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"The optimal number of cameras required will be influenced by factors such as landscape heterogeneity, {{ survey\_tl }} duration and spatial scale, species rarity and desired level of precision ({{ rtxt\_colyn\_et\_al\_2018 }}; {{ rtxt\_rovero\_et\_al\_2013 }}). For example, Kays et al. (2020) found that 25–35 cameras were needed for precise estimates of species richness, depending on the spatial scale of the {{ survey\_tl }} and landscape diversity. The number of cameras required for precise estimates of {{ obj\_occupancy\_tl }} was highly sensitive to the occurrence rate of species, with \<20 cameras required for common species and \>150 cameras required for rare species ({{ rtxt\_kays\_et\_al\_2020 }}). In general, deploying more cameras and/or for longer durations always results in more precise estimates; however, users can consider rotating cameras across multiple sites for shorter durations (if feasible). There are several useful references and applications available to help determine the optimal number of cameras for a {{ survey\_tl }} (e.g., {{ rtxt\_efford\_boulanger\_2019 }}).

When the {{ survey\_tl\_objectives\_abrv }} and {{ mod\_approach\_tl }} warrant, placing multiple cameras at a site (either on the same attachment point or nearby) can significantly increase the {{ detection\_probability\_tl\_abrv }} of less common species (more than increasing the number of {{ cam\_days\_per\_cam\_location\_tl }}; {{ rtxt\_oconnor\_et\_al\_2017 }}; {{ rtxt\_pease\_et\_al\_2016 }}; {{ rtxt\_stokeld\_et\_al\_2016 }}) or be useful for individual identification."

--- RCSC et al. (2024)

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