

Table 1 Prevalence and average abundance (per wing) of mites in different bird species captured at Urra field centre, south-east Spain from 31st March-4th April 2011

Bird species	Number of birds caught	Average mite abundance (per wing)	Mite prevalence (%)
Blackcap (<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>)	37	72.5	100
Sardinian warbler (<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>)	19	5.9	<18
Chiffchaff (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	13	145.5	50
Willow warbler (<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>)	13	53.1	<31
House sparrow (<i>Oasser domesticus</i>)	10	47.2	<67
Great tit (<i>Parus major</i>)	7	14.4	<72
Greenfinch (<i>Carduelis chloris</i>)	4	130	100
Cirl bunting (<i>Emberiza cirlus</i>)	3	168.3	100
Nightungale (<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>)	3	31.7	100
Serin (<i>Serinus serinus</i>)	2	65	100
Blackbird (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	2	21.5	100
Redstart (<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>)	2	0.5	50
Subalpine warbler (<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>)	2	0	0
Hoopoe (<i>Upupa epops</i>)	1	0	0
Little owl (<i>Athene noctua</i>)	1	0	0
Robin (<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>)	1	0	0
Spotless starling (<i>Sturnus unicolor</i>)	1	0	0
Thekla lark (<i>Galerida theklae</i>)	1	0	0
Bonelli's warbler (<i>Phylloscopus bonelli</i>)	1	0	0
Woodchat shrike (<i>Lanius senator</i>)	1	0	0