

Dear Paul -

The manuscript by you and Tom Scott was especially interesting to me because I have recently been watching an apparently similar situation on my own marsh.

A matter that particularly piques my curiosity is the unwillingness of foxes to wade in more than 2" of water. Cyril and Albert G have deduced a corresponding aversion for muddy cornfields at Pournadu Sac.

I have been digging out dry-marsh burrows to see if any rats were imprisoned by December frosts. So far haven't found any. A few managed to dig out and move. Have you ever found frost-imprisoned rats? Or is there antecedent exodus, or predation, so nicely adjusted that imprisonment is a rarity?

I would like to have 4 additional reprints if you can spare them, one for Fox, one for PLE box, and one for Jim Beer, and one for Steve Richards.

Yours ever

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PS To me this paper is very clearly and adequately presented