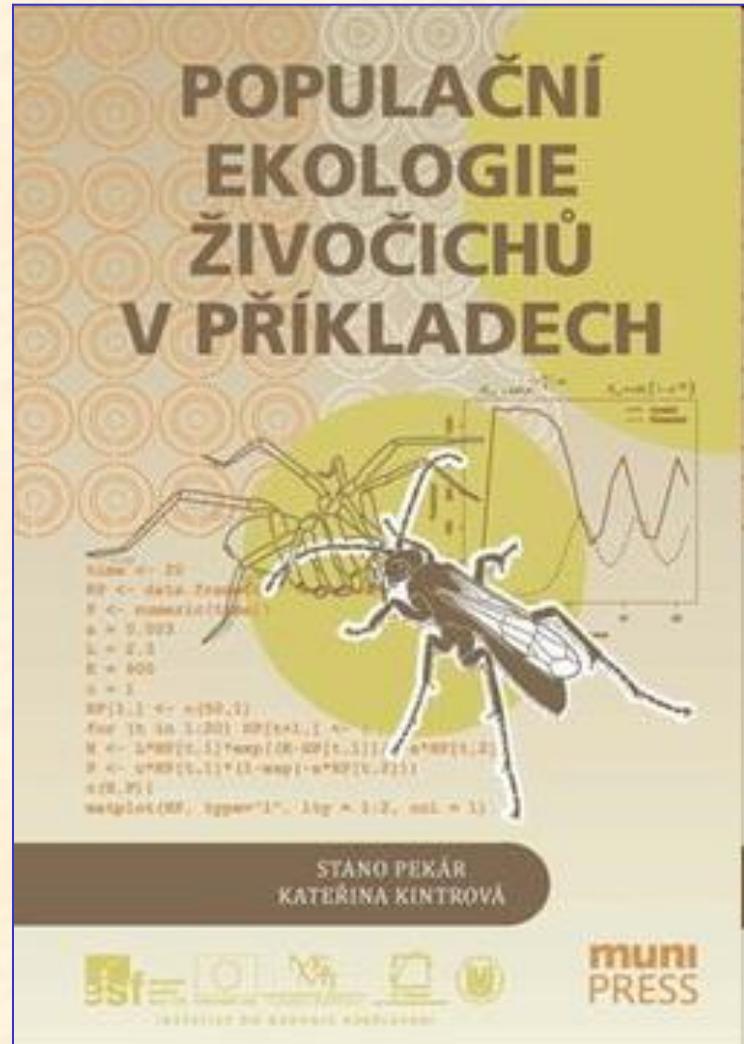
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## 4. Spatial distribution – in the field



# Homework

Study chapters 1 & 2 and the description of a selected project



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