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Urbanization and loss of woody vegetation are changing key traits of arthropod communities

- **Urbanization is favouring smaller beetle species and larger spider species with greater dispersal capacity.**
- **The loss of woody areas is linked to a decline in the duration of the activity period, a higher tolerance to drought, and less dispersal capacity in both groups.**

Carabid beetle of the family Cicindelidae. Photo: Felix Neff

Seville (Spain). 24th April 2024. In an attempt to understand how human activities affect arthropod communities in the long term, an international research team from the Doñana Biological Station ï CSIC and Swiss Federal Research Institutes has carried out a study revealing how the urbanization and the loss of

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