

Supplementary material

Changes in Bird Community Structure on Mount Cameroon Driven by Elevational and Vertical Gradients

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Table S1. Checklist of bird species with their feeding guilds (C – carnivores, I – insectivores, O – omnivores, G – granivores, F – frugivores and N - nectarivores)

| Scientific names | Feeding guilds |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Accipiter castanea</i> | C |
| <i>Accipiter erythropus</i> | C |
| <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i> | C |
| <i>Alethe castanea</i> | I |
| <i>Chamaetylas poliocephala</i> | I |
| <i>Eurillas curvirostris</i> | O |
| <i>Eurillas gracilis</i> | O |
| <i>Eurillas latirostris</i> | O |
| <i>Eurillas virens</i> | O |
| <i>Anthreptes rectirostris</i> | O |
| <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | I |
| <i>Apalis cinerea</i> | I |
| <i>Apalis nigriceps</i> | I |
| <i>Apalis rufogularis</i> | I |
| <i>Columba larvata</i> | G |
| <i>Apus barbatus</i> | I |
| <i>Arizelocichla tephrolaema</i> | O |
| <i>Baeopogon clamans</i> | F |
| <i>Bleda notatus</i> | I |
| <i>Bleda syndactylus</i> | I |
| <i>Bradypterus lopezi</i> | I |
| <i>Buccanodon duchaillui</i> | F |
| <i>Camaroptera brachyuran</i> | I |
| <i>Camaroptera chloronota</i> | I |
| <i>Campethera nivosa</i> | I |
| <i>Cercococcyx mechowi</i> | I |
| <i>Ceuthmochares aereus</i> | O |
| <i>Ispidina lecontei</i> | I |
| <i>Cinnyris batesi</i> | N |

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| <i>Cinnyris minullus</i> | N |
| <i>Cinnyris reichenowi</i> | N |
| <i>Cisticola chubby</i> | I |
| <i>Colius striatus</i> | O |
| <i>Columba sjostedti</i> | G |
| <i>Corythornis cristatus</i> | C |
| <i>Cossypha isabellae</i> | I |
| <i>Criniger calurus</i> | O |
| <i>Criniger chloronotus</i> | O |
| <i>Criniger ndussumensis</i> | O |
| <i>Crithagra burtoni</i> | G |
| <i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i> | G |
| <i>Cuculus solitaries</i> | I |
| <i>Cyanomitra cyanolaema</i> | O |
| <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> | N |
| <i>Cyanomitra oritis</i> | N |
| <i>Deleornis fraseri</i> | I |
| <i>Dicrurus atripennis</i> | I |
| <i>Dicrurus modestus</i> | I |
| <i>Dryoscopus angolensis</i> | I |
| <i>Platysteira castanea</i> | I |
| <i>Platysteira tonsa</i> | I |
| <i>Elminia albiventris</i> | I |
| <i>Estrilda nonnula</i> | G |
| <i>Euplectes capensis</i> | G |
| <i>Fraseria ocreata</i> | I |
| <i>Geokichla crossleyi</i> | I |
| <i>Glaucidium sjostedti</i> | O |
| <i>Halcyon badia</i> | I |
| <i>Hedydipna collaris</i> | I |
| <i>Hylia prasina</i> | I |
| <i>Telophorus multicolour</i> | I |
| <i>Chrysococcyx cupreus</i> | I |

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| <i>Chrysococcyx klaas</i> | I |
| <i>Illadopsis fulvescens</i> | I |
| <i>Illadopsis rufipennis</i> | I |
| <i>Indicator conirostris</i> | O |
| <i>Indicator exilis</i> | O |
| <i>Indicator maculatus</i> | O |
| <i>Indicator willcocksi</i> | I |
| <i>Kakamega poliothorax</i> | I |
| <i>Laniarius atroflavus</i> | I |
| <i>Linurgus olivaceus</i> | G |
| <i>Macrosphenus flavicans</i> | I |
| <i>Mandingoa nitidula</i> | G |
| <i>Melignomon eisentrauti</i> | O |
| <i>Chloropicus elliotii</i> | I |
| <i>Muscicapa adusta</i> | I |
| <i>Fraseria olivascens</i> | I |
| <i>Muscicapa sethsmithi</i> | I |
| <i>Neocossyphus poensis</i> | I |
| <i>Nesocharis shelleyi</i> | G |
| <i>Nicator chloris</i> | I |
| <i>Nigrita bicolor</i> | I |
| <i>Nigrita canicapillus</i> | I |
| <i>Oriolus brachyrhynchus</i> | O |
| <i>Oriolus nigripennis</i> | O |
| <i>Parmoptila woodhousei</i> | O |
| <i>Phyllastrephus icterinus</i> | I |
| <i>Phyllastrephus poensis</i> | I |
| <i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i> | I |
| <i>Platysteira cyanea</i> | I |
| <i>Ploceus albinucha</i> | O |
| <i>Ploceus bicolor</i> | O |
| <i>Ploceus insignis</i> | O |
| <i>Ploceus melanogaster</i> | O |

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| <i>Pogoniulus atroflavus</i> | F |
| <i>Pogoniulus bilineatus</i> | F |
| <i>Pogoniulus coryphaeus</i> | F |
| <i>Pogoniulus subsulphureus</i> | F |
| <i>Psalidoprocne fuliginosa</i> | I |
| <i>Sylvia abyssinica</i> | I |
| <i>Verreauxia Africana</i> | I |
| <i>Spermophaga haematina</i> | G |
| <i>Stiphrornis erythrothorax</i> | I |
| <i>Neocossyphus fraseri</i> | I |
| <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i> | O |
| <i>Sylvia borin</i> | O |
| <i>Tauraco macrorhynchus</i> | F |
| <i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i> | I |
| <i>Treron calvus</i> | F |
| <i>Trochocercus nitens</i> | I |
| <i>Turdus pelios</i> | O |
| <i>Turtur brehmeri</i> | G |
| <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> | G |
| <i>Urolais epichlorus</i> | I |
| <i>Zosterops melanocephalus</i> | O |
| <i>Zosterops senegalensis</i> | O |

Table S2. Results of regressions on the effects of NLAG and vegetation cover on percentage of abundances of chosen bird species according to the PCNM analysis (n=18).

| Independent variable | Species | beta | R ² | F | P |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------|
| NLAG | <i>Arizelocichla tephrolaema</i> | 0.32 | 0.10 | 19.69 | <0.001 |
| | <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> | 0.51 | 0.26 | 26.99 | <0.001 |
| | <i>Eurillas latirostris</i> | 0.37 | 0.13 | 6.88 | 0.010 |
| | <i>Eurillas virens</i> | 0.58 | 0.34 | 9.35 | 0.006 |
| | <i>Macrosphenus flavicans</i> | 0.56 | 0.32 | 10.54 | 0.003 |
| | <i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i> | 0.64 | 0.40 | 13.89 | 0.001 |
| Vegetation cover | <i>Cryptospiza reichenovii</i> | -0.74 | 0.54 | 10.59 | 0.009 |
| | <i>Cyanomitra olivacea</i> | -0.59 | 0.35 | 40.90 | <0.001 |
| | <i>Campethera nivosa</i> | -0.62 | 0.38 | 9.52 | 0.007 |
| | <i>Chamaetylas poliocephala</i> | -0.39 | 0.15 | 5.72 | 0.020 |
| | <i>Hedydipna collaris</i> | -0.67 | 0.45 | 6.64 | 0.030 |
| | <i>Eurillas latirostris</i> | -0.54 | 0.29 | 17.69 | <0.001 |
| | <i>Eurillas virens</i> | -0.48 | 0.23 | 5.42 | 0.030 |
| | <i>Macrosphenus flavicans</i> | -0.61 | 0.36 | 12.81 | 0.001 |
| | <i>Stiphrornis erythrothorax</i> | -0.80 | 0.64 | 14.54 | 0.005 |
| | <i>Terpsiphone rufiventer</i> | -0.55 | 0.30 | 8.80 | 0.007 |
| | <i>Turtur tympanistria</i> | -0.49 | 0.24 | 7.45 | 0.010 |
| | <i>Urolais epichlorus</i> | -0.45 | 0.20 | 5.00 | 0.030 |

Table S3. Comparison of percentages of bird abundances within feeding guilds between Drink Garri and Mann's Spring (n = 34). Mann-Whitney U tests.

| Feeding guild | U | P |
|---------------|-----|--------|
| Frugivores | 380 | 0.001 |
| Omnivores | 361 | <0.001 |
| Insectivores | 331 | <0.001 |
| Granivores | 822 | <0.001 |
| Nectarivores | 411 | <0.001 |

Table S4. Effect of environmental variables on percentage of individuals within each feeding guilds. Regressions (n = 34).

| Independent variable | Feeding guild | Beta | R ² | F | P |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------|
| NLAG (m) | Frugivores | 0.42 | 0.18 | 6.77 | 0.014 |
| | Omnivores | 0.32 | 0.10 | 32.31 | <0.001 |
| | Nectarivores | 0.31 | 0.10 | 23.59 | <0.001 |
| Vegetation cover (%) | Frugivores | -0.43 | 0.18 | 6.71 | 0.010 |
| | Omnivores | -0.16 | 0.02 | 7.21 | 0.007 |
| | Insectivores | -0.15 | 0.02 | 6.84 | 0.009 |
| | Granivores | -0.26 | 0.07 | 7.66 | 0.006 |
| | Nectarivores | -0.38 | 0.14 | 35.91 | <0.001 |

Figure S1. The distribution of mist netting sites within Driung Garri and Mann's Spring. ESRI hillshade base map was used to create a figure.

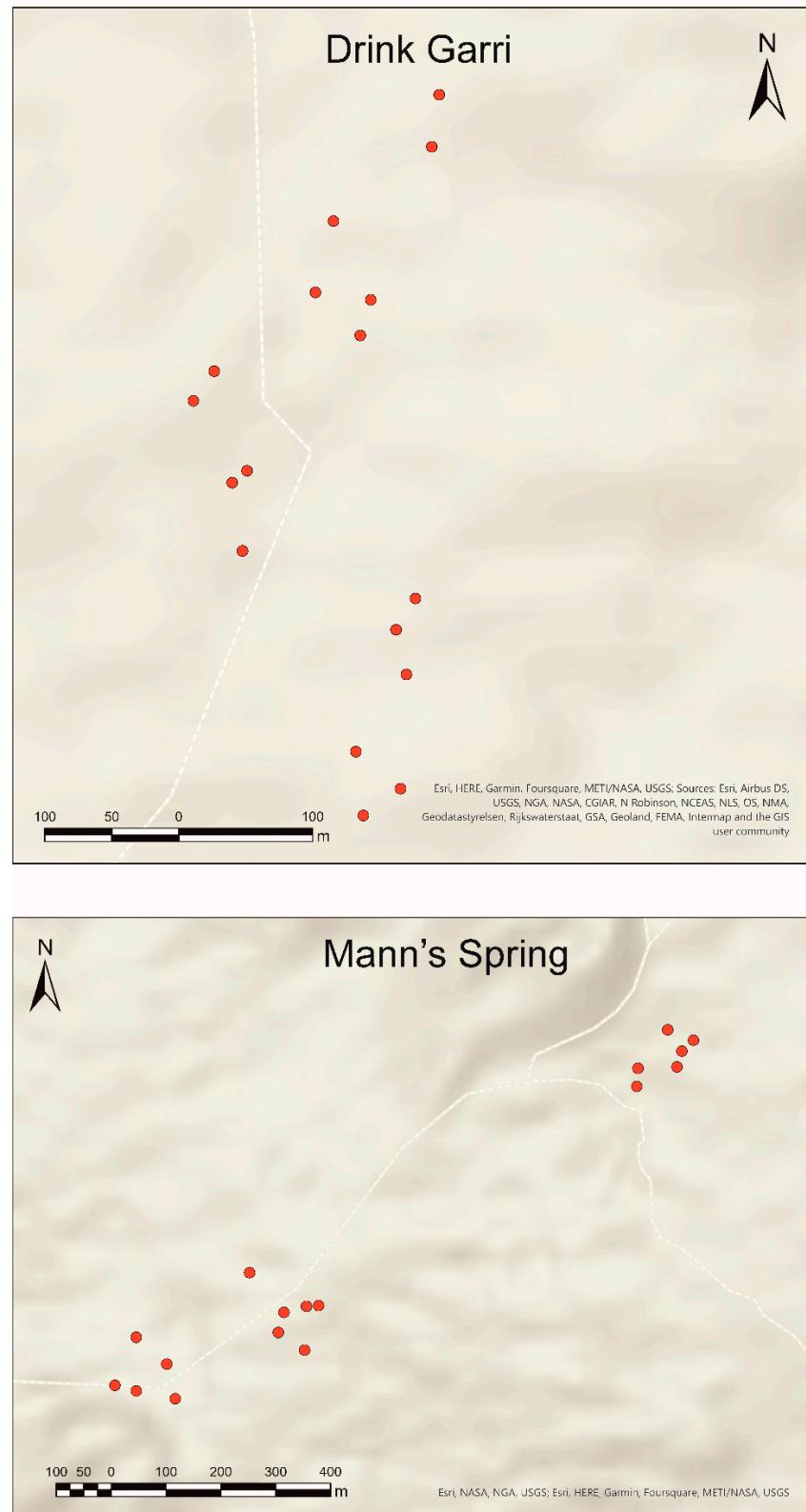


Figure S2. The relationship between vegetation cover and NLAG for a) Drink Garri and b) Mann's Spring.

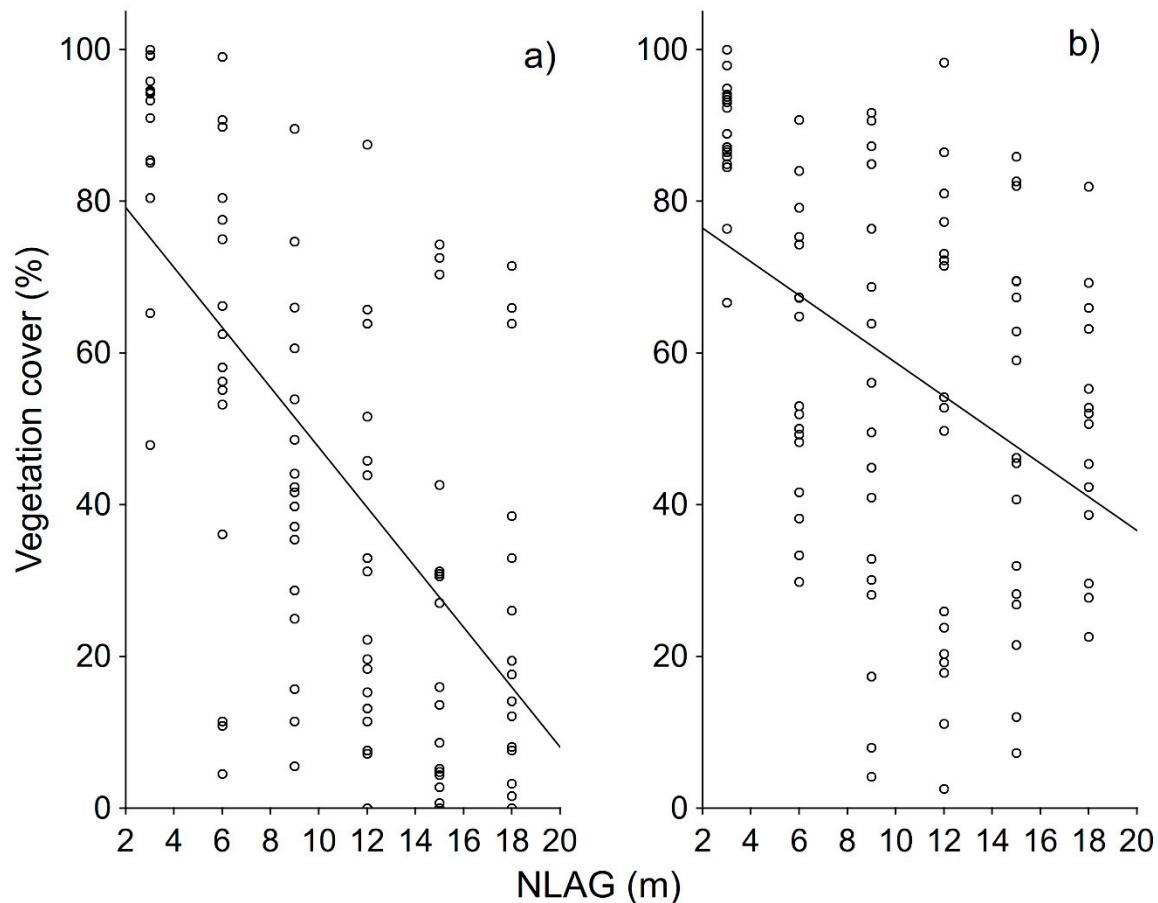


Figure S3. Relationships between percentages of abundances and NLAG for a) *Arizelocichla tephrolaema*, b) *Macrosphenus flavicans*, c) *Terpsiphone rufiventer* and vegetation cover: d) *Cyanomitra olivacea*, e) *Eurillas latirostris* and f) *Urolais epichlorus*.

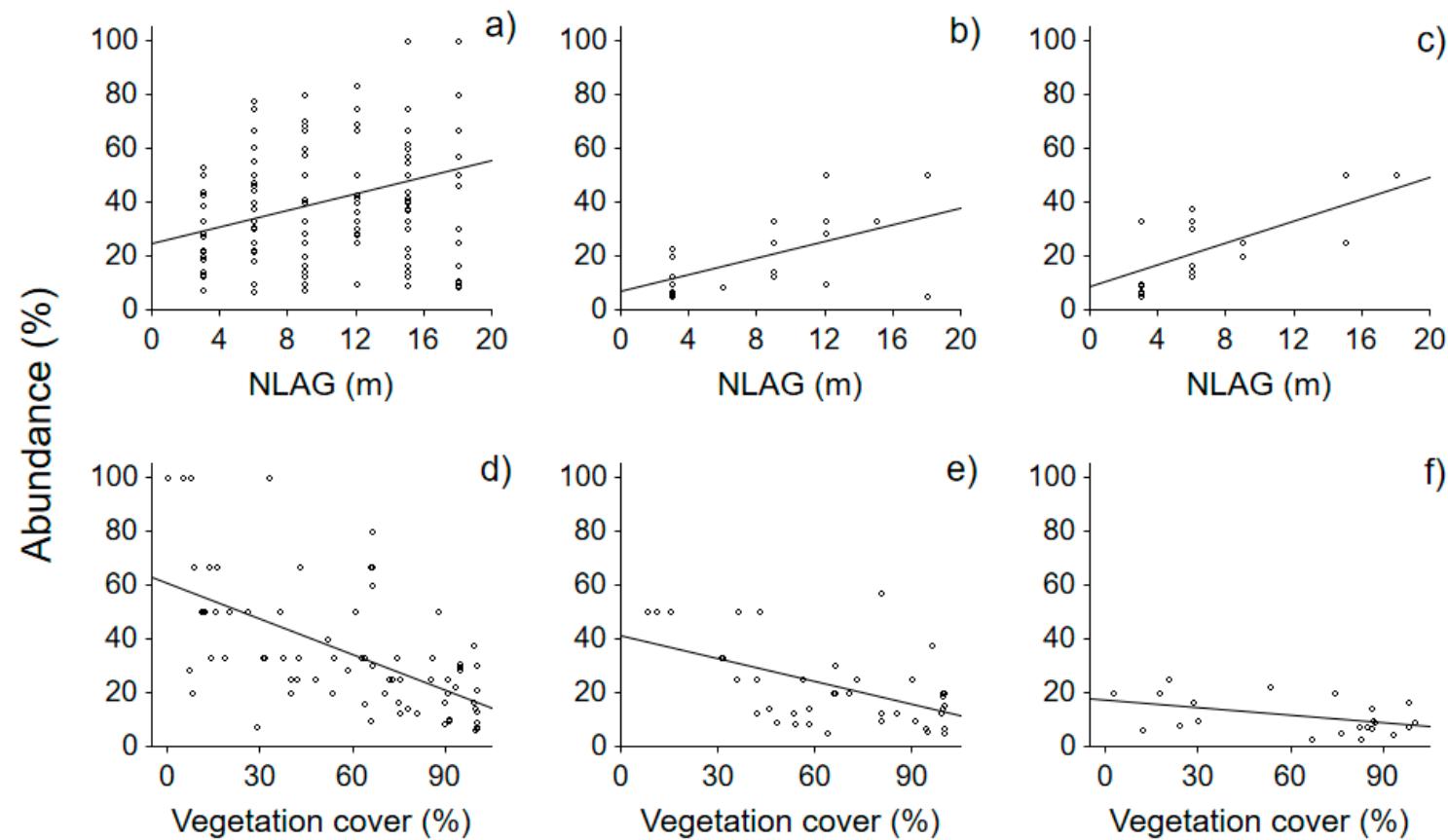


Figure S4. Differences in percentages of abundances of species dietary guilds between Drink Garri and Mann's Spring for a) frugivores, b) granivores, c) insectivores, d) nectarivores and e) omnivores.

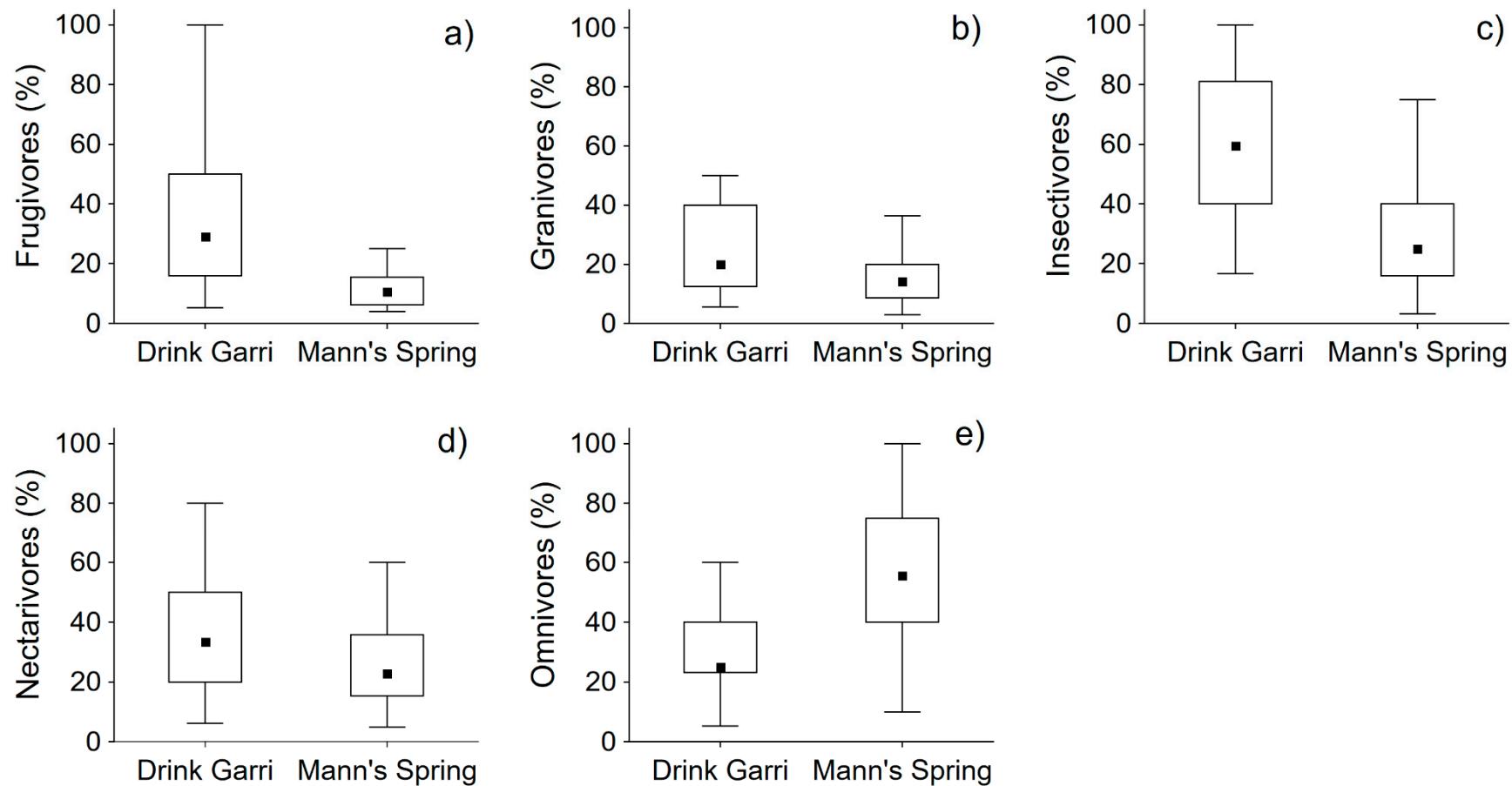


Figure S5. Differences in percentages of abundances of species from feeding guilds with vegetation cover for a) frugivores, b) omnivores, c) insectivores, d) granivores and e) nectarivores.

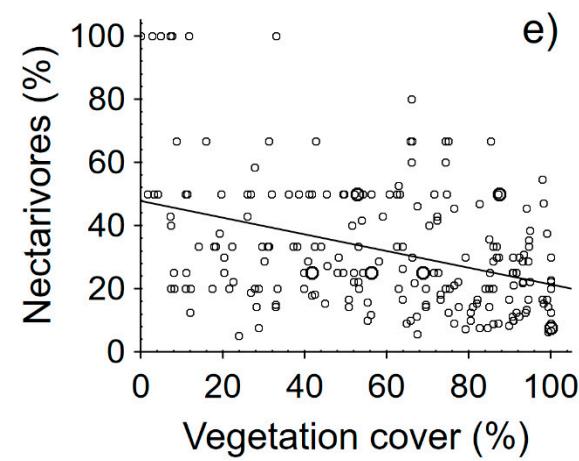
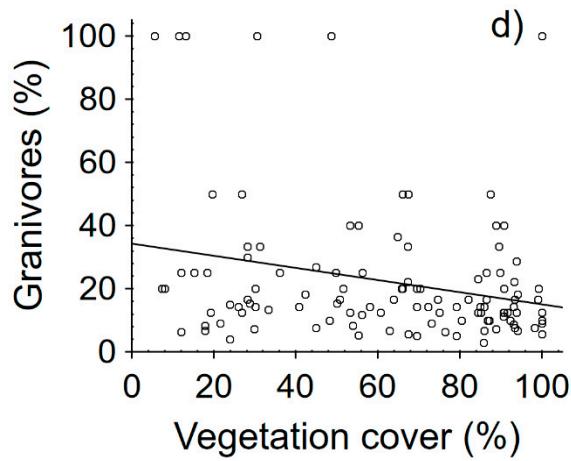
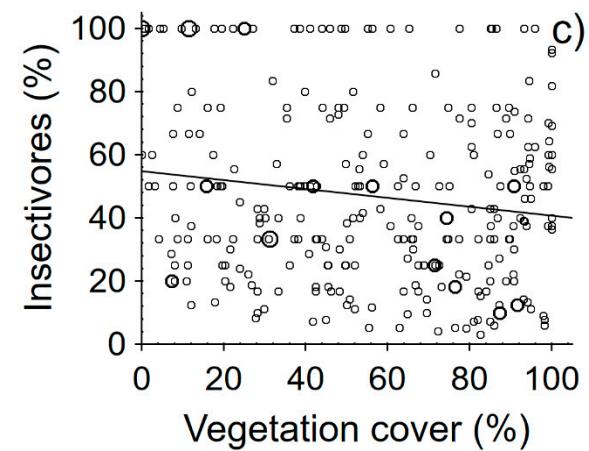
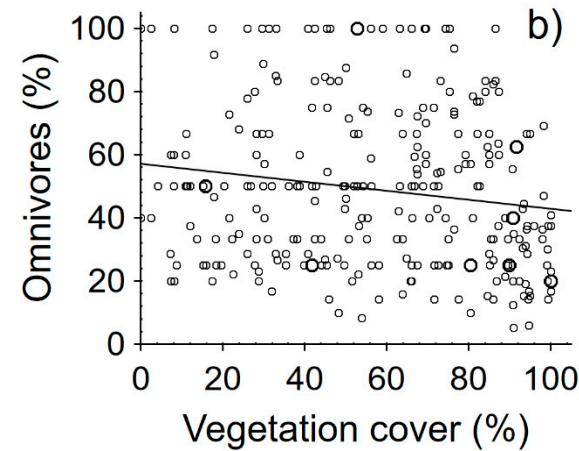
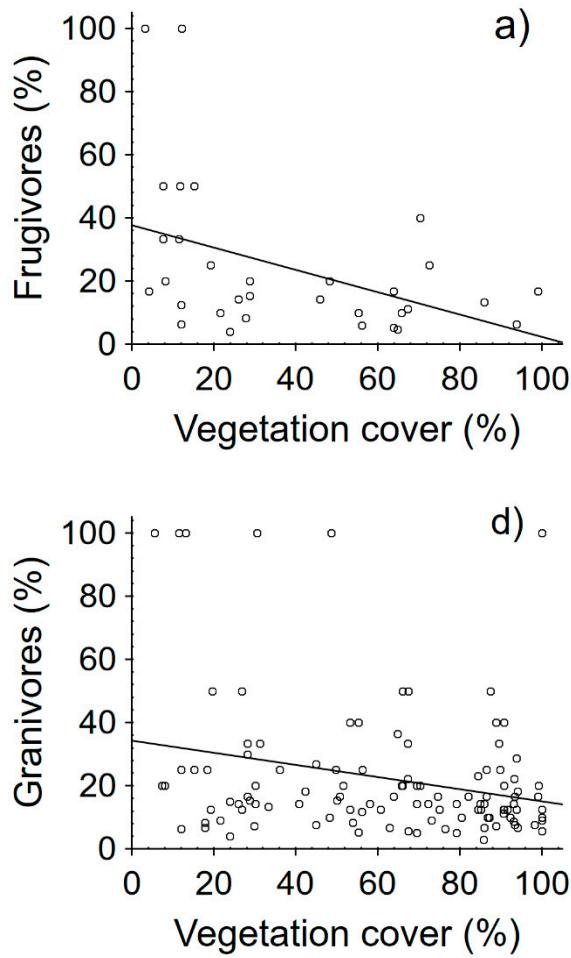


Figure S6. Relationships between percentages of abundances and NLAG for a) frugivores, b) nectarivores and c) omnivores.

