## **Appendix S1: PGs analysis after dipping extraction (SuppInfo)**

Methanol from the extracts was evaporated to dryness under nitrogen. Dried samples were redissolved in 1 ml 100% methanol containing 0.8 mg/ml phenyl-β-glucopyranosid (Sigma Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) as an internal standard, and incubated on horizontal shaker for 10 min at room temperature. After centrifugation at 14000 rpm for 10 min, 300 µl of the supernatant was mixed with 300 μl distilled H<sub>2</sub>O before analysis. Samples were analyzed with a high-performance liquid chromatograph, HPLC (Agilent, Series 1100, Santa Clara, CA, USA), equipped with a diode array detector, DAD (G1315B). A reverse-phase (RP) C18 column (EC 250/4.6 Nucleodur Sphinx, RP5 µm, Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany) was used for the separation of the compounds using conditions described in Boeckler et al. (2016). Concentrations were calculated on the basis of the peak areas at 200 nm relative to the internal standard applying experimentally determined response factors. Weight based response factors relative to the internal standard phenyl-β-glucopyranosid were determined using the following standards: salicin (Alfa Aesar), salicortin, HCH-salicortin and tremulacin (all three kindly provided by Dr. Bernd Schneider, MPI for Chemical Ecology, Jena, originally isolated by H. Thieme, Halle, (Thieme and Benecke 1971). Response factors are the following: salicin, 0.45; salicortin, 0.87; HCH-salicortin, 0.65; and tremulacin, 0.44. Results of content of PGs were relativized to dry weight of the extract.

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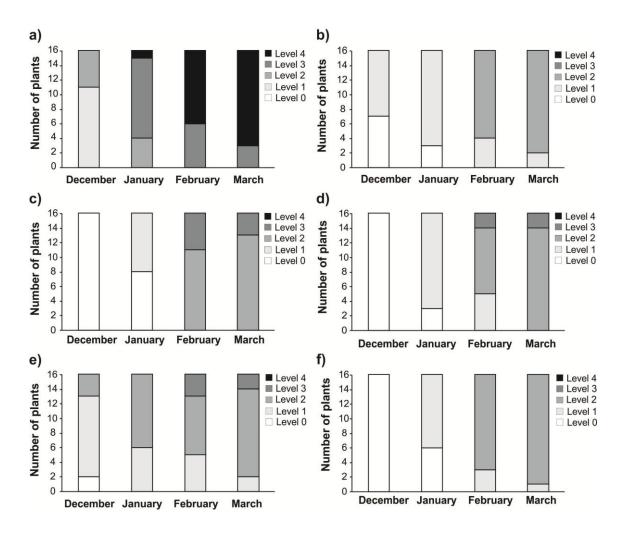
## **Appendix S2: Willow genotype ranking calculations (SuppInfo)**

In order to assign a qualitative value which represents the magnitude preference over the other willows, the oviposition preference of sawflies over different willow genotypes was ranked based on a paired comparison matrix according to Pirk and López de Cassenave (2011). The paired comparison matrix was 6 x 6 (the six willow genotypes), with each cell ij representing a pair of willow genotypes, and its value, the number of times the willow genotype i (row) was preferred to the willow genotype j (column) in all trials (3 repetitions) involving i and j. Differences in number of eggs resulting from the N. oligospilus oviposition preference between pairs of willows were tested by using a Chi-square test ( $\chi^2$ , P<0.05). In case of significant differences, the value assigned to an ij cell was 1 for the preferred and 0 for the non-preferred willow genotype. For combinations in which the oviposition preference in a trial was not contrasting ( $\chi^2$ , P >0.05), a value of 0.5 was assigned to both genotypes, because this situation was considered a tie. Hierarchy was verified by Landau's linearity index, h (Landau 1951). When all the elements in a paired comparisons design can be arranged into a hierarchical order, the hierarchy is linear (Pirk and Lopez de Cassenave 2011). The Laundau's index ranges from 0 to 1, where 1 indicates complete linearity and 0 indicates that all species are equally preferred. The significance of the linearity index h was determined by means of a randomization test (de Vries 1995). Finally, the oviposition preference was ranked for willow genotypes by normalized David's score, which is the most appropriate dominance ranking method (Gammell et al. 2003). This score equally reflects the strength of non- preferred species by species i and the weakness of species by which species i was defeated (de Vries 1998). It varies between 0 and N-1, where N is the number of compared species, with higher values indicating higher preference levels.

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Appendix S3: Temporal variability of the natural colonization in six different commercial willow hybrids (Suppinfo). Level of damage by defoliation (Number of plants damaged) was estimated from December 2007 to March 2008 by using the following scale: L0 = no defoliation,  $L1 \le 5\%$  defoliation, L2 = 5 - 25%, L3 = 25 - 50%, L4 = 50 - 75%, L5 = 75 - 100%, N=16 for each genotype. (a) 'Lezama' (S. matsudana  $\times$  S. nigra), (b) 'Yaguareté' (S. alba  $\times$  open pollination), (c) 'Los Arroyos' (S. matsudana  $\times$  S. alba), (d) 'Agronales' (S. matsudana  $\times$  S. alba), (e) 'Americano' (S. babylonica var. sacramenta) and (f) 'Géminis' (S. matsudana  $\times$  open pollination).



**Table S1.** Preference matrix for *Nematus oligospilus* on different commercial genotypes (N=90 comparisons) and David Score.

	Preference matrix							
	Lezama	Yaguareté	Los Arroyos	Agronales	Americano	Géminis	score	
Lezama		3	3	2.5	3	3	4.3	
Yaguareté	0		2	2	2.5	3	3	
Los Arroyos	0	1		2	3	2	2.6	
Agronales	0.5	1	1		1.5	3	2.4	
Americano	0	0.5	0	1.5		2.5	1.8	
Géminis	0	0	1	0	0.5		1	

Landau's Linearity Index h = 0.97; P = 0.02

**Table S2.** Phenolic glycosides (PGs) content (mg/g extract DW, mean  $\pm$  SE) in six different commercial *Salix* hybrids (N=3).

Salix genotype	matsudana x nigra	alba x open pollination	matsudana x alba	matsudana x alba	babylonica	matsudana x open pollination
Common name	'Lezama'	'Yaguareté'	'Los Arroyos'	'Agronales'	'Americano'	'Géminis'
Salicin	$23.7 \pm 6.7$	$9.2 \pm 3.3$	$3.2 \pm 0.5$	$6.8 \pm 0.8$	$5.0 \pm 3.0$	$8.0 \pm 3.1$
Salicortin	$69.7 \pm 12.4$	$11.5 \pm 4.5$	$4.2 \pm 1.6$	$4.2 \pm 1.2$	$8.8 \pm 3.2$	$8.9 \pm 3.4$
HCH-salicortin	$14.4 \pm 3.3$	$5.2 \pm 2.9$	$5.7 \pm 2.5$	$3.4 \pm 0.8$	$7.5 \pm 3.3$	$6.7 \pm 2.7$
Tremulacin	$50.6 \pm 11.3$	$2.4 \pm 1.4$	$2.5 \pm 0.7$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
Lasiandrin	-	++	+	-	-	-
Unknown MW=666	-	++	+	-	-	-