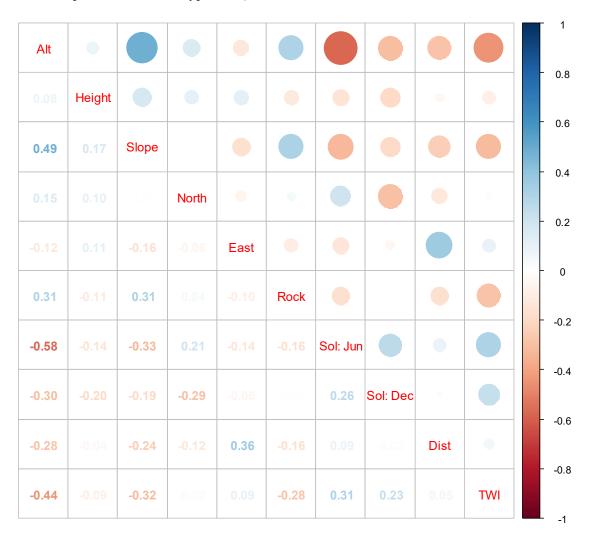
## **Appendix**

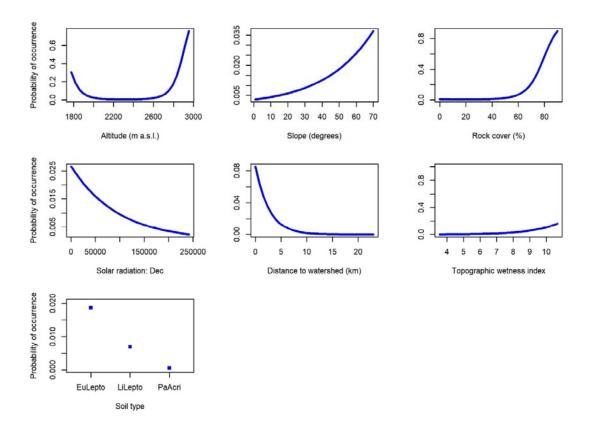
**Figure A1.** Spearman rank correlations between continuous predictor variables after the exclusion of highly collinear predictors. Alt = altitude, Height = vegetation height, Slope = slope steepness, North = northness, East = eastness, Rock = rock cover, Sol: Jun = potential direct incident radiation during June, Sol: Dec = potential direct incident radiation during December, Dist = distance to the watershed, TWI = topographic wetness index. The only categorical predictor included in the modelling process, soil type, was not strongly collinear with the other predictors (maximum variance inflation factor value for all continuous predictors and soil type < 2.2).



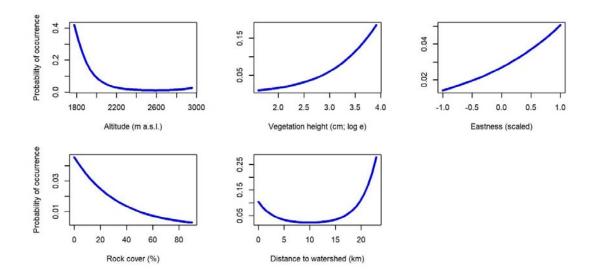
**Table A1:** Variable importance (%) for each predictor included in the best model for each species (including Transect as a fixed effect predictor for this analysis). Each row sums to 100%, so the values in each row represent the relative contribution to the explanatory power of that model (irrespective whether the %DE values are high or low; see Table 1). Values in the bottom row represent the mean variable importance across all species. Height = vegetation height, Slope = slope steepness, Solar rad = potential direct incident radiation, TWI = topographic wetness index, Li = Lithic Leptosols, Eu = Eutric Leptosols, Pa = Paraplinthic Acrisols

Species	Altitude	Height	Slope	Northness	Eastness	Rock cover	Solar rad: June	Solar rad: December	Distance to watershed	TWI	Soil type	Transect
Dianthus basuticus	16								51		33	43
Crassula vaginata	7								93			1
Lotononis lotononoides	49				3			1	47			1
Searsia discolor	16				15	17					52	20
Hermannia gerrardii	58							42				81
Zaluzianskya microsiphon		30			12					58		2
Scabiosa columbaria						<1			>99			4
Helichrysum aureum	42			6		5	9		1	1	36	14
Schistostephium crataegifolium				>99								7
Senecio macrocephalus	39			19	5	<1					36	1
Ajuga ophrydis	50	10			10	11			20			1
Helichrysum chionosphaerum	49	3				37				10		1
Helichrysum oreophilum								5	31		63	1
Cyperus obtusiflorus	13	2	1	<1	<1	<1	8	2	15	<1	57	29
Agapanthus campanulatus	12		9			6		14	25	11	23	<1
Gladiolus crassifolius	35		4		7	9		6	19		20	4
Moraea huttonii				1	9				90			54
Helichrysum pallidum									48	49	4	81
Senecio rhomboideus	31	13							50	6		67
Mean:	32%	12%	5%	24%	8%	11%	8%	12%	45%	19%	35%	21%

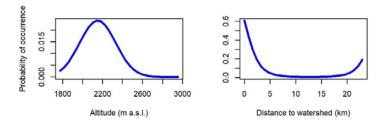
**Appendix B**: Response curves for all modelled species for predictor variables included in best-fit models.



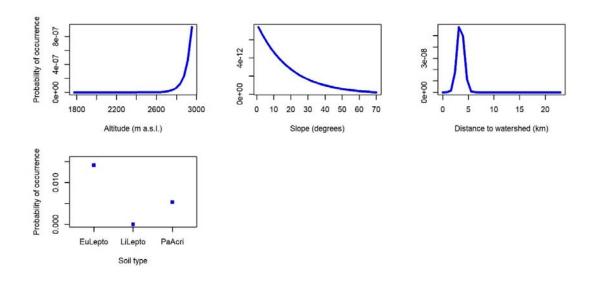
**Figure 1**. Response curves for *Agapanthus campanulatus*, illustrating the influence of all predictor variables retained during model building on the probability of occurrence of this species. Note that the range of the y-axis may vary between panels to more clearly indicate the shape of the response curve. When predicting these response curves the values for all predictors other than the predictor variable of interest were set to their mean (continuous) or modal (categorical variables) values.



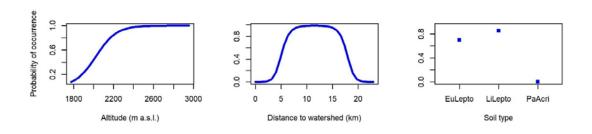
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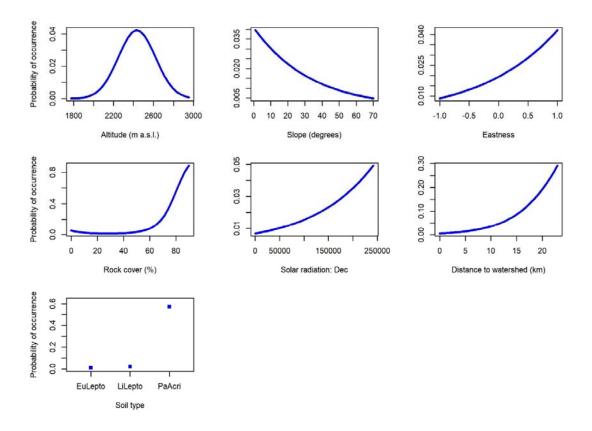
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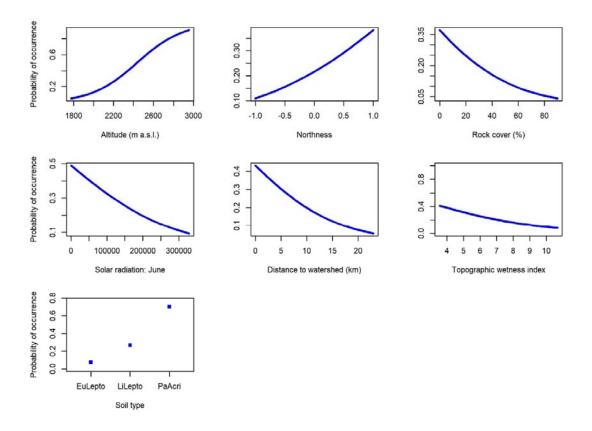
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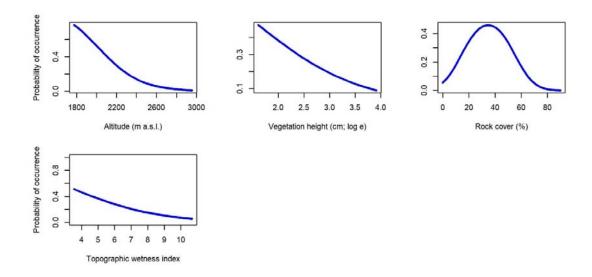
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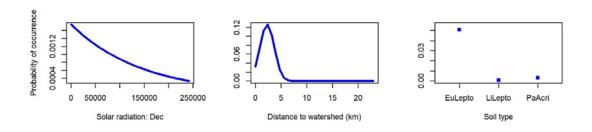
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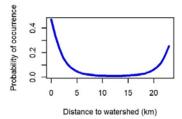
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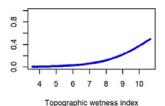


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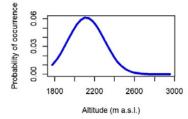


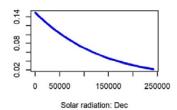
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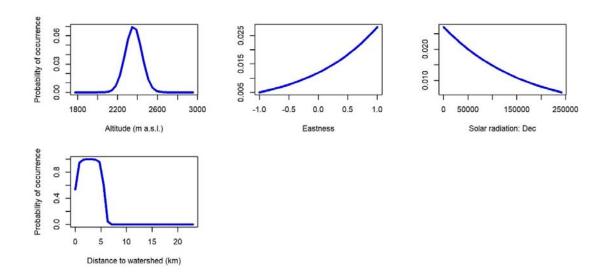


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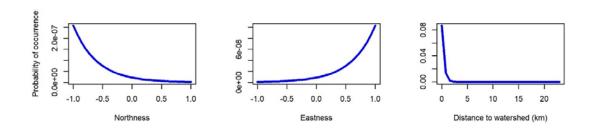




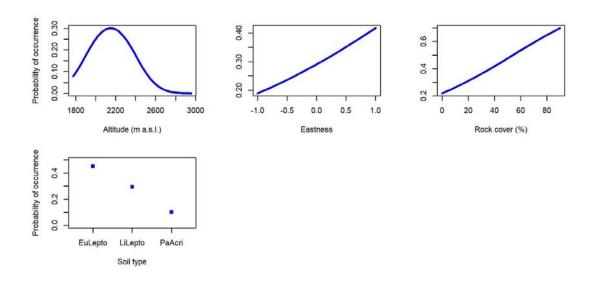
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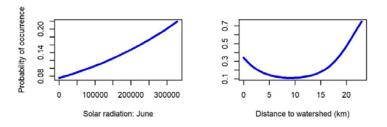
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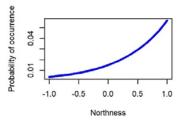
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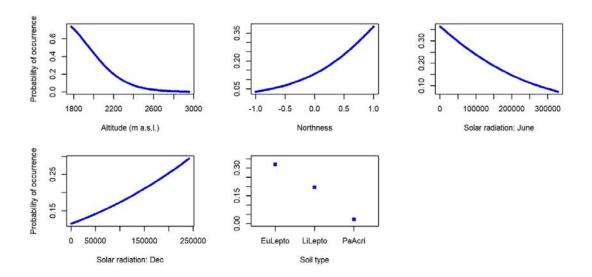
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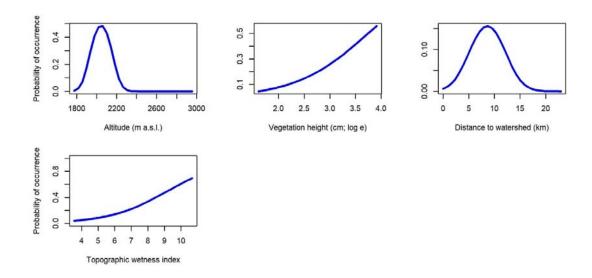
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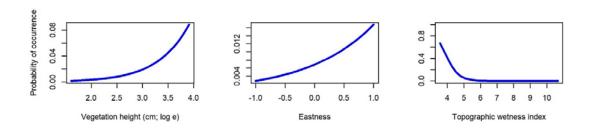
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