

36.1 - Population Ecology - How & why pops change

- Population Structure plays a key role in to identify and save
- Population ecologists study interaction between and factors
- Study change in population size and

36.2 - Density & dispersion patterns

- Samples are used to estimate
 - or counted by indirect indicators (ex: bird nests / rodent burrows)
- often result from unequal distribution of resources
- These population estimates allow researchers to monitor & compare and with other populations
- Dispersion patterns also indicate

★ Types of dispersion patterns

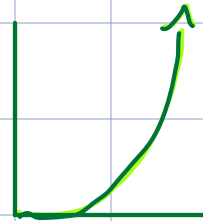
- = indiv. grouped in patches (common in nature)
- = even dispersion of

36.4 - Idealized models predict patterns of Population Growth

Exponential Growth Model - rate of pop. increase under

$$G = rN$$

↑ ← Pop. Size



Growth rate of Population

Per capita rate of increase

- Avg. contribution of each individual to

Logistics Model:

$$G = rN \frac{(K-N)}{K}$$

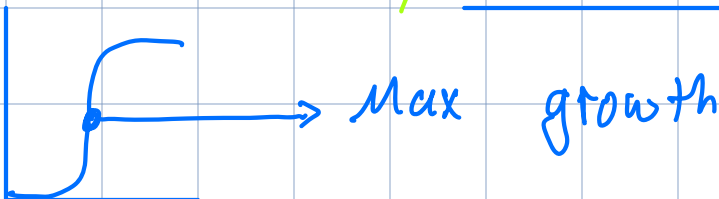
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→ Max capacity of members of pop. to

_____ : Max pop size that an environment can sustain.

→ varies by _____

→ affected by _____



36.5 - Multiple factors limit population Growth

- Density dependent factors - _____ factors whose intensity is related to pop. _____

- Intraspecific competition: competition between

of the species for
limited resources

- Density dependent factors _____ population growth by _____ the death rate, so survivorship _____ when pop. density _____
- Factors other than food: _____, _____ (like stress due to overcrowding)

_____ is unrelated to pop. _____
- _____ factors such as _____

Exp. growth  Sudden decline

36.6 - Some populations have "boom-bust" cycles

- Some insects, mammals, and birds undergo dramatic density _____ regularly
- _____ are rapid exponential _____, followed by _____ where population _____ back to minimal levels
- This can be because of seasonal limited _____ and _____