Supporting Information

Evolution of vocal performance and song complexity in island birds Aloïs Robert, Thierry Lengagne, Martim Melo, Doris Gomez, Claire Doutrelant

Appendix 1: Sample sites

Table S1: Gazetteer with altitude above sea level (ASL) of the twelve localities (four communities) for which samples were collected. Soundscapes were characterised in two localities of each region and are described in Robert et al. (2019).

REGION	LOCALITY	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	ASL
Madeira Island	Seixal	32°48'55.56"N	17°06'51.46"O	400
Madeira Island	Achada	32°50'19.19"N	17°11'35.70"O	700
Madeira Island	Portela	32°45'09.81"N	16°48'13.91"O	500
Mediterranean basin	la Rouvière	43°39'28.23"N	03°40'42.60"E	290
Mediterranean basin	La Verne	43°16'40.98"N	06°16'54.78"E	650
Mediterranean basin	Maruèjols	43°50'07.97"N	04°11'25.69"E	200
São Tomé Island	Chamiço	00°19'04.54"N	06°35'56.90"E	600
São Tomé Island	Macambrará	00°16'30.85"N	06°36'20.37"E	1200
São Tomé Island	Morro Esperança	00°17'38.68"N	06°36'39.86"E	1000
Cameroon	Mapia	04°10'23.46"N	09°11'57.91"E	1950
Cameroon	Bakingili Forest	04°05'27.30"N	09°02'39.25"E	300
Cameroon	Etome Forest	04°03'17.09"N	09°06'23.04"E	400

Appendix 2 – Typical songs of focal species



Table S2. Spectrograms of the songtypes of the study species



Appendix 3: Sample size and acoustic data for each of the study species

Table S3: Summary table with the number of songs and individuals analyzed for each of the study species.

Appendix 4: Measure of acoustic parameters



Figure S1: Spectrogam and oscillogram (above) for a song type from a Mount Cameroon speirops (*Zosterops melanocephalus*). For this song, song duration is 2.64 seconds, the number of syllables is 17, and syllable rate is 17/2.64=6.44. The number of different syllables is 10.

Appendix 6: Correlation between variables



Figure S2: Correlation matrix between the three studied variables. Numbers are the values of Pearson correlation coefficient r while stars are associated p-values: * < 0.05, ** < 0.01 ***<0.001. Red lines represent fitted correlation.



Appendix 5: Accumulation curves

Figure S3: Accumulation curves of the mean of maximum sampled duration (line) ±standard deviation (colored shape) of song with sampling effort (number of songs analyzed). For each different number of samples (song), we calculated the mean by taking all possible maximum in all possible combinations of this number of samples (when number of combinations was higher than 10 000, we took 10 000). Differences among species do not reflect model results (only differences in how many samples are needed to reach a plateau of maximum values).



Figure S4: Accumulation curves of the mean of maximum sampled syllable rate (line) ±standard deviation (colored shape) of song with sampling effort (number of songs analyzed). For each different number of samples (song), we calculated the mean by taking all possible maximum in all possible combinations of this number of samples (when number of combinations was higher than 10 000, we took 10 000). Differences among species do not reflect model results (only differences in how many samples are needed to reach a plateau of maximum values).

Appendix 7: Bayesian phylogenetic mixed models

In order to investigate how phylogenetic relationships among species could influence our results, we also used Bayesian phylogenetic mixed models (BPMM), using the "*MCMCgImm*" *R* package (Hadfield 2010; Hadfield & Nakagawa 2010).

We performed three different BPMMs on the following variables: song duration, syllable rate and syllable diversity. Similarly as for LMMs, these variables were analysed on a logarithmic scale. As our data consisted of repeated samples per individual, we included « individual » as a random effect. Proceeding as for LMMs, we tested insularity (island/mainland), latitude (tropical/temperate) and their interaction as fixed effects. We also included body mass and altitude as fixed effects.

We downloaded 10000 alternative trees from Jetz and coworkers's (2012) comprehensive bird phylogeny (downloaded from the BirdTree database: https://birdtree.org). We calculated posterior node probabilities in PAUP* (Swofford 2003). All trees were identical (Figure S3) and therefore we only used one tree for the BPMM. As BirdTree phylogeny is restricted at the species level, we manually added the five insular subspecies (Chrysococcyx cupreus insularum, Sylvia atricapilla heineken, Fringilla coelebs madeirensis, Erithacus rubecula rubecula and Turdus merula cabrerae) on this tree by arbitrary fixing phylogenetic distances with closest continental relatives at 0.001 (maximum distance from tips to root is 84 in this ultrametric tree). For each analysis, we ran the model using 2 chains for 800000 iterations and saved posterior samples after a burn-in period of 50000, thinning every 300 iterations, resulting in an effective sample size of at least 1000. Uninformative priors were used (inverse-Wishart with belief parameters set to 0.002 and variances set to 1) for both random effect and residual variances. We assessed model convergence using the 'coda' R package (Plummer et al. 2006). For each dependent variable, we selected the best model by minimizing the deviance information criterion DIC and considered that models differing by less than 2 DIC units were equivalent.

Broadly, results of BPMM were equivalent to those presented in the main text (LMM) in terms of and fixed-effect structure of final models (Table S4). In particular, BPMM found a positive effect of insularity on syllable rate which was lower on islands. As in LMM, syllable rate was significantly affected by mass, lighter species producing faster song. Contrasting with LMM, altitude had a significant and positive (although very weak) effect on syllable rate. Song duration was not affected by altitude but it was significantly influenced by body mass, lighter species producing longer songs. Results of BPMM indicated a significant effect of interaction between "insularity" and "latitude" on song duration: song duration was longer in the tropical island than in the tropical mainland but it did not differ between the temperate island and mainland. Overall, effects of the interaction "latitude x insularity" were weaker in the BPMMs than in LMMs. This indicate that phylogenetic relationships explain a part of the significant link between our three variables and the interaction between "latitude x insularity". Based on taxonomy proxies, most of the temperate pairs represent more recent divergence events than the tropical pairs and that probably enhance the effect of the latitude. As in LMM, BPMM indicated that syllable diversity changed with latitude and insularity (significant latitude by insularity interaction). It was lower on the temperate island than the temperate but it was higher on the tropical island than the tropical mainland. As in LMM, syllable diversity was not affected by body mass but it was significantly positively (not negatively) correlated to altitude.



Figure S5: Consensus phylogenetic tree generated from 10000 alternative trees from Jetz and coworkers, (2012) with posterior probabilities.

Table S4: Results of the best BPMM for number of species overlapping. Terms for which the 95% credible interval did not span 0 are presented in bold characters. A probability that the posteriors encompass zero (pMCMC) is provided as a statistical test.

		Estimate	Lower 2.5%Cl	Higher 2.5%Cl	pMCMC
Syllable rate (log)	Intercept	6.02	5.24	6.74	-
	Altitude	0.0009	0.0004	0.002	<0.01
	Mass	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	<0.001
	Insularity (Island)	-0.99	-1.72	-0.21	0.01
	Latitude (Tropic)	-1.06	-1.92	-0.29	0.01
	Insularity*latitude (Island*Tropic)	0.41	-0.59	1.41	0.45
Song duration (log)	Intercept	2.98	1.58	4.49	-
	Altitude	0.0009	-0.0003	0.002	0.12
	Mass	-0.02	-0.05	-0.004	0.03
	Insularity (Island)	-0.34	-1.72	1.21	0.65
	Latitude (Tropic)	-1.23	-2.75	0.43	0.14
	Insularity*latitude (Island*Tropic)	2.10	0.006	3.91	0.04
Syllable diversity (log)	Intercept	7.04	5.88	8.35	
	Altitude	0.003	0.001	0.004	<0.001
	Mass	-	-	-	-
	Insularity (Island)	-1.35	-2.99	0.39	0.12
	Latitude (Tropic)	-5.17	-6.96	-3.27	<0.001
	Insularity*latitude (Island*Tropic)	2.86	0.66	5.17	0.02

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