

Using Sporulation Chambers to Study BSNB Infection Trends

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Background

Obligate parasite of pine needles

Needs host to live

Sporulation chambers offer what *L. acicola* needs to survive



Objectives

1. Determine areas with highest BSNB infection rates
2. Determine months with highest instances of BSNB
3. Identify trends of other pathogens co-inhabiting needles

Collecting Needles

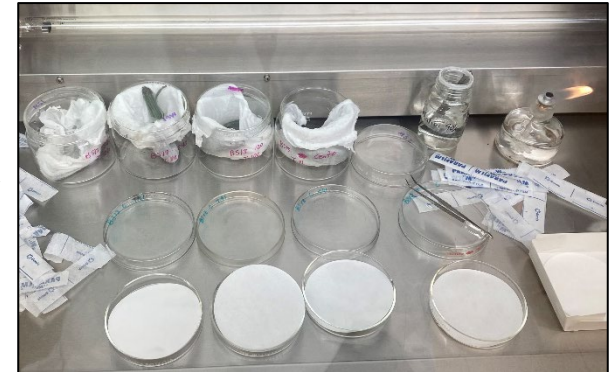
55g per tree

1 tree per subplot

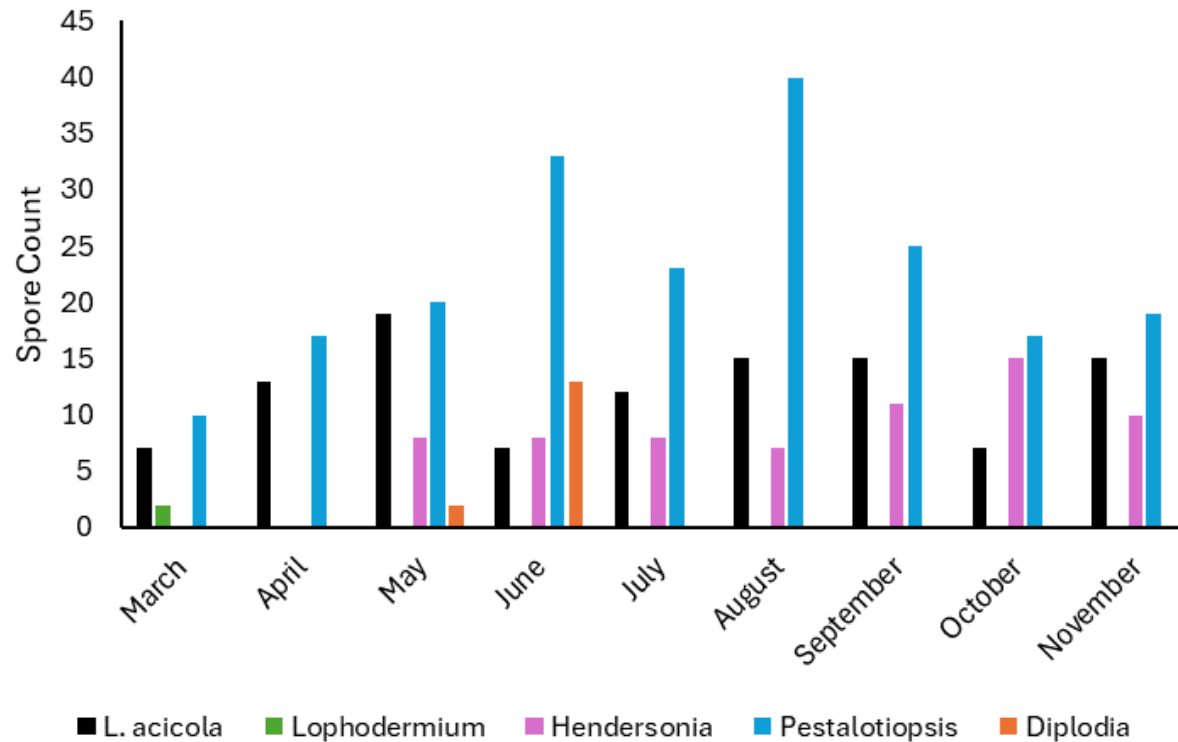
4 chambers per tree



Methods- sporulation chambers

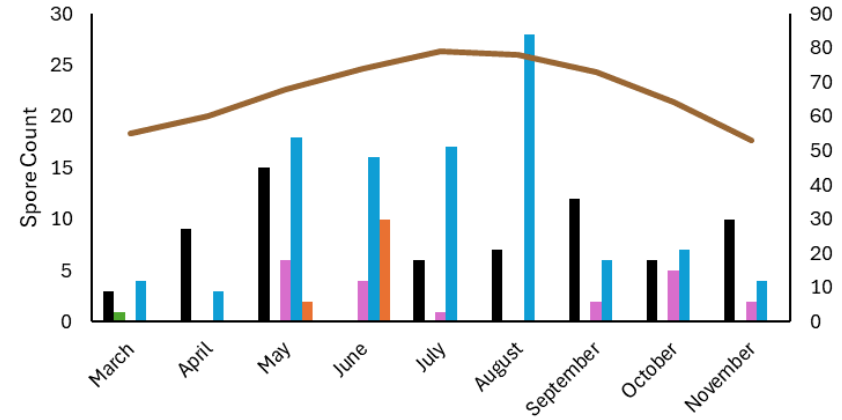
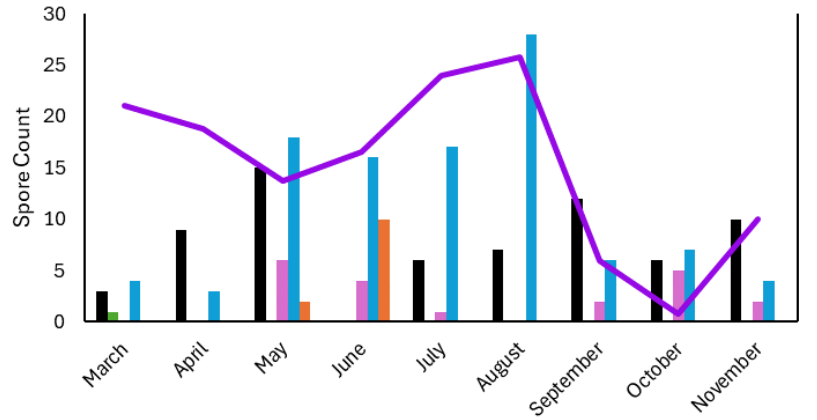


Totals from Private Lands 2023

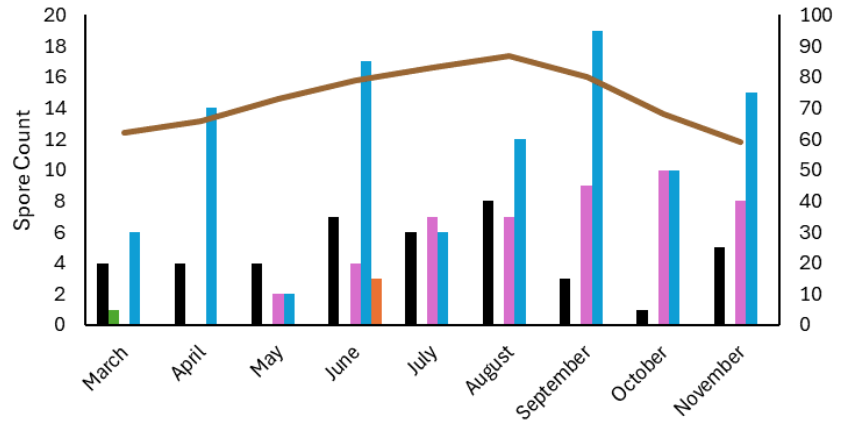
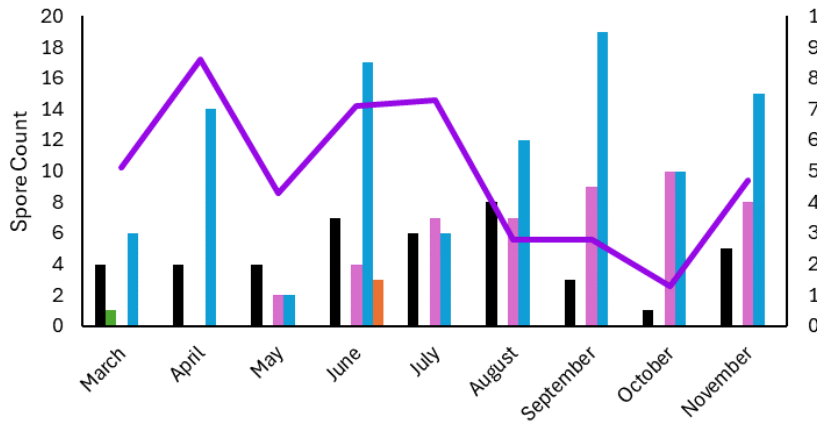


Private Lands 2023

North



South



■ L. acicola

■ Lophodermium

■ Hendersonia

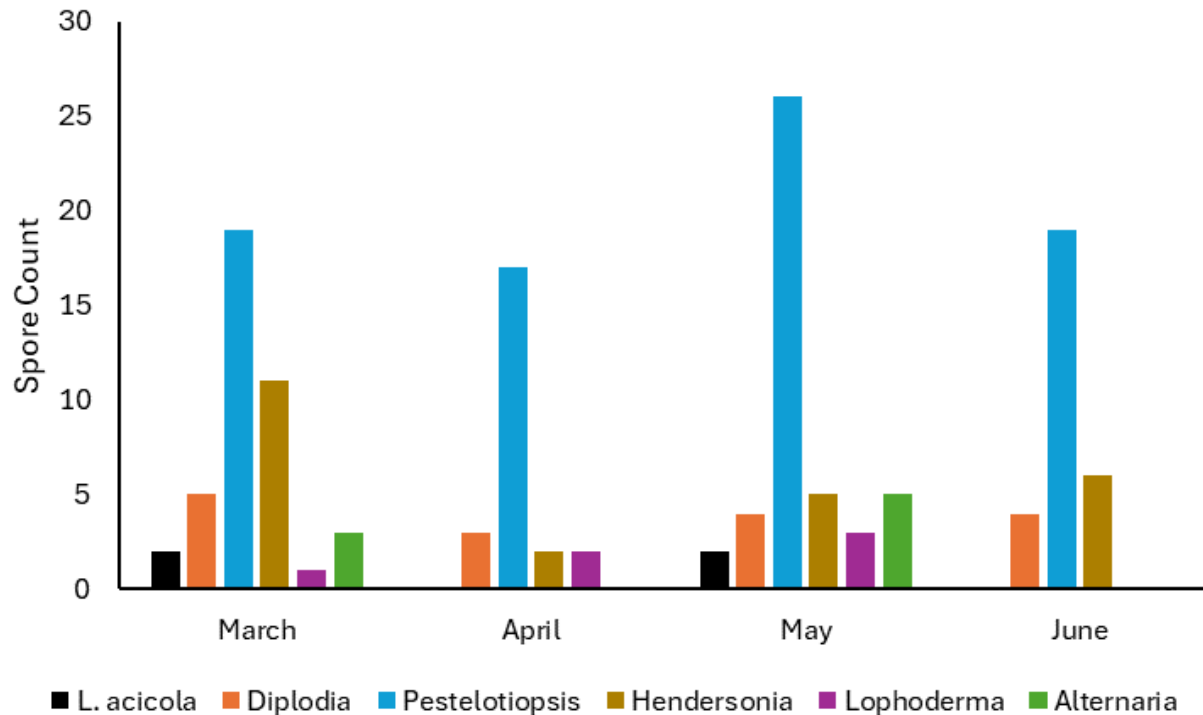
■ Pestalotiopsis

■ Diplodia

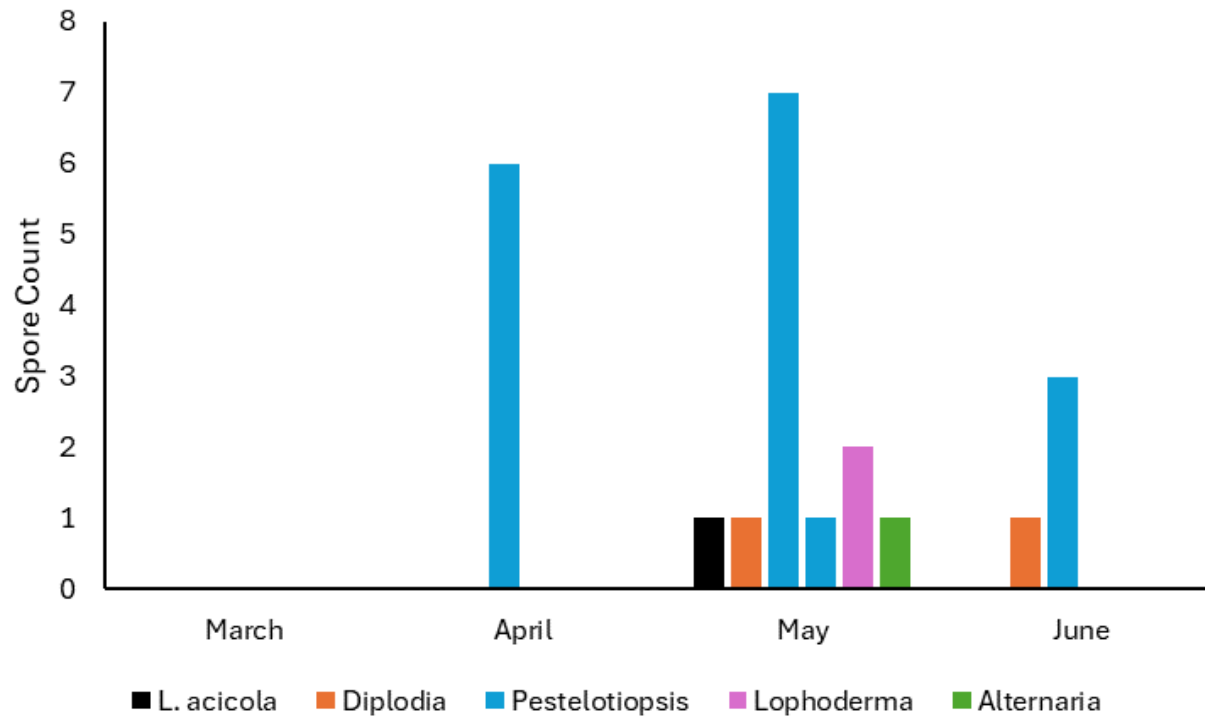
— Precipitation

— Average Temperature

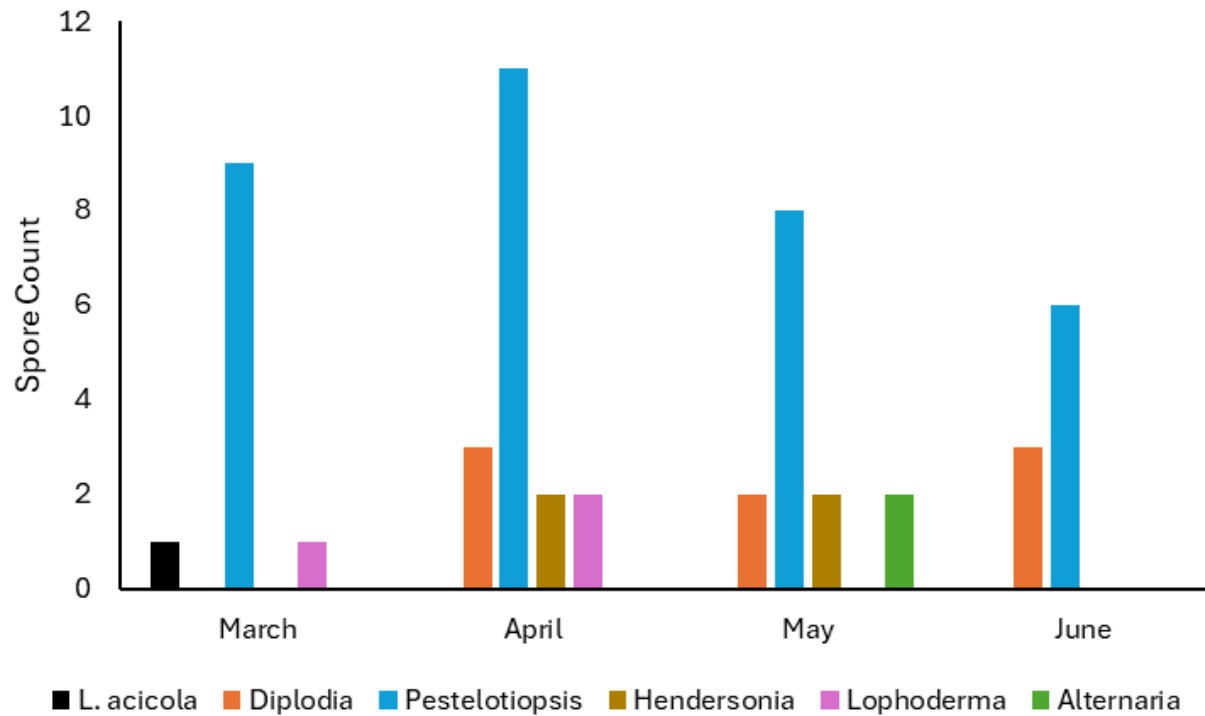
National Forests (March-June 2024)



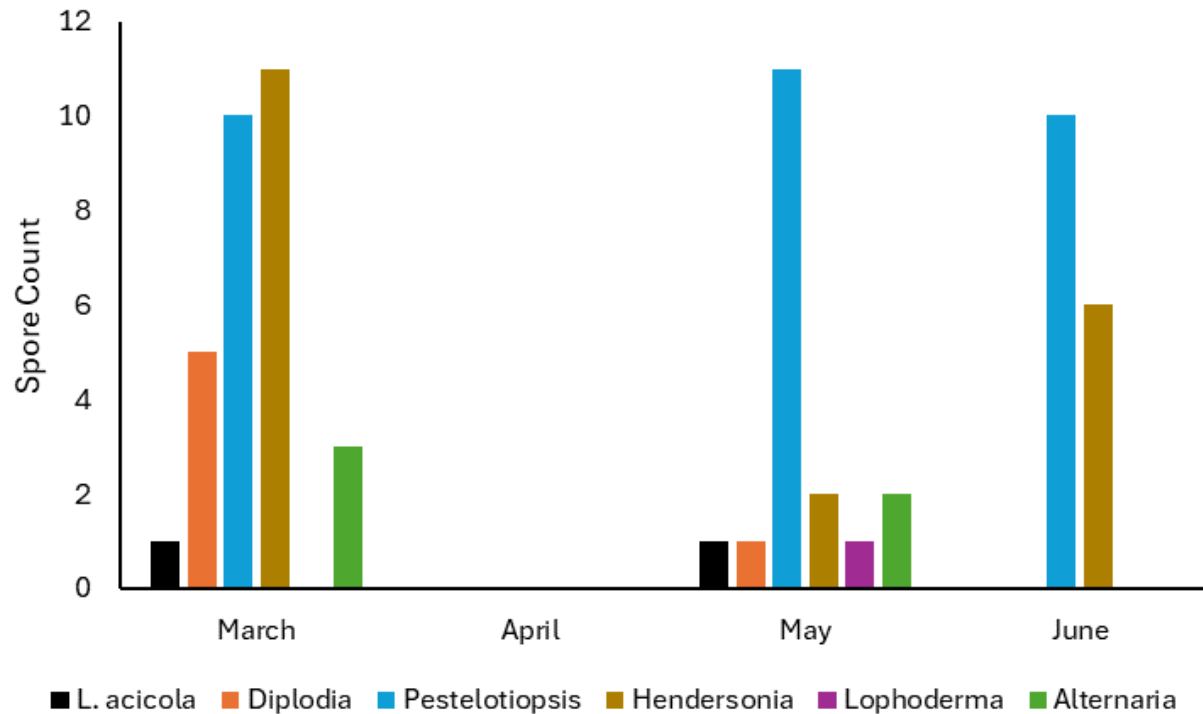
Conecuh



Tuskegee



Bankhead



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Questions

