*We appreciate the editorial team’s feedback on the manuscript. Editorial feedback is in bold, responses are in normal text, and quotations from the manuscript are italicized.*

**EIC comments:**

**As mentioned in the previous round, please follow carefully the "instructions to authors" guidelines on the journal's webpage. In particular, check the use of scientific and common names in the title, abstract, lay summary and main text.**

After revisiting the “instructions to authors” and style sheet, we have reformatted the headings throughout the paper and included a running head on the title page. We have also verified that the scientific name for American Woodcock is included on first mention in the abstract and introduction, and that the species’ full name is capitalized throughout the article.

**lay summary: low altitude flights - low-altitude flights - check use of hyphenation throughout - also rotor-swept zones and other instances**

We have corrected “low altitude flights” and “rotor swept zones” to be hyphenated throughout the manuscript.

**line 73 (in marked-up pdf) one bird spent - one individual spent**

Done.

**the entirety of its - its entire**

Done.

**83 species of Scolopacid - Scolopacid species**

Done.

**such as - insert comma before such as - check throughout**

Done.

**mass building collision events - mass building-collision events**

Done.

**95 may be a potential causal factor in their decline - could contribute to their decline**

Done.

**105 m AGL - explain abbreviation at first mention - this is better to spell out throughout**

Above ground level is now spelled out throughout the manuscript.

**123 using a combination of spotlights and mist nets - using a combination of spotlighting and mist netting**

Done.

**137 16.1km - space before km (check style guide on the webpage for this other recommendations)**

Addressed throughout.

**147 they are generally brief, - these are generally brief,**

Done.

**check the sentences after eq 1. until line 184 - some letters within words are typeset as different fonts**

We were unable to locate a differing font besides the inline equations, which Word renders in Cambria Math. We are concerned that Aptos may not be rendering properly in the page proofs; to address this, we have changed the typeset throughout the manuscript to use Times New Roman.

**204 R package rstan (Stan Development Team 2024, R Core Team 2024) - package rstan(Stan Development Team 2024), in R version xx (R Core Team 2024) - include R version number**

Done.

**226 distribution which fell - distribution, which fell**

Corrected to “distribution that fell”, which does not require a comma.

**232 low - w still different font - check throughout**

We were unable to locate a differing font. We are concerned that Aptos may not be rendering properly in the page proofs; to address this, we have changed the typeset throughout the manuscript to use Times New Roman.

**234 the majority of - in the highest number of**

Done.

**253 431 m while juveniles - 431 m, while juveniles - check throughout for missing comma**

Added commas before use of the word “while” throughout the manuscript.

**273  from 2020 to 2024. - in 2020 - 2024. include in table 1 (and 2) legend if it is m above ground**

Replaced “to” with en dash and added “above ground level” to the caption for table 2. Note that this information is supplied in the caption for table 1.

**fig 1 - increase font size of all letters/numbers to be visible on screen/when printed**

We have increased the font size of all axis titles and labels in this figure.

**324 the greater representation - the increased representation**

Done.

**330 greater wing loading - higher wing loading**

Done.

**342 utilizing- using**

Done.

**359 12–1am - 12–1 am (space missing) - check throughout**

Done.

**as you have relatively few figures/tables, I suggest incorporating your two supplementary figures in the main text, unless there as a suggestion from a reviewer/Ass Editor against in in the previous round?**

Our decision to include Table S1 and Figure S1 in the supplementary materials was originally based on feedback from the associate editor. Table S1 was included in the supplementary materials due to concern that including shape parameters as a table without interpreting this information in the results/discussion might be confusing for the reader. Figure S1 is based around the concept of “likely flight locations”, which are GPS locations with a >50% likelihood of being recorded during a migratory flight. This concept was important for addressing the concerns of a reviewer, who believed that our flight locations might have been recorded in a manner which was geographically biased. However, as likely flight locations are not otherwise referenced in the paper, we believe this figure might be confusing to include in the main body of the manuscript.

**AE comments:  
  
Thank you for submitting a revised version of the manuscript. I appreciate all of the work that went into these edits and think that the paper is significantly improved as a result. In particular, the addition of Figure S1 and reorganization of Tables 1 and 2 will be extremely helpful to journal readers. I think the paper will make an excellent contribution to the journal.**

Thank you.