



Literature review

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*"Mapping biodiversity changes across
spatio-temporal scales"*

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Outline

Literature review about the link between biodiversity facets trends and spatial/temporal scales.

The idea is to take every paper that talk about biodiversity trends (so far using just the species richness seems already a lot of paper) and to list **1)** which biodiversity metric they use **2)** which taxon/taxa they use, **3)** the spatial scale, **4)** the temporal scale and **5)** what is the dynamic (does the biodiversity metric increase/decrease/doesn't change over time/unclear).

Make a table of all these papers and `group_by(taxa) %>% order_by(spatial_scale | temporal_scale)`. Then see if for each taxa we can find a trend (a bit like in Chase *et al.* 2019 Oikos paper | Jarzyna *et al.* 2015 but here I am not making the analysis, just taking the analysis from papers). Best example found so far: [Hill & Hamer 2004](#)

I am using the “Advanced Research” tab of Web of Science which allows me skim through the entire literature using a convenient syntax. For instance:

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AB = ((biodiversity OR species richness OR diversity) AND  
(temporal trend* OR dynamic*) AND  
(bird* OR avia*))
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And

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AB = ((biodiversity change index) AND (bird* OR avia*) AND trend*)
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And

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AB = ((species richness) AND (bird* OR avia*) AND trend*)
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And

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ALL=(birds AND species richness AND temporal trend)
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Dashboard

Reference paper

- 05/07/2021: research was made with the literature review filter for the first query (stopped at #13) and created the second query (stopped at #2)
- 07/07/2021: questions to Petr: **1)** can the geometric mean of relative abundance + the weighted goodness of fit be used as biodiversity trend index, **2)** can the Farmland Bird Indicator (FBI) be used as biodiversity trend (for me it is more biodiversity health, Chiron et al 2013) **3)** what about the Red List Index trend? **4)** what about Multispecies population indexes?
- 08/07/2021: stopped at the article 41 for research #2.
- 12/08/2021: stopped at article 4 for research #4
- 13/08/2021: stopped at article 8 for research #4
- 17/08/2021: stopped at article 15 for research #4
- 18/08/2021: stopped at article 30 for research #4
- 19/08/2021: stopped at article 46 for research #4
- 20/08/2021: stopped at article 64 for research #4

1. Introduction

Human life quality is intrinsically linked to ecosystems state that he is living in. Indeed, ecosystems services extend in a large spectrum of mechanisms including nutrient cycle, food production, or climate and water cycle regulation ([Pereira et al.](#)). Some of those ecosystem functions are managed by bird biodiversity such as seed dispersal, controls pests or pollinate plant. Unfortunately, anthropogenic stressors like habitat loss, over exploitation, pollution or introduction of invasive species could lead biodiversity to its sixth mass extinction ([Barnosky et al.](#)).

Biodiversity erosion is now known from everyone and political decisions has been stated in order to limit it (*e.g.* [The Convention on Biological Diversity](#), 2010, 2002). However, these objectives have been so far not reached due mainly to our confusion and misunderstanding about biodiversity dynamic and how to determine it.

As a matter of fact, studying biodiversity can be confusing, especially because several choices must be done. Firstly, the level at which you are looking at the biodiversity must be chosen (*e.g.* species, functional, phylogenetic diversity). Secondly, one must decide which metric is the most appropriate for his study. There are many facets of biodiversity that can be measured by different metrics depending on the objective of your study. Measures of static biodiversity are commonly used such as species richness or α diversity (*i.e.* number of species, [Whittaker, b](#)), the Shannon index ([Shannon](#)), the Simpson index ([Simpson](#)) or the Hill number ([Hill](#)). The later three biodiversity indexes take into account the relative abundances of the species and can be considered as the *quality* of the biodiversity. On an other hand, the spatial and temporal β diversity will measure the species turnover and can be measured thanks to Whittaker's ([Whittaker, a](#)), Sørensen's ([Sørensen](#)) or Jaccard's ([Jaccard](#)) dissimilarity indexes (*e.g.* [Keil et al.](#)).

However, overall biodiversity (*i.e.* taking into account species of every taxa) may not be relevant for one's case study. Thus, several multi-species indicators have also been created, taking into account the abundances of indicator species giving information on the ecosystem health. The most known ones are the Red List Index ([Butchart et al., b,a,c](#)) or the Biodiversity Change Index ([Normander et al.](#)).

Using all the metrics cited above, we now know that the loss of global biodiversity is unprecedented. However, current scientific literature has also shown that temporal trends in local changes of biodiversity

can be opposite to trends at larger scales (*e.g.* [Chase et al.](#)). Thus, current changes in biodiversity is far more complex than a simple global decrease: most of the ecosystems undergo alterations of their communities with changes in species composition ([Blowes et al.](#); [Dornelas et al.](#)). Wonders persist about how the trend of these different metrics of biodiversity are link to the spatial and temporal scales used when measured.

In order to investigate this link between spatial scales and biodiversity metrics, birds is a relevant taxon. Thanks to the many ornithological monitoring and surveys, we now have a large number of long, high-quality time series on bird populations ([Bejček and Stastný](#)). Birds are easy to observe, easy to identify and thus many volunteers are motivated to conduct standardized sampling. Given their ability to change quickly of locations, their presence is also a good indicator for ecosystem health and thus several standardized metrics have been created to assess their populations. For instance, the geometric mean of relative abundances or the goodness-of-fit statistic ([Studený et al.](#)) are some of the baseline. Other multi-species indicators have also been created specifically for birds, such as the Farmland Bird Indicator ([Gregory et al., a](#)), the Forest Bird Indicator ([Gregory et al., b](#)) or the Wild Bird Indicator ([Gregory and Strien](#)).

Here, I propose to review articles assessing the temporal trends of different avian biodiversity metrics and to look at which spatial scales these studies have been done. Summarizing the trends of these qualitative and/or quantitative avian biodiversity indexes along with their spatial and temporal scales will help to see more clearly how the trends of biodiversity are linked to spatio-temporal scales. It is also important to demonstrate that the information about the sampling plan (*i.e.* spatial scale, time span, temporal scales etc) is not systematically indicated in the scientific literature and can bring confusion to the analysis and comparisons of their trends. I believe that this review can help to have a better overview of the current knowledge on the trend of biodiversity metrics of bird populations.

2. Materials and Methods

I used the “*advanced serach*” tool of the ISI Web of Science Core collection database. It allowed me to write these four following queries using key words:

1. AB = ((biodiversity OR species richness OR diversity) AND (temporal trend* OR dynamic*) AND (bird* OR avia*)) which resulted in 1346 references.
2. AB = ((biodiversity change index) AND (bird* OR avia*) AND trend*) which resulted in 60 references.
3. AB = ((species richness) AND (bird* OR avia*) AND trend*) which resulted in 313 references.
4. ALL=(birds AND species richness AND temporal trend) which resulted in 88 references.

Table 2.1: SR = species richness, Ab = abundance, Eve = evenness,

Reference	Metric	Spatial grain	Temporal grain	Spatial extent	Temporal extent	Years
Barnagaud et al.	SR	0.5 Km ²	1 year	9,834 millions km ²	41 years	1970-2011
Barnagaud et al.	Abundance	0.5 Km ²	1 year	9,834 millions km ²	41 years	1970-2011
Barnagaud et al.	Evenness	0.5 Km ²	1 year	9,834 millions km ²	41 years	1970-2011
Barnagaud et al.	Functional richness	0.5 Km ²	1 year	9,834 millions km ²	41 years	1970-2011
Barnagaud et al.	Functional dispersion	0.5 Km ²	1 year	9,834 millions km ²	41 years	1970-2011
Barnagaud et al.	Functional evenness	0.5 Km ²	1 year	9,834 millions km ²	41 years	1970-2011
Roels et al.	SR	0.04 Km ²	1 year	0.04 Km ²	5 years	NA
Roels et al.	Bird activity	0.04 Km ²	1 year	0.04 Km ²	5 years	NA
Wretenberg et al.	SR	0.03 Km ²	1 year	1800 km2	11 years	1994-2004
Ram et al.	SR	1.6 Km2	1 year	350 000 Km2	18 years	1998-2015
Ram et al.	SR	1.6 Km2	1 year	350 000 Km2	18 years	1998-2015
Ram et al.	SR	1.6 Km2	1 year	350 000 Km2	18 years	1998-2015
Ram et al.	Multi-species indicator	1.6 Km2	1 year	350 000 Km2	18 years	1998-2015
Ram et al.	Multi-species indicator	1.6 Km2	1 year	350 000 Km2	18 years	1998-2015
Harrison et al. (b)	Geometric mean	10 000 Km2	0.5 year	242 495 km ²	20 years	1994-2013
Harrison et al. (b)	GoF ($\lambda = -1$)	10 000 Km2	0.5 year	242 495 km ²	20 years	1994-2013
Harrison et al. (b)	GoF ($\lambda = -2$)	10 000 Km2	0.5 year	242 495 km ²	20 years	1994-2013
Doxa et al.	FBI	4 Km ²	1 year	643 801 km ²	8 years	2001-2008
Doxa et al.	FBI	4 Km ²	1 year	643 801 km ²	8 years	2001-2008
Doxa et al.	FBI	4 Km ²	1 year	643 801 km ²	8 years	2001-2008
Arnold et al.	SR	0.02 Km ²	1 year	1000 km ²	100 years	NA
Arnold et al.	Shannon	0.02 Km ²	1 year	1000 km ²	100 years	NA
Arnold et al.	Simpson	0.02 Km ²	1 year	1000 km ²	100 years	NA
Xu et al.	SR	6.56 Km ²	1 year	6.56 Km ²	12 years	2002-2013
Jiguet et al.	GBI (Generalist Bird Indicator)	643 801 km ²	1 year	643 801 km ²	22 years	1989-2009
Jiguet et al.	EU bird directive	643 801 km ²	1 year	643 801 km ²	22 years	1989-2009
Jiguet et al.	RLI (Red list Index)	643 801 km ²	1 year	643 801 km ²	22 years	1989-2009
Keten	SR	1.7 Km ²	1 year	1.7 Km ²	11 years	2006-2016
Davey et al.	Simpson	1 km ²	1 year	242 495 km ²	13 years	1994-2006
Davey et al.	SR	1 km ²	1 year	242 495 km ²	13 years	1994-2006
Davey et al.	Evenness	1 km ²	1 year	242 495 km ²	13 years	1994-2006
Siriwardena et al.	Diversity profile	32300 Km ²	5 years	32300 Km ²	36 years	1965-2000
Christian et al.	SR	15.4 km2	NA	15.4 km2	209 ans	1898-2006
Dittrich et al.	SR	0.053 km ²	0.33 year	53 Km ²	3 years	2010-2012
Dittrich et al.	SR	0.053 km ²	1 year	53 Km ²	3 years	2010-2012
Dittrich et al.	SR	0.083 km ²	0.33 year	53 Km ²	3 years	2012-2014
Dittrich et al.	SR	0.083 km ²	1 year	53 Km ²	3 years	2012-2014
Sirami and Monadjem	SR	0.38 km ²	1 year	430 Km ²	21 years	1998-2018
García-Navas et al.	spatial beta-diversity	267 Km ²	1 year	267 Km ²	20 years	1999-2018

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Reference	Metric	Spatial grain	Temporal grain	Spatial extent	Temporal extent	Years
McGeoch et al.	RLI (Red list Index)	NA	1 year	148,939,063.133 km ²	11 years	1998-2008
Ellis et al.	SR	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	SR	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	SR	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	SR	0.48 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Shannon	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Shannon	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Shannon	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Shannon	0.48 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Simpson	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Simpson	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Simpson	0.16 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Ellis et al.	Simpson	0.48 Km ²	1 year	NA	21 years	1994-2014
Sicurella et al.	Occurrence (%)	17 370.3 Km ²	1 year	23 844 km ²	22 years	1992-2013
Sicurella et al.	Occurrence (%)	1 403.9 Km ²	1 year	23 844 km ²	22 years	1992-2013
Sicurella et al.	Occurrence (%)	6 461.9 Km ²	1 year	23 844 km ²	22 years	1992-2013
Nally	SR	0.49 Km ²	1 day	10 Km ²	3 years	1994-1996
Latta et al.	SR	0.000942 Km ²	2 years	NA	14 years	1994-2007
Latta et al.	SR	0.000942 Km ²	2 years	NA	14 years	1994-2007
Scarton	SR	0.55 Km ²	2 years	0.55 Km ²	25 years	1990-2014
Scarton	Shannon	0.55 Km ²	2 years	0.55 Km ²	25 years	1990-2014
Scarton	temporal beta-diversity	0.55 Km ²	2 years	0.55 Km ²	25 years	1990-2014
Scarton	temporal beta-diversity	0.55 Km ²	2 years	0.55 Km ²	25 years	1990-2014
Chiron et al.	FBI	4 Km ²	1 year	643 801 Km ²	14 years	2007-2020
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Chiron et al.	FBI	4 Km ²	1 year	643 801 Km ²	14 years	2007-2020
Eglington and Pearce-Higgins	FBI	1 Km ²	1 year	242 495 km ²	39 years	1970-2008
Harrison et al. (a)	Geometric mean	10 000 km ²	1 year	200 000 km ²	18 years	1994-2011
Harrison et al. (a)	GoF (λ = -1)	10 000 km ²	1 year	200 000 km ²	18 years	1994-2011
Harrison et al. (a)	GoF (λ = -2)	10 000 km ²	1 year	200 000 km ²	18 years	1994-2011
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Harrison et al. (a)	GoF (λ = -2)	10 000 km ²	1 year	200 000 km ²	18 years	1994-2011
Juslén et al.	RLI (Red list Index)	338 440 km ²	1 year	338 440 km ²	10 years	2001-2010
Normander et al.	BCI (Biodiversity Change Index)	84 266 km ²	NA	1 260 663 km ²	16 years	1990-2005
Normander et al.	BCI (Biodiversity Change Index)	529,831 km ²	NA	1 260 663 km ²	16 years	1990-2005
Normander et al.	BCI (Biodiversity Change Index)	163 131 km ²	NA	1 260 663 km ²	16 years	1990-2005
Schipper et al.	Geometric mean	32 Km ²	5 years	21 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010

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Schipper et al.	Geometric mean	32 Km ²	5 years	21 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Geometric mean	32 Km ²	5 years	21 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Geometric mean	32 Km ²	5 years	22 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Geometric mean	32 Km ²	5 years	23 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	SR	32 Km ²	5 years	24 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	SR	32 Km ²	5 years	25 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	SR	32 Km ²	5 years	26 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	SR	32 Km ²	5 years	27 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	SR	32 Km ²	5 years	28 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Shannon	32 Km ²	5 years	29 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Shannon	32 Km ²	5 years	30 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Shannon	32 Km ²	5 years	31 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Shannon	32 Km ²	5 years	32 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Shannon	32 Km ²	5 years	33 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Simpson	32 Km ²	5 years	34 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Simpson	32 Km ²	5 years	35 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Simpson	32 Km ²	5 years	36 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Simpson	32 Km ²	5 years	37 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Simpson	32 Km ²	5 years	38 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional richness	32 Km ²	5 years	39 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional richness	32 Km ²	5 years	40 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional richness	32 Km ²	5 years	41 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional richness	32 Km ²	5 years	42 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional richness	32 Km ²	5 years	43 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional evenness	32 Km ²	5 years	44 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional evenness	32 Km ²	5 years	45 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional evenness	32 Km ²	5 years	46 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional evenness	32 Km ²	5 years	47 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional evenness	32 Km ²	5 years	48 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional divergence	32 Km ²	5 years	49 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional divergence	32 Km ²	5 years	50 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional divergence	32 Km ²	5 years	51 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional divergence	32 Km ²	5 years	52 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional divergence	32 Km ²	5 years	53 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional dispersion	32 Km ²	5 years	54 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional dispersion	32 Km ²	5 years	55 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional dispersion	32 Km ²	5 years	56 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional dispersion	32 Km ²	5 years	57 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010
Schipper et al.	Functional dispersion	32 Km ²	5 years	58 792 000 km ²	40 years	1971-2010

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