Fruit-bird interactions in the Marianas

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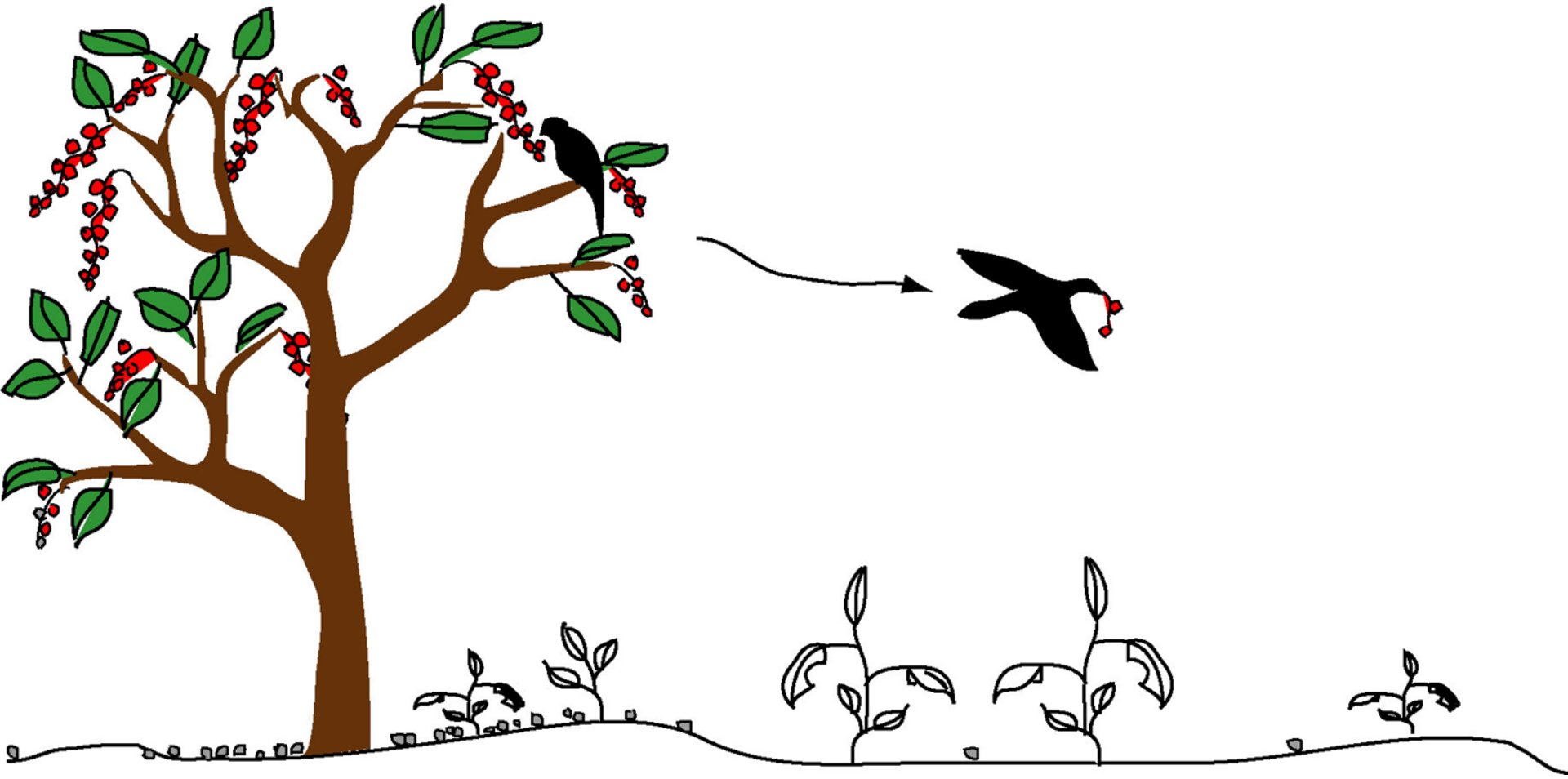

An important mutualistic interaction


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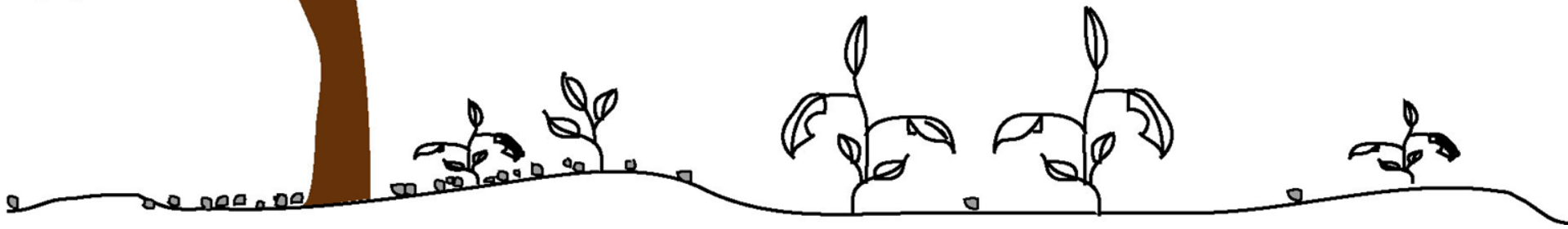

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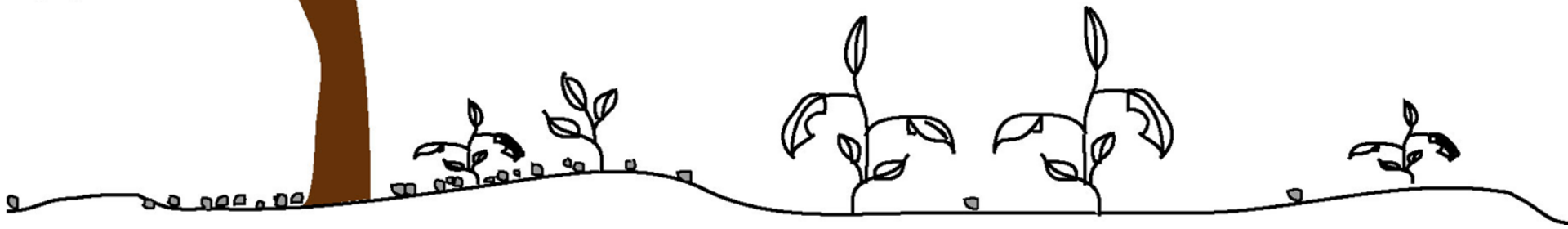

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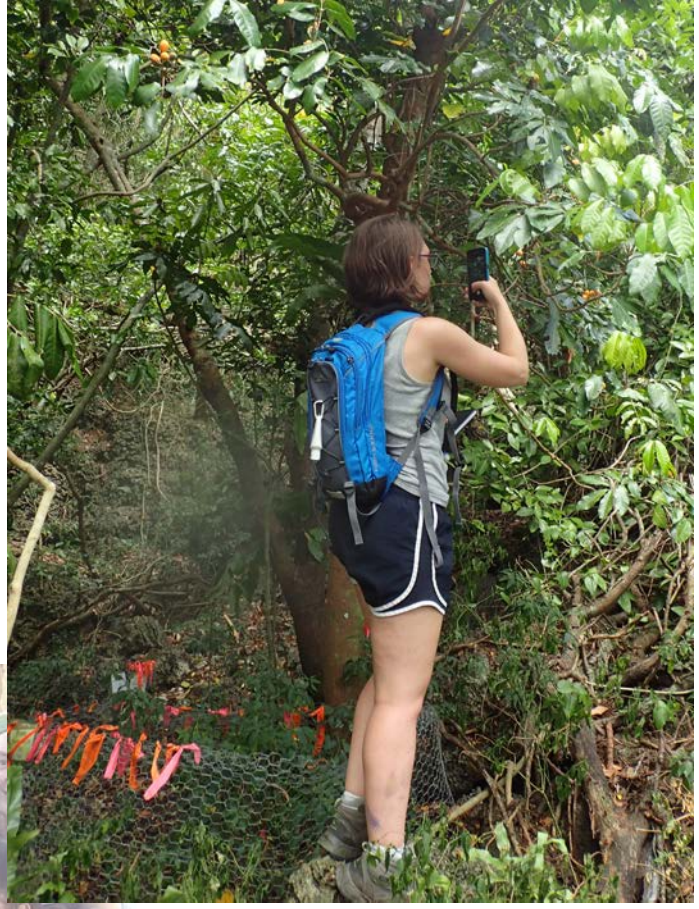

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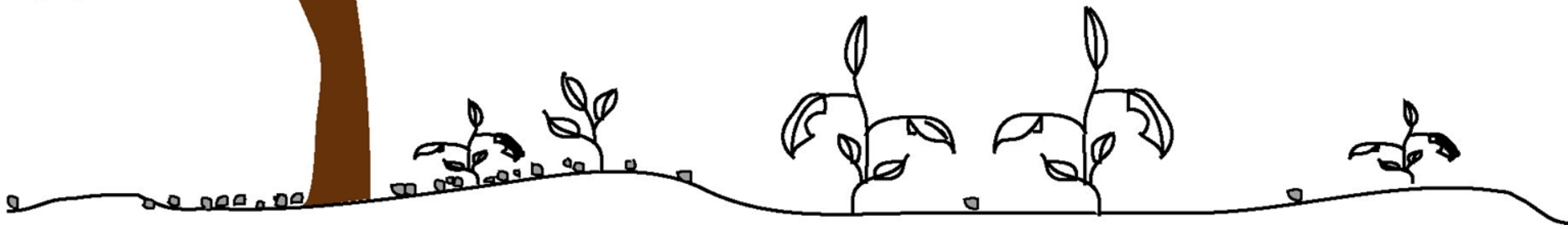

Paluman Senesa

Sali

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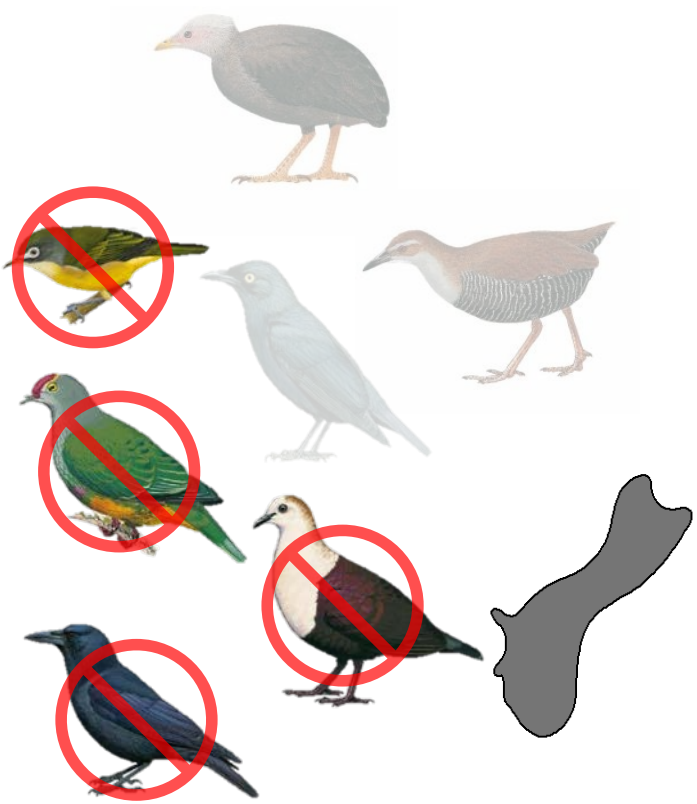

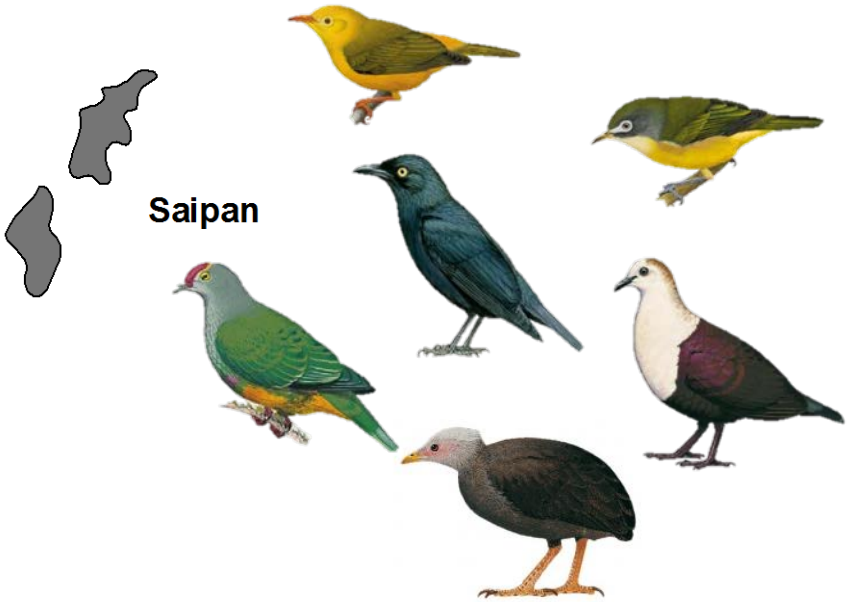

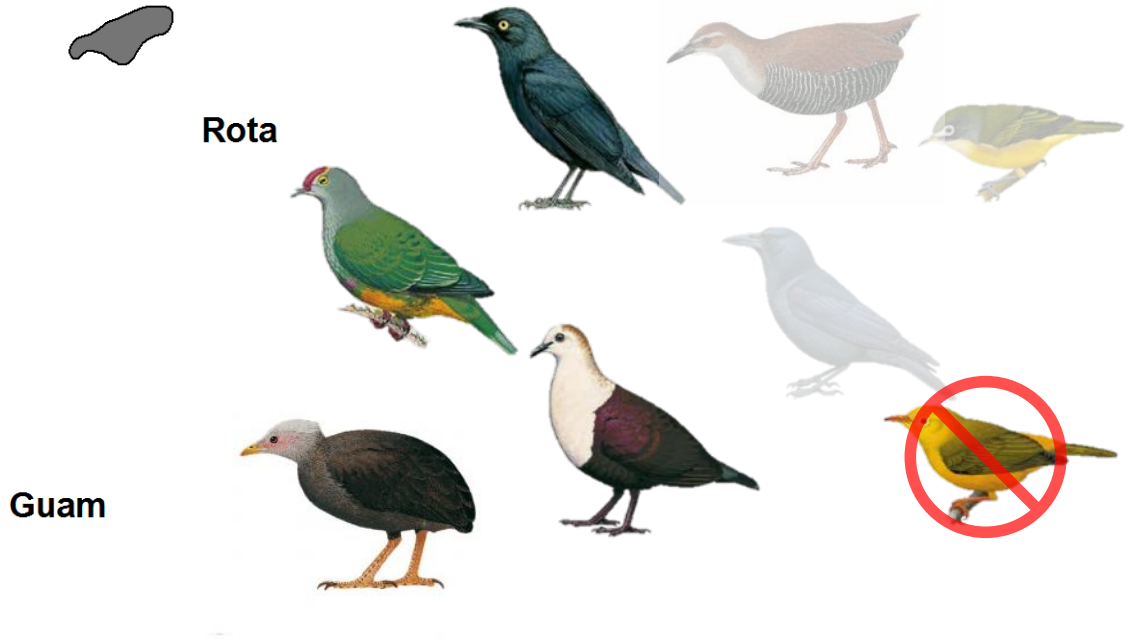

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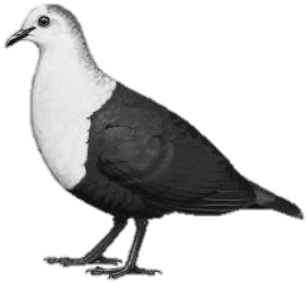

Rota

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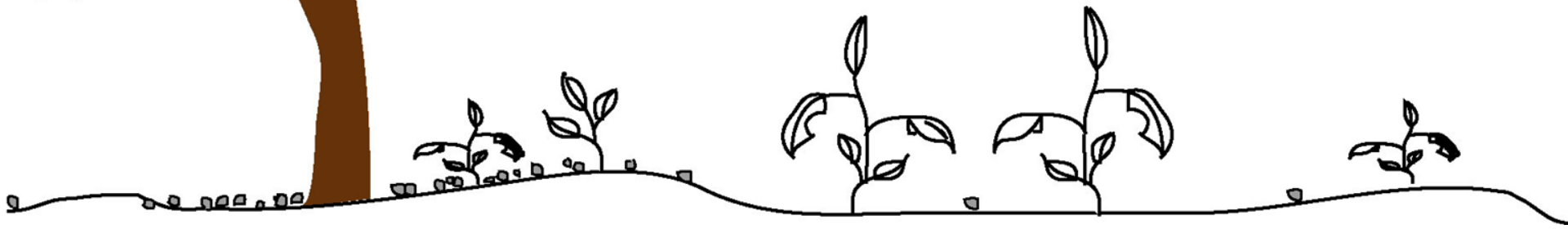

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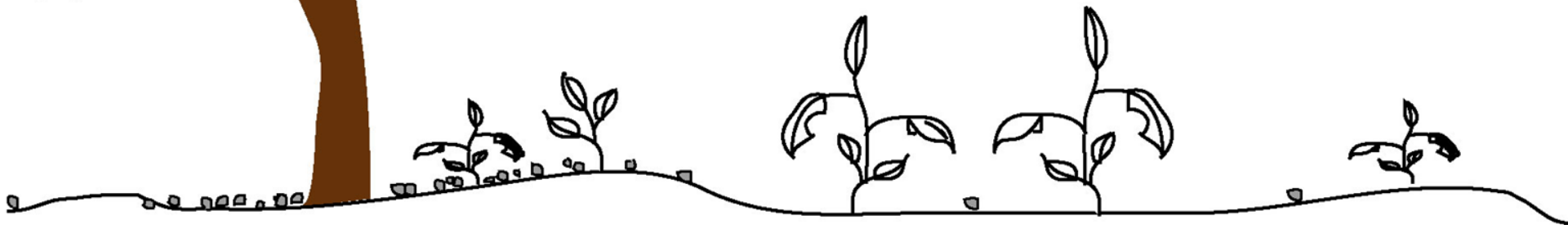

How many plant species can they eat?

How abundant are they?

How far do they disperse seeds?

Do they move across habitat types?

How does gut passage affect germination?

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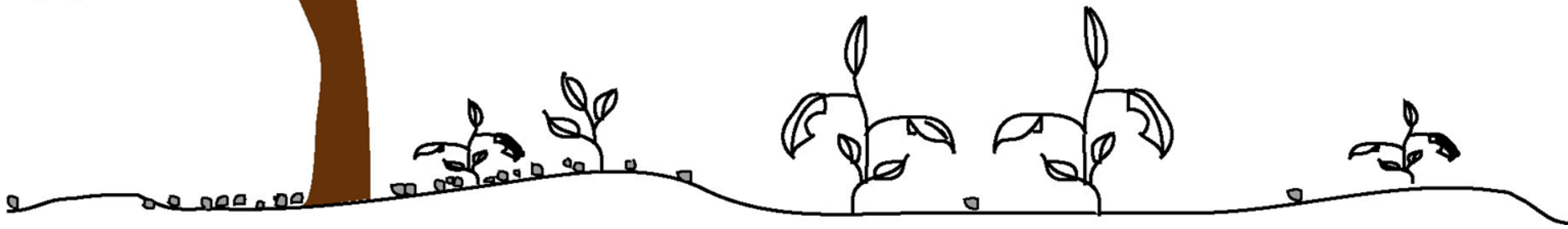

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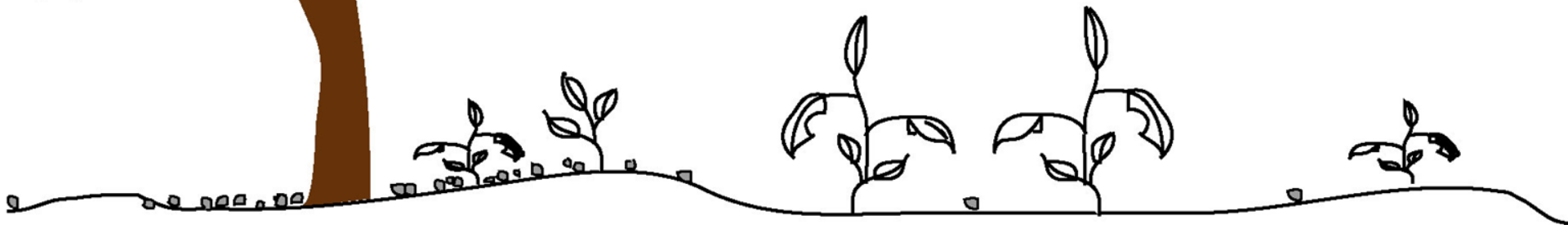

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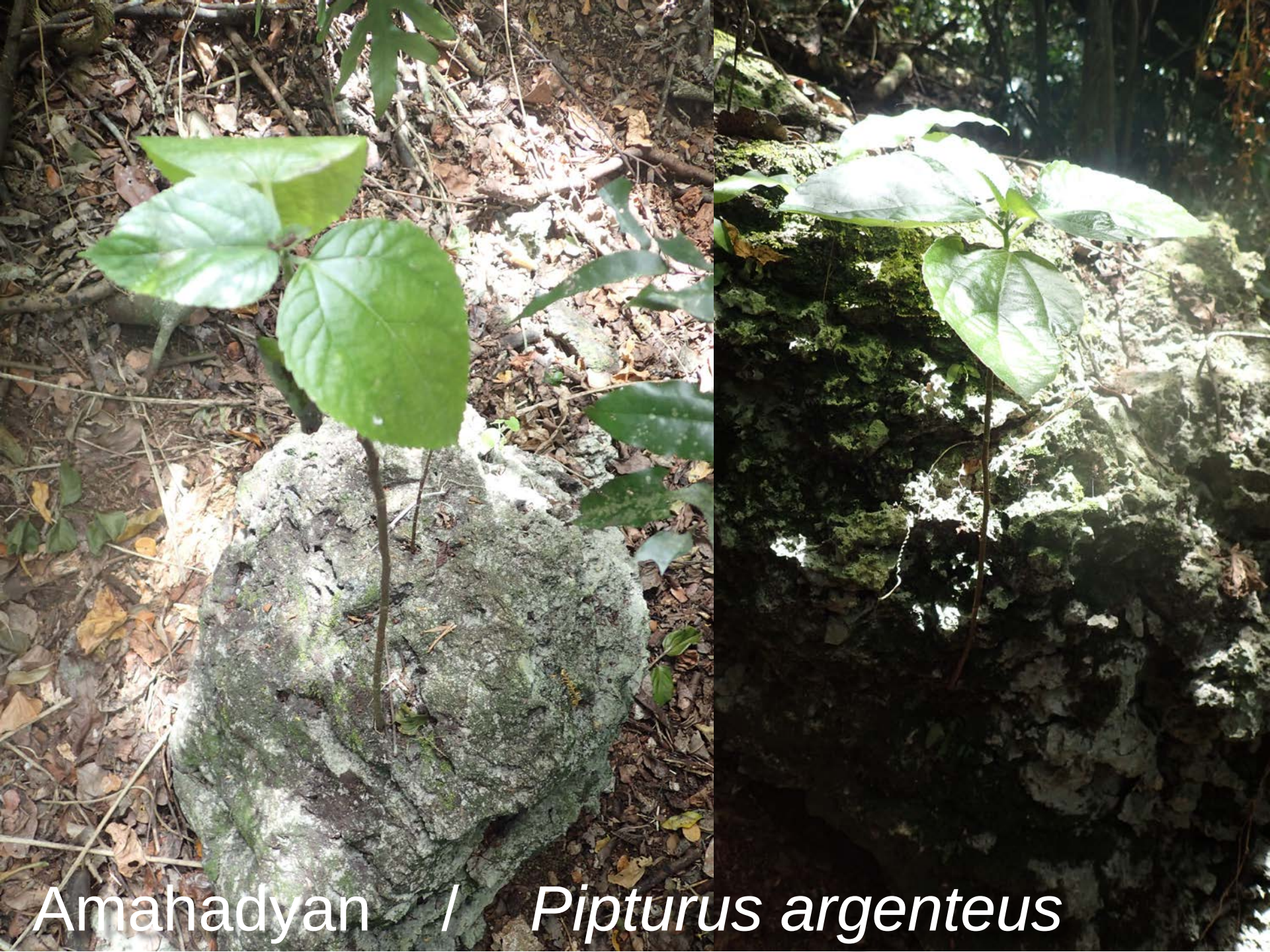
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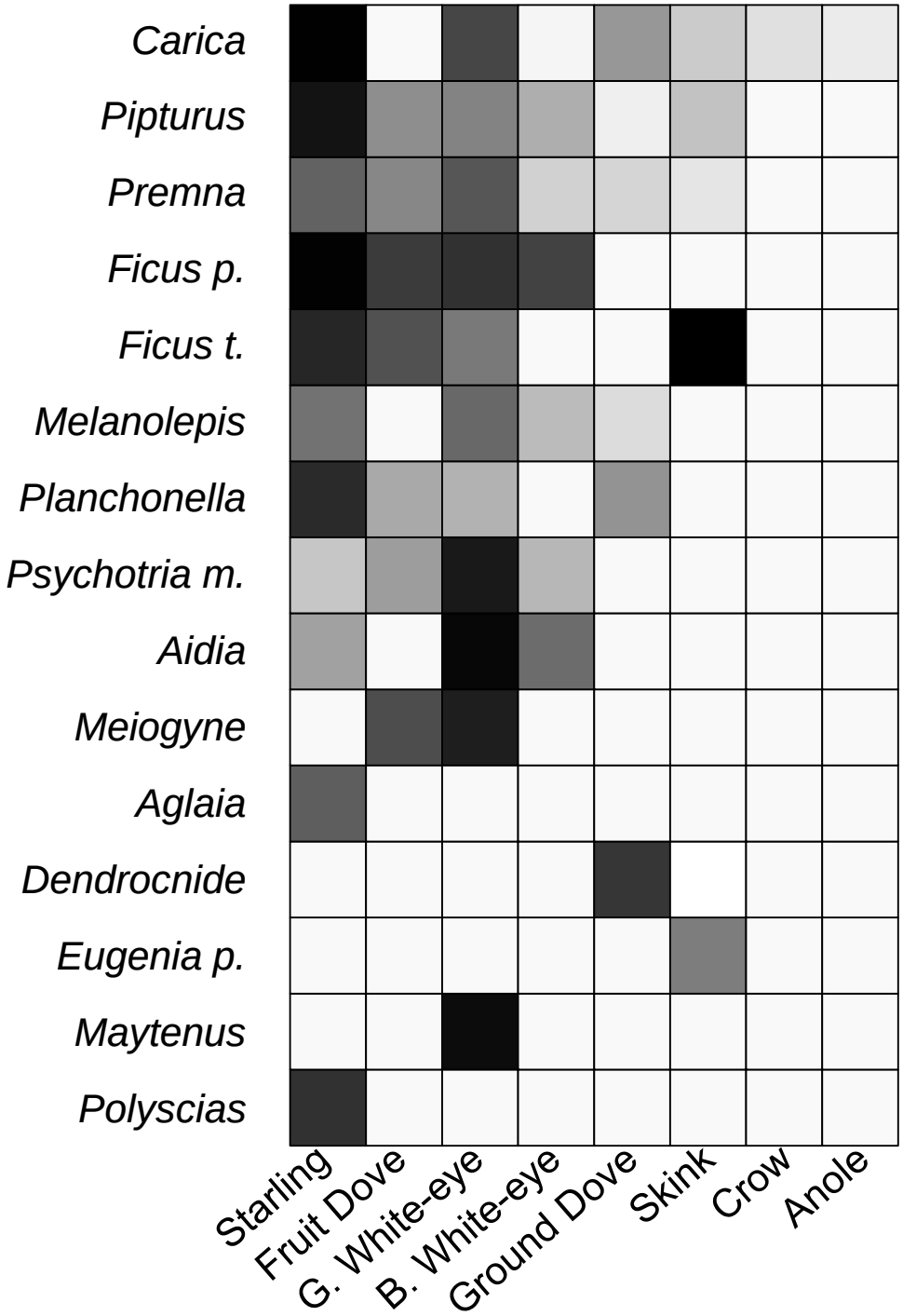
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Aidia
Meiogyne
Aglaia
Dendrocnide
Eugenia p.
Maytenus
Polyscias
Starling
Fruit Dove
G. White-eye
B. White-eye
Ground Dove
Skink
Crow
Anole

Conclusions

- Bird-plant interactions are important in Mariana terrestrial ecosystems

- Observations & experiments can show the plants most important for birds and birds most important to plants


Thanks!