# Accounting for dispersal improves the understanding of species abundance patterns

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## species abundance patterns

\$1 [002] A long-standing question in ecology is how are species' population distributed across

A long-standing question ...

- ... in ecology is how are species' population distributed ...
- ... across space.

**Abstract** 

space.

S1 [001]

**S1 [003]** The highest abundance has been hypothesized to be in the spatial or niche center, though mixed patterns from empirical studies has triggered a recent debate.

The highest abundance has been hypothesized ...

- ... to be ...
- ... in the spatial ...
- ... or niche center, ...
- ... though mixed patterns ...
- ... from empirical studies has triggered a recent debate.
- **S1 [004]** Here we propose a conceptual framework based on environmental suitability and dispersal to interpret the mixed evidence.

Here we propose a conceptual framework based ...

- ... on environmental suitability ...
- ... and dispersal ...
- ... to interpret the mixed evidence.
- **S1 [005]** We demonstrate that the highest abundance could occur in the spatial center, in the niche center, or somewhere in-between the two centers, depending on the environmental setup and dispersal ability.

We demonstrate ...

- ... that the highest abundance could occur ...
- ... in the spatial center, ...
- ... in the niche center, ...
- ... or somewhere in-between the two centers, ...
- ... depending ...
- ... on the environmental setup ...
- ... and dispersal ability.
- **S1 [006]** We found that spatial and niche centers rarely overlap, suggesting the counteracting effect between the two factors, rather than reinforcement, is the norm in determining abundance patterns.

We found ...

... that spatial ...

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... and niche centers rarely overlap, ...
... suggesting the counteracting effect ...
... between the two factors, ...
... rather than reinforcement, ...
... is the norm ...
... in determining abundance patterns.
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**S1 [007]** The varied locations of highest abundance mirror the mixed evidence in literature, suggesting the "abundant-centre" and "abundant-niche centre" hypotheses are not mutually exclusive.

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The varied locations ...
... of highest abundance mirror the mixed evidence ...
... in literature, ...
... suggesting the "abundant-centre" ...
... and "abundant-niche centre" ...
... hypotheses are not mutually exclusive.
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**S1 [008]** This highlights the importance in understanding the biogeographic patterns through the lens of underlying mechanisms.

This highlights the importance ...
... in understanding the biogeographic patterns ...
... through the lens ...
... of underlying mechanisms.

### S2 [009] 1. Introduction

**S2 [010]** 1.1 The debate of abundance pattern

1.1 The debate ...... of abundance pattern

**S2 [011]** A long standing question in ecology and biogeography is how are species' populations distributed across geographic space (Brown 1984).

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A long standing question ...
... in ecology ...
... and biogeography is how are species' populations distributed ...
... across geographic space ...
... (Brown 1984).
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**S2** [012] Two hypotheses have been proposed to explain the location with highest abundance.

Two hypotheses have been proposed ...
... to explain the location ...
... with highest abundance.

**S2 [013]** The "abundant-centre" hypothesis predicts that the highest abundance occurs in the center of a species' geographic range (Hengeveld & Haeck 1982).

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The "abundant-centre" ...
... hypothesis predicts ...
... that the highest abundance occurs ...
... in the center ...
... of a species' geographic range ...
... (Hengeveld & Haeck 1982).
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**S2 [014]** This hypothesis has received mixed empirical evidence (Tuya et al. 2008; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2019).

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This hypothesis has received mixed empirical evidence ... ... (Tuya et al. 2008; ... ... Osorio-Olvera et al. 2019).
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**S2 [015]** The other hypothesis predicts that the abundance is highest in the center of a species' ecological niche (Maguire 1973; Brown et al. 1995; Martínez-Meyer et al. 2013; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).

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... in the center ...
... of a species' ecological niche ...
... (Maguire 1973; ...
... Brown et al. 1995; ...
... Martínez-Meyer et al. 2013; ...
... Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).
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S2 [016] The relationship between niche center and highest abundance is termed "abundant-niche centre" hypothesis, but which also received mixed evidence and is still debated in recent literature (Dallas et al. 2017, 2020; Dallas & Hastings 2018; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2019; Dallas & Santini 2020; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).

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... (Dallas et al. 2017, 2020; ...
... Dallas & Hastings 2018; ...
... Osorio-Olvera et al. 2019; ...
... Dallas & Santini 2020; ...
... Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).
```

**S2 [017]** The mixed empirical evidence for the "abundant-centre" and "abundant-niche centre" hypothesis could be partly explained by differences in data and methodology.

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The mixed empirical evidence ... ... for the "abundant-centre" ...
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... and "abundant-niche centre" ...
... hypothesis could be partly explained ...
... by differences ...
... in data ...
... and methodology.
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S2 [018] Not until recently, few studies have fully included the entire range of a species, dissipating that a species' geographic range could always be dynamic (Schurr et al. 2012), thus limiting the ability to fully test the abundance hypotheses (Fenberg & Rivadeneira 2011; Dallas et al. 2017).

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... thus limiting the ability ...
... to fully test the abundance hypotheses ...
... (Fenberg & Rivadeneira 2011; ...
... Dallas et al. 2017).
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S2 [019] The rise of citizen-science projects, as well as digitization of museum collections and long-term monitoring networks, notably eBird (Sullivan et al. 2009), have greatly improved the data coverage and stimulated a series of interesting investigations (Martínez-Meyer et al. 2013; Dallas et al. 2017; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).

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... and stimulated a series ...
... of interesting investigations ...
... (Martínez-Meyer et al. 2013; ...
... Dallas et al. 2017; ...
... Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).
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S2 [020] The differences in methodology among the investigations could be a major explanation for the mixed evidence among the series of explorations, e.g., how the distance is calculated, how the spatial or niche center is quantified, how statistical models are implemented and interpreted (Dallas et al. 2017, 2020; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2019; Santini et al. 2019; Osorio-Olvera et al. 2020).

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... of explorations, ...
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