

Table 2 Correlations of mite abundance to different measures of body condition

Species	Correlation	Spearman's ρ	N	P value
Blackcap	Mites and muscle	0.101	35	0.563
	Mites and fats	0.790	35	0.274
	Mites and weight	0.296	35	0.085*
House sparrow	Mites and muscle	-0.144	10	0.692
	Mites and fats	0.529	10	0.116
	Mites and weight	0.215	10	0.550
Sardinian waebler	Mites and muscle	-0.333	14	0.245
	Mites and fats	0.779	14	<0.001**
	Mites and weight	0.332	14	0.246
Willow warbler	Mites and muscle	-0.082	13	0.791
	Mites and fats	-0.29	13	0.337
	Mites and weight	0.12	13	0.697

Note: *Marginally insignificant; ** very significant