The Effects of urbanization on the songs of Tufted Titmouse and Black-Capped Chickadee

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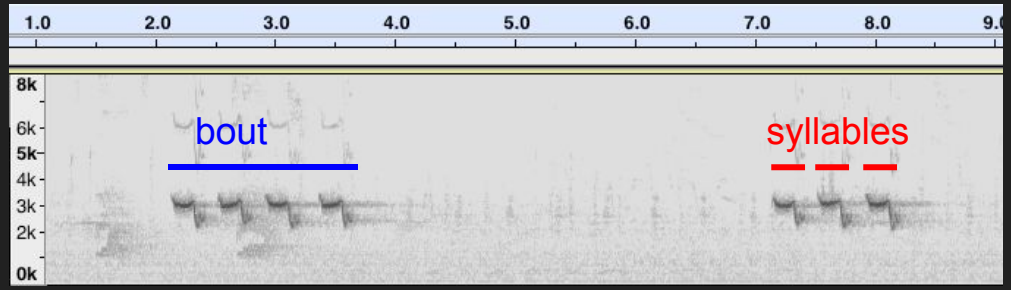
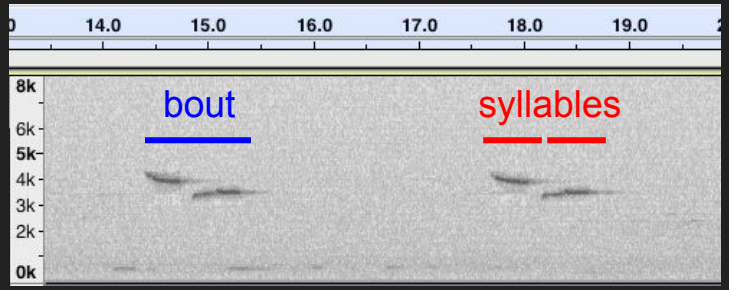
Typical Bouts

Tufted Titmouse 2-4 syllables



Black-Capped Chickadee 2 syllables



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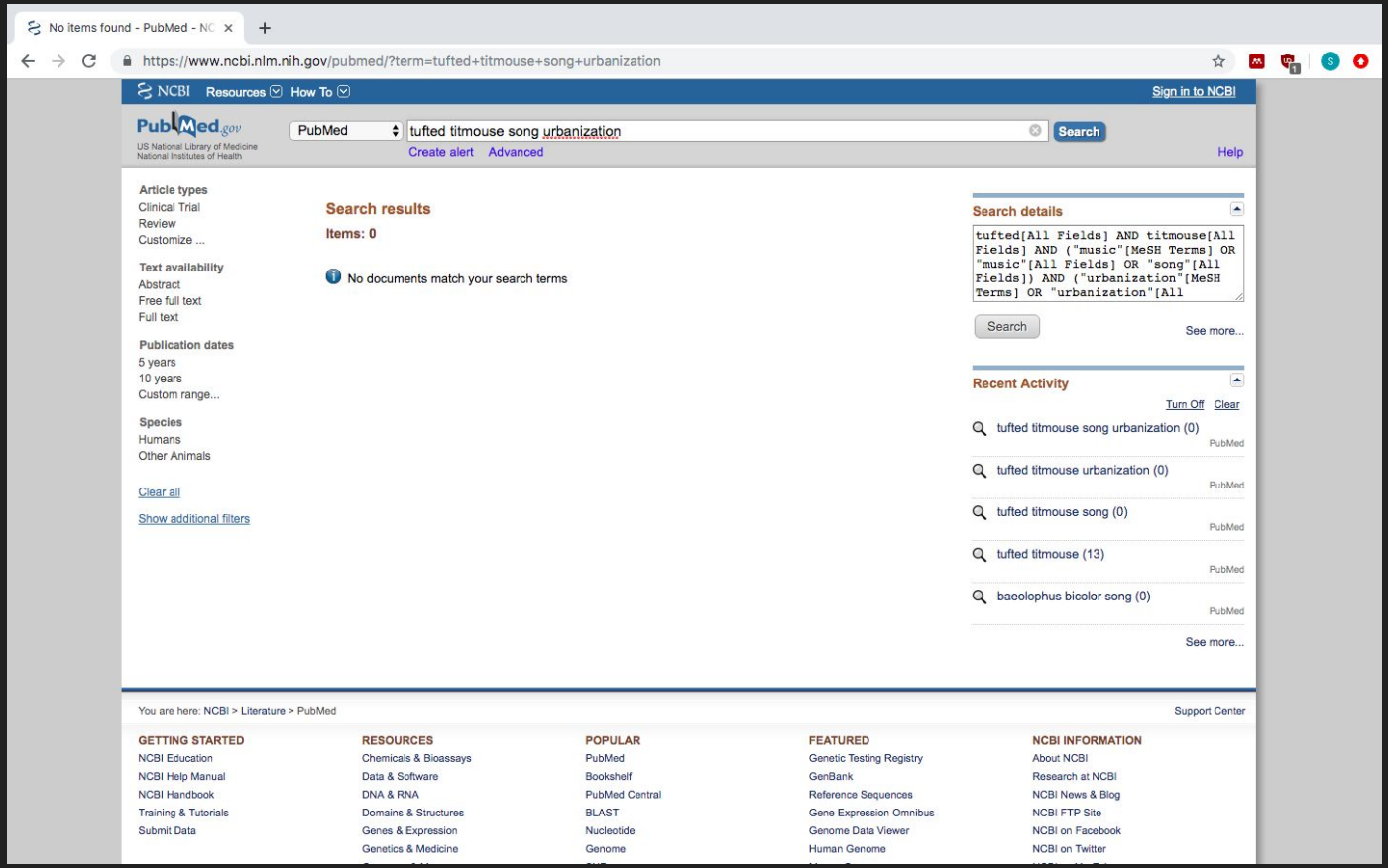

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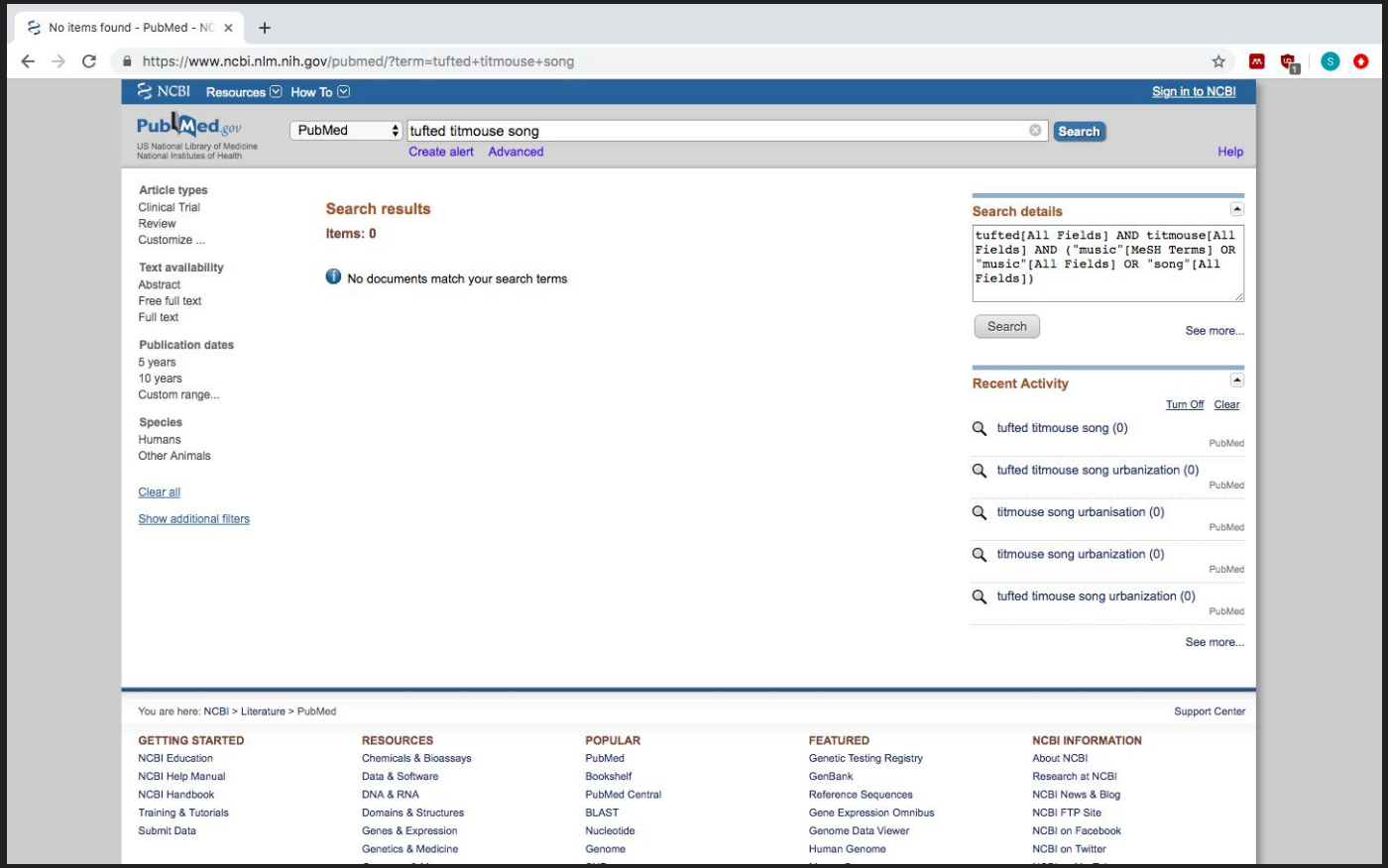
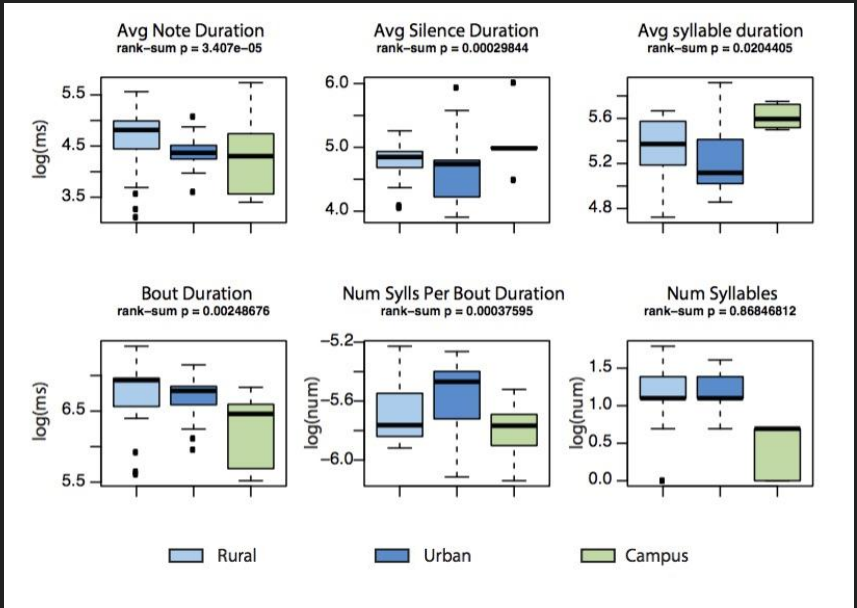
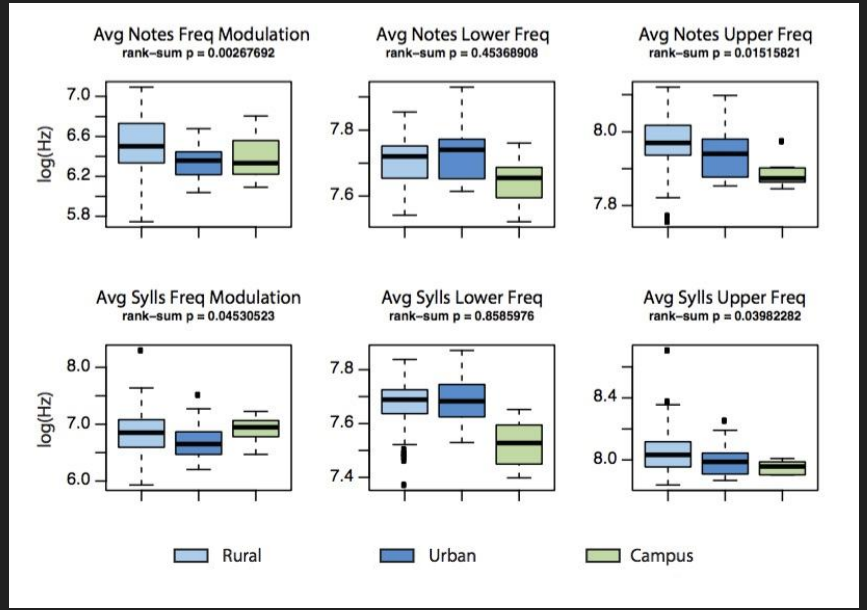


Tufted Titmouse Results

Urban birdsongs are shorter, but more rapid.



Urban birdsongs are at lower frequency.



Black-Capped Chickadee Background

Urban birdsongs are higher frequency.

from LaZerte SE. (2015). Sounds of the city: The effects of urbanization and noise on mountain and black-capped chickadee communication. *Dissertation*.

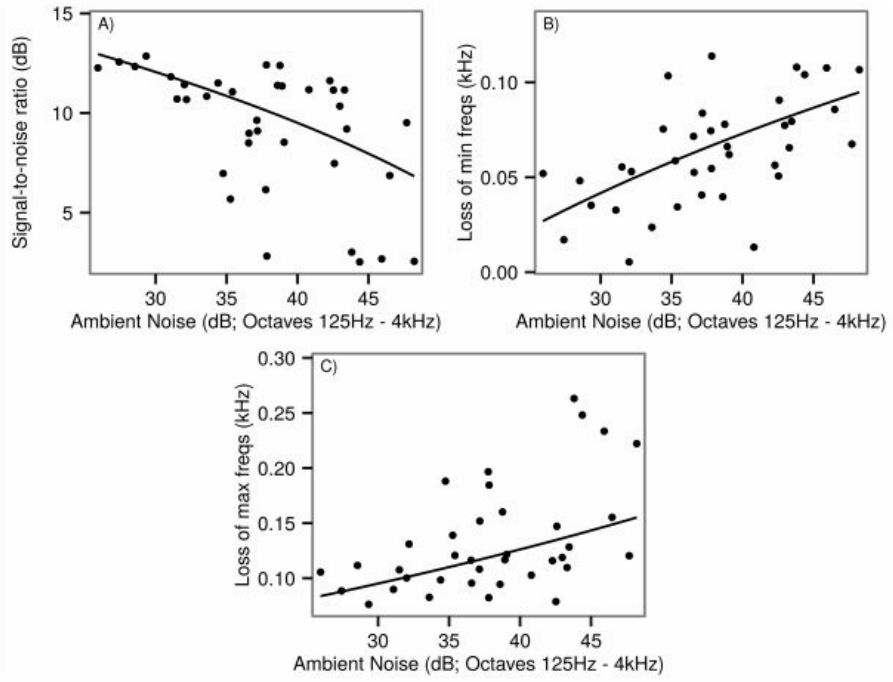


Figure 2.3: Among songs, *ambient noise* is associated with a reduction in signal-to-noise ratio (**A**), and with increases in the loss of minimum (**B**) and maximum (**C**) frequencies. Points are averaged raw values for each site. Lines represent model averaged relationships between the explanatory and the response variable.

Black-Capped Chickadee Results

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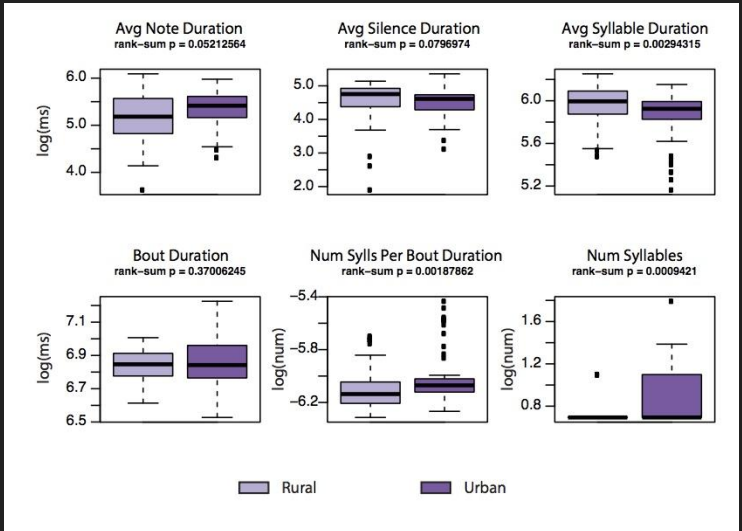
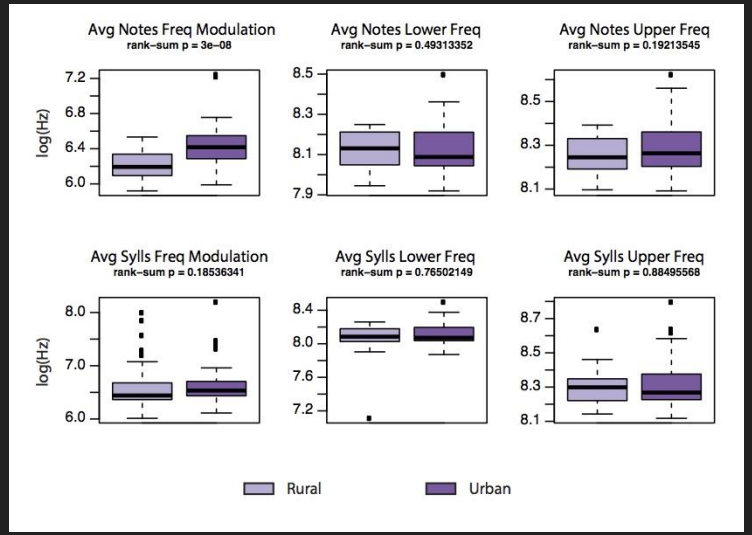


No difference in frequency.





Thank you!

Questions?