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Journals:

Yamaguchi N & Kawano KK (2001) Effect of body size on the resource holding potential of male Varied Tits *Parus varius*. Jpn J Ornithol 50: 65–70.

or

Bommarco R, Kleijn D & Potts SG (2013) Ecological intensification: Harnessing ecosystem services for food security. Trends Ecol Evol 28: 230–238.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tree.2012.10.012>

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Books:

Lack D (1968) *Ecological adaptations for breeding in birds*. Chapman & Hall,

London.

Chapters in books:

Bibby CJ (2004) Bird diversity survey methods. In: Sutherland WJ, Newton I & Green RE (eds) *Bird ecology and conservation: a handbook of techniques*. Pp 1–15. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

PhD theses (master theses cannot be cited):

Hino T (1991) *Community organization and individual foraging behavior in avian mixed-species flocks*. PhD Thesis, Hokkaido Univ, Sapporo (in Japanese).

Papers written in a language other than English:

Kikkawa J (2004) Mejiro no me—koudou, seitai, shinka no shikumi (The eyes of the White-eye—mechanisms of behaviour, ecology and evolution). Kaiyusha, Tokyo (in Japanese).

Electronic materials:

Prast W & Shamoun J (1997) *Bird remains identification system*. Springer-Verlag, Berlin (CD-ROM).

Websites:

R Core Team (2021) R: A language and environment for statistical computing. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna. Available at <https://www.R-project.org/> (accessed on 29 September 2021).

Japan Meteorological Agency (2021) The data retrieval system of Japan Meteorological Agency (in Japanese). Available at <http://www.data.jma.go.jp/obd/stats/etrn/index.php> (accessed on 2 October 2021).

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