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**Supplementary material**

## Supplementary material Appendix 1. Studies providing the urban bird data from 61 sites

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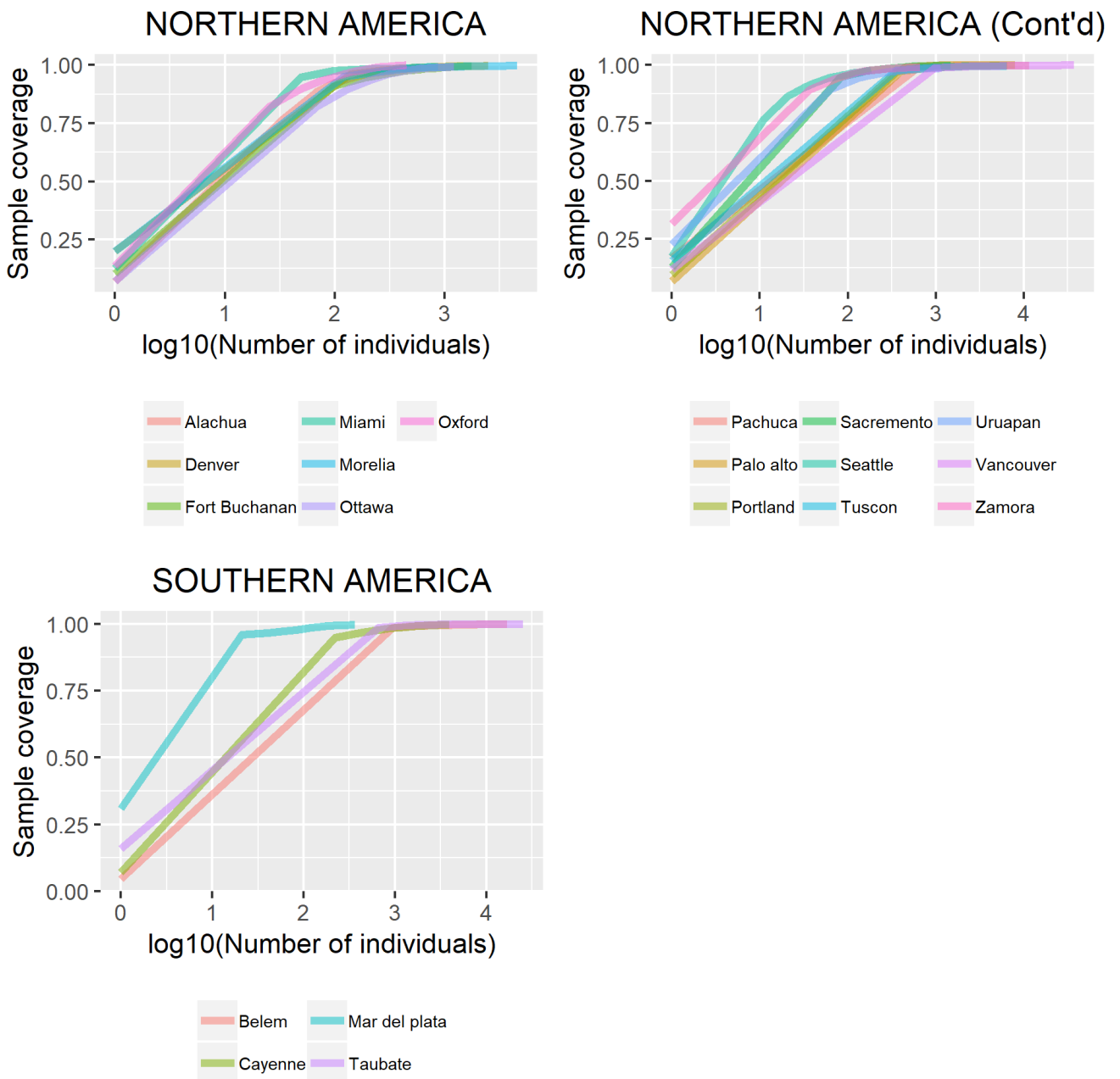
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**Supplementary material Appendix 2 – Rarefaction analyses on sampling coverage in different studies**

**Figure A1.** Results of rarefaction analyses showing the relationship between sampling coverage and sampling effort, measured as number of individuals detected in different sites. Sites within the same TDWG-1 regions are plotted in the same graph.







**Supplementary material Appendix 3 – Analyses on how alien species richness – alien species pool relationships vary along the urbanization gradient**

**Table A1.** Results of linear mixed models analyzing how alien species richness – alien species pool relationships vary along the urbanization gradient, based on different definitions of the alien species pool. **Bold** values indicate statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$ ). Variable names are abbreviated: Alien species pool (ASP); Impervious surface cover (ISC).

	All species		Urban exploiters	
	Estimates	p	Estimates	p
Intercept	-0.38	0.20	-0.14	0.60
ln(ASP+1)	<b>-0.60</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>-0.43</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
ISC	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>0.04</b>	-0.16	0.08
ln(ASP+1)*ISC	<b>-0.36</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>-0.32</b>	<b>0.001</b>
	R <sup>2</sup> m	R <sup>2</sup> c	R <sup>2</sup> m	R <sup>2</sup> c
	0.52	0.78	0.35	0.64

**Supplementary material Appendix 4 – How inclusion of interaction terms improved model performance in predicting ASR**

**Table A2.** A summary of the chi-square test for the nested model. Variables names are abbreviated: Alien species pool quantified as number of species introduced ( $ASP_{All}$ ); Alien species pool quantified as number of urban-tolerant species introduced ( $ASP_{Urban}$ ); Impervious surface cover (ISC); Native species richness (NSR).

Model	Interaction terms	AIC	AICc	R <sup>2</sup> m	R <sup>2</sup> c	p
ln( $ASP_{All}+1$ ), ISC, NSR	×	83.58	85.69	0.57	0.68	
	✓	58.61	62.13	0.70	0.83	<0.001
ln( $ASP_{Urban}+1$ ), ISC, NSR	×	82.09	84.12	0.71	0.80	
	✓	67.46	70.99	0.63	0.69	<0.001