

Mass of chaffinches

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1 Introduction

The chaffinch, *Fringilla coelebs*, is one of the most widespread and common passerine bird species. It is sexually dimorphic in plumage with males being brightly coloured with a blue-grey cap and rust-red underparts and females being grey-brown with paler underparts. This study aimed to determine whether *F. coelebs* were also sexually dimorphic in size.

2 Methods

We randomly sampled 20 male and 20 female birds on the stray and determined their mass with spring scales. Analysis was carried out with R version 4.0.2 (R Core Team, 2020) and tidyverse packages (Wickham et al., 2019)

3 Results

4 Discussion