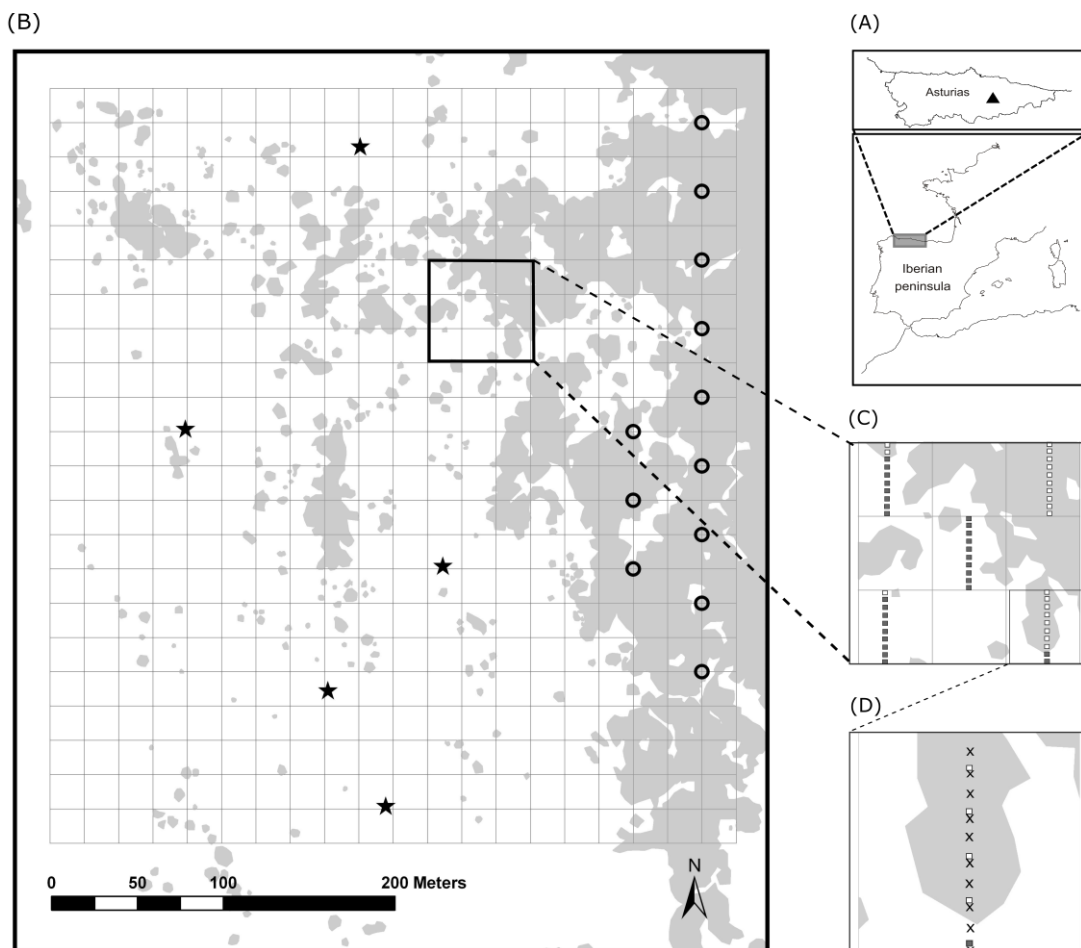


1 SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

2 **Appendix 1 – Detailed methodology and additional results of field study**

3 *1. Study plot, forest cover and fruit abundance*

4 Field study was conducted at the Sierra de Peña Mayor (43°18'00"N, 5°30'29"W,  
5 1000 m a.s.l., Asturias, northern Iberian Peninsula; Supplementary Material Appendix 1  
6 Fig. A1.A). Field sampling was carried out in a rectangular plot of 400 m x 440 m (17.6  
7 ha), chosen to represent a gradient of forest loss, from dense forest patches to pastures  
8 with scattered trees. Our plot was subdivided into 440 sampling cells of 20 m x 20 m.  
9 This combination of sampling extent and grain is known to adequately represent the  
10 spatial scale at which tree regeneration processes operate (from frugivory by birds to  
11 seedling survival) (García et al. 2013).



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13 **Figure A1** (A) Location of the study site. (B) Scheme of the study plot representing forest cover  
14 (gray area) in the 440, 20 m x 20 m sampling cells, as well as the vantage and point-count  
15 positions for bird observation (black stars and circles, respectively). (C) A detail of the  
16 distribution of seed-rain sampling stations within a subset of cells, which followed a checkered  
17 pattern. (D) Detail of a cell showing the distribution of seedling sampling stations located  
18 adjacent to seed rain stations (represented by crosses).

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20 In 2009 we developed a Geographical Information System (GIS hereafter; ArcGIS v9.3)  
21 based on a recent 1:5000-scale orthophotomap image of the study plot to estimate the  
22 percentage of cover per cell (in m<sup>2</sup>) after a digitized forest cover layer and the grid of  
23 the 440 sampling cells were integrated. We assumed that inter-annual variability in  
24 forest cover was insignificant. Additionally, in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, we assessed  
25 the position of all individual trees and the fruit crop of each individual fleshy-fruited  
26 tree within each cell in order to incorporate data on fruit production into the GIS  
27 platform. For this purpose, we visually assigned the standing crop of each individual  
28 tree of any fleshy-fruited species by means of a semi-quantitative Fruiting Abundance  
29 Index (FAI) using a semi-logarithmic scale (considering six intervals: 0 = without fruits;  
30 1 = 1-10 fruits; 2 = 11-100; 3 = 101-1,000; 4 = 1,001-10,000; 5 > 10,001; Saracco et al.  
31 2005). For each sampling year, we thus included in our GIS platform all data on  
32 location, species and FAI of each individual tree. Finally, we calculated the number of  
33 trees, as well as the total fruit production per year, per cell, as the sum of the crops of all  
34 fruiting trees, both for each individual tree species and for all tree species together. Crop  
35 size was extrapolated from FAI ranks following an allometric equation (crop size = 1.77  
36 x e<sup>1.92FAI</sup>; R<sup>2</sup> = 0.080; n = 136 trees, Herrera et al. 2011).

37 Fruiting tree species showed strong inter-annual variation in fruit crop. For  
38 instance, in 2009, it was proportionally higher for *I. aquifolium* than for *C. monogyna*,

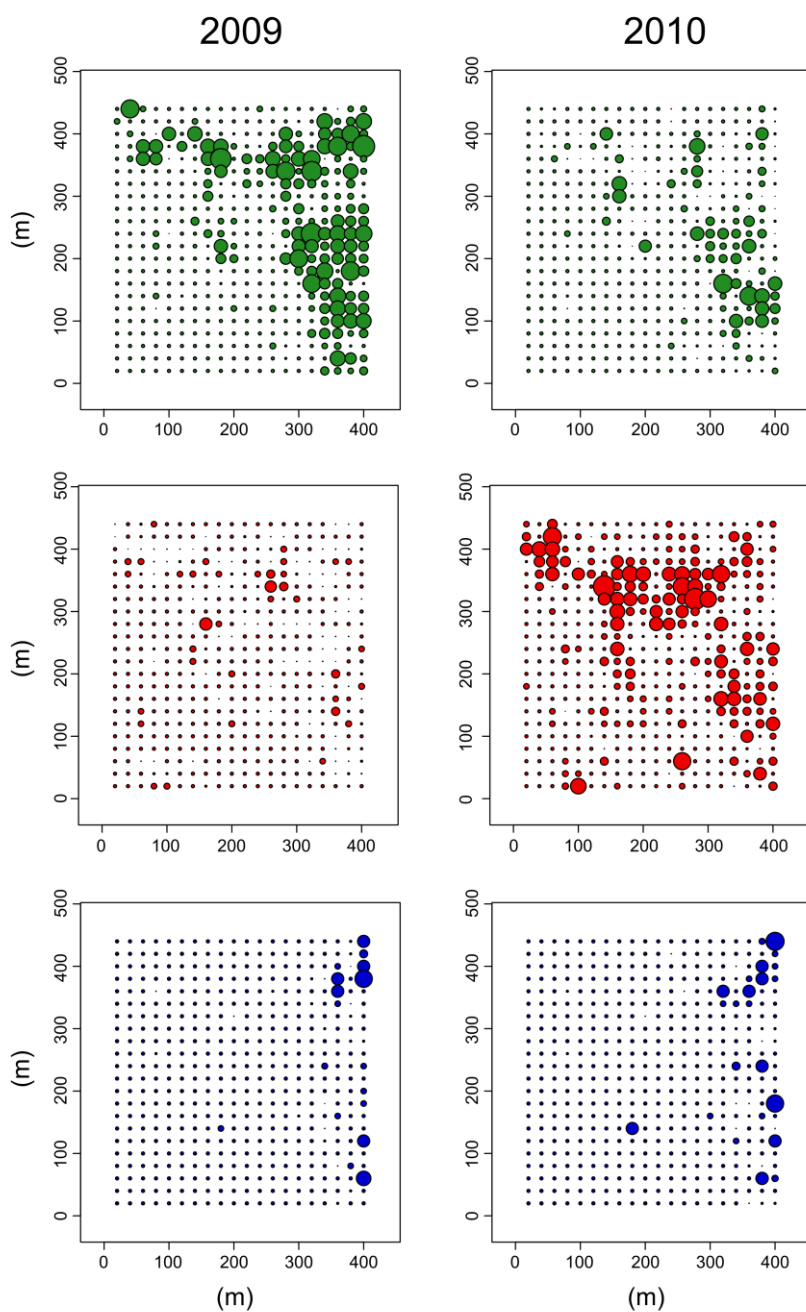
39 while in 2010 we found the opposite trend (Fig.2 and Supplementary Material Appendix  
40 1 Fig. A2). Specifically, the number of fruits per square meter per cell for each fruiting  
41 tree species ( $\pm$  standard deviation) for 2009 and 2010, respectively, was: *C. monogyna*:  
42  $1.44 \pm 0.01$  and  $12.21 \pm 0.05$ ; *I. aquifolium*:  $14.16 \pm 0.06$  and  $4.81 \pm 0.03$ ; *T. baccata*:  
43  $1.27 \pm 0.02$  and  $1.77 \pm 0.02$ . As a result, and taking into account the spatial distribution  
44 whereby *I. aquifolium* and *T. baccata* trees are mainly located in forest patches but *C.*  
45 *monogyna* trees are more evenly distributed across the whole study plot (i.e. from larger  
46 forest fragments to the deforested matrix), we found a change in the fruiting landscape  
47 between years (see also García et al. 2013; Rodríguez-Pérez et al. 2014)

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## 49 2. Abundance and foraging patterns of frugivorous thrushes

50 From 2008 to 2011 we recorded the abundance and the foraging behavior of thrushes in  
51 our study plot. In order to estimate the abundance, from October to February of each  
52 year, we made direct observations from five vantage points located in elevated outcrops  
53 (Supplementary Material Appendix 1 Fig. A1.B) in a balanced number of 1-hour  
54 observations of all stations. The cumulative yearly observation time was 103, 105, 156  
55 and 215 h (for 2008 to 2011 respectively). Due to the denser forest canopy and  
56 topographical characteristics of some stations, complementary bird observations were  
57 made from 12 forest point-count positions, each one corresponding to the center of a  
58 group of four cells (Supplementary Material Appendix 1 Fig. A1.B). These observations  
59 were made over 10 min periods, and the cumulative observation time from each point  
60 count was 160, 110, 195 and 230 min (for 2008 to 2011, respectively). For each  
61 individual thrush, we recorded the species identity and the sampling cell in which it was  
62 observed. Our goal was to provide a measure of bird abundance in functional terms, i.e.

63 an estimation of the total activity of the frugivorous thrushes across the season in the  
64 plot, rather than estimating their actual population sizes. For more information about  
65 this methodology, see García and Martínez (2012), García et al. (2013) and Morales et  
66 al. (2013).



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68 **Figure A2.** Abundance and distribution of fruit crop of the tree species under study (green: *Ilex*  
69 *aquifolium*; red: *Crataegus monogyna*; blue: *Taxus baccata*) in the study plot in two different

70 years (2009 and 2010). Dots represent the centroids of each cell and their size is proportional to  
71 the number of fruits per cell.

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73 From 2008 to 2010 we also recorded the foraging behavior and movement  
74 patterns of birds in our study plot. From October to February, we gathered data on the  
75 activity of thrushes over individual sequences from the five vantage positions described  
76 above. Observation time was 90, 79 and 63 h for 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.  
77 During each census time we recorded (a) the thrush species identity, (b) the flight  
78 distance of each movement step (i.e. Euclidean distance between the centroids of the  
79 starting point and endpoint cells), (c) the duration and the location of resting time (i.e.  
80 the perching tree/landing microhabitat), and (d) the species and number of fleshy fruits  
81 consumed while perching in a tree. Individual birds were followed until lost, that is,  
82 when they disappeared into the canopy and/or left the study plot.

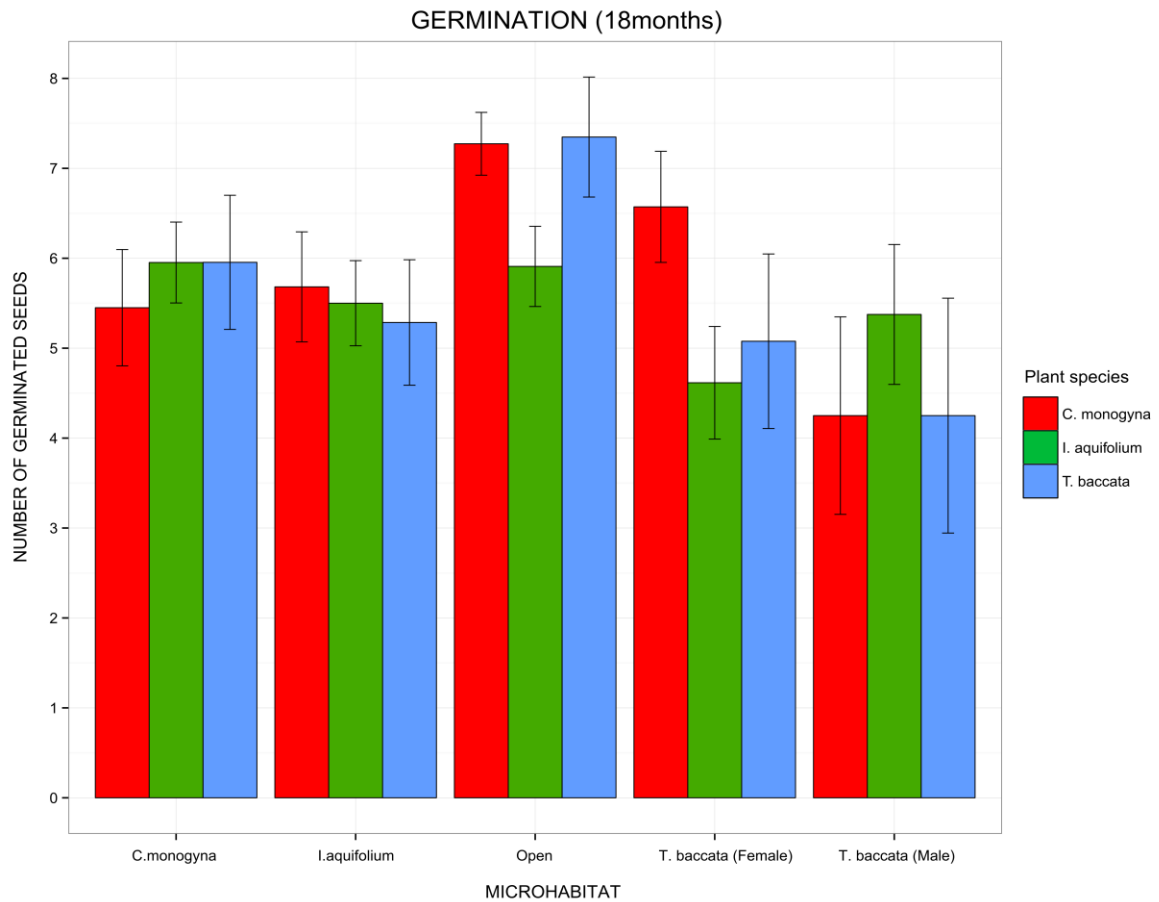
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### 84 3. *Seed dispersal*

85 In fall-winter 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 (sampling years 2009 and 2010, hereafter) we  
86 quantified seed deposition by thrushes in a subset of 220 cells following a checkered  
87 pattern (Supplementary Material Appendix 1 Fig. A1.C). Along the central longitudinal  
88 axis of these cells we set up 10 sampling stations separated from each other by 2 m  
89 (Supplementary Material Appendix 1 Fig. A1.B). Each sampling station consisted of a  
90 50 cm x 50 cm open-ground quadrat where all the seeds dispersed by thrushes were  
91 collected and counted (Supplementary Material Appendix 1 Fig. A1.C). Seed surveys  
92 took place in late November and early January of each sampling year. Each seed  
93 sampling station was assigned to one of the following five possible microhabitats,  
94 depending on the type of fine-scale cover: (a) under *C. monogyna*, (b) under *I.*

95 *aquifolium*, (c) under *T. baccata*, (d) under non-fleshy-fruited species (e.g. *Corylus*  
96 *avellana*) and (e) in the open (i.e. uncovered by tree canopy, e.g. pastures). Thus, we  
97 assessed the number of deposited seeds per tree species per year in each sampling  
98 station as being the sum of seeds found in the two consecutive surveys.

99         The germination of the seeds of the studied tree species occurred in the field in  
100 the second spring (April to June) following seed dispersal (i.e. after 18 months), with no  
101 clear differences between tree species or microhabitat, as suggested by a field  
102 germination test conducted in 2004-2005 in an area near the study plot. In this test, sets  
103 of 10 seeds recently dispersed by birds and apparently viable (based on checking the  
104 fullness of the endocarp by buoyancy) were placed inside 5cm x 5cm glass-fiber bags of  
105 1 mm pore diameter. We buried the seed bags in the topsoil surface layer (at a depth of  
106 3 cm) in 25 sampling stations per each of the following microhabitats: (a) beneath *C.*  
107 *monogyna*, (b) beneath *I. aquifolium*, (c) beneath female *T. baccata*, (d) beneath male *T.*  
108 *baccata* and (e) in the open. After 18 months, we retrieved the bags and in the  
109 laboratory counted the number of seeds showing signs of germination (i.e. the seed coat  
110 was split into two valves or had seedling remains). Slight differences between  
111 microhabitats were found only for seeds of *C. monogyna* beneath *C. monogyna* and in  
112 the open, and between tree species with regards to the seeds of *I. aquifolium* and *C.*  
113 *monogyna* in the open (Fig. A3).



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115 **Figure A3.** Number of germinated seeds (mean +/- SE) for the different plant species at each of  
 116 the five microhabitats after a period of 18 months following seed dispersal by birds.

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118 *4. Seedling emergence and survival*

119 Seedling emergence and seedling survival surveys took place from April to late August  
 120 of 2011 and 2012, so that the emerged seedlings corresponded to the cohorts of seeds  
 121 dispersed in our study site in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, respectively. We set up five  
 122 seedling sampling stations distributed in each of the 220 cells, separated by 4 meters  
 123 from each other but alongside the seed dispersal sampling stations (Supplementary  
 124 Material Appendix 1 Fig. A1.D). During spring-summer we quantified, with a labeled  
 125 50 cm x 50 cm quadrat on the ground, the number of seedlings of each of the three  
 126 fleshy-fruited tree species of this study which had emerged (*C. monogyna*, *I. aquifolium*

127 and *T. baccata*). Seedlings were individually identified, by assigning to each of them  $x,y$   
128 spatial coordinates within the frame of the sampling quadrat, and mapping them on a  
129 drawing template. They were aged based on the presence-absence of cotyledons and the  
130 stem woodiness (see Peterken and Lloyd, 1967; Thomas and Polwart, 2003). We also  
131 determined the microhabitat for each seedling sampling station categorizing them  
132 according to the same five microhabitats as for seed sampling stations described above  
133 (i.e. under *C. monogyna*, *I. aquifolium*, *T. baccata*, other non-fleshy trees or in open  
134 areas). We examined the survival of emerged seedlings monthly during spring and  
135 summer, until late August, locating the same individual seedlings across surveys. We  
136 considered a seedling to be establishment when it survived until the end of the summer,  
137 as previous surveys had revealed that the summer period was the period when most  
138 seedling mortality occurred (Martínez 2014).

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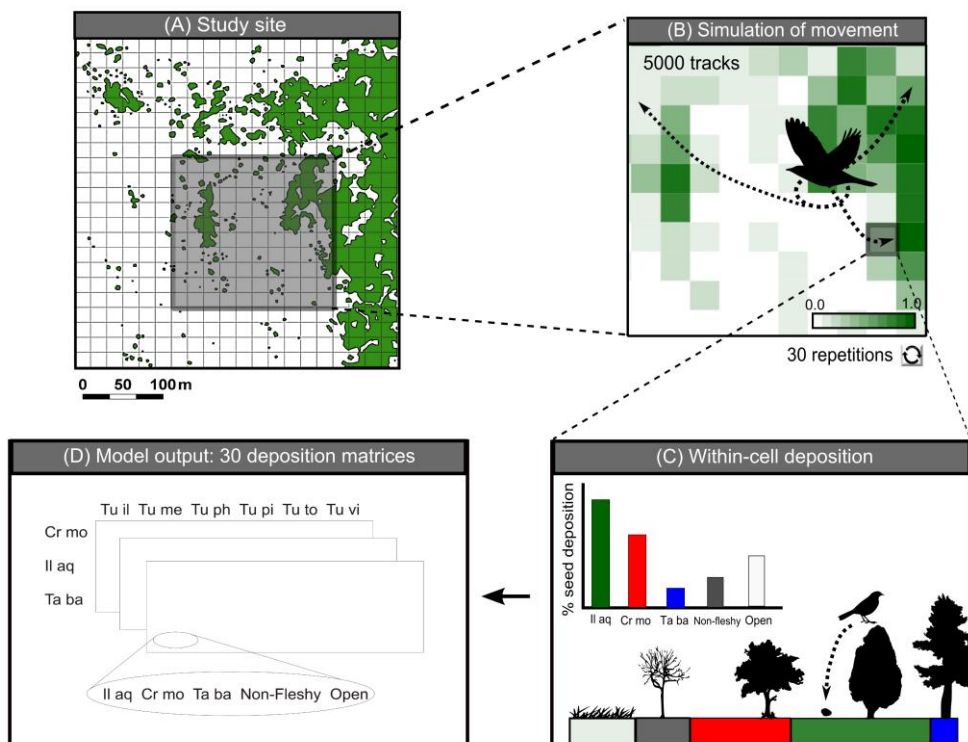
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161 **Appendix 2 – Model details and parameterization of seed rain for five different**  
162 **deposition microhabitats**

163 We adapted the simulation model in Morales et al. (2013) to recreate the relative  
164 contribution of each bird species to the total seed rain while moving through a grid-  
165 based landscape (see Supplementary Material Appendix 2 Fig. A4). The adapted model  
166 includes several rules emulating bird activity and resource tracking. These rules  
167 depended on the different spatial behavior of each thrush species and their response to  
168 the habitat structure. Thus, they were mainly based on (a) perching time, fruit  
169 consumption and gut passage time, (b) movement events and (c) the probability of seed  
170 deposition events in different microhabitats. These rules were parameterized for each of  
171 the six species of thrushes in order to get a final output: the spatially-explicit and  
172 species-specific seed deposition, used to generate a tree-bird seed dispersed interaction  
173 matrix.



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176 **Figure A4.** Diagram representing: (A) the distribution of forest cover (green area) in the grid-based study  
177 plot divided into cells that replicated the field study plot; (B) a detail showing the proportion of per-cell  
178 forest cover represented by the green shading. An example of part of the landscape is plotted with the  
179 likely bird movement events and activity (illustrated by arrows). Model simulation is based on 30  
180 replicates of 5000 bird tracks; (C) a schematic representation of the probability of seed deposition events  
181 (including the probability of perching in the five microhabitats, and the gut passage time) within a given  
182 cell; (D) a final mean simulated tree-bird-microhabitat matrix.

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184 In order to simulate the movement of each bird, our model was fitted to each  
185 thrush species based on data obtained from sequences of bird activity made in the study  
186 plot from 2008 to 2010 (in which individual birds were tracked by an observer,  
187 recording the path followed by the bird and its foraging activity; see Morales et al.  
188 2013). The model aims to predict the seed dispersal patterns that emerge from the  
189 interplay between thrush abundance and their response to the spatial heterogeneity of  
190 habitat cover and fruit availability. Given the strong inter-annual differences in fruit  
191 abundance and distribution typical in this study system (García et al. 2013; see also  
192 Supplementary Material Appendix 1, Fig. A2), we used the data of both 2009 and 2010  
193 to fit those model functions related to the number of fruits. The remaining functions,  
194 which do not depend on habitat heterogeneity (e.g. distance to the nearest plot border,  
195 see below), were fitted also taking into account data from 2008 in order to achieve a  
196 bigger sample size.

197 The calculations described below (i.e. eq. A1, A2, A3 and A4) were used, first,  
198 to estimate the values of the parameters needed to build the rules of the mechanistic  
199 model. Our mechanistic rules were a combination of mathematical functions describing  
200 the performance of each bird species depending on each bird movement, and activity  
201 during fruit supply. These mathematical functions had different parameters, i.e. constant  
202 values that determined the shape of the function, which varied between thrush species.

203 The parameters were estimated by fitting different probability density distributions to  
 204 field data. In other words, the probability that a given event would, (or would not),  
 205 occur during the activity of each bird (see Supplementary Material Appendix 2 Fig. A5  
 206 and Fig. A6). To obtain maximum-likelihood estimates for each parameter, we  
 207 minimized the negative log-likelihood functions using the Nelder-Mead algorithm  
 208 (Nelder and Mead 1965) with several overdispersed starting points using the *bbmle*  
 209 library (Bolker and R Development Core Team 2014). The model was implemented in  
 210 R statistical language (R Development Core Team 2014). Below we describe the  
 211 general simulation procedure and how we parameterized the mechanistic rules.

212 *a) Perching time and fruit consumption*

213 Every time a simulated bird arrived to a landscape cell, it spent an amount of time there  
 214 drawn from a Gamma distribution fitted to the observed perching time for each species.  
 215 The time a bird was in a given cell was independent of fruit consumption in it, as there  
 216 is no existing evidence relating to this fact (Morales et al. 2013 and Supplementary  
 217 Material Appendix 2 Table A1). The decisions of the simulated birds (i.e. to stay or to  
 218 leave to go to a new landscape cell) were made once perching time expired.

219 **Table A1.** Pearson's product-moment correlations between perching time and fruit  
 220 consumption for each species.

|                          | r      | t and df             | p - value | CI           |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| <i>Turdus iliacus</i>    | 0.084  | t = 0.7441, df = 78  | 0.459     | -0.138 0.459 |
| <i>Turdus merula</i>     | -0.110 | t = -1.0576, df = 91 | 0.293     | -0.307 0.096 |
| <i>Turdus philomelos</i> | 0.487  | t = 2.494, df = 20   | 0.021     | 0.082 0.754  |
| <i>Turdus pilaris</i>    | -0.262 | t = -0.470, df = 3   | 0.671     | -0.929 0.807 |
| <i>Turdus torquatus</i>  | -0.426 | t = -0.943 , df = 4  | 0.340     | -0.920 0.589 |

*Turdus viscivorus* -0.004 t = -0.040, df =86 0.968 -0.214 0.205

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222 Frugivory events depended on both the fruit availability in a given cell and  
223 observed fruit consumption rates (García et al. 2013). Simulated birds potentially  
224 consumed fruits based on a zero-inflated Poisson distribution fitted to the observed  
225 number of fruits consumed by each bird species, and they had no built-in fruit species  
226 preferences. Plant species identity depended on fruit species abundance in the landscape  
227 cell (Morales et al 2013). If the number of potentially fruits consumed was higher than  
228 the number of fruits available in the landscape cell, the simulated birds consumed the  
229 minimum between the above-mentioned values.

230 *b) Movement events*

231 When perching time expired, the movements of simulated birds depended on three main  
232 decisions, namely whether to: (i) stay in the same landscape cell, (ii) move to a new  
233 cell, or (iii) leave the study plot. First, the model computed the probability of leaving  
234 the study plot ( $v$ ) based on the distance to the nearest plot border ( $B$ ):

$$235 \quad \text{logit}(v) = a_0 + b_0B \quad (\mathbf{A1})$$

236 where  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  are parameters fitted to each bird species based on observed data. Given  
237 that the previous (i) rule is independent of habitat heterogeneity (e.g. distance to the  
238 nearest plot border, see below), we included the observational data for 2008, with the  
239 aim of assuring a larger sample size when fitting the model functions of each bird  
240 species.

241 Second, if simulated birds decided to stay in the plot, their decisions were  
242 affected by; (i) distance between the current and the destination cell, (ii) the proportion

243 of forest cover, and (iii) the number of fruits at the destination cell. Thus, the model  
 244 computed a discrete probability distribution based on hyperbolic tangent functions [*tanh*  
 245 (*x*)] as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_i &= 1 - \tanh\left(\left(\delta_{ij}/a_d\right)^{b_d}\right) \\
 c_i &= \tanh\left(\left(\text{cover}_i/a_c\right)^{b_c}\right) \\
 f_i &= \tanh\left(\left(\log(\text{fruit}_i + 1)/a_f\right)^{b_f}\right) \\
 \mathbf{k} &= \frac{[\mathbf{d} \otimes \mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{f}]}{\sum[\mathbf{d} \otimes \mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{f}]}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{A2}$$

246 where the scale (i.e.  $a_d$ ,  $a_c$  and  $a_f$ ) and shape parameters (i.e.  $b_d$ ,  $b_c$  and  $b_f$ ) control the  
 247 shape of the probability between factors. These scale and shape parameters were  
 248 estimated for each bird species based on observed bird trajectories, forest cover and fruit  
 249 abundances (Morales et al. 2013). The vectors  $\mathbf{d}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  carry the probability of  
 250 choosing the *i*-th landscape cell depending on the distance to current location (*d*), forest  
 251 cover (*c*) and fruit abundance (*f*), and they are multiplied in order to achieve a discrete  
 252 probability vector,  $\mathbf{k}$ , of choosing landscape cells. Once the simulated birds decided  
 253 where to go, they flew at a constant speed of 6 m s<sup>-1</sup>, following a straight line and the  
 254 Euclidean distance from the perch of origin to the destination perch. A maximum  
 255 number of six movements per track were permitted, as > 95% of sequences recorded in  
 256 the field were at or below that threshold.

### 257 *c) Seed deposition events in microhabitats*

258 Furthermore, we implemented the rules to predict seed deposition events into specific  
 259 microhabitats, as a mechanism combining (i) perching probability in the five  
 260 microhabitats and (ii) gut-passage time. The microhabitats considered in the current  
 261 version were; (a) under *C. monogyna*, (b) under *I. aquifolium*, (c) under *T. baccata*, (d)  
 262 under non-fleshy-fruited tree species and (e) in open microhabitat (e.g. pastures)

263 (Supplementary Material Appendix 2 Fig. A6). For each simulated track and cell, and  
264 considering those microhabitats including fleshy-fruited tree species, the perch  
265 probability depended on; (1) the foraging activity (based on fruit consumption and  
266 movement across the landscape), (2) the number of fleshy fruits in a given cell, and (3)  
267 the number of individuals of each tree species in a given cell (Supplementary Material  
268 Appendix 2 Fig. A6). The perching probability ( $k$ ) depending on the number of fruits  
269 ( $B$ ) and trees ( $C$ ) is thus as follows:

$$270 \quad \text{logit}(k) = a_o + b_o B + c_o C \quad (\mathbf{A3})$$

271 where  $a_o$ ,  $b_o$  and  $c_o$  are parameters fitted to each bird species based on observed data. In  
272 the case of depositions beneath non-fleshy-fruited trees or in open microhabitat, the  
273 perching probability ( $k$ ) in relation to the number of non-fleshy fruited trees or the  
274 proportion of forest cover ( $B$ ) is as follows:

$$275 \quad \text{logit}(k) = a_o + b_o B \quad (\mathbf{A4})$$

276 where  $a_o$  and  $b_o$  are parameters fitted to each bird species. For each microhabitat and  
277 bird species, we thus obtained estimates from the best model and generated perching  
278 probability events based on logistic distributions (Supplementary Material Appendix 2  
279 Fig. A6).

280 Secondly and based on previous studies in the same area and study system  
281 (García et al. 2007), we considered that seeds of a given tree species had a higher  
282 probability of arrival beneath the microhabitat representing a tree of that same species  
283 (i.e. deposition under conspecifics). We therefore considered the probability of perching  
284 in conspecifics (i.e. the same fleshy-fruited species previously consumed) as 0.4, 0.8  
285 and 0.5 for *C. monogyna*, *I. aquifolium* *T. baccata*, respectively. In essence, this rule  
286 mimics a phenomenological matching between the fruiting time of each tree species and

287 its higher perching probability in conspecifics, which may be a consequence of the more  
 288 limited crop of the other fleshy-fruited species at that time.

289 For every frugivore event, ingested seeds have a certain gut-passage time (GPT)  
 290 inside the bird. GPT distributions were fitted to empirical data based on experimental  
 291 retention times of 18 hand-raised and captive wild specimens of *Turdus merula* (Sobral,  
 292 Larrinaga and Santamaría, *unpublished data*). GPTs were drawn from a Gamma  
 293 distribution with a common shape parameter (i.e. 1.59), but a bird species-specific scale  
 294 parameter (i.e. 0.029 to 0.074; Supplementary Material Appendix 2 Table A2) based on  
 295 the relationship between the body size and GPT of each *Turdus* species, using eight  
 296 species from *Turdidae* and *Sylviidae* (Herrera 1984; see Morales et al. 2013).

297 **Table A2.** Coefficients of GPT for different species of thrushes based on body size and  
 298 with reference to *Turdus merula* GPT.

| Species              | Body size (g)* | mean GPT estimate | Rate for Gamma distribution† |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>T. iliacus</i>    | 65             | 21.45             | 0.0740                       |
| <i>T. merula</i>     | 100            | 39.34             | 0.0400                       |
| <i>T. philomelos</i> | 75             | 26.57             | 0.0598                       |
| <i>T. pilaris</i>    | 110            | 44.45             | 0.0357                       |
| <i>T. torquatus</i>  | 120            | 49.56             | 0.0320                       |
| <i>T. viscivorus</i> | 130            | 54.67             | 0.0290                       |

299 \* From Collar (2005)

300 † Assuming the shape parameter is 1.59, the same as in the Gamma distribution fitted to the data from  
 301 *Turdus merula* in Morales *et al.* 2013.

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303 Finally, seed deposition events in the five microhabitats occurred once frugivory  
 304 and perching had occurred, and once gut-passage time had expired. Each simulated bird  
 305 deposited all the seeds consumed in a single deposition event. The number of seeds per  
 306 deposition was always considered to be one, except for *I. aquifolium*, where the number

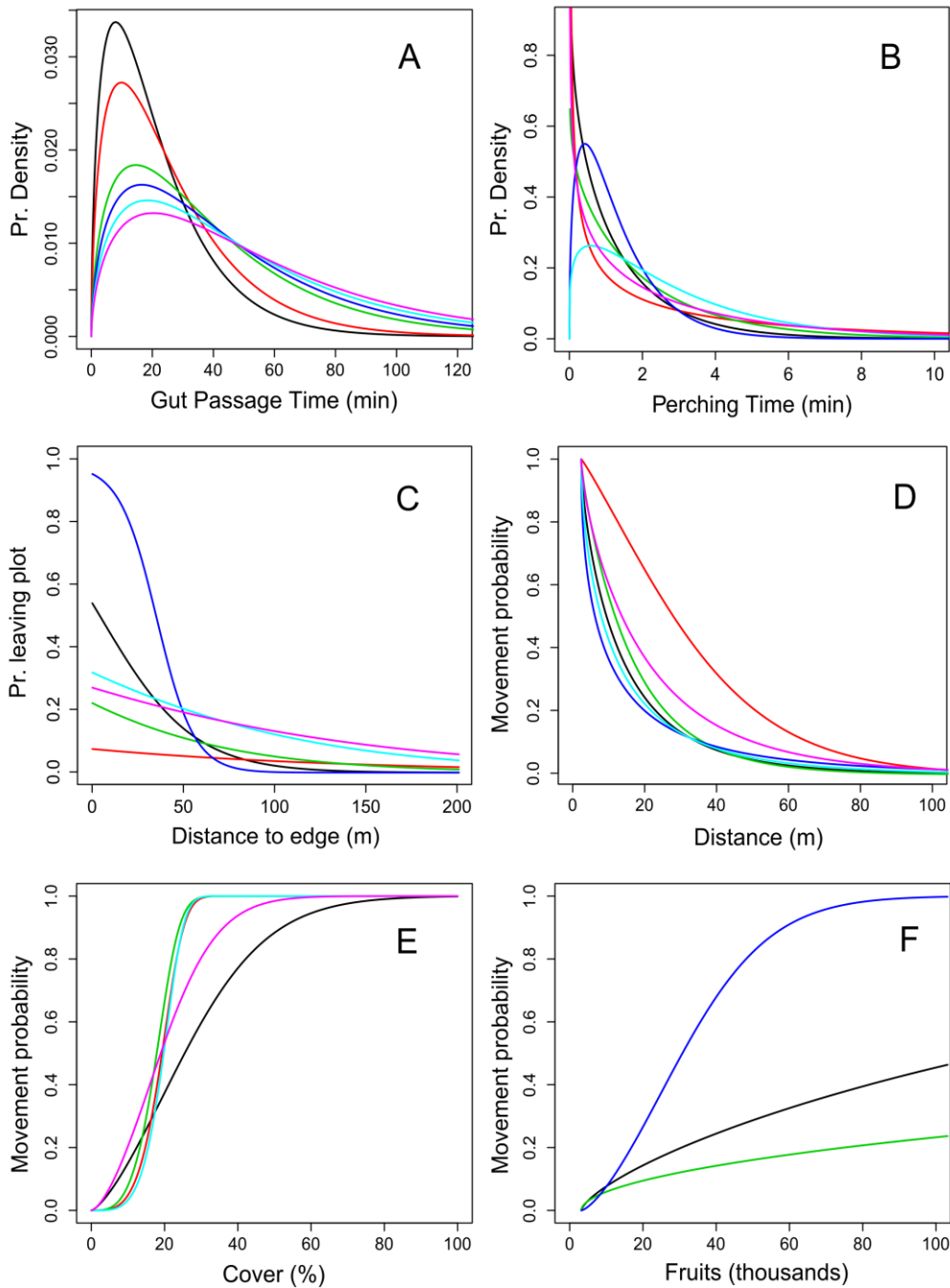


307 of seeds deposited was corrected to account for the probability of having between 1 and  
308 4 seeds per fruit, based on Obeso (1998).

309 *d) General considerations and model output*

310 We obtained each model output (i.e. seed deposition data) as a spatially-explicit (cell-  
311 and microhabitat-based) prediction of seed deposition for each tree species and by each  
312 bird species, that is, a multi-specific seed rain across the modeled landscape. Each  
313 model output was the result of a simulation accounting for 5000 bird tracks, and the  
314 simulations were replicated 30 times (i.e. 30 independent model outputs), for each of  
315 the two different year scenarios (2009 and 2010). These year scenarios accounted for  
316 the field-based values of fruit availability and bird abundance of the different species in  
317 the respective years. We finally selected the seed deposition output corresponding to a  
318 subset of 220 cells of the modeling landscape, in equivalent positions to those  
319 containing seed deposition and seedling establishment sampling stations in the field  
320 (Supplementary material Appendix 1, Fig. A1.C).

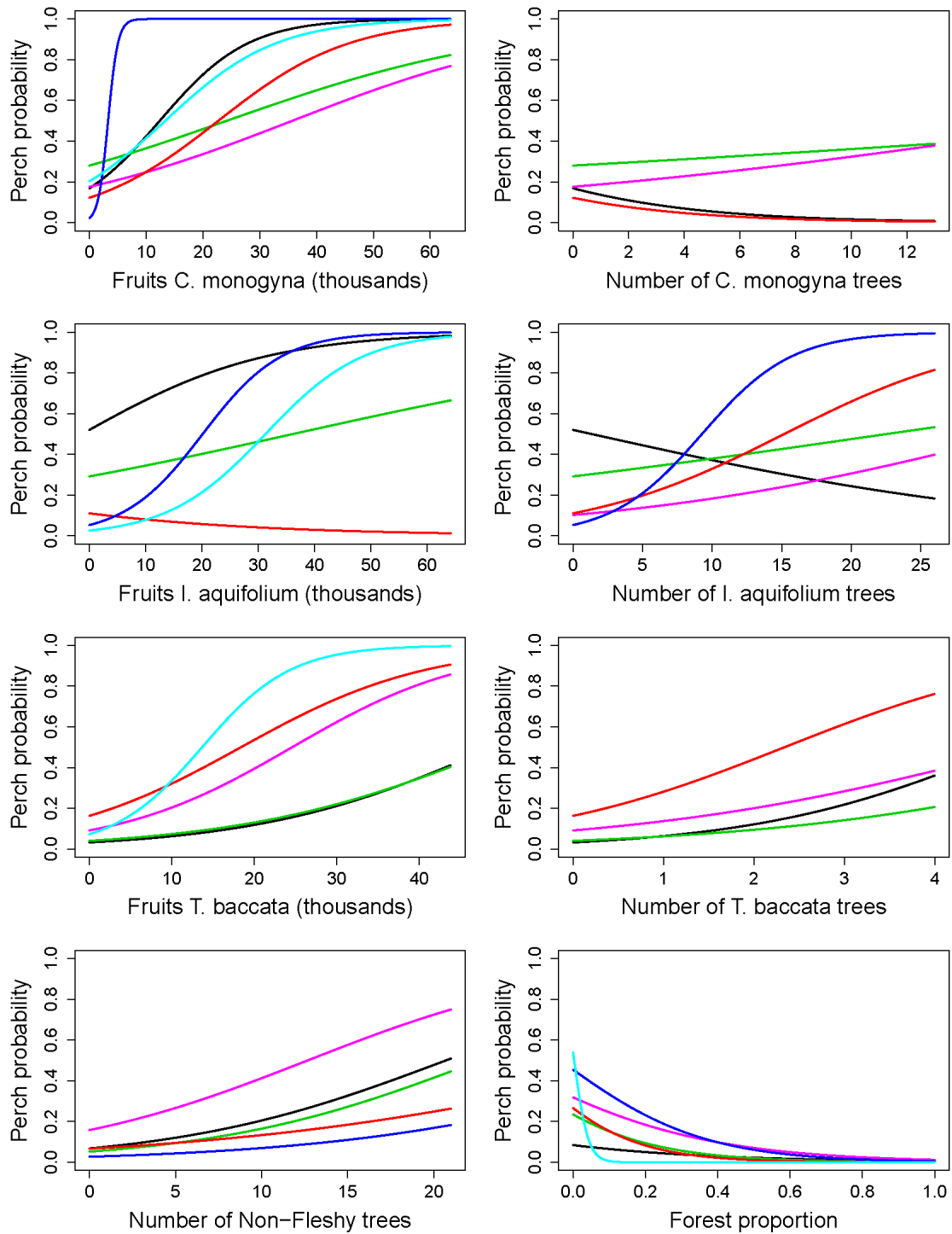
321 The data of each seed deposition output, accounting for tree-bird and tree-  
322 microhabitat specific information, were pooled across microhabitats. In this way we  
323 obtained a seed deposition matrix which accounted for the number of seeds of each of  
324 the different tree species which were dispersed by each bird species. For each year  
325 scenario, we thus obtained 30 matrices of simulated seed deposition (Fig. 1D).



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327 **Figure A5.** Model functions fitted to different species of thrushes for perching time, movement  
 328 probabilities and gut-passage time. Gut-passage time (A) is Gamma distributed with scale parameter  
 329 related to bird size. Perching time (B) is Gamma distributed and fitted to data from direct observations.  
 330 The probability of leaving the study plot (C) decreased with distance to the plot edge. Movement to  
 331 another landscape cell (D) decreased with increased distance to that cell. Movement probability increased  
 332 with forest cover and with fruits (E and F). The species of thrushes are: *Turdus iliacus* (black), *T.*  
 333 *philomelos* (red), *T. merula* (green), *T. pirus* (blue), *T. torquatus* (cyan) and *T. viscivorus* (magenta). (A)  
 334 and (C) were fitted with observational data collected during 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, as in Morales et al  
 335 (2013); (B) during 2008, 2009, 2010; and (D), (E), and (F) with observational data collected during 2009,  
 336 2010 because they corresponded to functions depending on landscape characteristics and, thus, could vary  
 337 between years.

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340 **Figure A6.** Mechanistic functions describing perching probability beneath microhabitats for each *Turdus*  
 341 species. For each microhabitat, we calculated perching probability as a function of fruits and number of  
 342 trees of *C. monogyna* (first row), *I. aquifolium* (second row), and *T. baccata* (third row). For non-fleshy-  
 343 fruited trees (fourth row, left) deposition probabilities only depended on the number of trees, whereas the  
 344 probability of deposition in the open (fourth row, right) was calculated as a function of the proportion of  
 345 forest cover. The *Turdus* species are: *T. iliacus* (black), *T. philomelos* (red), *T. merula* (green), *T. palalis*  
 346 (blue), *T. torquatus* (cyan) and *T. viscivorus* (magenta).

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370 **Appendix S3 – Matrices**

371 **Table A3. Tree-microhabitat observed seed deposition matrices.** Relative abundance of seeds (in %) of different tree species (rows) deposited  
 372 by frugivorous birds in different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). The total number of observed seeds per fleshy-fruited tree  
 373 species under study is specified in the last column.

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open | No. seeds |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-----------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 30.46                    | 40.61                      | 5.31                    | 14.99                         | 8.62 | 847       |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 9.58                     | 69.56                      | 2.28                    | 12.69                         | 5.88 | 32131     |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 18.49                    | 27.92                      | 35.89                   | 11.62                         | 6.07 | 1368      |

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| <b>(b) 2010</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  | No. seeds |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 29.75                    | 47.98                      | 4.22                    | 6.53                          | 11.52 | 3126      |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 15.46                    | 70.23                      | 6.59                    | 5.09                          | 2.63  | 9477      |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 5.03                     | 24.82                      | 54.17                   | 7.14                          | 8.84  | 2228      |

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378 **Table A4. Tree-microhabitat first transition probability.** *Seedling emergence rates* for the different tree species (rows) in different  
 379 microhabitats (columns), corresponding to two seed cohorts, 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). *Seedling emergence rates* were calculated as the proportion  
 380 of dispersed seeds from which a seedling emerged after an 18 months post-dispersal period.

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 1.000                    | 0.493                      | 0.364                   | 0.370                         | 1.000 |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 0.117                    | 0.049                      | 0.109                   | 0.100                         | 0.476 |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 0.077                    | 0.017                      | 0.017                   | 0.238                         | 0.000 |

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| <b>(b) 2010</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 0.789                    | 0.324                      | 0.364                   | 0.622                         | 1.000 |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 0.192                    | 0.168                      | 0.093                   | 0.809                         | 1.000 |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 0.042                    | 0.082                      | 0.008                   | 0.050                         | 0.062 |

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385 **Table A5. Tree-microhabitat second transition probability.** *Seedling survival rates* for different tree species (rows) in different microhabitats  
 386 (columns), corresponding to two seed cohorts, 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). *Seedling survival rates* were calculated as the proportion of emerged  
 387 seedlings which survived to the end of the summer season.

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 0.386                    | 0.413                      | 0.250                   | 0.500                         | 0.458 |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 0.550                    | 0.352                      | 0.461                   | 0.516                         | 0.193 |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 1.000                    | 0.500                      | 0.500                   | 0.500                         | 0.000 |

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| <b>(b) 2010</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 0.224                    | 0.247                      | 0.125                   | 0.357                         | 0.295 |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 0.516                    | 0.390                      | 0.500                   | 0.436                         | 0.203 |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 1.000                    | 0.143                      | 0.333                   | 0.273                         | 0.000 |

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392 **Table A6. Tree-microhabitat predicted seed deposition matrices.** Relative abundance of simulated seeds (in %) of the different tree species  
 393 (rows) deposited by frugivorous birds in different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b).

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  | No. seeds |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 34.76                    | 31.25                      | 11.72                   | 10.94                         | 11.33 | 256       |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 2.70                     | 90.73                      | 3.01                    | 2.26                          | 1.30  | 3227      |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 7.32                     | 31.71                      | 43.90                   | 12.19                         | 4.88  | 41        |

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| <b>(b) 2010</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open | No. seeds |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-----------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 43.11                    | 22.17                      | 17.20                   | 8.57                          | 8.95 | 1610      |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 4.03                     | 87.15                      | 4.50                    | 3.09                          | 1.23 | 1712      |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 9.65                     | 18.42                      | 59.65                   | 8.77                          | 3.51 | 114       |

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398 **Table A7. Tree-microhabitat predicted seedling recruitment matrices.** Relative abundance of simulated seedlings (in %) of the different  
 399 tree species (rows) recruited by frugivorous birds in different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). The total number of predicted  
 400 seedling recruited per tree species is specified in the last column.

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  | No. seedlings |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 47.89                    | 22.54                      | 4.22                    | 7.04                          | 18.31 | 71            |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 8.69                     | 72.46                      | 7.25                    | 5.80                          | 5.80  | 69            |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 50.00                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                    | 50.00                         | 0.00  | 2             |

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| <b>(a) 2010</b>            | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  | No. seedlings |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| <i>Crataegus. monogyna</i> | 52.13                    | 11.97                      | 5.13                    | 12.82                         | 17.95 | 234           |
| <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>     | 5.35                     | 74.81                      | 2.29                    | 14.50                         | 3.05  | 131           |
| <i>Taxus baccata</i>       | 100.00                   | 00.00                      | 0.00                    | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 1             |

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404 **Table A8. Bird-microhabitat predicted seed deposition matrices.** Relative abundance of seeds (in %) deposited by each of the frugivorous  
 405 bird species (rows) in the different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). The total number of predicted seeds deposited by each  
 406 bird species is specified in the last column.

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>      | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open | No. seeds |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-----------|
| <i>T. iliacus</i>    | 2.74                     | 93.85                      | 1.27                    | 1.81                          | 0.33 | 1495      |
| <i>T. merula</i>     | 8.56                     | 86.24                      | 2.01                    | 1.51                          | 1.68 | 596       |
| <i>T. viscivorus</i> | 10.45                    | 70.65                      | 3.98                    | 9.95                          | 4.97 | 201       |
| <i>T. philomelos</i> | 5.34                     | 78.29                      | 8.74                    | 3.81                          | 3.82 | 1179      |
| <i>T. pilaris</i>    | 0.00                     | 94.12                      | 0.00                    | 0.00                          | 5.88 | 17        |
| <i>T. torquatus</i>  | 8.57                     | 65.71                      | 8.57                    | 14.29                         | 2.86 | 35        |

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409 **Table A8 cont. Bird-microhabitat predicted seed deposition matrices.** Relative abundance of seeds (in %) deposited by each of the  
 410 frugivorous bird species (rows) in the different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). The total number of predicted seeds  
 411 deposited by each bird species is specified in the last column.

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| <b>(b) 2010</b>      | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open | No. seeds |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-----------|
| <i>T. iliacus</i>    | 25.54                    | 65.76                      | 3.26                    | 4.35                          | 1.09 | 184       |
| <i>T. merula</i>     | 31.60                    | 58.84                      | 2.49                    | 3.95                          | 3.12 | 481       |
| <i>T. viscivorus</i> | 29.10                    | 44.44                      | 6.88                    | 12.17                         | 7.41 | 189       |
| <i>T. philomelos</i> | 19.76                    | 53.87                      | 15.29                   | 5.74                          | 5.34 | 2545      |
| <i>T. pilaris</i>    | 50.00                    | 41.67                      | 0.00                    | 0.00                          | 8.33 | 12        |
| <i>T. torquatus</i>  | 45.46                    | 27.27                      | 9.09                    | 18.18                         | 0.00 | 22        |

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416 **Table A9. Bird-microhabitat predicted seedling recruitment matrices.** Relative abundance of seedlings (in %) recruited by each of the  
 417 frugivorous bird species (rows) in the different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). The total number of predicted seedlings  
 418 recruited by each bird species is specified in the last column.

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| <b>(a) 2009</b>      | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  | No. seedlings |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| <i>T. iliacus</i>    | 21.28                    | 68.09                      | 2.13                    | 4.25                          | 4.25  | 47            |
| <i>T. merula</i>     | 44.45                    | 40.74                      | 3.70                    | 3.70                          | 7.41  | 27            |
| <i>T. viscivorus</i> | 40.00                    | 20.00                      | 0.00                    | 20.00                         | 20.00 | 10            |
| <i>T. philomelos</i> | 25.00                    | 35.72                      | 10.71                   | 8.93                          | 19.64 | 56            |
| <i>T. pilaris</i>    | 33.33                    | 33.33                      | 0.00                    | 0.00                          | 33.33 | 3             |
| <i>T. torquatus</i>  | 20.00                    | 20.00                      | 20.00                   | 20.00                         | 20.00 | 5             |

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422 **Table A9 cont. Bird-microhabitat predicted seedling recruitment matrices.** Relative abundance of seedlings (in %) recruited by each of the  
 423 frugivorous bird species (rows) in the different microhabitats (columns) for 2009 (a) and 2010 (b). The total number of predicted seedlings  
 424 recruited by each bird species is specified in the last column.

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| <b>(b) 2010</b>      | Under <i>C. monogyna</i> | Under <i>I. aquifolium</i> | Under <i>T. baccata</i> | Under non-fleshy-fruited tree | Open  | No. seedlings |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| <i>T. iliacus</i>    | 44.44                    | 44.44                      | 0.00                    | 11.11                         | 0.00  | 18            |
| <i>T. merula</i>     | 49.06                    | 35.85                      | 0.00                    | 7.55                          | 7.55  | 53            |
| <i>T. viscivorus</i> | 37.50                    | 20.83                      | 0.00                    | 25.00                         | 16.67 | 24            |
| <i>T. philomelos</i> | 31.83                    | 34.83                      | 5.62                    | 13.48                         | 14.23 | 267           |
| <i>T. pilaris</i>    | 100.00                   | 0.00                       | 0.00                    | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 1             |
| <i>T. torquatus</i>  | 66.66                    | 0.00                       | 0.00                    | 33.33                         | 0.00  | 3             |

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