Wildflower strips for crop protection: What do we know? What should we know?

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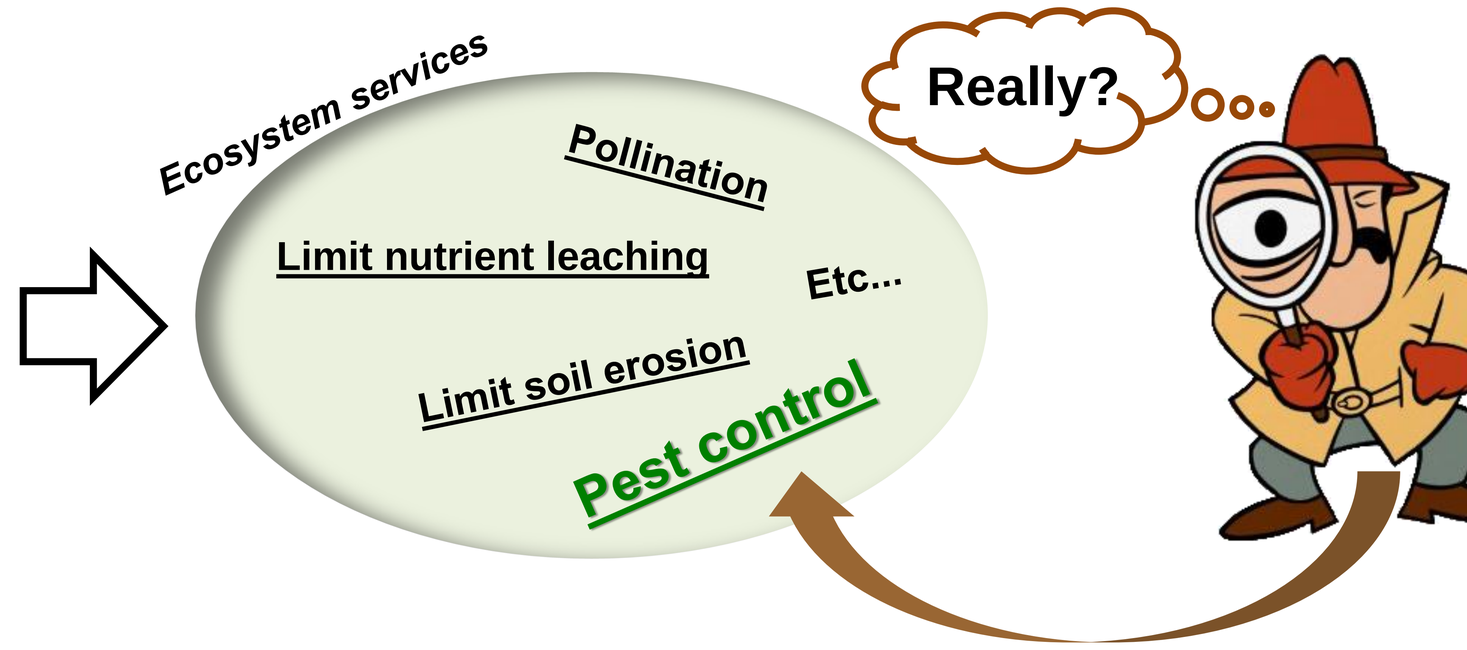
Landscape infrastructures are said to provide regulative ecosystem services[1]

Woodlots

Wildflower strips

Hedgerows



Wildflower strips do not necessarily favor pest control

Wildflower strips are diverse[2]…

Monospecific or plurispecific?

Ratio Flowers/Grass?

Kind of management?

…and support…

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Pest control

But don't necessarily favor pest control![4,5]

…a diversity of insects[3]

Crop pests and natural enemies

WHY?

Temporal incompatibility[5,6]

- **Between the pests and their natural enemies**
- **Between the natural enemies and the floral food ressource availability**

Food ressource type incompatibility[5]

- **Insect mouth pieces should be adapted to the flower corrolla type**

Why the concept of Functional Diversity may be useful to favor biological pest control?[7]

TRAIT VALUE DIVERSITY *more than* **SPECIES DIVERSITY**[8]

TO

Redundancy

Complementarity *of traits*[9]

AND FINALLY

COMPATIBILITY

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