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2 genetic diversity of pollen pools accepted by *Camellia japonica* trees within  
3 a population at a landscape level

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1 **ABSTRACT**

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3 Bird pollination can vary spatially in response to spatial fluctuations in  
4 flowering even within plant populations. In this study, we examined the  
5 hypothesis that the spatial variation in bird pollination may induce mitigating  
6 effects which maintains or increases genetic diversity of pollen pools at local  
7 sites with low flowering densities. To test this hypothesis, we analyzed the  
8 landscape-level genetic effects within a population of *Camellia japonica* on  
9 the pollen pools accepted by individuals in two reproductive years by using  
10 genotypes at eight microsatellite loci of 1323 seeds from 19 seed parents.  
11 Regression analyses using the quadratic models of correlated paternity  
12 between pollen pools against spatial distances between the seed-parent pairs  
13 revealed not only local pollination but also some amount of long-distance  
14 pollen dispersal. The genetic diversity of pollen pools accepted by seed  
15 parents tended to be negatively related to the densities of flowering  
16 individuals near the seed parents during winter (when the effective pollination  
17 of *C. japonica* is mediated mostly by *Zosterops japonica*). We show that the  
18 low density of flowering individuals may induce the expansion of the

1 foraging areas of *Z. japonica* and consequently increase the genetic diversity  
2 of pollen pools. This spatial variation in bird pollination may induce the  
3 mitigating effects on the *C. japonica* population. The comparisons between  
4 the two study years indicate that the overall pattern of bird pollination and the  
5 genetic effects described here, including the mitigating effects, may be stable  
6 over time.

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8 **Keywords:** bird-plant interaction, gene flow, microsatellite, ornithophily,  
9 pollen dispersal, Two-Gener analysis

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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3 Local flowering density (defined in this study as the number of flowers  
4 produced per flowering individual and the density of flowering individuals at  
5 a site) may affect the patterns of animal pollination. Considering that  
6 optimally foraging pollinators are expected to minimize energetic costs  
7 during foraging bouts by moving preferentially between nearby flowers  
8 (Krauss *et al.*, 2017), high flowering densities per individual would induce  
9 short-distance pollination. Furthermore, high densities of flowering  
10 individuals may induce animal pollinators to forage more locally, thereby  
11 reducing pollen dispersal distances (Hardy, 2009). On the contrary, low  
12 flowering densities should increase the distances of animal pollination.  
13 Therefore, the distance might negatively depend on the flowering density. In  
14 this study, we describe such relationship as “negative density-dependence of  
15 pollination distance”. According to the model  $N_{ep} = 8\delta^2d$  (Austerlitz and  
16 Smouse, 2001), where  $N_{ep}$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $d$  are the effective number of pollen parents,  
17 mean distance of pollen dispersal, and density of reproductive individuals,  
18 respectively,  $N_{ep}$  theoretically decrease with decreasing  $d$  if  $\delta$  is assumed to

1 be constant (Austerlitz and Smouse, 2001). However, the negative density-  
2 dependence of pollination distance, which increases  $\delta$  as  $d$  decreases as  
3 observed in some animal-pollination in forest tree species (Stacy *et al.*, 1996;  
4 White *et al.*, 2002; Fukue *et al.*, 2007), could mitigate the effect of decreasing  
5  $d$ , thus maintaining or increasing both  $N_{ep}$  and the consequent genetic  
6 diversity of pollen pools (mitigation effect). Therefore, if flowering density  
7 spatially vary within a population, pollen dispersal patterns may vary among  
8 seed parents that accept pollen depending on local flowering density even  
9 within continuous populations at the landscape level. Owing to the spatial  
10 variation in pollen dispersal, the genetic diversity of pollen pools accepted by  
11 each seed parent might also spatially vary even within populations. The  
12 consequent mitigation effect on the genetic diversity of pollen pools could  
13 contribute to the preservation of genetic diversity within populations by  
14 maintaining or increasing the genetic diversity of offspring from seed parents  
15 at local sites with low flowering density. However, such spatial variations in  
16 pollen dispersal and the consequent genetic diversity of pollen pools within  
17 continuous populations have not been fully elucidated.

18           The effects of flowering density on pollination depend on the

1 pollination vectors (Breed *et al.*, 2015a). Although the reduced density of  
2 small-insect pollinated species may led to provision of low pollen diversity,  
3 the bird-pollinated tree species may not suffer from the effects of decreased  
4 density owing to the ability to sample larger and more diverse pollination  
5 neighborhoods (Breed *et al.*, 2015a). Such mitigation effect probably due to  
6 the negative density-dependence of bird-pollination has been indicated by  
7 previous studies on forest tree species (Abe *et al.*, 2011; Breed *et al.*, 2015a,  
8 b). Bird pollination can be characterized by high mobility and high energy  
9 needs, which may induce birds to visit several widely scattered nectar sources  
10 (Stiles, 1978). Owing to the negative density-dependence of pollination  
11 distance based on the ability of birds to track fluctuations in flowering better  
12 than insects (Stiles, 1978), low flowering density should substantially  
13 promote pollen dispersal via birds. Therefore, bird-pollination patterns may  
14 vary spatially in response to the spatial fluctuations of flowering even within  
15 a population.

16           Although the optimal foraging behavior of nectar- or pollen-feeding  
17 animals has been thought to result in short-distance pollen dispersal, as well  
18 as frequent selfing, biparental inbreeding, and highly correlated paternity

1 within maternal sibships (Bezemer *et al.*, 2016; Krauss *et al.*, 2017), Krauss  
2 *et al.* (2017) predicted that high mobility, limited grooming, and aggression  
3 are likely to be key behavioral characteristics of birds that facilitate pollen  
4 carryover and promote high mate diversity in plant species. Therefore, these  
5 behavioral characteristics as well as the effect of flowering density should be  
6 examined to elucidate the genetic effect of bird pollination. Furthermore, an  
7 examination on the stability of pollination patterns across different  
8 reproductive years is essential for the exact characterization of the pollination  
9 pattern.

10 *Camellia japonica* blossoms in winter when pollinators other than  
11 birds are usually scarce because the low temperatures restrict the activities of  
12 insect pollinators (Fang *et al.*, 2012). *C. japonica* strongly depends on the bird  
13 species *Zosterops japonica* (Japanese white-eye) for pollination and the bird  
14 strongly depends on *C. japonica* for food resources in winter (Kunitake *et al.*,  
15 2004). Furthermore, the flowering density of the species may vary spatially  
16 even within a population at a landscape level. Therefore, an examination of  
17 the relationship between flowering density during winter and genetic  
18 diversity of pollen pools in such populations of *C. japonica* could reveal the

1 effect of flowering density on bird pollination. Previous studies on *C.*  
2 *japonica* populations have shown that the high mobility and effectiveness of  
3 *Zosterops japonica* as a pollinator may strongly contribute to the maintenance  
4 of pollen genetic diversity (Abe *et al.*, 2011, 2013). However, these studies  
5 have only been conducted at small scales (0.3–1.0 ha plots), and spatial  
6 variation in pollination and its consequent genetic effects on pollen pools  
7 within a population have yet to be examined.

8           In this study, we examined the overall patterns of bird pollination in  
9 *Camellia japonica* and their stability across different reproductive years  
10 within an intact and continuous forest at a landscape scale. We also examined  
11 the hypothesis that the spatial variation in bird pollination, in response to the  
12 spatial fluctuations of flowering, may induce mitigating effects which  
13 maintains or increases genetic diversity of pollen pools at local sites with low  
14 flowering densities within a population.

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## 16 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

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18 *Study site*

1  
2 The study site was in the Tatera Forest Reserve (34° 9' N, 129° 13' E) on the  
3 South Island of Tsushima, which belongs to Nagasaki Prefecture in Japan and  
4 is located between the Japanese Archipelago and Korean Peninsula. The  
5 reserve is protected as a national natural monument, covers approximately  
6 100 ha, and is situated on the north-facing slope of Mt. Tatera (560 m above  
7 sea level). There has been no human interference in the reserve for several  
8 centuries, and an old-growth, evergreen, broad-leaved forest is well  
9 developed (Itow, 1991). The vegetation features of the forest have been  
10 described by Manabe *et al.* (2000), who investigated all tree stems with a  
11 diameter at breast height (DBH)  $\geq 5$  cm in a 4 ha plot established within the  
12 forest. The plot contained a total of 45 species and 4570 living stems  $\geq 5$  cm  
13 DBH, with a total basal area of 63.9 m<sup>2</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup>. The dominant species in terms  
14 of stem density was *Distylium racemosum* (Hamamelidaceae) at 410.0 stems  
15 ha<sup>-1</sup>, but *Castanopsis sieboldii* (Fagaceae) was dominant in terms of basal  
16 area at 24.9 m<sup>2</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup>. *Camellia japonica* was only one bird-pollinated tree  
17 species of the major species in the plot and had the fifth largest basal area (2.4  
18 m<sup>2</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup>) and third highest density (143.3 stems ha<sup>-1</sup>).

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2 *Study species*

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4 *Camellia japonica*, which is an evergreen broad-leaved tree of the family  
5 Theaceae, is distributed throughout Japan, Korea, and China. The species  
6 commonly dominates the subcanopy layer in warm-temperate, evergreen,  
7 broad-leaved forests in Japan. It produces hermaphrodite flowers from  
8 November to April (Kunitake *et al.*, 2004). Its pollen is mainly dispersed by  
9 Japanese white-eye birds (*Zosterops japonica*; Kunitake *et al.*, 2004), and its  
10 seeds are dispersed primarily by gravity and secondarily (in some places) by  
11 mice (Abe *et al.*, 2006). This species is self-incompatible (Wendel and Parks,  
12 1984), and its flowers do not set fruits without pollinator visitation (Kunitake  
13 *et al.*, 2004). Kunitake *et al.* (2004) found that fruit set in flowers visited by  
14 birds was sixfold greater than that in flowers without bird visitation and the  
15 level of fruit set was saturated by only five visitations of *Z. japonica*.  
16 Furthermore, most visitors to the flowers were *Z. japonica* individuals in the  
17 field observation (Kunitake *et al.*, 2004). Therefore, pollination by *Z.*  
18 *japonica* should be important for the seed production and the contribution by

1 pollinators other than *Z. japonica* may be minor.

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### 3 *Field methods*

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5 In September 2006, we sampled leaves and seeds from 16 *Camellia japonica*  
6 seed parents: 3 seed parents at each of 4 sites (s1, s2, s3, and s4) and 4 seed  
7 parents at another site (s5) in the 100 ha old-growth, evergreen, broad-leaved  
8 forest (Figure 1, Table 1). In September 2008, we sampled seeds from 16 seed  
9 parents: 13 seed parents that were also in the previous set (1 seed parent at s5  
10 and 3 seed parents each at s1, s2, s3, and s4) and other 3 seed parents at s5.  
11 In addition to seeds, leaves were collected from the three seed parents at s5.  
12 In total, we sampled leaves and 1323 seeds from 19 seed parents. The number  
13 of fruits sampled from each seed parent ranged from 4–11, and the number of  
14 seeds sampled from each fruit ranged from 1–13.

15         The locations of all seed parents were determined by hand-held GPS  
16 units (eTrex Vista C or Colorado 300, Garmin, Kansas, USA). The mean  
17 distances between pairs of the 16 seed parents sampled in 2006, 16 seed  
18 parents sampled in 2008, and 13 seed parents sampled in both years were

1 442.9 ± 270.8 (standard deviation), 448.1 ± 276.6, and 362.1 ± 227.4 m,  
2 respectively, and those within sites were 33.3 ± 20.6, 31.1 ± 18.4, and 28.8 ±  
3 16.4 m, respectively.

4           To quantify the density of flowering individuals at each site over the  
5 entire flowering period and particularly during winter, we monitored the  
6 flowering of 14 of the 16 seed parents sampled in 2006 (s1-1, s1-2, s1-3, s2-  
7 1, s2-2, s2-3, s3-1, s3-2, s3-3, s4-1, s4-2, s4-3, s5-1, and s5-2; see Table 1)  
8 and all other *Camellia japonica* individuals within 10 m radii from the  
9 respective seed parents. In surveys lasting one to 3 days, we recorded the  
10 flowering status (flowering or nonflowering) for each of these individuals 9  
11 times from November 2007 to June 2008 (except for seed parent s2-2, which  
12 was not surveyed on the first occasion). Furthermore, to estimate the  
13 flowering amplitude of each of these individuals at each site over the entire  
14 flowering period, we counted fallen flowers under its crown at each survey,  
15 removed them from the site, and summed the numbers of flowers that had  
16 fallen from each individual recorded in all surveys. If a fallen flower was  
17 located under overlapping crowns of multiple *C. japonica* individuals, we

1 allocated the flower to one of the individuals, the stem of which was nearest  
2 to the flower.

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#### 4 *DNA extraction and microsatellite genotyping*

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6 Genomic DNA was extracted from sampled leaves and seeds by using the  
7 hexadecyltrimethylammonium bromide method (Murray and Thompson,  
8 1980) with minor modifications. Eight expressed sequence tag microsatellite  
9 loci, namely, MSE0030, MSE0045, MSE0049, MSE0051, MSE0062,  
10 MSE0078, MSE0079, and MSE0087, which were originally developed for  
11 *Camellia sinensis* (Taniguchi *et al.*, 2012) were selected for genotyping adults  
12 and seeds. Genotyping at the microsatellite loci was performed by capillary  
13 electrophoresis using a 3100 Genetic Analyzer and GeneScan software  
14 (Applied Biosystems, California, USA).

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#### 16 *Estimation of polymorphism at microsatellite loci*

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18 Polymorphisms at the 8 microsatellite loci were characterized by calculating

1 the following standard population genetic parameters on the basis of the  
2 genotypes of all 19 sampled seed parents: observed number of alleles ( $N_O$ ),  
3 effective number of alleles ( $N_E$ ), observed heterozygosity ( $H_O$ ), and gene  
4 diversity ( $H_E$ ) for each locus and all 8 loci.

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#### 6 *Analysis of mating systems*

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8 We estimated mating systems by using MLTR software version 3.4 (Ritland,  
9 2002) as follows. We calculated single- and multilocus estimates of  
10 outcrossing rates ( $t_s$  and  $t_m$ , respectively) and estimated the level of biparental  
11 inbreeding from the difference between multilocus and mean single-locus  
12 rates ( $t_m - t_s$ ). We also calculated the multilocus estimates of the correlation  
13 of paternity ( $r_p$ ), which is the probability that two maternal-sibs are outcrossed  
14 full-sibs sharing the same pollen parent and is the inverse of the effective  
15 number of pollen parents ( $N_{ep}$ ; Smouse and Robledo-Arnuncio, 2005). The  
16 above parameters were calculated separately for each of the two reproductive  
17 years covered in the study by using the Newton–Raphson method  
18 incorporated in the software constraining allele frequencies of pollen to equal

1 to those of ovule (default settings) on the basis of the genotypes of seeds and  
2 seed parents. Their standard deviations were estimated by bootstrap  
3 resampling 1000 times, and all 16 seed parents sampled in each year were  
4 included in these analyses.

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6 *Analysis of correlated paternity of pollen pools between seed-parent pairs*  
7 *and the overall patterns of pollen dispersal*

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9 Correlated paternity, i.e., the probability of offspring sired by the same  
10 paternal parent in different maternal families, can be used to investigate  
11 biological factors determining effective pollination (Hardy *et al.*, 2004;  
12 Oddou-Muratorio *et al.*, 2006) and has been expressed as a function of pollen  
13 dispersal distribution (Austerlitz and Smouse, 2001; Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*,  
14 2006). To examine the overall pollen dispersal pattern within a population of  
15 *Camellia japonica* in an indirect manner, the spatial pattern of correlated  
16 paternity was analyzed as follows.

17 First, the correlated paternity of pollen pools was estimated between  
18 all seed-parent pairs in each of the two reproductive years from the obtained

1 genotypes of seed parents and seeds by using the POLDISP software package  
2 (Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2007). Then, to examine the similarity of pollen  
3 dispersal patterns between the two years, we calculated the Spearman's rank  
4 correlation coefficient between the years for the correlated paternity values  
5 of pollen pools accepted by each seed-parent pair for the 13 seed parents  
6 sampled in both years by using R ver. 3.3.3 (R Development Core Team,  
7 2012). Furthermore, we used quadratic models to examine the regressions of  
8 the correlated paternity of pollen pools between seed-parent pairs against the  
9 spatial distances between the seed-parent pairs as follows.

$$10 \quad C_p = a + b D + c D^2,$$

11 where  $C_p$  is the correlated paternity,  $D$  is the spatial distance between seed-  
12 parent pairs,  $a$  is the parameter for intercept,  $b$  is the parameter for coefficient  
13 in linear term, and  $c$  is the parameter for coefficient in quadratic term. We  
14 examined the quadratic terms to assess whether the correlated paternity  
15 monotonically decreased as the distance between seed-parent pairs increased  
16 and whether the correlated paternity reached a global minimum value at  
17 intermediate distances. This analysis was conducted for each of the two  
18 reproductive years, including all 16 seed parents sampled in each year by

1 using R ver. 3.3.3 (R Development Core Team, 2012).

2           We used the KINDIST model (Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2006)  
3 implemented in the POLDISP software package to infer the pollen dispersal  
4 kernel (the probability density that pollen lands at a given position away from  
5 a source individual), on the basis of the exponential power function, for each  
6 of the two reproductive years (Supplementary Method S1 for more detail).

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#### 8 *Two-generation analysis*

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10 Two-generation (Two-Gener) analysis (Smouse *et al.*, 2001) can quantify the  
11 spatial genetic differentiation ( $\Phi_{FT}$ ) among the pollen pools sampled by seed  
12 parents via the analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA; Excoffier *et al.*,  
13 1992) of pollen haplotypes. Modified versions of the analysis (Irwin *et al.*,  
14 2003) can also quantify interannual genetic differentiation among the pollen  
15 pools sampled by each seed parent ( $\Phi_{YF}$ ) and global pollen pools averaged  
16 for all seed parents ( $\Phi_{YG}$ ).  $\Phi_{FT}$ , which is analogous to Wright's  $F_{ST}$  value and  
17 an inverse function of mean pollination distance (Smouse *et al.*, 2001),  
18 reflects landscape-level gene movement via pollen.  $\Phi_{YF}$  and  $\Phi_{YG}$  reflect the

1 interannual variation in the contributions of pollen donors to the pollen pools  
2 accepted by each seed parent and all seed parents, respectively. To examine  
3 patterns of pollen dispersal for each year and the interannual variation of  
4 pollination at a landscape level within a population, we conducted Two-Gener  
5 analyses on the basis of the genotypes of seeds and seed parents by using the  
6 three methods described in the Supplementary Method 2. The GENEALEX  
7 6.3 software package (Peakall and Smouse, 2006) was used for all Two-Gener  
8 analyses to estimate the  $\Phi$  statistics. We also used  $\Phi_{FT}$  values to calculate the  
9 effective number of pollen parents ( $N_{ep}$ ; Smouse *et al.*, 2001) from the  
10 equation  $N_{ep} = 1 / 2 \Phi_{FT}$ .

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### 12 *Analysis of the genetic diversity of pollen pools*

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14 To test a hypothesis about the mitigating effects of bird pollination within a  
15 population, we examined the effect of the local density of flowering  
16 individuals on the genetic diversity of pollen pools accepted by seed parents  
17 as follows. Considering that *Camellia japonica* strongly depends on effective  
18 pollination by *Zosterops japonica* and that birds strongly depend on *C.*

1 *japonica* for food resources during winter (Kunitake *et al.*, 2004), flowering  
2 density during winter should strongly affect pollination dynamics. Thus, we  
3 used the density of flowering individuals only during winter (from December  
4 20–21, 2007, to February 22–23, 2008) in the following analyses.

5         First, we estimated genetic diversity of pollen pools as follows. The  
6 paternal alleles of each seed were identified by subtracting the maternal  
7 alleles from the seed genotype (see Supplementary Method 3). By using the  
8 frequencies of paternal alleles in pollen pools, we calculated the gene  
9 diversity ( $H_E$ ) of accepted pollen pools for each seed parent in each of the two  
10 reproductive years.

11         Second, to examine whether the levels of genetic diversity of pollen  
12 pools accepted by each seed parent tended to be consistent between the two  
13 years, we examined Spearman's rank correlation coefficient between the two  
14 years for the  $H_E$  values of pollen pools accepted by each seed parent. This  
15 analysis was conducted for the 13 seed parents sampled in both years using R  
16 ver. 3.3.3 (R Development Core Team, 2012).

17         Third, we used linear regression to analyze the effect of density of  
18 flowering individuals near respective seed parents on the genetic diversity of

1 pollen pools accepted by seed parents. The response variable was pollen pool  
2  $H_E$  value (estimated from seeds sampled in 2008), and the explanatory  
3 variable was the density of individuals flowering during winter (from  
4 December 20–21, 2007, to February 22–23, 2008) within a 10 m radius of the  
5 seed parent. Given that the densities of flowering individuals within 10 m of  
6 s5-5, s5-6, and s5-7 were not observed, we used the values for s5-1, s5-1, and  
7 s5-2 as proxies because these were relatively close to s5-5 (6.0 m), s5-6 (2.6  
8 m), and s5-7 (9.7 m), respectively. R ver. 3.3.3 (R Development Core Team,  
9 2012) was also used for this analysis.

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## 11 **RESULTS**

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### 13 *Flowering of seed parents and neighboring individuals*

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15 In the surveys of flowering, we found 109 flowering *Camellia japonica*  
16 individuals in total at the five sites (including the 14 seed parents and other  
17 95 individuals within the 10m radii from the seed parents), which had at least  
18 one flower either on or under their crowns. The total flowering period of the

1 109 individuals lasted more than 6 months (Supplementary Figure S1). The  
2 total number of flowers that fell from each tree over the entire flowering  
3 period varied among individuals within the s1, s2, s3, and s4 sites (mean  $\pm$   
4 standard deviation;  $199.6 \pm 254.1$ ,  $157.8 \pm 249.7$ ,  $280.2 \pm 493.8$ , and  $349.1 \pm$   
5  $284.4$ , respectively; Supplementary Figure S2). At s5, it remained  
6 consistently low ( $26.1 \pm 36.8$ ). The densities of flowering individuals over the  
7 entire period were as follows: s1,  $308 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ; s2,  $127 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ; s3,  $149 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ; s4,  $212$   
8  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ ; and s5,  $684 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ . Although the density of flowering individuals over the  
9 entire period was highest at the highest altitude site, namely, s5, the density  
10 during winter (when pollination of *Camellia japonica* may be mediated  
11 mostly by *Zosterops japonica*) tended to be higher at lower altitude sites  
12 (Table 2). Our linear regression analysis revealed that altitudes have a  
13 significantly negative effect on the density of flowering individuals during  
14 winter ( $t = -2.710$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ). At the lowest altitude site, namely, s1, the local  
15 density of flowering individuals during winter was highest ( $202 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ). By  
16 contrast, at the highest altitude site, namely, s5, the density during winter was  
17 lowest ( $48 \text{ ha}^{-1}$ ).  
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1 *Polymorphism at the eight microsatellite loci*

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3 The 8 loci were highly polymorphic in the 19 sampled seed parents  
4 (Supplementary Table S1). In total, 64 alleles were detected at the 8 loci (3 to  
5 16 alleles per locus, with a mean of 8.0). The effective number of alleles ( $N_E$ )  
6 per locus ranged from 2.0 to 11.1 with a mean of 5.1. The observed  
7 heterozygosity ( $H_O$ ) per locus ranged from 0.368 to 0.895 with a mean of  
8 0.750 and gene diversity ( $H_E$ ) per locus ranged from 0.511 to 0.935 with a  
9 mean of 0.763.

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11 *Mating systems*

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13 The estimated multilocus outcrossing rates ( $t_m$ ) in 2006 and 2008 were  $0.966$   
14  $\pm 0.017$  (standard deviation) and  $0.985 \pm 0.008$ , respectively (Table 3), and  
15 the estimated levels of biparental inbreeding ( $t_m - t_s$ ) in 2006 and 2008 were  
16  $0.072 \pm 0.025$  and  $0.063 \pm 0.015$ , respectively. The estimated multilocus  
17 correlation of paternity within maternal sibs ( $r_p$ ) was  $0.193 \pm 0.039$  in 2006  
18 and  $0.108 \pm 0.023$  in 2008. The estimated effective number of pollen parents

1 (calculated as the inverse of  $r_p$ ) was 5.2 in 2006 and 9.3 in 2008.

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3 *Correlated paternity of pollen pools between seed-parent pairs and the*  
4 *overall patterns of pollen dispersal*

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6 The correlated paternity of pollen pools between the seed-parent pairs  
7 examined ranged from  $-0.168$  to  $0.136$  (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation,  $-0.011 \pm$   
8  $0.052$ ) and from  $-0.101$  to  $0.122$  ( $-0.007 \pm 0.035$ ) in 2006 and 2008,  
9 respectively. A significantly positive Spearman's rank correlation coefficient  
10 existed between the two reproductive years for the correlated paternity values  
11 of pollen pools accepted by each seed-parent pair ( $r = 0.602$ ,  $P < 0.001$ , Figure  
12 2).

13 Polynomial regressions using quadratic models significantly  
14 explained the relationships between the correlated paternity of pollen pools  
15 and spatial distance for seed-parent pairs in both years (2006:  $F = 30.9$ ,  $P <$   
16  $0.001$ ; 2008:  $F = 35.7$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; Figure 3). For both years, both linear (2006:  
17  $t = -7.469$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; 2008:  $t = -7.370$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ) and quadratic terms (2006:  
18  $t = 6.174$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ; 2008:  $t = 5.514$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ) were significant (Table 4).

1 The significance of quadratic terms indicated that the expected correlated  
2 paternity did not monotonically decrease in the long ranges as the distance  
3 between seed-parent pairs increased, reaching global minimum values of  
4  $-0.037$  at a distance of 610.2 m in 2006 and  $-0.026$  at 681.8 m in 2008.  
5 Therefore, the correlated paternity decreased monotonically to the minimum  
6 values as the distances between seed-parent pairs increased within the ranges  
7 of 0 to 610.2 m in 2006 and 0 to 681.8 m in 2008 but increased beyond those  
8 ranges.

9           The Spearman's rank correlation coefficients between the correlated  
10 paternity and distance between seed-parent pairs were  $-0.360$  in 2006 ( $P <$   
11  $0.001$ ) and  $-0.392$  in 2008 ( $P < 0.001$ ). According to the KINDIST model,  
12 by assuming an exponential power function as the dispersal kernel, the  
13 estimated scale parameter ( $a$ ), shape parameter ( $b$ ), and average pollination  
14 distance ( $\delta$ ) in 2006 were 0.000036, 0.156, and 1487.4 m, respectively (model  
15 least-squared residual: 5.249; Fig. 4). The estimates of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $\delta$  in 2008  
16 were 0.000190, 0.168, and 1476.9 m (model least-squared residual: 4.556),  
17 respectively. The dispersal kernels in the two years were very similar (Fig. 4).

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2 *Genetic differentiation of pollen pools among seed parents and between years*

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4 Two-Gener analysis based on model 1 (see Supplementary Method S2)  
5 revealed the significant but low genetic differentiation of accepted pollen  
6 pools among seed parents in both years ( $\Phi_{FT} = 0.105$  and  $0.070$ , respectively;  
7  $P < 0.005$ ). The analysis based on model 2 revealed the significant but low  
8 genetic differentiation of accepted pollen pools among seed parents ( $\Phi_{FT} =$   
9  $0.061$ ,  $P < 0.005$ ) and between the two years nested within seed parents ( $\Phi_{YF}$   
10  $= 0.029$ ,  $P < 0.005$ ). The analysis based on model 3 showed no significant  
11 genetic differentiation of the global pollen pool averaged for all seed parents  
12 between the two years (global  $\Phi_{YG} = -0.003$ ). However, it indicated  
13 significant but low genetic differentiation among seed parents nested within  
14 years ( $\Phi_{FT} = 0.087$ ,  $P < 0.005$ ). The effective number of pollen parents ( $N_{ep}$ )  
15 based on model 1 was 4.8 for 2006 and 7.1 for 2008 (estimated from  $\Phi_{FT}$   
16 values), whereas the  $N_{ep}$  value based on model 2 was 8.2.

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2 *Genetic diversity of pollen pools*

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4 The  $H_E$  values of pollen pools accepted by each seed parent ranged from 0.450  
5 to 0.736 in 2006 (mean  $\pm$  standard deviation,  $0.658 \pm 0.069$ ) and from 0.593  
6 to 0.760 in 2008 ( $0.697 \pm 0.049$ ). A significantly positive Spearman's rank  
7 correlation coefficient existed between the two reproductive years of the  $H_E$   
8 values of pollen pools accepted by each seed parent ( $r = 0.683$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ;  
9 Supplementary Figure S3). The  $H_E$  values of pollen pools tended to be  
10 negatively related to the density of flowering individuals near respective seed  
11 parents during winter (Fig. 5; linear regression analysis,  $F = 4.8$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ).

12

13 **DISCUSSION**

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15 *Overall patterns of *Camellia japonica* gene dispersal via bird pollination*

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17 Despite the high density of *Camellia japonica* reproductive individuals in our  
18 study, our estimates of multilocus selfing rate ( $1 - t_m$ ), biparental inbreeding

1 level ( $t_m - t_s$ ), and multilocus correlation of paternity within maternal sibships  
2 ( $r_p$ ) were not high when compared to reported estimates of those for several  
3 other bird-pollinated forest tree species (Breed *et al.*, 2015a, b; Bezemer *et*  
4 *al.*, 2016) and various forest tree species pollinated by animals with high  
5 mobility (Breed *et al.*, 2015a) (Supplementary Table S2).

6           Our estimates for the effective numbers of pollen parents ( $N_{ep}$ , 4.8-  
7 9.3) are close to previous estimates for animal-pollinated forest tree species  
8 [ $7.1 \leq \text{mean } N_{ep} \leq 10.6$ , calculated with 10 studies on the animal pollinated  
9 species reviewed by Smouse and Sork (2004)] and is substantially lower than  
10 the estimates for wind-pollinate tree species [mean  $N_{ep} > 17.1$ , calculated with  
11 12 studies on the wind pollinated species reviewed by Smouse and Sork  
12 (2004)]. This result is not surprising because  $N_{ep}$  is inherently lower for  
13 animal-pollinated species than wind-pollinated species (Smouse and Sork,  
14 2004). However, the  $N_{ep}$  values we found were also lower than the previous  
15 estimates for forest tree species mainly pollinated by birds [mean  $N_{ep} = 13.6$ ,  
16 calculated with 12 studies on bird pollinated tree species reviewed by Krauss  
17 *et al.*, (2017)]. Thus, we show that the overall pattern of bird pollination in  
18 this population leads to the lower diversity of pollen parents within maternal

1 sibships than either wind-pollinated tree species or average bird-pollinated  
2 tree species, similar to that for pollination by animals other than birds.  
3 Deviation of the bird pollination from the optimal foraging behavior would  
4 induce higher diversity of pollen parents than forest tree species pollinated by  
5 animals other than birds (Krauss *et al.*, 2017). However, in contrast to the  
6 other bird pollinated tree species, our results of low  $N_{ep}$  might indicate the  
7 optimal foraging behavior of birds in *C. japonica* population.

8           We found that the correlated paternity between pollen pools  
9 decreased monotonically as the distances between seed-parent pairs increased  
10 within a certain distance range (from 0 to 610.2 m and from 0 to 681.8 m in  
11 2006 and 2008, respectively) but increased beyond this range. Different seed  
12 parents located near to each other may be frequently pollinated by the same  
13 pollen parents because of limited pollen dispersal (probably by optimal  
14 foraging behaviors of birds); therefore, correlated paternity may depend on  
15 the distance between the seed-parent pair at local scales, particularly within  
16 ca. 200 m (see Fig. 3). However, the increase in correlated paternity that we  
17 found with the increased distance of the seed-parent pair suggests that some  
18 processes of long-distance pollen dispersal are at work, in addition to local

1 pollination due to the optimal foraging behavior of birds. The dispersal  
2 kernels estimated by KINDIST in our study also indicate a high potential for  
3 long-distance pollen dispersal. The shape parameters ( $b$ ) estimated here were  
4 similar to those in previous studies on other forest tree species that used  
5 KINDIST and assumed exponential power functions, all of which suggested  
6 long-distance mean ( $\delta$ ) of pollen dispersal (Lander *et al.*, 2010; Breed *et al.*,  
7 2015b; Kassa *et al.*, 2018) (Supplementary Table S3). The low shape  
8 parameters estimated here also indicate a fat-tailed dispersal distribution that  
9 may reflect the high mobility of bird pollinators.

10           However, the actual mean distance of pollen dispersal is likely  
11 shorter than the values (1487.4 and 1476.9 m in 2006 and 2008, respectively)  
12 estimated by KINDIST, which are based on the assumption of a population  
13 with an infinite area, even though the area of our study site was only  
14 approximately 100 ha, relatively small for estimating long pollen dispersal.  
15 Therefore, although the dispersal kernel may be valid at our scale because the  
16 dispersal kernels estimated for the two different years were very similar, the  
17 long mean distances found here may reflect an extrapolation of the observed  
18 data beyond the limited spatial scale of analysis.

1           *Zosterops japonica* (Japanese white-eye) is the main pollinator of  
2   *Camellia japonica* and is a territorial bird, and the agonistic interactions  
3   among the conspecific individuals of *Z. japonica* has been reported (Kikkawa  
4   and Kakizawa, 1981). The extent of dispersal by territorial birds should  
5   depend on the magnitude of aggressive interactions (Krauss *et al.*, 2017). The  
6   combination of agonistic interactions, high mobility, and limited grooming  
7   has been thought to promote pollen dispersal and consequently induce  
8   deviation from optimal foraging behavior (Krauss *et al.*, 2017). Although  
9   such characteristics of *Z. japonica* might induce the long-distance pollen  
10   dispersal, the bird pollinator of *C. japonica* would also conduct optimal  
11   foraging behavior, as reflected by the dependency of the correlated paternity  
12   of pollen pool on the distance between seed-parent pair at a local scale and  
13   the low  $N_{ep}$  as previously noted.

14           Although the seed dispersal of *Camellia japonica*, which is mediated  
15   by gravity and mouse, is spatially limited [mean distance for 28 of 34  
16   seedlings estimated by maternity analysis was 5.8 m  $\pm$  6.0 SD, Abe *et al.*  
17   (2006)], the fine-scale spatial genetic structure (FSGS) of *C. japonica* in this  
18   study site is weak (Ueno *et al.*, 2000). Ueno *et al.* (2000) considered

1 overlapping seed shadow and extensive pollen dispersal as factors that  
2 weaken the FSGS. Therefore, the long-distance pollen dispersal found here  
3 would contribute to the weakening of the FSGS of the *C. japonica* population.  
4 A strong FSGS induced by limited seed dispersal should result in a small  
5 effective number of individuals in a neighborhood ( $N_e$ ), thus inducing random  
6 local genetic differentiation within a population (Crawford, 1984). However,  
7 extensive pollen dispersal might mitigate the effect of restricted seed dispersal  
8 on FSGS (Grivet *et al.*, 2009). Furthermore, bird-mediated pollen dispersal  
9 may also promote gene flow from outside the population more frequently than  
10 seed dispersal via gravity and mouse. Therefore, bird pollination may largely  
11 contribute to the maintenance of genetic diversity in *C. japonica* populations.

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13 *Genetic effects of spatial variation in bird pollination on pollen pools*  
14 *accepted by Camellia japonica individuals*

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16 We found that the genetic diversity of accepted pollen pools tended to be  
17 negatively related to the density of flowering individuals around seed parents  
18 during winter. Abe *et al.* (2011) found that the area covered by *Zosterops*

1 *japonica* was larger and the genetic diversity of pollen attached to *Z. japonica*  
2 individuals was higher in *Camellia japonica* populations with lower  
3 flowering density. This characteristic of bird pollination may increase the  
4 genetic diversity of offspring in *C. japonica* populations with decreased  
5 flowering density (Abe *et al.*, 2013). While these studies would indicate  
6 negative density-dependence of bird-pollination distance and the consequent  
7 mitigating effects over the entire population, we demonstrate in the current  
8 study the mitigating effects at local sites within a continuous population at the  
9 landscape level. The density of flowering individuals tended to be lower at  
10 higher altitude sites during winter when *C. japonica* pollination may be  
11 mediated mostly by *Z. japonica*. Furthermore, the average number of flowers  
12 per individual was lowest at the highest altitude site (s5). Therefore, low  
13 flowering density at sites such as s5 during winter may broaden the foraging  
14 area of *Z. japonica* and consequently increase the genetic diversity of pollen  
15 pools accepted by *C. japonica* individuals. The effect of low flowering  
16 density rather than the agnostic interaction of birds, as noted previously, could  
17 explain the long-distance pollen dispersal of *C. japonica*. Furthermore, the  
18 optimal foraging behavior of birds, as noted above, at sites with high

1 flowering densities (i.e., effect of high flowering density) could explain the  
2 limited pollen dispersal of *C. japonica*. Thus, responses in foraging behavior  
3 to variations in local flowering density may induce spatial variations in bird  
4 pollination within the population and in the genetic diversity of pollen pools.  
5 Again, in the model,  $N_{ep} = 8\delta^2d$  (Austerlitz and Smouse, 2001), where  $N_{ep}$ ,  $\delta$ ,  
6 and  $d$  are the effective number of pollen parents, mean distance of pollen  
7 dispersal, and density of reproductive individuals, respectively,  $N_{ep}$   
8 theoretically decrease with decreasing  $d$  if  $\delta$  is assumed to be constant.  
9 However, due to negative density-dependence of bird-pollination distance,  $\delta$   
10 would increase with decreasing  $d$ , and the effect of increasing  $\delta$  on  $N_{ep}$  and  
11 the consequent genetic diversity of pollen pools accepted by seed parents  
12 would exceed the effects of decreasing  $d$  on  $N_{ep}$ . Therefore, the spatial  
13 variations in bird pollination associated with variations in flowering density  
14 may induce mitigating effects.

15           Similar mitigating effects of low population density have also been  
16 reported in other bird-pollinated forest tree species in fragmented forests  
17 (Breed *et al.*, 2015a, b). In this study, we detected an extreme mitigating effect  
18 not only in maintaining but also increasing the genetic diversity of pollen

1 pools within an intact and continuous forest. Therefore, such mitigating effect  
2 of bird pollination may be innate characteristics of the bird (*Z. japonica*) and  
3 plant (*C. japonica*) species, and may reflect the strong interaction between  
4 the two species, in which *C. japonica* strongly depends on *Zosterops japonica*  
5 for pollination, and the bird strongly depends on *C. japonica* for food  
6 resources (Kunitake *et al.*, 2004).

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#### 8 *Stability of bird pollination across different reproductive years*

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10 The Two-Gener analysis based on model 2 showed the small but significant  
11 genetic differentiation of pollen pools between the two reproductive years  
12 within each seed parent. However, the analysis based on model 3 showed no  
13 genetic differentiation in the global pollen pool (averaged over all seed  
14 parents sampled across the entire population) between the two years. This  
15 may reflect small differences in combinations of mating pairs between years,  
16 although the relative contributions of each pollen parent to overall seed  
17 production in the population did not differ between years. The interannual  
18 variation of pollen pools within a seed parent in this study ( $\Phi_{YF} = 0.029$ ) was

1 lower than wind-pollinated forest tree species (0.039; Nakanishi *et al.*, 2005)  
2 and insect-pollinated forest tree species (0.084; Irwin *et al.*, 2003). Therefore,  
3 the interannual differences in the patterns of bird pollination in *Camellia*  
4 *japonica* may be smaller than those for wind or insect pollination.  
5 Furthermore, patterns of correlated paternity of pollen pools and pollen  
6 dispersal kernels showed similar tendencies across the two years, and there  
7 was a significant positive correlation between years in the correlated paternity  
8 of pollen pools for each seed-parent pair. These results may indicate the  
9 stability of the pattern of bird pollination over time. Additionally, the  
10 significantly positive correlation of the gene diversity values ( $H_E$ ) of pollen  
11 pools accepted by each seed parent between years suggests a stable effect of  
12 bird pollination on the genetic diversity of pollen pools across years.  
13 Therefore, the overall patterns of bird pollination and their genetic effects,  
14 including the mitigation effect, may be stable over time.

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## 16 *Conclusions*

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18 Genetic diversity of pollen pools in *Camellia japonica* tended to be negatively

1 related to the local density of flowering individuals, which may be due to the  
2 negative density-dependence of bird pollination. This dependency of bird  
3 pollination in *C. japonica* may affect the spatial variation of pollination within  
4 populations, which should affect the overall pattern of pollen dispersal, and  
5 the consequent genetic effect could contribute to the maintenance of genetic  
6 diversity within populations by increasing genetic diversity of offspring from  
7 seed parents at local sites with low flowering density. Such process may be  
8 innate characteristics of the bird (*Zosterops japonica*) and plant (*C. japonica*)  
9 species and may reflect the strong interaction between the two species.  
10 However, it may be further necessary for elucidating the overall pattern of  
11 bird pollination in more detail to examine patterns of pollen dispersal taking  
12 account of such dependency and effects of flowering density, e.g., estimation  
13 of a pollen dispersal kernel having parameters determined by the flowering  
14 density. Furthermore, because the dependence itself may be an important  
15 characteristic of bird pollination, it could be useful for characterizing the  
16 pattern of pollen dispersal for the bird-pollinated tree species to examine the  
17 parameters concerned with negative density-dependence of pollination, e.g.,  
18 the slope for regression of genetic diversity of pollen pool on density of

1 flowering individuals, as examined in this study.

2           Most of evergreen broad-leaved forests, where *Camellia japonica*  
3 grows, in Japan are small, at most a few hectares in size, and scattered due to  
4 strong and frequent anthropogenic disturbances for a long time (Manabe *et*  
5 *al.*, 2000; Miura *et al.*, 2001). With respect to *C. japonica*, the mitigating  
6 effects of bird pollination might contribute to the maintenance of genetic  
7 diversity within populations with decreased flowering density due to the  
8 disturbances. However, the disturbances could affect population dynamics of  
9 the bird pollinator (*Zosterops japonica*) by destroying habitats of the bird  
10 species, and consequently affect the mitigating effects. In order to evaluate  
11 such impacts of anthropogenic forest disturbances on the mitigating effects,  
12 future studies should examine the mitigating effects in the anthropogenically  
13 disturbed and fragmented forests and compared their results to those in the  
14 intact and continuous forest indicated by this study.

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#### 7 **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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9 The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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#### 11 **DATA ARCHIVING**

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13 Sampling locations, microsatellite genotypes, and flowering data are  
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1 **Titles and legends to figures**

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3 **Figure 1.** Locations of the 19 seed parents (circles with ID numbers) of  
4 *Camellia japonica*.

5 **Figure 2.** Relationship between the reproductive years 2006 and 2008 of  
6 correlated paternity values of pollen pools accepted by each seed-parent pair.

7 **Figure 3.** Distributions of the correlated paternity between pollen pools as  
8 functions of the spatial distances between seed-parent pairs in 2006 (filled  
9 circles) and 2008 (open circles). The quadratic functions of the distance  
10 were fitted to the data. Solid and dashed curves indicate the functions for the  
11 reproductive years 2006 and 2008, respectively.

12 **Figure 4.** Pollen dispersal kernels estimated by KINDIST model assuming  
13 the exponential power functions for reproductive years 2006 and 2008. The  
14 vertical axis indicates the probability density  $P(r)$  that a pollen lands at a seed  
15 parent  $r$  m away from the source individual (a value of  $e^{-x}$  in the scale  
16 indicates  $10^{-x}$ , in the display style of R program). The abscissa axis indicates  
17 the distance  $r$ . Solid and dashed curves indicate the kernels for the  
18 reproductive years 2006 and 2008, respectively.

1 **Figure 5.** Distribution of gene diversity ( $H_E$ ) values of pollen pools accepted  
2 by seed parents in 2008 versus the densities of flowering individuals within  
3 10 m radii from the respective seed parents during winter (from December  
4 20–21, 2007, to February 22–23, 2008). Filled circles, open circles, filled  
5 squares, crosses, and filled triangles indicate the values for seed parents at the  
6 s1, s2, s3, s4, and s5 sites, respectively. Line shows a linear function fitted to  
7 the data.  
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1 **Table 1.** Numbers of analyzed seeds from 19 seed parents in the two  
 2 reproductive years.

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Site	Seed parent	$N_{2006}$	$N_{2008}$
s1	s1-1	26	58
	s1-2	35	78
	s1-3	28	57
s2	s2-1	17	53
	s2-2	20	40
	s2-3	29	59
s3	s3-1	28	59
	s3-2	25	66
	s3-3	19	37
s4	s4-1	31	54
	s4-2	29	70
	s4-3	28	57
s5	s5-1	21	
	s5-2	33	40
	s5-3	35	
	s5-4	25	
	s5-5		51
	s5-6		67
	s5-7		48
Total		429	894

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5  $N_{2006}$  and  $N_{2008}$  indicate the numbers of analyzed seeds in the reproductive  
 6 years of 2006 and 2008, respectively.

1 **Table 2.** Mean altitude and mean density of *Camellia japonica* individuals  
2 flowering during winter at the five sites.

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Site	Mean altitude (m)	Mean density during winter (ha <sup>-1</sup> )
s1	162	202
s2	241	64
s3	248	85
s4	266	170
s5	541	48

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1 **Table 3.** Mating system parameters in the two reproductive years.

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Mating system parameter	Reproductive year	
	2006	2008
$t_s$	0.894 (0.024)	0.921 (0.017)
$t_m$	0.966 (0.017)	0.985 (0.008)
$t_m - t_s$	0.072 (0.025)	0.063 (0.015)
$r_p$	0.193 (0.039)	0.108 (0.023)
$N_{ep}$	5.2	9.3

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4  $t_s$ , single-locus outcrossing rate;  $t_m$ , multilocus outcrossing rate;  $t_m - t_s$ , level  
5 of biparental inbreeding;  $r_p$ , multilocus correlation of paternity;  $N_{ep}$ , effective  
6 number of pollen parents ( $1/r_p$ ).

7 Standard deviations estimated by 1000 times bootstrap resampling are in  
8 parentheses.

1 **Table 4.** Parameters estimated by quadratic models to examine the  
 2 regressions of the correlated paternity of pollen pools between seed-parent  
 3 pairs against the spatial distances between the seed-parent pairs in the two  
 4 reproductive years.

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Parameters	Estimate	Standard error	<i>t</i> statistic
Reproductive year 2006			
<i>a</i>	5.917 E <sup>-2</sup>	9.805 E <sup>-3</sup>	6.035 ***
<i>b</i>	-3.150 E <sup>-4</sup>	4.217 E <sup>-5</sup>	-7.469 ***
<i>c</i>	2.581 E <sup>-7</sup>	4.181 E <sup>-8</sup>	6.174 ***
Reproductive year 2008			
<i>a</i>	4.162 E <sup>-2</sup>	6.322 E <sup>-3</sup>	6.584 ***
<i>b</i>	-1.988 E <sup>-4</sup>	2.698 E <sup>-5</sup>	-7.370 ***
<i>c</i>	1.458 E <sup>-7</sup>	2.643 E <sup>-8</sup>	5.514 ***

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8 Equation of the model:  $C_p = a + bD + cD^2$ , where  $C_p$  is correlated paternity  
 9 and  $D$  is spatial distance between seed-parent pairs.

10 E<sup>x</sup> means 10<sup>x</sup>. \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ .

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Figure 1

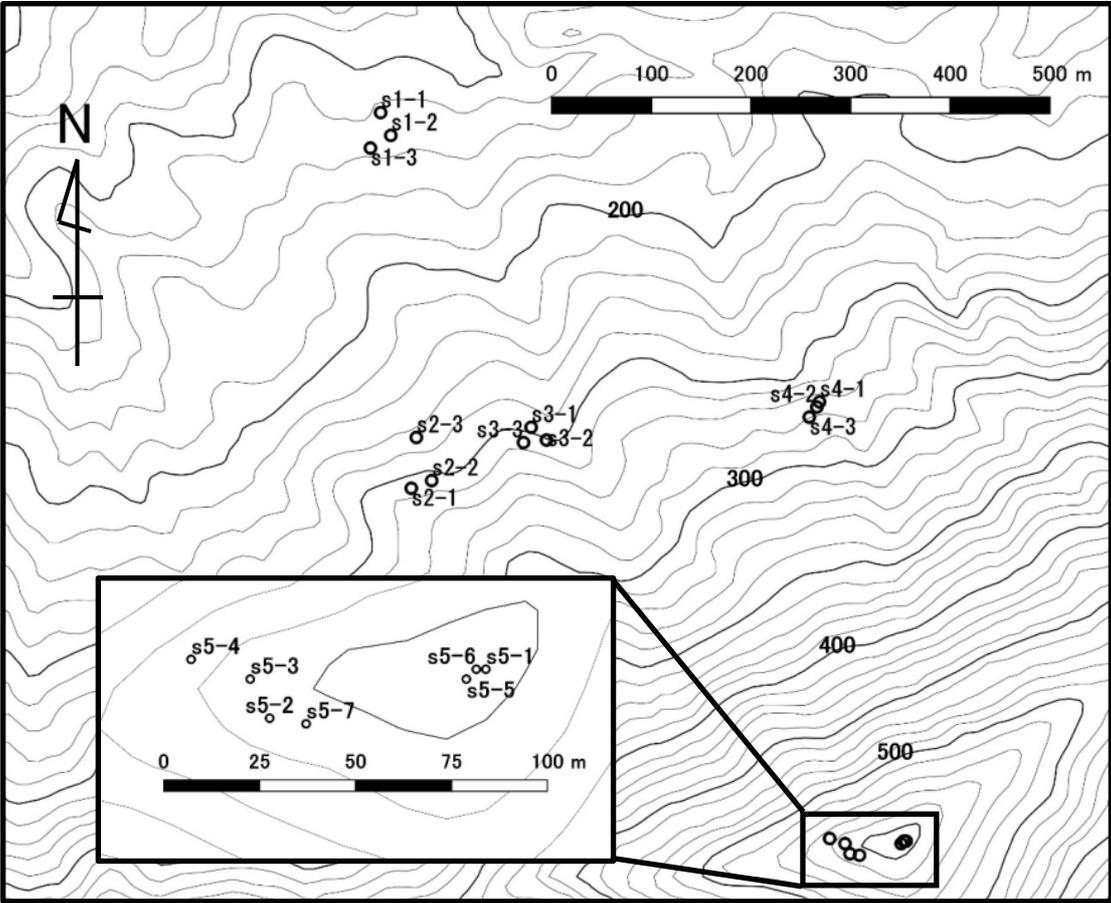


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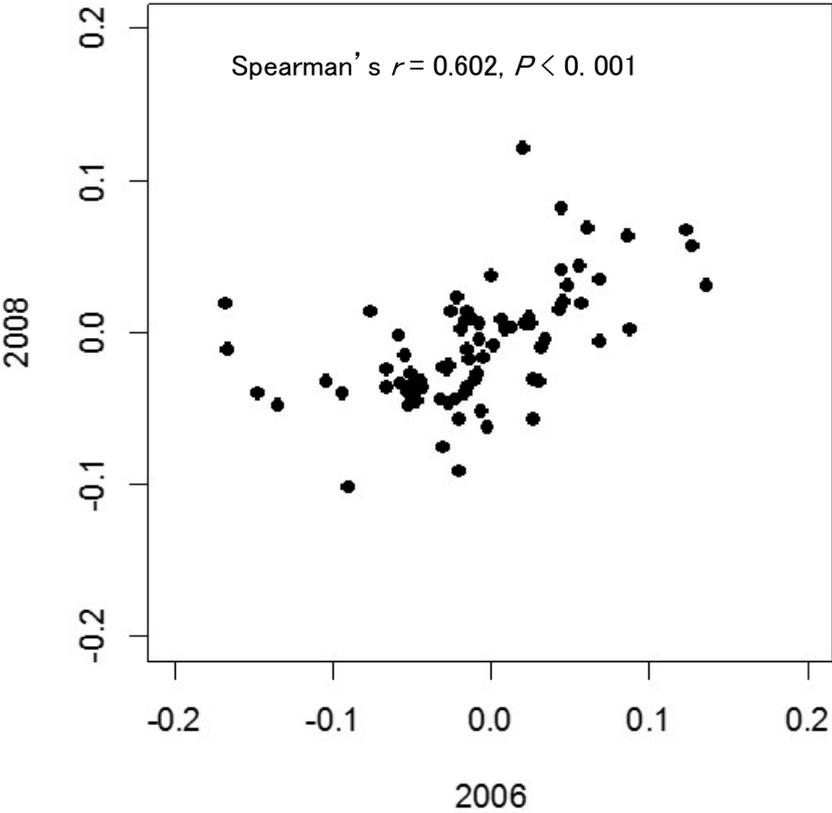




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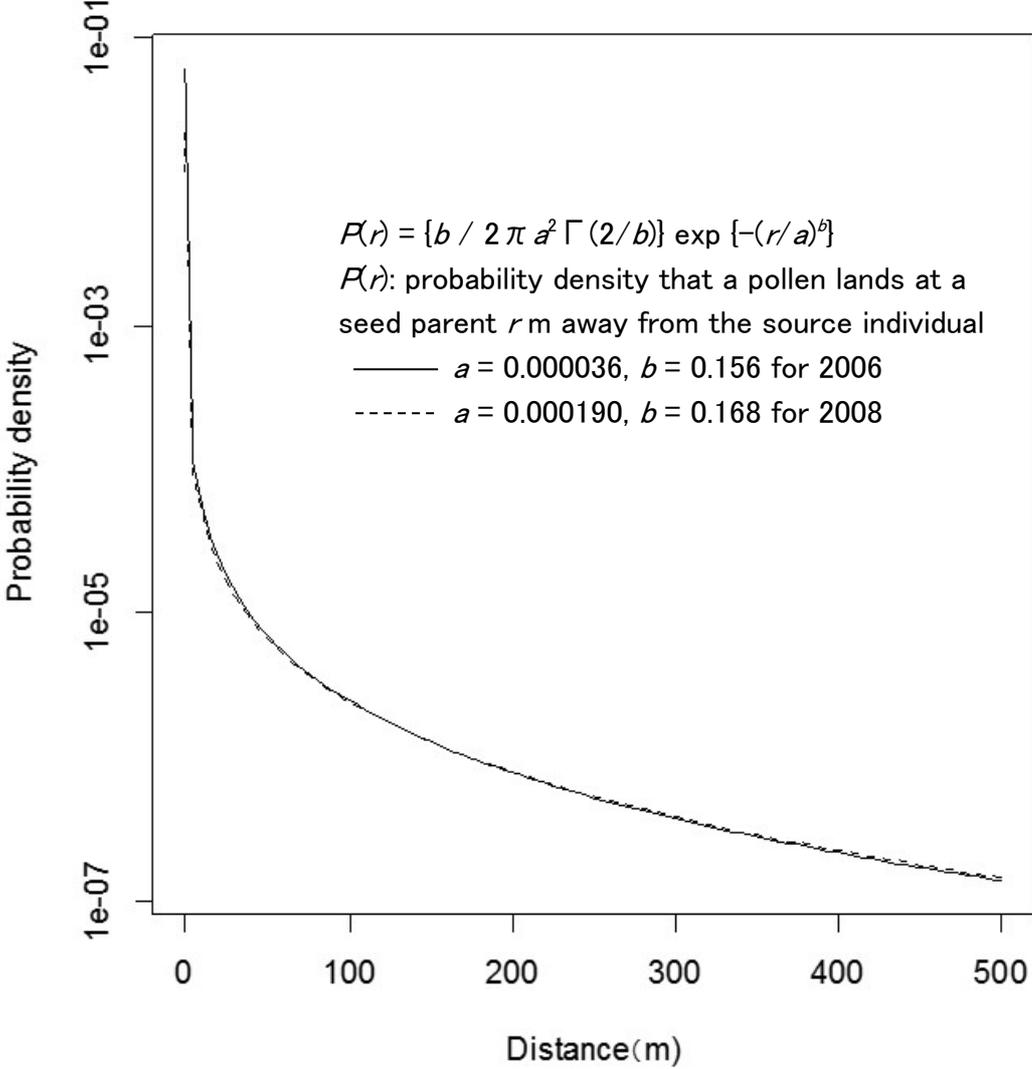
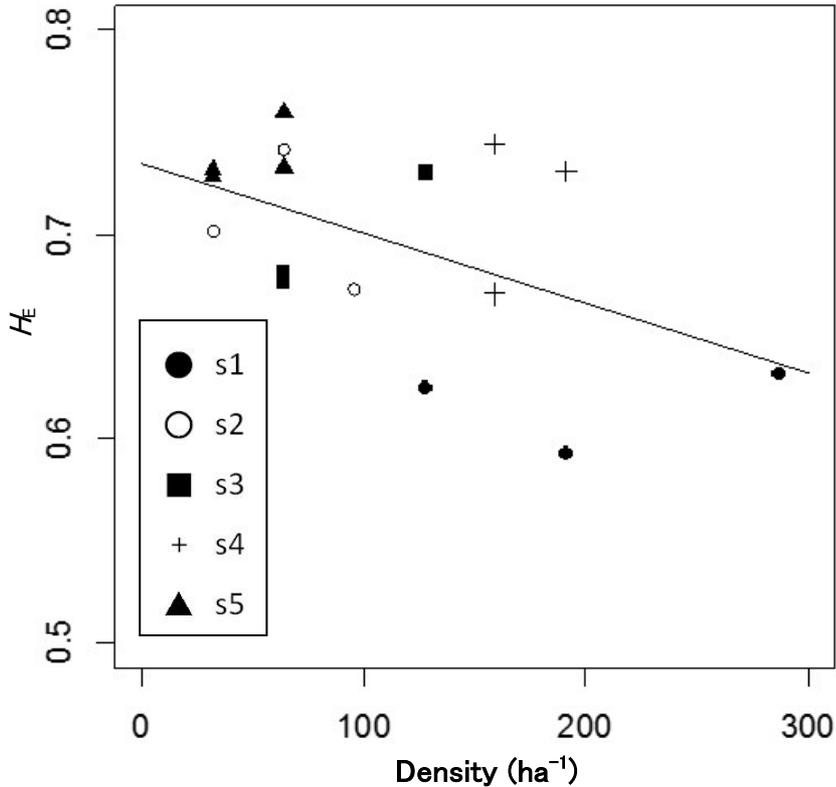


Figure 5



**Supplementary Materials**

**Method S1.** Estimation of the pollen dispersal kernels by KINDIST model implemented in the POLDISP software package

KINDIST model estimates the distribution of pollen dispersal distances from the spatial coordinates and genotypes of a sample of seed-plants and their respective maternal progenies

(Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2006) as follows.

KINDIST model examines the expected decay with the spatial distance of a normalized measure of correlated paternity between female pairs  $\Psi(z)$ , which is defined as the ratio of the correlated paternity between maternal sibship pairs with distance  $z$  to the average correlation of paternity within maternal sibships (Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2006). Assuming a given pollen dispersal kernel with parameter set  $\theta$ , the model yields  $\theta$  estimates by nonlinear least-squares regression of observed  $\Psi(z)$  on the expected values of  $\Psi(z, \theta)$ , which are formulated as a function of the dispersal distribution (Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2007). Given that  $\Psi(z, \theta)$  is independent of the effective density of the pollen donors, the approach yields accurate estimates for dispersal parameters ( $\theta$ ) under a wide range of sampling and flowering scenarios (Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2006).

We examined Spearman's rank correlation coefficient between the correlated paternity and distance between the seed-parent pair for each of the two years because a negative coefficient  $< -0.1$  will yield acceptable dispersal estimates (Robledo-Arnuncio *et al.*, 2007). We then set the threshold distance  $D_u$  (the approximate observed value beyond which the correlated paternity between maternal sibships typically stabilize at a slightly negative value) to 300 m and applied the

following exponential power function (characterized by the  $\theta$  consisting of scale ( $a$ ) and shape ( $b$ ) parameters) (Clark, 1998) for the pollen dispersal kernel:

$$P(r) = [b/\{2\pi a^2 \Gamma(2/b)\}] \exp\{-(r/a)^b\},$$

where  $P(r)$  is the probability density that the pollen lands at a seed parent  $r$  away from the pollen parent,  $\Gamma$  is the gamma function, and shape parameter  $b$  affects the “fatness” of the tail of the dispersal distribution (Austerlitz *et al.*, 2004). When  $b < 1$ , the dispersal kernel is fat tailed (Clark, 1998), i.e., the long-range decay of probability is slower than that for the exponential distribution. By using this method, we calculated the scale ( $a$ ) and shape ( $b$ ) parameters and mean distances of pollen dispersal for each of the two reproductive years.

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## Method S2. Two-Gener analyses based on the three models

First, to obtain the estimates of the genetic variation of pollen pools among seed parents ( $\Phi_{FT}$ ), we applied a standard Two-Gener analysis by using the model presented by Smouse *et al.*, (2001):

$$G_{ij} = \mu + f_i + \omega_{ij}, \text{ (model 1)}$$

where  $G_{ij}$  is a vector representing a haplotype of the  $j$ th pollen gamete from the  $i$ th seed parent,  $\mu$  is a mean vector over all pollen gametes,  $f_i$  is the average effect of the  $i$ th seed parent, and  $\omega_{ij}$  is the replication error associated with the  $j$ th pollen gamete from the  $i$ th seed parent. On the basis of the estimated among- and within-seed-parent variance components, the  $\Phi_{FT}$  values among all seed parents were estimated separately for 2006 and 2008 by the analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA; Excoffier *et al.*, 1992). The analysis was conducted for all 16 seed parents in each year.

Second, we used the three-level nested model of Irwin *et al.*, (2003) to examine the genetic variation of pollen pools between reproductive years within seed parents ( $\Phi_{YF}$  over all seed parents) and to obtain an exact estimate of  $\Phi_{FT}$  that takes into account the temporal genetic variation of pollen pools:

$$G_{ijk} = \mu + f_i + y_{j(i)} + \omega_{ijk}, \text{ (model 2)}$$

where  $G_{ijk}$  is a vector representing a haplotype of the  $k$ th pollen gamete from the  $i$ th seed parent in the  $j$ th year,  $\mu$  is a mean vector over all pollen gametes,  $f_i$  is the average effect of the  $i$ th seed parent,  $y_{j(i)}$  is the average effect of the  $j$ th year, nested within the  $i$ th seed parent, and  $\omega_{ijk}$  is the replication error associated with the  $k$ th pollen gamete from the  $i$ th seed parent in the  $j$ th year. On the basis of the variance components estimated among seed parents, between years nested within seed parents,

and within seed parents in single years, the  $\Phi_{FT}$  and  $\Phi_{YF}$  of all seed parents were estimated by AMOVA. All 13 seed parents sampled in both years were included in this analysis.

Third, we used the following three-level nested model of Irwin *et al.*, (2003) to examine the genetic variation of the global pollen pools averaged for all seed parents between reproductive years ( $\Phi_{YG}$ ) and the genetic variation of pollen pools among seed parents nested within the years ( $\Phi_{FT}$ ):

$$G_{ijk} = \mu + y_i + f_{j(i)} + \omega_{ijk}, \text{ (model 3)}$$

where  $G_{ijk}$  is a vector representing a haplotype of the  $k$ th pollen gamete from the  $j$ th seed parent in the  $i$ th year,  $\mu$  is a mean vector of all pollen gametes,  $y_i$  is the average effect of the  $i$ th year,  $f_{j(i)}$  is the average effect of the  $j$ th seed parent nested within the  $i$ th year, and  $\omega_{ijk}$  is the replication error associated with the  $k$ th pollen gamete from the  $j$ th seed parent in the  $i$ th year. On the basis of the variance components estimated between years, among seed parents within years, and within seed parents in single years, the  $\Phi_{YG}$  and  $\Phi_{FT}$  of all seed parents were estimated by AMOVA. All 13 seed parents sampled in both years were included in this analysis.

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### **Method S3.** Identification of paternal alleles within seeds

The paternal allele of each seed was identified by subtracting the maternal allele from the seed genotype. In ambiguous cases in which both the seed and its seed parent were heterozygotes with the same alleles, the frequency of each candidate paternal allele within the seed was estimated from allele frequencies in a global pollen pool estimated by unambiguous pollen haplotypes. For example, when a seed and its seed parent have the same heterozygous genotype AB at a loci and when the frequencies of alleles A and B in a global pollen pool are  $q_A$  and  $q_B$  (estimated by unambiguous pollen haplotypes), respectively, the pollen is defined to have alleles A and B with frequencies of  $q_A / (q_A + q_B)$  and  $q_B / (q_A + q_B)$ , respectively.

**Table S1.** Parameters of polymorphism at the eight microsatellite loci

Locus	$N_O$	$N_E$	$H_O$	$H_E$
MSE0030	9	7.5	0.895	0.890
MSE0045	9	5.9	0.789	0.853
MSE0049	3	2.0	0.368	0.511
MSE0051	16	11.1	0.789	0.935
MSE0062	9	3.5	0.895	0.737
MSE0078	6	4.2	0.895	0.785
MSE0079	8	4.5	0.789	0.798
MSE0087	4	2.4	0.579	0.596
Mean	8.0	5.1	0.750	0.763
SE	1.3	1.0	0.062	0.048

$N_O$ , observed number of alleles;  $N_E$ , effective number of alleles;  $H_O$ , observed heterozygosity;  $H_E$ , gene diversity; SE, standard error.

**Table S2.** Mating system parameters of forest tree species pollinated by birds or mobile animals in this study and other studies

Reference	Pollinator type	Density (ha <sup>-1</sup> )	1 - $t_m$	$t_m - t_s$	$r_p$
This study	Bird	127-684	0.02-0.03	0.06-0.07	0.11-0.19
Bezemer <i>et al.</i> (2016)	Bird	Unknown	0.17	0.06	0.14
Breed <i>et al.</i> (2015a)	Bird	2-51	0.04-0.07	0.08-0.18	0.08-0.18
Breed <i>et al.</i> (2015b)	Bird	2-13	0.06	0.16-0.19	0.16-0.18
Breed <i>et al.</i> (2015a)	Mobile animal	Unknown	0.00-0.46	0.02-0.21	0.10-0.74

$t_s$ , single-locus outcrossing rate;  $t_m$ , multilocus outcrossing rate (thus, 1 -  $t_m$  indicates multilocus selfing rate);  $t_m - t_s$ , level of biparental inbreeding;  $r_p$ , multilocus correlation of paternity.

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**Table S3.** Pollen dispersal kernel parameters estimated by the KINDIST model with assumption of an exponential power function as the dispersal kernel in this study and other studies

Reference	Pollination vector	$b$	$\delta$ (m)
This study	Bird	0.16-0.17	1477-1487
Lander <i>et al.</i> (2010)	Insect	0.17	1189
Breed <i>et al.</i> (2015b)	Bird	0.15-0.16	870-1134
Kassa <i>et al.</i> (2018)	Wind	0.18	417

$b$ , shape parameter;  $\delta$ , mean distance of pollen dispersal.

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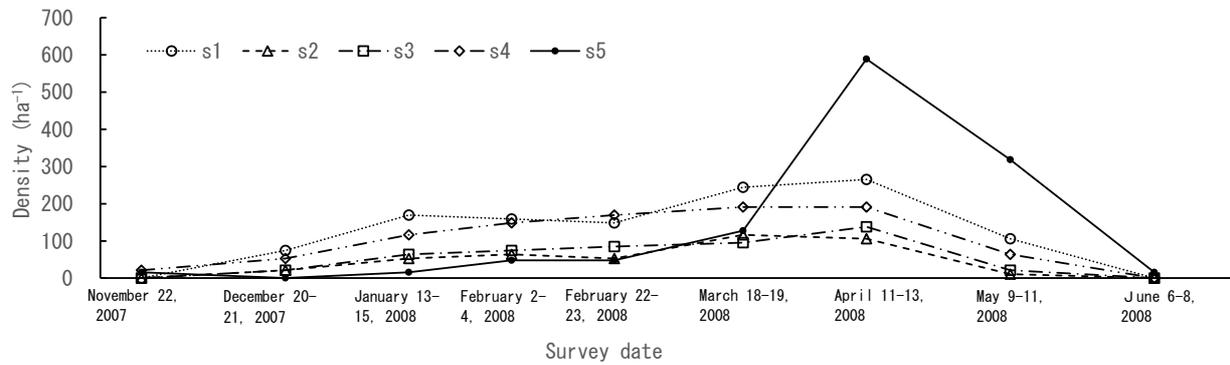
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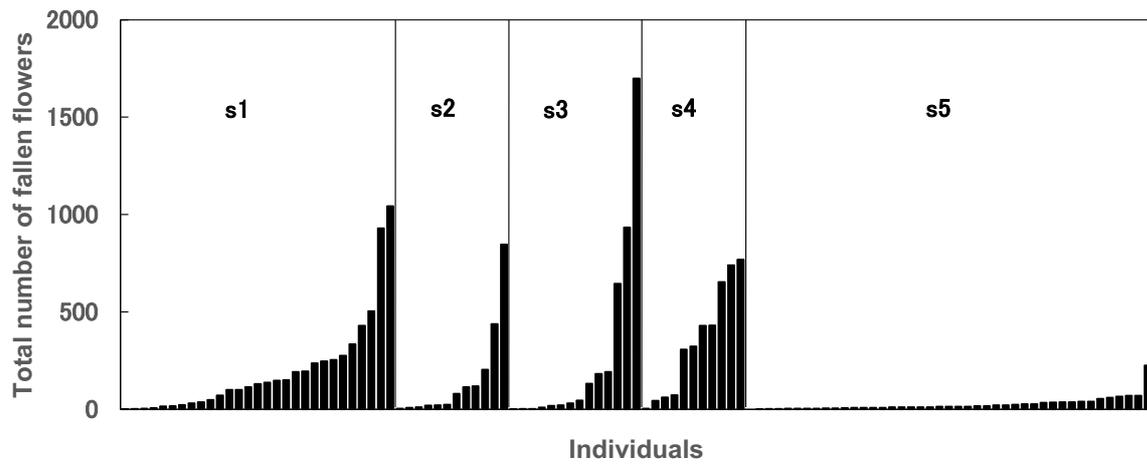
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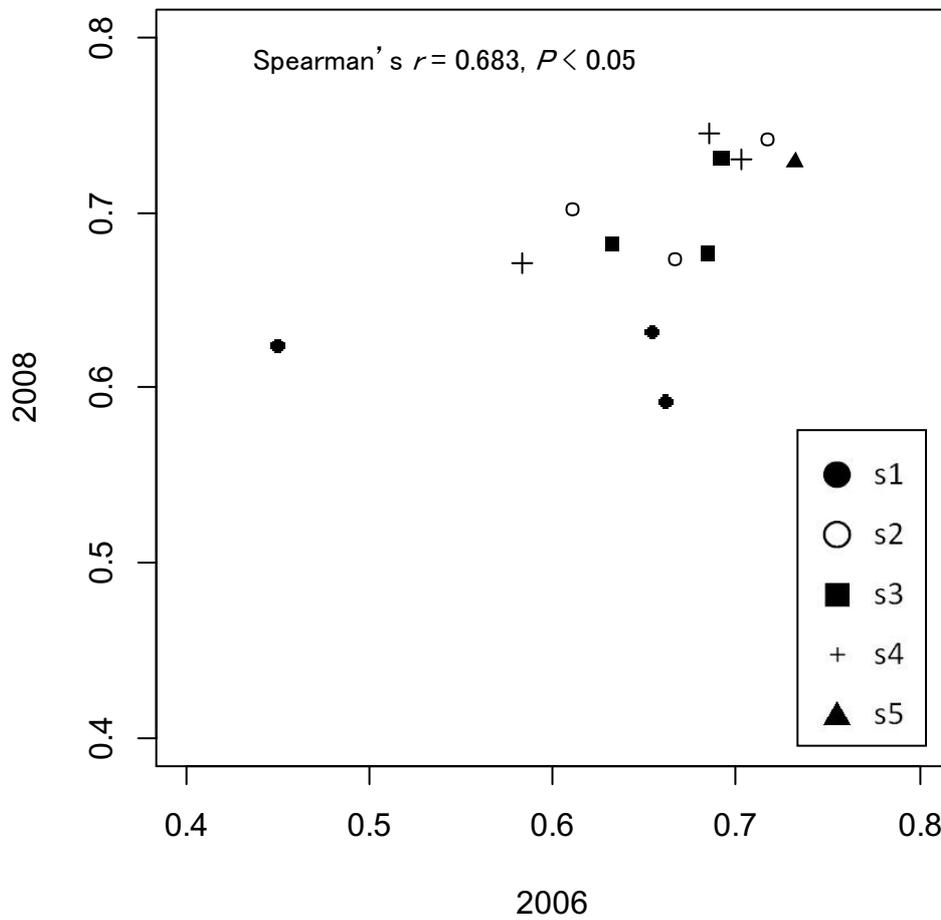
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**Figure S1.** Change in the local density of individuals with open flowers at the five sites in the 2007/2008 flowering season. The local density was estimated by averaging the densities within 10-m radii from the seed parents at each site.



**Figure S2.** Cumulative numbers of flowers that had fallen from each individual at the five sites recorded in surveys of 14 seed parents and all individuals within 10-m radii from the respective seed parents. Bars indicating the numbers of fallen flowers for respective individuals were sorted in ascending order along the abscissa axis.



**Figure S3.** Relationship between the reproductive years 2006 and 2008 of the gene diversity ( $H_E$ ) values of pollen pools accepted by each seed parent. Filled circles, open circles, filled squares, crosses, and filled triangles indicate the values for seed parents at the s1, s2, s3, s4, and s5 sites, respectively.