

PALYNOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE SLUSHER ESTATE

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## INTRODUCTION

The palynological study, including the development of a subsurface sediment sampling design, addressed three specific questions: (1) could palynological research provide information relevant to reconstructions of the cultural heritage exemplified by the historic resources of the Slusher Estate property; (2) could sequential variation in the vegetational and/or ecological patterns of the property be identified; and (3) could the horizons of introduction of non-native floristic elements, including crop plants, be monitored by this form of fossil record. The answer to each of these generally framed questions is affirmative. The pollen study, taken in conjunction with microstratigraphic analyses, provides relative temporal control on associated artifact assemblages at a level previously unattained in Californian historic archaeology. Both interpretations of sequential variation in vegetation patterns and sequential variation in ecological patterns are adequately evidenced, and their integration provides an additional dimension to historical reconstruction: consideration of the history of man/land relationships monitored by modifications of the fossil record. The degree to which this history is affected by the introduction of exotic taxa is also evidenced, along with the dates of introduction of particular floristic elements.

Though it was resolution of the third question which sparked

original interest in the application of palynological methods at this locality, the results pertinent to the second question turn out to be more informative. In essence, the pollen record merely tends to confirm and buttress historical knowledge concerning the introduction of exotic plant taxa. It suggests that the establishment of ornamental and shade trees is a custom of somewhat longer standing than was appreciated previously, but provides little other new information. The record of paleoecological variation through time evidenced palynologically, however, suggests a rather different historical model than either of the two which are presently current.

One current model interprets the historical situation as one of progressive degradation of a native, highly productive, ecosystem to a present state of low biological productivity. Another model portrays the situation as one of swift modification of a native ecosystem to one characterized by human landscape management pressures. In the latter model ecosystem productivity is measured by different standards after modification, but has remained essentially the same from that time to the present. The palynological record suggests a model which contains elements of both current models but is different from either. It evidences multiple horizons of ecosystem modification as successive types of land management practices were enforced to respond to different identified human needs. The initiation of each horizon establishes a distinctive historical trajectory of

ecosystem change, in which productivity is measured by different criteria. The rate at which changes in ecosystem productivity progress, and the directions of the changes, seem to be related more to the intensity of land management practises than any other single factor.

#### THE POLLEN TAXA

Taxonomic identification of the pollen observed in a sediment sample is constrained by many factors. Principal among them is the degree of similarity between the morphology of the observed pollen grain and the morphology of the pollen collected from living plants that can be taxonomically positioned as members of particular species. Highly secure taxonomic identification of fossil pollen, then, demands direct comparison with the pollen of securely identified reference collections. If these collections are geographically constrained to the general locale from which the fossil pollen is recovered, and if they are extensive enough to display the range of genetic diversity within and between species in the flora, they have a higher quality.

But the establishment of such reference collections is an arduous and expensive task. Compromises from this ideal standard are therefore normal, and to the degree that compromises are made the identification of the fossil pollen is more insecure. Identification of fossil pollen to the

species level is thus rarely attempted, and identification to the generic level is provided only where the probability of taxonomic error is less than about 10%. In the present study, taxonomic assessments have been made by comparison with the information provided in standard pollen atlases and the reference collections of the Palynology Laboratory of the Department of Anthropology at Arizona State University. Since these sources do not contain comparative materials from many California sources, generic identifications of the fossil pollen are slightly less secure than the normal standard. In this study, there is approximately 20% probability that pollen identified as *ABIES* is actually referable to the genus *PINUS*, that pollen identified as *POPULUS* or *JUNIPERUS* is actually a member of the alternate genus, and that pollen identified as *ACER*, *VITIS* or *PITTOSPORUM* belongs in some other taxonomic category. Other generic identifications, however, are secure at the normal level.

Most identifications have been made at the family level and are normally secure. The morphology of some pollen types allows normally secure identification at the level of tribes, or groups of related genera. This is the situation for the Ambrosieae, Tubuliflorae and Liquiliflorae tribes of the Compositae family. These taxa are botanically distinguished by flower anatomy. Ragweed, sunleaf and dandelion are, respectively, common representatives of the Ambrosieae, Tubuliflorae and Liquiliflorae tribes.

Four artificial taxonomic categories are identified in this analysis: Chenoam, ?Ceralia, Ceralia and Unknown C.

The pollen of most members of the Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot family) is not normally distinguished from that of some members of the Amaranthaceae (Amaranth family). Palynologists create an artificial taxon, Chenoam, to classify pollen which may belong to either family but is not likely to belong to any other. Synonyms are Chenopodiaceae and Chenopodinae, among the terms found in Pilocene pollen analytic literature. The pollen of all cultivated Old World cereal grasses (Ceralia) cannot be distinguished from the pollen of wild grasses except on the basis of size. Though there is a range of variation, Ceralia pollen tends to be between 45 and 60 microns in size, while wild grass pollen tends to be smaller. ZEA pollen tends to be much larger, though it varies under fossil conditions to a minimum of 60um. In this series of samples, fossil grass pollen grains not identifiable as ZEA were of three size ranges. All which measured 15-35 microns were identified as Gramineae (wild grass) pollen. All which measured 50-60 microns were identified as Ceralia pollen. Those which measured 40-50 microns were called ?Ceralia pollen. Unknown C is a tricolporate, subprolate palynomorph which has a thick (1.5um) intectate clavate exine forming a coarse reticulum (lumina ca. 1.0um). The furrows are normally wide, the polar index is approximately 0.35, the polar axis averages 33um

(range=25-35), and the equatorial axis averages 24°m  
(range=22-26).

#### SAMPLE SELECTION CRITERIA

The sampling strategy designed and executed for the pollen study produced 169 subsurface and 13 surface sediment samples. Pollen extraction and analysis was undertaken on all the surface samples, but time constraints on the study demanded selection of only 63 of the available subsurface samples. Three sets of subsurface samples were processed to extract contained fossil pollen, but only two sets could be analyzed in the time allocated to the project. The first set consisted of all samples recognized by field personnel as deriving from unmixed deposits in the archaeological provenience units. The second set consisted of the samples of two stratigraphic profiles collected in the North and South bone pit and Ontiveros Adobe areas of the site. The third set consisted of samples collected in stratigraphic sequences from loci at which mixed and unmixed deposits were superimposed.

The two former sets were given higher priority in analysis because they offered significantly less prospect that the records obtained would incorporate pollen rafts of more than one temporal interval. The third set was selected to allow empirical evaluation of the degree to which mixture of the

pollen rains of separate time periods would influence interpretation. Since analysis of the third set of extracted samples was not possible, this problem remains an issue for future research.

Two samples of the first set (sample numbers 49 and 112) were identified in the field as samples of unmixed depositional contexts. When analyzed, however, they yielded pollen records strongly likely to have been produced by mixture of the pollen rains of the Spanish Colonial and the Modern horizons. Their pollen spectra have been considered uninterpretable, and have not influenced the following analysis.

#### THE POLLEN SEQUENCE

The pollen sequence is structured on the evidence provided by sequentially organized spectrum variations in the two pollen profiles which were analyzed, the sequential depositions of sampled strata, and the relative stratigraphic positions of artificial deposits (e.g. floors, ash lenses, bone beds, etc.). The initial step in construction of the pollen sequence was preparation of a set of four data tables in which the total set of spectra recovered at each of the sampled areas of the site (North bone pit, South bone pit, Ontiveros Adobe and Slusher estate grounds) was arrayed in stratigraphic order. Inspection of

SAMPLE	DEPTH/ CM	EXOTIC AP	NATIVE AP	GRAM- INEAE	TUBOLI- FLORAE	CHENO- AM	AMBRO- SIEAE	UKAU.	OTHERS C
135	TOP OF BONE BED. SOME MIX WITH DISTURBED SANDY/ 40-50 CM	1.0	4.0	18.5	22.5	17.0	9.5	23.0	
138	BLACK LENSE /50	1.0	3.0	22.0	23.0	9.0	12.5	13.5	?CEREAL ZEA
142	BONE BED /60	1.0	3.0	18.0	22.0	13.5	15.0	20.5	?CEREAL ZEA
144	BONE BED /70		2.0	15.5	26.5	18.0	12.5	17.0	CERALIA ZEA
122	TRANSITION TO STERILE /50		3.0	26.0	32.0	6.0	9.5	3.0	
136	STERILE /50			40.0	23.0	7.5	10.5	1.0	

TABLE I: N8E20/21 POLLEN RECORD FREQUENCY VALUES

SAMPLE #	PIT	EXOTIC AP	NATIVE AP	GRAM- TUBULI-	CHENO-	AMBRO-	UNKN.	OTHERS
				INEAE FLORAE	A3	SIBAE	C	
160	MIXED	6.0	4.5	20.0	2.0	35.5	6.0	24.0
161	"	1.0	3.0	28.5	16.0	24.5	8.5	13.0
162	"	2.0	3.5	21.0	14.0	21.0	3.0	26.0 ?CEREAL
163	"	1.0	6.0	22.5	18.5	8.5	7.0	28.5 ZEA
164	"		6.0	26.5	27.0	15.0	8.5	9.0 ?CEREAL
165	"		3.5	20.5	31.0	10.5	11.5	11.5 ZEA
111	35 CM		3.5	20.5	20.0	19.0	9.0	19.0 ZEA
135	DISTURBED LIGHT SANDY	1.0	4.0	18.5	22.5	17.0	9.5	23.0
166	BLACK LENS	3.0	4.5	19.5	13.5	21.5	10.5	13.0 ZEA
138	"	1.0	3.0	22.0	23.0	9.0	12.5	18.5 ?CEREAL ZEA
142	BONE BED	1.0	3.0	18.0	22.0	13.5	15.0	20.5 ?CEREAL ZEA
144	"		2.0	15.5	28.5	18.0	12.5	17.0 CERALIA ZEA
167	DARK SOIL	0.5	7.0	20.5	35.0	9.0	12.0	5.5 ?CEREAL ZEA
168	WHITE ASH			NOT ANALYZABLE				
122	TRANSITION		3.0	26.0	32.0	6.0	9.5	3.0
136	STERILE			40.0	23.0	7.5	10.5	1.0

TABLE II: THE NORTH BONE PIT POLLEN RECORD SEQUENCE

SAMPLE #	UNIT	EXOTIC AP	NATIVE AP	GRAM- INHAZ	TUBULI- FLORAE	CHENO- AM	AMBRO- SIZAE	UNKN. C	OTHERS	POLLEN GROUP
160	MIXED	6.0	4.5	20.0	2.0	35.5	6.0	24.0		B
161	"	1.0	3.0	28.5	16.0	24.5	8.5	13.0		
162	"	2.0	3.5	21.0	14.0	21.0	8.0	26.0	?CEREAL	
163	"	1.0	4.0	22.5	18.5	8.5	7.0	28.5	ZEA	C
164	"		6.0	26.5	27.0	15.0	8.5	9.0	?CEREAL ZEA	
165	"		3.5	20.5	31.0	10.5	11.5	11.5	ZEA	
111	NOT ID'D		3.5	20.5	29.0	19.0	9.0	13.0	ZEA	
135	DISTURBED LIGHT SANDY	1.0	4.0	18.5	22.5	17.0	9.5	23.0		
166	BLACK LENSE	3.0	4.5	19.5	18.5	21.5	10.5	13.0	ZEA	
138	"	1.0	3.0	22.0	23.0	9.0	12.5	18.5	?CEREAL ZEA	
42	BONE BED	1.0	3.0	18.0	22.0	13.5	15.0	20.5	?CEREAL ZEA	D
144	"		2.0	15.5	28.5	18.0	12.5	17.0	CEREALES ZEA	
80	"		2.5	29.0	24.5	14.5	16.0	7.5	?CEREAL ZEA	
107	"		3.0	18.5	28.5	23.0	7.5	9.5	?CEREAL ZEA	
167	DARK SOIL	0.5	7.0	20.5	35.0	9.0	12.0	5.5	?CEREAL ZEA	
122	TRANSITION		3.0	26.0	32.0	6.0	9.5	3.0		E
121	GRAY-GREEN SOIL		5.0	24.0	39.5	11.0	9.0	1.0		
---	"		2.0	35.0	24.0	12.0	19.0		?CEREAL	F(1)
136	STERILE			40.0	23.0	7.5	10.5	1.0		H

TABLE III: THE INTEGRATED BONE PITS POLLEN RECORD SEQUENCE

SAMPLE #	PROV.	EXOTIC AP	NATIVE AP	GRAM- INAEAE	TUBULI- FLOEAE	CHEMO- AM	AMBRO- SIEAE	UNKN. C	OTHERS	POLLEN GROUP
147	ESTATE TP I	32.5	7.0	26.0	4.5	12.0	12.0	5.5	ZEA	
148	ESTATE TPII	39.0	3.5	22.0	7.0	13.0	13.0	6.0	?CEREAL	A
112	C14A STR 1	42.0	8.0	8.5	6.0	13.0	3.0	8.5		
49	C4 STR 1	37.0	12.5	25.0	2.5	14.5	2.5	2.0		-----
157	C1BN +30CM	2.5	3.5	37.0	20.5	8.5	8.5	1.0		F (1)
155	C1BN +20CM	1.5	3.0	35.0	19.5	3.5	12.0	1.5		-----
145	C2B STR 3	2.5	4.0	43.5	19.5	4.0	10.0	4.0		-----
150	C10B STR 3	4.5	18.0	38.0	14.0	4.5	10.5	2.0		F (2)
155	C1BN +10CM		3.0	34.5	15.5	20.0	5.5	9.0		
46	C16B STR 2		8.0	36.0	26.0	7.0	13.0	4.0		-----
154	C1BN FLOOR		8.5	60.0	11.0	6.5	2.0	0.5		G
141	C16B STR 2		9.5	59.0	12.0	7.0	2.5	7.5		-----
59	C1 AROUND FLOOR		3.0	42.0	24.0	13.0	13.0	5.0		H

TABLE IV: THE INTEGRATED ESTATES/ONTIVEROS ADOBE POLLEN RECORD SEQUENCE

these tables allowed identification of those pollen taxa which varied sequentially in the most obvious fashions. New tables utilizing only these taxa were then prepared (e.g. Table I).

Tables integrating the spectra in sequential order for adjacent sampling areas were then constructed (Tables II, III and IV). Similar, stratigraphically proximate, pollen records were next grouped into populations segregated by time. Finally, the overall sequential order of the populations was assessed by biostratigraphic correlation and a pollen diagram prepared for the site as a whole (Fig. 1).

The pollen diagram identifies the temporal order of archaeological materials associated with the pollen samples. But a number of things should be recognized in evaluating the assignment of a group of pollen records and associated artifacts to a particular position in the sequence, or the assignment of a specific pollen record to a given pollen group population:

- (1) Identification of the members of a pollen group is based upon pollen record similarities; contrasts are given relatively little emphasis. Identification is also based on the stratigraphic relationships of the sampled deposits, but this has been evaluated in reference to the palynological similarity among the records. Thus some of the Ontiveros Adobe floor deposit samples (numbers 141 and 154) are placed

(3) Phonographting It is possible to provide quantitative characteristics of the diaphragmatic attributes of each individual specimen, because pollen grains used to make such intramucosal positive casts and contractors among pollen samples are collected to relate quantities and contractors among pollen samples assiduously to the group in that less reliable than the availability of temporal postural to the second attack a

according to the results of the selection criteria collected to the group of individuals. However, the selection criteria collected to exactily those attributes which are most relevant to accurate assessment specifically establishes biases and biases to assess characteristics. Moreover, the selection criteria collected to the group of individuals. According to the second attack a

(4) The comparative postural postural of a second attack a

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is done despitely tested assessament of sample 141 is a member of culturallly stable, earliest, leprosities of the series. This similarity to each other and to samples collected to the

is a younger leprosy sample (sample 3).

other living samples (sample 3).

problematical by statistical standards. This would be especially the case if multivariate tests were used. The pollen groups would be statistically problematical, however, because the small number of observations for each population would allow a higher probability that a given observation could be the result of chance. Yet no statistical test demonstrates that an observation is in fact the result of chance: it only estimates the probability that it could be. In the present situation it seemed less reasonable to generate the pollen sequence by a quantitative method whose outcome would be internally constrained towards conservatism.

(4) Pollen sequence formation follows biostratigraphic principals, but is methodologically similar to the establishment of artifact sequences by the techniques of seriation. Certain assumptions are involved (some better evidenced than others); both qualitative and quantitative procedural options exist (each of which has adherents and antagonists); and some degree of curve fitting and turning of blind eyes towards data inconsistencies goes on. The sequence as a whole, then, is based on a "soft" scientific methodology. It must be recognized as an approximation of the true temporal ordering sought, rather than a palynological argument for of the temporal position of each and every sample and associated lot of artifacts.

One of the assumptions used here, for example, is that the

lateral distance separating the bone pits, the Adobe and the Slusher estate test pits is not great enough to introduce palynological variability. Thus it is assumed that if a bone pit sample were absolutely contemporary to a floor sample from the Adobe the two would reveal sufficiently similar pollen spectra that they would be placed in the same pollen group population. There are grounds for questioning this assumption as well as grounds for accepting it. The pollen sequence illustrated on Figure 1, then, is my interpretation of this body of evidence. Another palynologist, or one addressing this body of data in the context of greater or lesser information, might present a quite different interpretation.

The units of the pollen sequence have been assigned letters, rather than numbers or names, to emphasize the fact that they are not zones or zonules in the biostratigraphic sense and to emphasize that they have no known regional applicability. It is not unlikely that this pollen sequence specifically applies only to this site. I have chosen to assign the letter designations of the sequence units, or pollen groups, from latest to earliest. This follows geological, rather than archaeological or biostratigraphic, conventions.

The most recent pollen group (A) is represented in samples collected between 0 and 20cm depth in the Slusher estate test pits and also in Stratum 1 deposits superimposed on the

pollen group C is more distinctively than the other pollen  
features by its initial variability which by any other  
feature. This is consistent with its occurrence in samples  
of the mixed deposit situated at the top of the North bone  
pit. There is a fairly regular pattern of trisporocystinal  
pollen grains, however, which is roughly 22:15:20 for  
pollen values, trilete, trilete and cheiroid  
pollen grains respectively. The last two are  
youngest members of the group and 25:20:10 for older members.  
Such multivalley relationships are easier for the

pollen group B is identified solely by the single  
feature of which, initially, is represented by the sample  
other samples argues for the existence of a separate pollen  
for cheiroid pollen. Such a distinction of course all  
samples equally characteristic and by frequency values (> 30%)  
consistently in pollen group B records. However, it is  
values for Yukonian C pollen (> 20%) which are only observed  
pollen group A (< 10%) with the sort of high frequency  
frequency values for trilete pollen characteristic of  
statistical analysis. It appears likely samples the size of 100  
characterize a population and this record could represent a  
the North bone pit. Obviously, the same cannot adequately  
recovered from mixed sediment deposits at a depth of 100m in  
pollen group B is identified solely by the single  
samples yielded as much as 10% such pollen.

pollen of exotic trees in excess of 30%. No other pollen  
of different ages. This group of records usually contains  
pollen of sedge by the single sample

specialist to identify as meaningful. In more informal terms, pollen group C is characterized as the group with somewhat more grass pollen (ca. 23-24%) than the stratigraphically superimposed group B or the stratigraphically older group D records (ca. 18-20%).

The pollen group D records are, essentially, associated with the bone-enriched deposits and lenses of the North and South bone pits. Though the extreme frequency values for Gramineae, Tubuliflorae and Chenopodiacean pollen of these spectra exceed those of the samples of pollen group C there is less variability. This is meaningful, as there are about half again as many records for group D and thus more, not less, variability would be expected. Also, all the records of group C derive from one depositional unit at one bone pit location while those of group D come from both bone pits and have some lateral spread within both the North and South pits. The proportional relationship of Gramineae, Tubuliflorae and Chenopodiacean pollen values in the group D spectra is approximately 19:22:18. Thus they tend to have more Tubuliflorae as well as less grass pollen than the spectra of group C. Equally relevant is the fact that the group D records are the earliest in the sequence to yield values for Unknown C pollen above 10% as a general rule.

The three pollen records of group E are differentiated by their high values for Tubuliflorae pollen (ca. 35%). Group E pollen records derive from early deposits in both the

NOTTH and SOUTH bone plates. These are no longer fragmentary evidence  
that these deposits date to a time distant enough that  
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are available. But this is the earliest stratigraphic to  
be drawn from the pottery group II contexts. The question of  
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addition to the presence of these  
debris of skeletal Pollien specimens rarely to occur  
in this distribution by the same reasons as above. This  
context. It is possible that I have been too quickly inundated  
situation similar to those of "sterile". Preoccupation  
the 1100g context Pollien ceramics from the same range  
however. I have interpreted them as youngish because sample of  
those of the Stratum 2 and Stratum 3 contexts remains open,  
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are available. But this is the earliest stratigraphic to

have a relative stratigraphic relationship which would suggest that certain group F samples are younger than others, but this is not palynologically clear. In fact, on palynological grounds some Stratum 2 context samples seem older than some Stratum 3 context samples.

Some of the group F pollen records contain no exotic arboreal pollen while others do. This is of interest because floor context pollen records referable to an older pollen group also contain no pollen of introduced trees. I have interpreted this sort of intra-group variability for the group F records as a temporal marker, and positioned those samples without exotic tree pollen earlier. As noted above, this is not as reliable an index of temporal priority as is group assignment.

The two records of pollen group G contain substantially more grass pollen (ca. 60%) than those of group F. I have used this characteristic as a marker of temporal priority, to be consistent with similar judgements in differentiating group B. However, the segregation of group G from group F pollen records is more problematical in some respects, and it may well be the case that the contrast between the two is better assessed as an expression of an expectable range of variation than a temporally significant distinction. This would be the preferred interpretation if the group E pollen records were actually older than those of groups F and G.

The historic data available for the Haskins-Duval locality  
despite fully documented, sequential, chronological units;  
the horizon of historic occupancy, the  
horizon of the adobe (A.D. 1810-15 to  
ca. 1835), as historic horizon of Chin-occupancy (A.D. ca.  
1835 to ca. 1870), and the horizon of occupation by the  
Patterson, Haskins, Nichols and Lusk families. The latter  
horizon may be divisible into several units through  
identifications of specific historical periods. It is  
believed that the early history of the Haskins-Duval  
settlement may be represented only by the pollen records of group A.

#### RELATIONSHIPS OF THE POLLEN AND HISTORIC SOURCES

Only three pollen samples were taken from the Haskins-Duval  
deposits yielding sufficient pollen for analysis. It is believed  
that a sample near the surface from which the most recent  
was excavated in a sandbank located there. A sample of sand  
matrix collected "at random" located at the cuttings adobe  
produced a pollen spectrum with identical diatometic  
characteristics and has been identified as  
representing the pre-occupational pollen bank. These spectra  
of pollen records if any characterized by the dominance of ca.  
10% grass pollen are likely to be representative of the  
pollen.

The record of group B contains EUCALYPTUS pollen. Since the importation of this ornamental is generally recognized to have occurred subsequent to the Anglo domination of southern California, the group B pollen record must be placed in either the last or the next to last episodes of the historic sequence. EUCALYPTUS pollen occurs in the group A series, but it is invariably associated in those cases with JUGLANS (Walnut) or ALNUS (Alder) pollen or both. The group B EUCALYPTUS pollen is not so associated. There are also two pollen records of the group D series in which EUCALYPTUS pollen occurs (samples 135 and 166). In those cases it also lacks association with JUGLANS or ALNUS pollen. The inference to be drawn from this distribution is that all of the samples referable to the mixed, the disturbed sandy and the black lense deposits of the North bone pit date to the historic horizon of non-occupancy of the locality (ca. A.D. 1835 to ca. 1870), rather than the latest horizon when EUCALYPTUS was locally planted as an ornamental along with other trees and shrubs.

The horizon during which residents of the Ortizeros Adobe occupied the site is represented in the pollen sequence by the records of groups D,E,F and G, though only the group D records obtained from the bone beds of the bone pits are involved. As this episode is very short in duration, the degree of palynological variability seems extreme. Common sense would suggest that in the course of a mere 20-30 years pollen rain reflections of vegetational change would be

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of the problem lies at any given time in a certain proportion of the  
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of group B and group C.

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in the total group of 1200 samples. The reader sees no  
the following extra point have a probability of being called  
time-dependent variations in local conditions influencing  
period of easiness is demanded and as convenient. This any  
use and efficacious appear to have been repeated during the  
not treated standard similarity. 1200 surfaces damaged by  
all 1200 elastics and all portions of any one from elastic after  
was scattered with a material from the same source, but  
times during the year were the following was complicated. It  
proved evidence that the loose was removed a number of  
seconds of around 2 and those of group A. From experience  
outcomes above; that is, in the greatest release time  
polish sequence is vacuity in the elastic samples from the  
however. First, the fundamental source of vacuity in the  
Jolice age two seconds upon which each adjustment found to be  
attic of the alternative method employed.

histological sequence that this was a definitely an  
of correspondence between the polish surface which the  
the polish sequence are founded on Java, and the degree  
vacuity would then likely that the assumptions upon which  
expected to vary only to little degree. The observable

characteristics are not the only factors which condition the pollen records of sediment samples. Observed pollen rain records, including the mathematical relationships which obtain among the taxa of a pollen spectrum, are influenced simultaneously by three factors: the quantities of pollen produced by each taxon in the pollen rain source area; the quantities of pollen dispersed by each taxon to the locus of the sample; and the quantity of pollen of each taxon preserved in the depositional environment sampled. Each of these factors, in turn, is influenced by a variety of climatic, edaphic and biotic conditions. Since the pollen rain preserved in a sample is such a minuscule fraction of the pollen rain produced and dispersed by vegetation at any one time, many variations tend to be proportionally reduced to the point that they are statistically invisible in sediment samples. Thus vegetation pattern change is normally observed palynologically as a process which takes decades or centuries to occur.

However, vegetation pattern change is only one means by which paleoecological change is monitored palynologically. Ecological changes affecting the quantities of pollen produced, dispersed and preserved may be far more rapid than those which affect the plants as members of a plant association. A short duration drought, a modification of the mean wind direction during the pollination season, or a short term disturbance of soil surfaces may create significant variation in the character of the pollen rain

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evening, after the transition from the extratropical climate to the subtropical.  
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variations in the samples once collected. The less aquatic climate  
is left to observe at the more rapidly changing environment.  
In decades, centuries of gradual alteration affect the whole. All that  
pollen grain is deposited in a sample and the ratio we observe  
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records can be placed in groups in due to the increased  
related records. In all probability, the later time the  
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## PALaeoecological AND PALEOVEGETATIONAL RECONSTRUCTIONS

occurrence.

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translating through this than a function of vegetational patterns more securely interpreted as a function of paleoecological of vegetation change. However, what we observe, then, is observed is extremely unlikely if it is considered as a transition between one of such variability. The kind of variation observed is not inconsequential if it is a conservative interval pollen reader. If anything, it is a conservative years of Spanish colonial occupation. The deposits sampled are short interval pollen records, and the variability

fairly clear, however, that the deposits which produce pollen records referable to groups A, C and H are not of the short interval trap type. The distinctions between them may thus be interpretable in paleovegetation terms.

Such interpretation, and paleoecological interpretation as well, can proceed by two distinctive methods and by a combination of both methods. The first method places primary emphasis on consideration of the suite of taxa represented in the samples of a given pollen group and the frequency and constancy with which those taxa are represented. In group A, for example, *Iabiteae*, *ULMUS*, *EUCALYPTUS* and *ALNUS* occur in every sample, *RHUS* and *JUGLANS* occur in 3/4 of the samples, and *Solanaceae* and *Loranthaceae* occur in half. This associational pattern is unique to the group A series, though only *RHUS* occurs specifically and uniquely in this pollen group. Application of this method suggests that the group A samples reflect a unique vegetation pattern in which *RHUS* is a member, but the pattern is more distinctively characterized by the association of a mixture of native and exotic trees and shrubs.

The second method proceeds from a primary consideration of the empirical similarities and differences between pollen records collected from surficial deposits under observable vegetation and ecological conditions and those of more ancient deposits. Surface sample pollen records are assumed

to be the best available modern pollen rain homologues of the fossil pollen rains recoverable from older sediment samples. There are clear problems of direct interpretation of fossil/modern pollen rain relationships, however, because the modern records may be less affected by factors influencing pollen preservation. Surface sample pollen records were collected and analyzed as a part of this research program to test the value of this assumption empirically, as well as to guide interpretation of the fossil pollen sequence data if the test proved positive.

#### THE SURFACE SAMPLE RECORD

Existing vegetation patterns in Los Angeles County are all heavily modified by historic land use practises. Even areas in which attempts have been made during the last 50 years to encourage re-generation of floras which approximate those that existed a century ago are severely affected by the existence of exotic introduced species which are adapted to local conditions and compete heavily against native species. In any case, the pollen rains of even the most pristine native flora plant associations in Los Angeles County are to some extent affected by the pollen production and dispersal characteristics of the plant associations of the surrounding disturbed and managed landscape. When collecting surface sample pollen rains which could be used as empirical controls for the interpretation of fossil pollen records,

there, we recognized that it was not likely that any could be recovered that would be expected to produce statistically equivalent pollen grains to those dating back than a half century old. In addition, fossil pollen grains contaminated samples of to assess the total range of variability that were able to collect or analyze large numbers of such ecological class. We could, however, analyze and collect a sufficient number of samples to address specific problems in an initial fashion. We chose three problems significant in localities: the effect of land disturbance on modern surface samples. In this highly disturbed area, little constellates an unusually extreme danger to life and healthness of the later season caused by an extended drought. Productive growing season followed by a long period of little rainfall and little growth and development of vegetation and shrubs to winter, followed by a late season in which much of this biomass is either destroyed dead. This vegetation provides a very brief and scarce food source in the harsh winter, followed by a long period of little rainfall and little growth and development of vegetation and shrubs to winter, followed by a late season in which much of this biomass is either destroyed dead.

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landowners to reduce the potential damage by removing the  
bulk of vegetation prior to the life-damaging flood. Most who  
own leases usually take precautions to the vegetation to avoid damage  
and continuity government always the vegetation to avoid damage  
to trees during the growing season to reduce the losses  
however, also reduces the pollution  
productivity of the plot; it reduces the plot's potential  
geological processes and it creates a stable  
sediment layer in which previous pollution which has caused  
dams since the last flooding is deposited with the new  
be preserved in the deposit from which they rise to the open  
flooded area by the flood.

VEG-ECOLOGICAL PATTERN	EXOTIC AP	NATIVE AP	GRAM- INEAE	TUBULI- FLOBAE	CHENO-	AMMBO- SIBAE	UNKN. C
NORTHERN DISTUR.	7.5	8.5	17.5	11.0	13.0	17.0	18.0
ESTATE DISTURBED	12.0	19.0	24.0	4.0	15.0	12.0	2.0
GRASSY AREA	20.0	15.5	31.0	5.0	11.5	3.5	2.5
WITHIN STRUCTURE	37.0	6.5	7.5	3.5	8.5	5.0	20.5
CANOPIED AREA	75.0	4.5	8.0	2.0	3.5	4.5	1.5

TABLE V: SLUSHER AREA SURFACE POLLEN RECORDS

of the first collection area. The third was collected in the grassy area surrounding the eastern fountain on the estate. The sample from disced ground on the estate was collected from the central, open, portion of the estate property west of the first collection area.

Comparing the two disturbed surface samples and the three undisturbed (Table 7) reveals the fact that the former contain uniformly lower frequencies of exotic arboreal pollen (EUCALYPTUS and ULMUS) and higher frequencies of Ambrosiace pollen. Ambrosiace pollen is produced by ragweed-like plants well adapted to growth on disturbed soils. However, the plants which produce Chenopodiace pollen are similarly adapted, and many of the species which produce Tubuliflorae pollen are also. Though plants of these taxa are normally more abundant on the plots than Ambrosiace pollen producers, their pollen is not observed in higher frequency than on undisturbed plots. The higher frequency of Ambrosiace pollen thus apparently reflects the occurrence of disturbed ground ecology, but not the nature of the disturbed ground vegetation.

Alternatively, the frequencies and relative proportions of exotic and native arboreal pollen seem to be informative as regards vegetation. The same seems true of the frequency value for grass pollen.

In the northern plot area there are no trees of any sort.

The low total arboreal pollen frequency (16%) seems to reflect a low regional tree density, and the 1:1 ratio of exotic to native tree pollen seems to indicate that pollen of both classes is equally distributed to the plot. The open plot area on the estate has a total AP frequency of 31.0%, indicating a decidedly more proximate position in relation to trees. In addition, it has a 1:1.5 ratio of exotic to native tree pollen, indicating only slightly more proximity to native than to introduced arboreal taxa. This is indeed the case. By contrast, the canopied plot yielded 79.5% arboreal pollen, in a ratio of 16.6:1. All of the trees which shade the plot are exotics. The fountain plot is less densely canopied than the structure plot, and less distant from native taxa. It contains 35.5% arboreal pollen at a ratio of 2:1.5, while the structure plot contained 43.5% arboreal pollen at a ratio of 5.7:1. The grassiest plots, in terms of decreasing grass density, are the fountain plot, the open estate plot and the northern plot. Their grass pollen frequency values are 31.0%, 24.0% and 17.5% respectively.

Two groups of surface samples were collected to address the question of the degrees to which ecological contrasts are represented in the modern pollen rain. The first group of six samples was collected at Whittier Narrows State Park, a low-lying area of permanent stream flow and high water tables. The second group, of two samples, was collected on the vegetated slopes of Turnbull Canyon, which is an area of

VEG-ECOLOGICAL PATTERN	EXOTIC AP	NATIVE AP	GRASS- INEAE	TUSCOLI- FLORAE	CHENO- AM	AMPHU- SIEAE	DARK. C
CANE-GRAPE SWALE	15.5	23.5	10.5	5.0	4.0	8.0	15.5
GRAPE-BLACKBERRY THICKET	5.5	34.0	10.5	13.0	8.0	2.0	14.5
OPEN AREA	2.5	7.5	6.0	8.0	3.0		62.0
SEDGE SWALE	3.5	12.5	5.5	21.5	7.0	1.5	30.0
BACCHARIS THICKET	0.5	4.0	3.0	19.5	28.0	1.0	33.5
SUCCESSIONAL RIPARIAN WOODS	5.0	39.5	1.5	4.0	4.5	1.0	26.5
OPEN SUCCESSIONAL COASTAL SCRUB	1.0	7.5	11.5	15.0	1.5	3.0	46.5
CLOSED CANOPY RHUS	4.5	12.5	3.5	3.0			RHUS=63.5%

TABLE VI: NARROWS AND TURNBULL AREAS SURFACE POLLEN RECORDS

such drier and cooler ecology. The ecology of the Slusher estate area constitutes another, intermediate, contrast.

As a population, the samples of the Narrows area are distinct from those of the Slusher estate and Turnbull Canyon areas in the higher frequency values for native tree pollen (Tables V and VI). Also, the native tree pollen record is more influenced by riparian taxa (*ALNUS*, *JUGLANS*, *SALIX*) than is the case elsewhere, where *JUNIPERUS*, *QUERCUS* and *PINUS* tend to dominate. This generalization does not apply, however, to individual sample spectra. Differentiation of the Slusher and Turnbull modern pollen rains is best effected by the contrast in the frequency of exotic tree pollen. The highly human-managed ecology of the former is reflected in its higher exotic AP values. The contrast in temperature values for the three districts does not seem palynologically evidenced, nor does any contrast in relative aridity between the Slusher and Turnbull districts.

When the individual samples of the three populations are compared in respect to Unknown C pollen, it is evident that each group contains relatively low and relatively high values for this pollen type. In both the Whittier Narrows and the Turnbull populations, high frequency values are recovered from plots evidencing floristic recovery from an earlier human-managed state. In the Slusher population, the plots with the highest Unknown C frequency values do not yield values on the order of those of successional flora

plots in the other districts. But they are the least managed plots of the Slusher modern surface series.

The 13 samples do not constitute an adequate series of empirical controls, but they appear to provide data patterns relevant to interpretation of the fossil records. It seems fairly clear that the sort of extreme soil surface disturbance caused by discing elevates the Ambrosieae pollen frequency. This does not reflect a palynological response to locally increased numbers of Ambrosieae pollen producers, however; rather, it seems to reflect the singular ecological stresses soil disturbance places on any vegetation which happens to occupy the location. Relative increases in the frequency of Unknown C pollen similarly appear to reflect ecological rather than vegetation conditions. The data suggest that once a plot has been subject to human management, release of management pressure will be reflected by an increase in the Unknown C pollen frequency. Irrespective of the flora involved, a plot which is either yet subject to management or recovered more fully from management will produce a pollen rain with less Unknown C pollen.

The surface sample data suggests that the frequency of grass pollen in a record is a reasonable monitor of the density of grass cover, though the relationship is not fully proportional. Thus a densely grassy plot may yield as much as 20 or as little as 4 times as much Gramineae pollen as

one which is essentially lacking any grass plants at all. Interestingly, this generalization seems to apply only to herbaceous grass pollen producers. The shrubby cane plant (*ARUNDO DONAX*) produces Gramineae pollen but the sample collected from the cane-grape swale contained little more such pollen than was observed in the canopied area lacking herbaceous grass.

The surface pollen rain data also suggests that the arboreal pollen frequency value monitors immediate tree density, though background values of 4-15% can occur far from any trees. Today, the proportion of exotic to native arboreal pollen seems to monitor human horticulture intensity. Highly managed landscapes yield exotic:native AP ratios in excess of 1:1; minimally managed ones yield ratios below 1:1 even though exotic AP producers may be conspicuously present.

In general, the taxonomic representation of the arboreal flora and the arboreal pollen flora are not in close correspondence. *JUNIPERUS* occurs quite consistently in the Slusher surface pollen rain, for example, though it is not a member of the local flora, and *QUERCUS* pollen is normally overrepresented. A conifer of native riparian arboreal taxa, however, normally plays a stronger role in the native arboreal pollen rain along the floodplain than is the case elsewhere.

INTERPRETATION OF THE FOSSIL POLLEN SPECTRA: PALEOVEGETATION  
AND PALEOECOLOGY

The most ancient samples of the fossil series, those of group H, are characterized by moderately high values for both Gramineae and Tubuliflorae pollen. The former seems best interpreted as reflecting a quite continuous ground cover of herbaceous grassy vegetation; the latter appears to indicate the occurrence of fairly numerous forbes as well. This is consistent with the surprisingly high value for Ambrosieae pollen in this population, indicating the occurrence of ecological conditions acting parallel to those which today generate mechanical soil surface disturbance.

The samples of the group G population evidence the existence of significantly denser stands of herbaceous grass than had occurred somewhat earlier and, despite the construction of the Ontiveros Adobe and its use as a ranch headquarters, less soil disturbance. The proximity to a native tree population including riparian elements seems also to have increased. These modifications of vegetation and ecology may all have been induced by man. As exctic herbaceous grass species spread through southern California, they may have first competed more heavily against native forbes than native grasses, and first occupied the relatively more disturbed soil niches. Similarly, exploitation of clay deposits and native bay in the local stream channel

floodplain was very likely required for support of corralled equids and construction of the Ontiveros Adobe. The result would have been a reduction in competition between grass plants and shrubby or arboreal riparian taxa. The occupants of the Ontiveros Adobe may have recognized these changes as beneficial. To them, it would have seemed that the very act of stocking the empty range improved its quality, and the act of building their home brought in its wake the establishment of shade plants near their domestic water source and a reduction in the insect and rodent populations with whom they shared the floodplain.

But within a few years, as evidenced by the group F(2) pollen spectra, range conditions had deteriorated to their former state. Slightly later, during the period represented by the F(1) pollen series, the land was showing signs of human management. Elm tree saplings, probably offspring of trees planted to the southwest of the Adobe to provide shade, may have begun sprouting on the floodplain to compete against native riparian trees. The combination of competition by woody taxa and continuous mowing seems to have reduced the quality or quantity (or both) of the native hay crop of the floodplain. The first pollen which may be identified as a crop plant, possibly a European cereal, shows up at this time. One may interpret its occurrence as an effort to supplement a deteriorating wild plant fodder supply for the ranch's corralled horses with oats or wheat.

the group C pollen records, however, the role of mixed origin  
reduction in sedimentation occurred. The densities were  
by and large high. In particular in which a total  
carbon towards aboriginal geological conditions, followed  
processes varied from the younger ones to the old to a  
large and mass development in the reduction of man-made  
samples seems to reflect the relative abundance of transiting  
evidenced by the records of pollen about C, the pollen  
some what later in the A-B 1835-1976 period, as

#### Local ecology.

Pollen suggests a slighting of human-made particles on  
the locality record. The dominant plants available for human  
colonization of the area were grasses. Much contribution to  
an apparent reduction of abundance of grasses. Much  
from those originating slightly earlier, with the exception of  
not evidence vegetation of ecological conditions distinct  
the non-occupancy period beginning about A.D. 1845. They do  
the primary records of pollen group D have been attributed to

#### able to survive and pollinate at the locality.

taxa seems to have been so far reduced that common  
there access. The competitive power of grasses against  
the first appeared to be in as great or greater numbers  
grazing was still a highly productive ecological activity, but  
the continually dry grassy land was already gone.  
about 6 were reported in the lower levels of the base  
not more than a decade later, when the pollen records of

the effect that they are more likely variable than those of group D may be in contrast of that situation. The conservative interpretation of the group C species should be concluded as a hypothesis; the occurrence of a relatively variable environment by the group C individuals is due to their differential migration pattern subject to occasional disturbances and decreases in abundance pressure.

group B identifies a typical response of the species to the environment by the group C individuals. The changeability of the group C individuals is due to their differential migration pattern subject to occasional disturbances and decreases in abundance pressure.

If we expect the environment that the stable record of pollen indicates the second obtained in the DABURARI (indirect) polllen analysis is approached in the modern pollen fauna species richness decreased and by the direct record in the DABURARI (indirect) analysis by the second obtained in the modern pollen fauna reflects the difference of abundance of the species. The changeability with Cenozoan pollen value of this productivity. The changeability with Cenozoan pollen value of this productivity is due to the time of most extreme losses of ecosystems and identifiably the time of most extreme losses of ecosystems, it is group B. In addition a typical response of the species to the environment by the group C individuals is due to their differential migration pattern subject to occasional disturbances and decreases in abundance pressure.

the characteristic diversity and frequency values for exotic plants, grasses and glasswort dominants. The influence of garden ornamentals on the productivity during the paleoecological indices of the last century recorded almost pollen in the group A species were classed assemblage in the grass values and the relative productivity.

of native to exotic arboreal pollen types in the spectra of this group suggest that the plot of land in the immediate area of the Ontiveros Adobe was more frequently subject to landscaping modifications than the part of the estate where structures yet stand. This is somewhat more evidenced if the samples attributed to the Adobe cornerstone and possible wall melt (samples 115 and 49) are considered accrual members of the group A population.

#### SUMMARY

The pollen studies undertaken in association with archaeological research on the Slusher estate allow development of a number of interesting insights in the areas of cultural history, paleoecological and paleovegetational change through time, and potential development of the methods appropriate to Californian archaeological research. Taking the latter first, it seems evident that pollen study may be profitably aligned and integrated with fine-grained geoarchaeological and microstratigraphic studies. In conjunction with appropriately implemented sediment sample collection strategies, development of extraordinarily discriminating relative chronologies seems not only possible but uniquely relevant to the study of Californian history and prehistory.

The process of integration of highly discrete locus-specific

be an artifact of the diagnostic histological patterns sampled. Patterns and their characteristics may vary, however, recent publications of paleopathological studies have demonstrated much more direct associations between disease presentation than those based on the pattern of deposition of infectious material deposits in to, paleopathological and paleovirological infections can demonstrate that increased incidence of rashes were very rare among patients that had been down-to-date lately. At a more down-to-date level, this pattern

to fossil records.

analysts of variations in either culture or biotopic chronology models which can be independent tested by to the rapid development of direct-gene-based relative and, given appropriate expertise and opportunity, can lead to the same location with a distinct set of variations indicated from different locations may be broader geographic scale. Such infections may at least part and in fact to microphylogenetic interpretation of the same sets of observations and are often limited to the same geographical areas examined for such pollen studies provide chronological of this type. However, the absolute chronological glassless the potential of carbon-14 dating to provide pollen to recover and subject to analysts, it would be easy to significant quantities of organic residues that are only the most abundant and tedious. In terms of the existent economic climate and external labor market, there is no doubt considerably greater pollen concentrations could be identified

Certainly, the vegetation annual patterns differences between the period since ca. 1870 and the preceding periods were obviously. It may also be the result of the increase in precipitation to examine and analyze the available records by non-statistical techniques because there is a multivariate feature of precipitation samples. As more drainage sample and fossil record data is accumulated in future, both the types and the number of paleoclimatic studies of Paleoclimatic and climatic history in Colombia and to our comprehension of climate change facades to plomerar California. It would appear facades to conclude of those periods as having either a generally negative or a somewhat positive effect upon a smooth climatic history adapted, stable aridland ecosystems. The Spanish conquest period occurred a century earlier than the first major ecological standards and the soils of interglacial were probably characterized by short term, enter and suddenly separate a unique feature by classification between occurrences of this propensity did not, in the response to the arid establishment seems to have been an enhancement of exacily those landscape features which attracted solutionists to the area. In a short time frame of attachment solutions to the area and long-term solutions such as accept the modifications and long-term colonists may have been as much a function of degradation that these actions shaped the distribution of the introduction of disease, the earliest

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In the long term, however, pursuit of the same activities predominantly resulted in a decline in quality of life standards. This decline was largely due to the same activities which had been undertaken during the colonial period. The historical lesson we must learn from this study is that while it does not affect the historical trajectory of the country, it does affect the economic development of the country. In the long run, this will lead to a decline in the quality of life of the people and the economy. This is because the economic development of the country depends on the quality of life of its people. The quality of life of the people is determined by their education, health, and income levels. These factors are interconnected and affect each other. Therefore, any policy that aims at improving the quality of life of the people must take into account all these factors.

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sale and subdivision of Rancho Santa Gertrudes did not result in the creation of a new ecological balance between man and the land. The rate of ecosystem modification was, instead, slowed as the scale upon which intensive pressure was applied was reduced. Where large tracts were previously intensively grazed, now small tracts became about as intensively cropped.

The scene was set about the time the group B pollen record was deposited for the crossing of an ecological threshold that would have seen the productivity of the landscape significantly worsened under human management pressure. But this trajectory was truncated at this locality by Fulton's decision to convert the site area to a park-like oasis and the efforts of subsequent owners to maintain it as a totally artificial ecological system. This remains the situation to the present day, and has become the normal man/land relationship pattern for Los Angeles County.

The picture which emerges, then, is neither one of progressive increase or progressive decrease in the productivity of the land through time. Rather, it is one in which the establishment of a type of management practise results initially in the creation of a distinctive ecosystem which then progresses along its own unique historical trajectory. The rate and direction of that progress seems to depend in each historical period upon the degree of intensity with which the management practise is pursued. In

The low levels of demand which persisted for some decades followed the case of decline in ecosystem productivity to some marketed, but the direction of the trajectory remained the same. At approximately the point at which the accumulated decipline had reached a critical severity which produced diversity would have been reduced to a level that did not match property, however, yet another type of land management practice was established and yet another ecosystem was formed. In this system, all concern for native vegetation was forgotten. The native landscape has been abandoned. Land use practices are directed toward the maintenance of a forested landscape, but its managed landscape which is valued for its aesthetic, not its economic, qualities. These values have been of significant interest, but its managed landscape which is valued for its aesthetic, not its economic, qualities.

Aesthetic demands of an agricultural population were met by the market, but the economic effectiveness measured by the potential of the land to support a richly changing its character, biodiversity, and because it is composed variables into the system (e.g., exotic trees) which this decline was producing and introduced into smaller tracts at low intensity levels slowed the rate of productivity. In the initial phase period, the following of a fairly rapid trajectory of losing levels of ecosystem stability, attached, state within a few decades and eventually

The colonial period, notably, succeeded to remain in a processive decadence the ecosystem's location to remain in a

persistent continuation of the artificial ecosystem have been borne with minimal complaint. The productivity of this ecosystem is measured by the degree to which it satisfies the aesthetic values it is designed to enhance. By that standard, the system is less productive in 1980 than it was in 1940 as a result of smaller labor and materials investment. Its productivity can be restored and even enhanced quite rapidly if those investments are again made. If they are not made, there will be a swift degradation of the ecosystem's productivity as the horticultural taxa succumb to disease, old age and the competition of wild and escaped taxa capable of invasion.

Should the latter historical trajectory occur, yet another ecosystem will have come into existence on the Slusher property. As was the case formerly, it is likely that this ecosystem's characteristics will be determined by the nature of the land management practises employed. Thus its future productivity will also be measured by the capacity of the land to provide for human, not strictly biotic, needs.

APPENDIX

COMMON REFERENCE

ABIES	Fir
PINUS	Pine
JUNIPERUS	Juniper
QUERKUS	Oak
LITHOCARPUS	Lithocarpus
POPULUS	Cottonwood
SALIX	Willow
ALNUS	Alder
JUGLANS	Walnut
Betulaceae	Birch family
ACER	Maple genus, incl. box elder
ULMUS	Elm
CARYA	Hickory, pecan
EUCALYPTUS	Eucalyptus
RHUS	Sumac genus, incl. laurel sumac, lemonadeberry, sugarbush
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn family, incl. coffeeberry
Rosaceae	Rose family, incl. blackberry
PITTOSPORUM	Pittosporum
ZEPHYRANTHES	Mormon tea
Chenopodiaceae	Artificial taxon = Chenopodiaceae + AMARANTHUS
Gramineae	Grass family (Poaceae)
Ambrosieae	Tribe of Compositae incl. ragweed
Tubuliflorae	Tribe of Compositae incl. sunflower, aster, mulefat
Liquuliflorae	Tribe of Compositae incl. dandelion
AKTEMESIA	Sagebrush
Lequimidosae	Pea family, incl. clover
Solanaceae	Nightshade family, incl. jimsonweed, tree tobacco
Labitae	Mint family, incl. sage
Lilliaceae	Lily family, incl. yucca
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge family
Umbelliferae	Umbel family, incl. carrot, Queen Anne's lace
Onagraceae	Evening primrose family
Malvaceae	Mallow family
Caprifoliaceae	Honeysuckle family, incl. elderberry
Geraniaceae	Geranium family, incl. filaree
Cruciferae	Mustard family, incl. wild radish
Portulacaceae	Purslane family
Ranunculaceae	Ranunculus family
Carvodillaceae	Pink family, incl. chickweed
RUMEX	
Cyperaceae	Sedge family
TYMPANIS	Cattail
VITIS	Grape
Polygonaceae	Buckwheat family, incl. knotweed
ZEA	Corn, maize
CUCURBITA	Squash genus, incl. pumpkin

CASE LABEL NO.	POLLEN OBSERVED
Turnbull Canyon open scrub surface	13 ABIES 12 BEECH 11 BIRCH 10 CEDAR 9 COTTONWOOD 8 CRASSULACEA 7 ELM 6 FERN 5 GINKGO 4 HORNBEAM 3 HORSE CHARM 2 JUNIPER 1 KELPIE 1 LILAC 1 MULBERRY 1 OAK 1 PINE 1 RUE 1 SORREL 1 SPURGE 1 TULIP 1 VINE 1 WILLOW 1 YEW 1 ZEPHYRANTHE
Turnbull Canyon RHUS thicket surface	11 100 10 100 9 100 8 100 7 100 6 100 5 100 4 100 3 100 2 100 1 100
Slusher Estates disturbed surface	4 100 3 100 2 100 1 100
Slusher Estates canopied surface	3 100 2 100 1 100
Slusher Estates disturbed surface	2 100 1 100
Slusher Estates with thin structure surface	5 100 4 100 3 100 2 100 1 100
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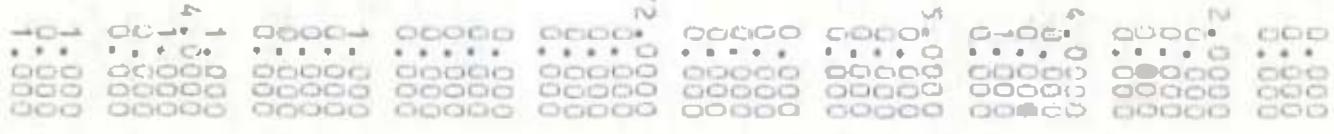
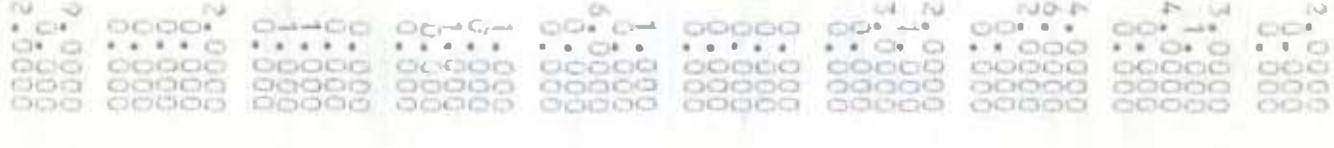
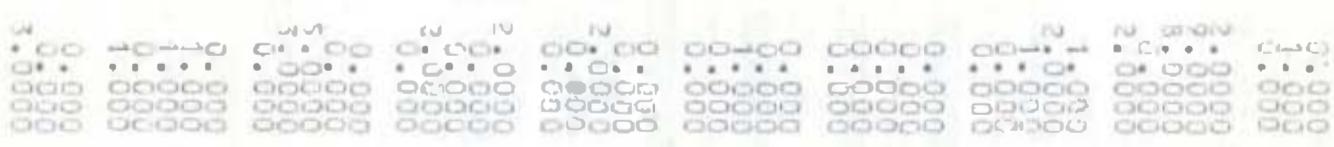
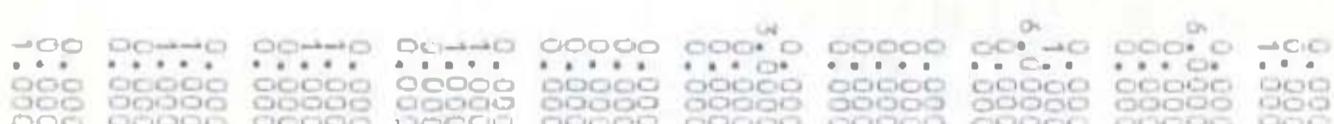
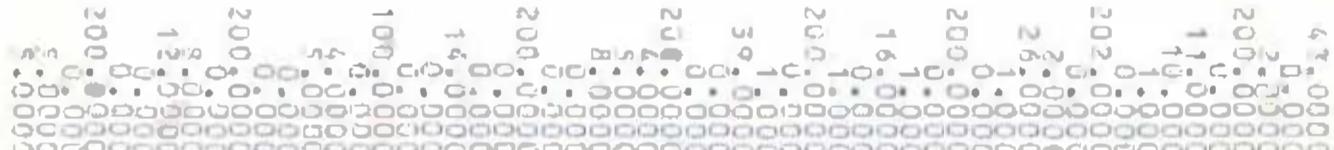
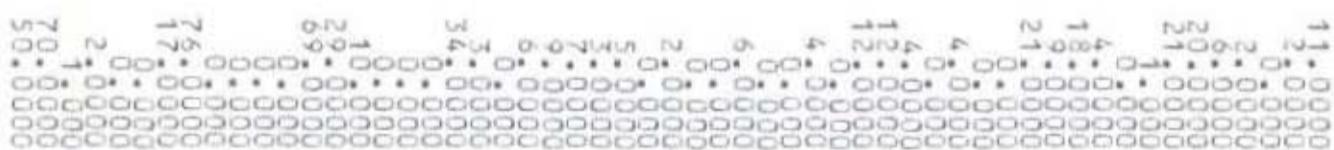
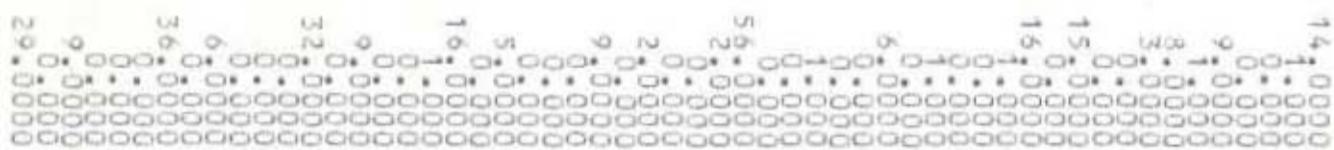
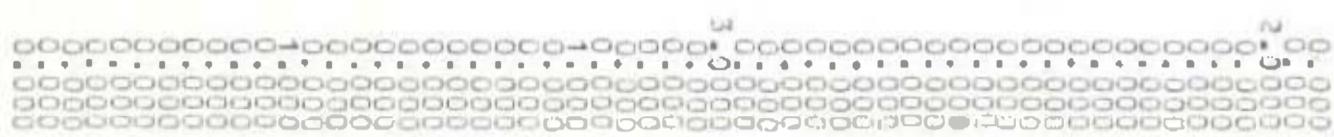
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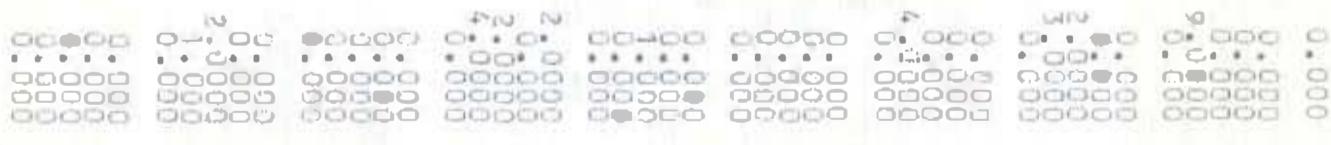
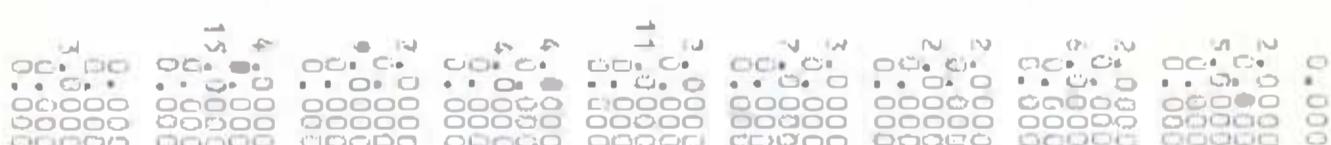
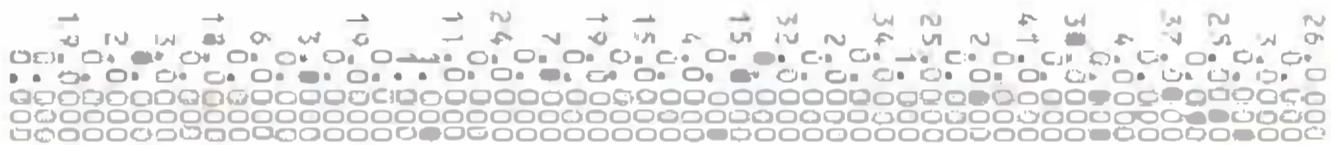
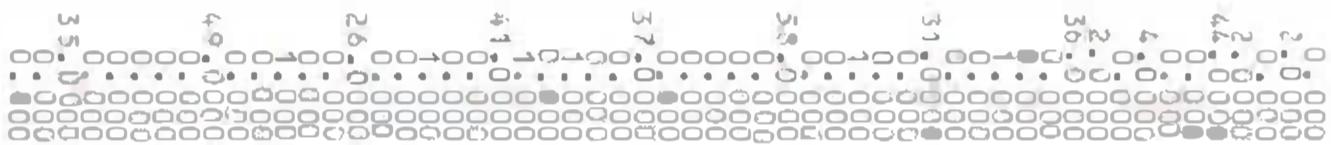
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