

Supplementary Material

Climate drying reduces serotinous seedbanks and threatens persistence in two fire-killed shrubs

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Table S1. Location details, time since last fire in years (TSF) and fire type (FT: W - Wild, P - Prescribed) for all *H. decurrens* and *B. ornata* plant populations sampled in Grampians and Little Desert National Parks, SE Australia in the 1990's and 2017.

Site name	Fire year	Census year	TSF (yrs)	FT	Data type	Latitude	Longitude
<i>H. decurrens</i> – Grampians N.P.							
Golton Track	1992	1995	3	P	Plot	-36.93163	142.43975
Heatherlie	1990	1995	5	P	Plot	-37.04017	142.50854
Golton Track	1987	1995	8	P	Plot	-36.92324	142.4354
Mt Zero	1983	1995	12	W	Plot	-36.88719	142.37419
Roses Gap	1967	1991	24	P	Plot	-36.9329	142.43460
Roses Gap	1967	1995	28	P	Plot	-36.9329	142.43460
Heatherlie	2014	2017	3	P	Random walk	-37.02069	142.4989
Heatherlie	2011	2017	6	P	Random walk	-37.04017	142.50854
Heatherlie	2007	2017	10	P	Random walk	-37.0489	142.51905
Heatherlie	2003	2017	14	P	Random walk	-37.0150	142.49651
Heatherlie	1996	2017	21	P	Plot	-37.02469	142.5031
Heatherlie	1994	2017	23	P	Plot	-37.0184	142.49999
<i>B. ornata</i> – Grampians N.P.							
Golton Track	1987	1990	3	P	Random walk	-36.92100	142.43528
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Heatherlie	1990	1996	6	P	Random walk	-37.04017	142.50854
Golton Track	1987	1996	9	P	Random walk	-36.9210	142.43528
Mt Zero	1983	1996	13	P	Plot	-36.88900	142.37245
Roses Gap	1967	1992	25	P	Random walk	-36.93263	142.43476
Roses Gap	~1946	1996	50	-	Random walk	-36.96033	142.45854
Hollow Mntn	2014	2017	3	W	Plot	-36.88687	142.38306
Heatherlie	2011	2017	6	P	Random walk	-37.04017	142.50854
Heatherlie	2003	2017	14	P	Random walk	-37.0150	142.49651
MtZero	1996	2017	21	P	Plot	-36.88856	142.3737
Heatherlie	1996	2017	21	P	Random walk	-37.02469	142.5031
Mt Zero	1983	2017	34	W	Plot	-36.88783	142.37279
<i>B. ornata</i> – Little Desert N.P.							
Matthews Trck	1993	1997	4	P	Random walk	-36.51720	141.79749
Centre Track	1991	1997	6	P	Random walk	-36.52409	141.81363
McDonald Hwy	1988	1997	9	P	Random walk	-36.58292	141.49052
Salt Lake Track	1983	1997	14	W	Random walk	-36.49691	141.79440
Albrechts Mill Track	~1960	1997	37	P	Random walk	-36.48058	141.81255
Salt Lake Track	2009	2017	8	P	Random walk	-36.48421	141.79202
Salt Lake Track	2008	2017	9	P	Random walk	-36.46902	141.79563
Nhil-Harrow Rd South	2007	2017	10	P	Plot	-36.60711	141.6491
Nhil-Harrow Rd East	2005	2017	12*	W	Random walk	-36.53871	141.65090
Mars Track	2003	2017	14	P	Plot	-36.58442	141.65749
Nhil-Harrow Rd West	1991	2017	24*	W	Plot	-36.53816	141.64684
Pomponderoo Hill Rd	1977	2017	40	P	Random walk	-36.49649	142.00349

* These sites burned in a 2015 wildfire and cone counts were done on standing dead skeletons 12 and 24 years old at the time of fire.

Table S2. Mean plant height (cm) \pm standard error for (a) *Hakea decurrens* and (b) *Banksia ornata* sample populations in relation to time since fire in years (TSF), period of measurement (1990's vs 2017), and location (Grampians vs Little Desert; *B. ornata* only, rows aligned to facilitate easier comparison by TSF).

(a) *Hakea decurrens*

Grampians N.P.			
1990's		2017	
TSF	Height	TSF	Height
3	67 \pm 4	3	94 \pm 4
5	83 \pm 3	6	96 \pm 4
8	115 \pm 4	10	173 \pm 5
12	156 \pm 5	14	135 \pm 7
24	184 \pm 5	21	157 \pm 5
28	211 \pm 7	23	235 \pm 10

(b) *Banksia ornata*

Grampians N.P.				Little Desert N.P.					
1990's		2017		1983¹		1990's²		2017	
TSF	Height	TSF	Height	TSF	Height	TSF	Height	TSF	Height
		3	59 \pm 2			4	28 \pm 2		
7	126 \pm 4	6	72 \pm 5	6	51	6	64 \pm 2	8	99 \pm 3
				7	51	9	67 \pm 3	9	76 \pm 2
10	137 \pm 4			11	87			10	89 \pm 3
13	207 \pm 3	14	145 \pm 6	16	89	14	94 \pm 2	13	65 \pm 3
14	196 \pm 5	21	159 \pm 8					13	101 \pm 3
		21	254 \pm 8	25	120			26	111 \pm 5
		34	249 \pm 12	38	154	37	127 \pm 4	40	141 \pm 4
50	217 \pm 13			50	168				

1. Data from Gill & McMahon (1986), no error terms available
2. Data from Shaw (1997)

Table S3. Demographic and climate data for *Banksia ornata* sample populations by time since last fire (TSF), Little Desert National Park, SE Australia (demographic data from Gill and McMahon 1986). Mean rain differential is the difference in mm yr⁻¹ (percentage in parentheses) from the mean annual rainfall at Nhil, Victoria for the period 1946 – 1990.

TSF (years)	n	Total cones plant⁻¹	Estimated viable seeds plant⁻¹	Mean rainfall differential mm yr⁻¹ (%)
6	30	0.23	3	-6.7 (-1.5)
7	30	0.03	<1	-25.2 (-5.6)
11	30	3.57	42	12.1 (2.7)
16	30	7.26	98	0.3 (0.1)
25	30	13.00	160	-9.7 (-2.2)
38	30	121.36	2589	14.6 (3.2)
50+	30	122.23	1804	3.0 (0.7)

Table S4. Number of seedlings 2 years after fire in a 24 year-old *B. ornata* stand in Little Desert National Park in relation to number of pre-fire parents, estimated number of seeds per pre-fire parent, seeds per seedling and seedlings per pre-fire parent (Nhil – Harrow Road West site censused in 2017; see Table S1 for full site details). Data are for 8 x 16m² replicate quadrats, error term is standard error.

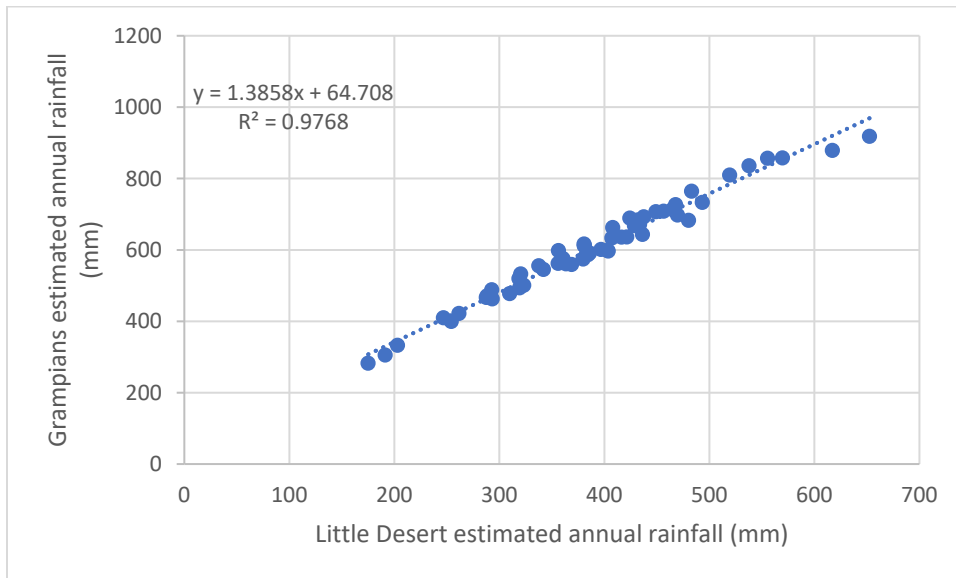
Replicate	No. of Parent plants	Estimated Seeds plant⁻¹	No. of Seedlings	Seeds seedling⁻¹	Seedlings parent⁻¹
1	4	444.6	42	42.3	10.5
2	4	370.5	47	31.5	11.8
3	2	912.6	18	101.4	9.0
4	7	639.6	37	121.0	5.3
5	8	347.1	41	67.7	5.1
6	5	290.2	29	50.0	5.8
7	2	499.2	37	27.0	18.5
8	3	405.6	49	24.8	16.3
Mean	4.4±0.8	488.7±71.3	37.5±3.6	58.2±12.7	10.3±1.8

Table S5. Model outputs for probability of reproductive maturity and total fruits/cones by species.

<i>Hakea decurrens</i>								
Predictor	Probability of reproductive maturity				Total fruits			
	β	SE	<i>P</i>		β	SE	<i>P</i>	
Stand age	2.959	0.474	<0.0001	**	1.728	0.126	<0.0001	**
Measurement era (2017)	-2.142	0.250	<0.0001	**	-2.063	0.107	<0.0001	**
Stand age:Measurement era (2017)	-0.130	0.558	0.8160		1.486	0.230	<0.0001	**
Stand age	3.048	0.288	<0.0001	**	2.478	0.118	<0.0001	**
Mean rain differential	0.880	0.554	0.1123		1.477	0.395	0.0002	**
Stand age:Mean rain differential	.	.	.		-1.610	0.276	<0.0001	**
<i>Banksia ornata</i>								
Predictor	Probability of reproductive maturity				Total cones			
	β	SE	<i>P</i>		β	SE	<i>P</i>	
Stand age	17.851	5.396	<0.0001	**	1.282	0.291	<0.0001	**
Measurement era (2017)	-8.267	3.475	0.0174	*	-1.138	0.361	0.0016	**
Stand age:Measurement era (2017)	.	.	.		0.622	0.644	0.3343	
Stand age	16.359	3.352	<0.0001	**	1.297	0.237	<0.0001	**
Mean rain differential	13.544	3.380	<0.0001	**	1.117	0.306	0.0003	**
Stand age:Mean rain differential	25.979	7.968	0.0011	**	.	.	.	

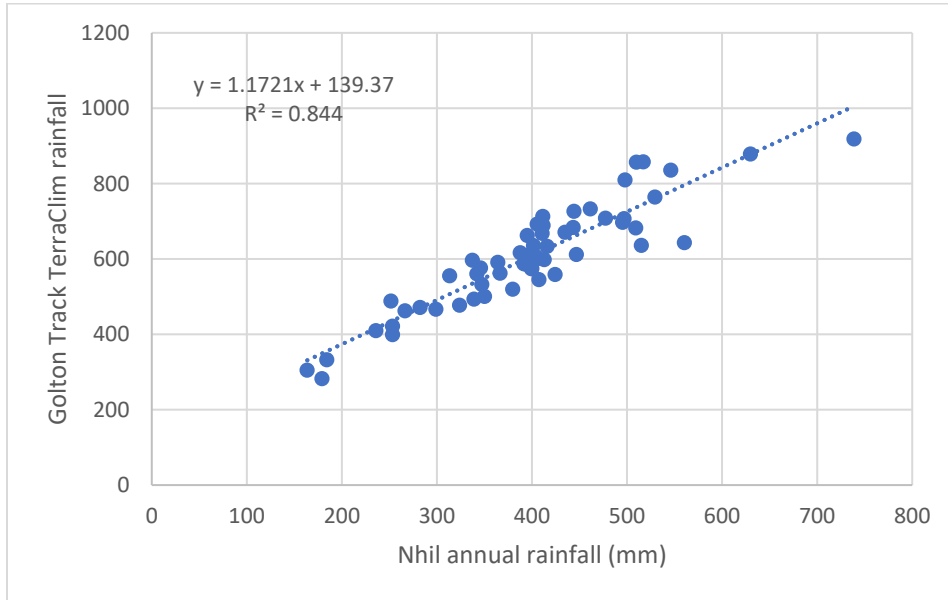
Notes: Standardized coefficient estimates (β), standard error (SE), and *P* values are reported for each predictor variable. Symbols indicate strength of evidence of an effect according to $P < \alpha = 0.01$ ** (strong), 0.05* (moderate), 0.1⁺ (suggestive).

Supplementary Figure 1. Correlation between TerraClimate¹ estimated annual rainfall for sites in the Grampians National Park (Golton Track) and Little Desert National Park (Eastern block) for the period 1960 - 2016.



¹ Abatzoglou, J.T., S.Z. Dobrowski, S.A. Parks, K.C. Hegewisch, 2018, [Terraclimate, a high-resolution global dataset of monthly climate and climatic water balance from 1958-2015](#), Scientific Data.

Supplementary Figure 2. Linear regression relationship between Nhil climate station annual rainfall and that for TerraClimate¹ estimated rainfall at Golton Track, Grampians N. P. for the period 1960 - 2016.



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