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Competition conditional on recruitment and temporary escape from predators on a tropical rocky shore

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Abstract

On a rocky headland on the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica we document a period of heavy recruitment of the barnacle, *Chthamalus fissus* Darwin, in an area infrequently visited by its major predator, the muricid gastropod, *Acanthina brevidentata* (Wood). For much of 1984, *Chthamalus fissus* occupied most available free space in the area, appearing to surround and imprison pulmonate limpets, *Siphonaria gigas* (Sowerby), on their home scars. Limpets lost weight when imprisoned, a situation which persisted until barnacles were removed by *Acanthina brevidentata* predation. Limpets had little effect on barnacles. Heavy barnacle recruitment in predator-free areas occupied by the limpet is unpredictable in space and time. As a result the negative effect of barnacles on limpets probably has little evolutionary consequence for the limpet.

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