

1 **Running head: colonisation-extinction under climate and habitat change**
2 **Colonisation and extinction dynamics of a declining migratory bird are influenced by**
3 **climate change and habitat degradation**

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19 Uncovering the mechanisms involved in the decline of long-distance migrants remains one of
20 the most prominent issues in European conservation. Since the 1980s the British breeding
21 population of Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* has declined by more than 25%. Here we use data
22 from the Repeat Woodland Bird Survey to show that while the overall population is in
23 decline, the probability of occupancy for this species increased at high latitudes and
24 decreased at low latitudes between the 1980s and 2003-4. Range shifts such as this arise from
25 a change in the ratio of colonisations to extinctions at the range margins, and we therefore

26 relate colonisation and local extinction at the patch level to concurrent changes in climate and
27 habitat. We find that the probability of patch colonisation by this species is significantly
28 lower where the percentage cover of vegetation in the understorey has declined, which
29 reduces habitat quality for this species. The probability of local extinction is significantly
30 correlated with increasing mean May temperature, which may reflect a change in phenology
31 making breeding conditions less suitable. We conclude that changed regimes of grazing and
32 woodland management could be used to increase habitat suitability and therefore increase
33 colonisation probability at the local scale, which may in turn increase the probability of patch
34 occupancy despite future climatic unsuitability.

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39 Long-distance migrants breeding in Europe are in decline and un-covering the mechanisms
40 involved during breeding, migration and over-wintering remains one of the most prominent
41 issues in European conservation (Thaxter *et al.*, 2010). Climate change and habitat
42 degradation on breeding and wintering grounds have been hypothesised as key drivers of
43 population changes within migratory species (e.g. Both *et al.*, 2010, Morrison *et al.*, 2010,
44 Ockendon *et al.*, 2012). Recent theoretical work has shown that spatial variation in both
45 habitat quality at the landscape scale and population processes are likely to be important
46 factors in determining how a species changes its range in response to climate change
47 (McInerny *et al.*, 2007, Anderson *et al.*, 2009, Mustin *et al.*, 2009).

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49 Empirical work to date has identified a potential pattern of climate-induced range shifts
50 across a number of taxa (e.g. Parmesan *et al.*, 1999, Thomas & Lennon, 1999, Hickling *et al.*,
51 2005, Chen *et al.*, 2009). These studies used a range of metrics including location of the
52 species range margins (Thomas & Lennon, 1999, Hickling *et al.*, 2005), the average altitude
53 of individuals (Chen *et al.*, 2009), probability of occupancy (Wilson *et al.*, 2005) and the
54 balance between low and high temperature dwelling species within a community (Devictor *et al.*
55 *et al.*, 2008). Ultimately, however, range shifts arise from a change in the ratio of colonisations
56 to extinctions at the range margins, such that an advance is caused by more colonisation than
57 extinction, and a contraction by the opposite (Parmesan *et al.*, 1999).

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59 While climate change is one driver of range shifts, there is evidence that the threshold rate of
60 climate change through which a species can persist may be lowered by changing habitat
61 availability, and specifically that reduced habitat availability through habitat loss,
62 fragmentation and degradation could slow or even halt climate-induced range expansions
63 (Hill *et al.*, 1999, Travis, 2003). However, though work has begun to examine the influence

64 of synergistic interactions between climate change and habitat degradation on population size
65 and distribution (Opdam & Wascher, 2004, Brook *et al.*, 2008, Darling & Cote, 2008), there
66 remain very few empirical studies which consider the impact of both climate change and
67 changing habitat availability on observed changes in distribution.

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69 The Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin* is a long-distance Afro-Palaeartic migrant passerine which
70 has experienced population declines and changes in distribution throughout Europe over the
71 last 30 years (Hewson *et al.*, 2007, European Bird Census Council, 2013). Declining species
72 often also show declines in the number of sites which are occupied, owing to the so-called
73 ‘Abundance-occupancy relationship’ (Gaston *et al.*, 2000). Concurrent with the population
74 declines and distribution changes, the total area of suitable habitat for this species has
75 declined in parts of its British breeding range (Hopkins & Kirby, 2007, Amar *et al.*, 2010).

76 This species therefore provides an opportunity to explore the relative contributions of climate
77 change and habitat degradation on patch-level colonisation and extinction dynamics and
78 ultimately breeding distribution. We use bird survey data to relate changes in the distribution
79 of this population between the 1980s and 2003-4 to the changing availability of appropriate
80 habitat and suitability of the climate over the same time period. We make suggestions for
81 how this type of analysis can be useful for conservation management in the future.

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83 **Methods**

84 This study used data from the Repeat Woodland Bird Survey (RWBS), which comprises data
85 collected by The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and The British Trust for
86 Ornithology (BTO). Each woodland patch was surveyed in one year during the period 1981
87 to 1988. This broad sampling period reflects the fact that data were being collected for a
88 number of different projects and were not coordinated at the national scale in this first
89 sampling period. Re-survey data from the same 339 patches were collected in either 2003 or
90 2004. The majority of the analyses presented here used only 240 of the patches surveyed by
91 the RSPB as these have detailed habitat information associated with the bird counts during
92 both periods. The patches range from the south of England to North-West Scotland, although
93 coverage is irregular (see Fig. 1a and Amar *et al.*, 2006).

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95 ***Bird data***

96 *Study species*

97 The Garden Warbler is a long-distance Afro-Palaeartic migrant which has part of its
98 breeding range in the UK. The breeding habitat of Garden Warbler is deciduous or mixed
99 woodland and scrub with an open canopy and a dense understorey; they nest predominantly
100 in low vegetation, particularly bramble (Cramp, 1992). Garden Warblers are insectivorous
101 during the breeding season and forage mainly in the shrub layer below 6 m (Cramp, 1992),
102 and thus foraging efficiency is likely to be higher at patches where there is a well-developed
103 shrub layer. Therefore, local population size may be influenced by changes in vegetation
104 structure. Declines in the British population are more likely to have occurred at patches
105 which have high canopy cover, low levels of bramble and lichen, and where the surrounding
106 landscape is predominantly wooded (Amar *et al.*, 2006).

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108 *Point count estimates of Garden Warbler occupancy*

109 The methodology was the same in both sampling time periods (1980 - 1981 and 2003 -
110 2004), but the timing of visits was moved one week earlier in 2003 -2004 to account for
111 potential changes in phenology. A series of randomly located points at each patch (*mean ± se*
112 no. points = 9.76 ± 0.11 , range = 2 - 27) were visited twice, once in April or the first week of
113 May and again in the last three weeks of May or the first half of June. Points were separated
114 by at least 100 m and were at least 50 m from the edge of the wood. Counts of all birds seen
115 or heard were recorded over a five minute period. For further details see Amar *et al.* (2006).
116 Garden Warbler were considered to be present at a patch in each time period if they were
117 recorded at any of the survey points at either visit, and absent if they were not recorded.

118 ***Habitat data***

119 Habitat recording was undertaken at each point count location within the survey patches.
120 Each point count location formed the centre of a 25 m-radius circle in which habitat
121 recording took place either at that level or in four 5 m radius subplots centred 12.5 m in each
122 of the four cardinal directions from the centre of the plot. A mean value for the point was
123 then calculated across the four sub-plots, and either these point level means or the point level
124 measures were then averaged for the patch.

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126 Of the habitat variables measured, percentage vegetation cover at 0.5 - 2 m above the ground
127 (measured at the sub-plot level and here-after referred to as vegetation cover) was selected to
128 be used in this study. This variable was considered to be biologically significant for this
129 species based on their known breeding and foraging associations and previous analyses
130 (Cramp, 1992, Smart *et al.*, 2007). In order to assess the effects of change in habitat between
131 the two time periods on patch dynamics (colonisations and extinctions) by Garden Warbler,
132 the difference between time periods in vegetation cover at each patch was calculated and

133 these derived variables were used in subsequent analyses. For full details on survey methods
134 see Amar *et al.* (2006).

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136 ***Climate data***

137 As all climate variables were found to be collinear, May temperature was used as a proxy for
138 spring conditions. Spring conditions were considered to be biologically relevant for this
139 insectivorous species as conditions during the spring are known to influence invertebrate
140 abundance, diversity and phenology (e.g. Brakefield, 1987, Turner *et al.*, 1987, Pollard, 1988,
141 Roy *et al.*, 2001, Conrad *et al.*, 2002). Data for monthly mean May temperature for the years
142 1981-1988 and 2003-2004 were obtained from the Met Office (UKCIP) for the 5 km square
143 in which each patch fell. These values were then averaged to obtain one measure of monthly
144 mean May temperature for each patch for the 1980s and for the second survey period in
145 2003-2004. Again in order to assess the effects of change in temperature between the two
146 time periods on patch level colonisations and extinctions by Garden Warbler the difference
147 between time periods was calculated and this derived variable was used in subsequent
148 analyses.

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150 ***Statistical analyses***

151 The main aim of these analyses was to explore how changes in temperature and habitat relate
152 to variance in the probability of patch-level colonisation and extinction of Garden Warbler
153 from woodland patches between two time periods, in order to infer whether changes in
154 climate and habitat over a twenty year period may have influenced concurrent changes in
155 Garden Warbler distribution. Data exploration, statistical analyses and model validation were
156 carried out using R version 2.12.1 (R Development Core Team, 2009).

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158 *Latitudinal variation in Garden Warbler occupancy*

159 Latitude and temperature change were correlated ($R^2 = 0.69$), therefore the effect of latitude
160 was modelled separately to the effects of change in vegetation cover and mean May
161 temperature. Binary logistic regression was undertaken to model the probability of patch
162 occupancy in relation to latitude with an interaction with time period to test for a significant
163 directional range change between the two time periods.

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165 *Influence of temperature and habitat change on Garden Warbler colonisation and extinction*

166 Analyses were then conducted to model the probability of patch colonisation and extinction
167 in relation to the change in climate and habitat. All explanatory variables were standardised
168 using the overall mean and standard deviation (Gelman & Hill, 2007). The dataset was
169 divided into i) patches which were un-occupied in the first time period (which could
170 potentially be colonised by Garden Warbler between the surveys) and ii) patches which were
171 occupied in the first time period (from which Garden Warbler could potentially go locally
172 extinct between the surveys). Both datasets translate to a binary response variable where zero
173 represents no change (patches remain un-occupied or remain occupied respectively) and one
174 represents a change in occupancy status between the time periods (colonisation or extinction
175 respectively). Each of these subsets was analysed separately.

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177 In this study we aimed to explain the effect of changes in climate and habitat on the processes
178 of colonisation and extinction, and therefore we adopted a null-hypothesis testing framework
179 to test the significance and estimate effect sizes of explanatory variables (Shmueli, 2010),
180 rather than an information theoretical approach that is more applicable to predictive
181 modelling (Burnham & Anderson, 2002). A generalised linear modelling (glm) approach was
182 used, with a binary error structure and a logit link. The full model for both colonisation and

183 extinction contained: 1) change in mean May temperature; 2) change in percentage vegetation
184 cover at 0.5-2m above ground level; and 3) an interaction between temperature and
185 vegetation change. Backwards step-wise deletion was used to remove each non-significant
186 explanatory variable in turn from the full model until only significant terms ($p < 0.05$)
187 remained, and this is considered to be the ‘best model’. The coefficient of discrimination (D)
188 (Tjur, 2009) was calculated for each best model, as a measure of the ability of the model to
189 correctly predict higher probabilities of colonisation or extinction for patches which were
190 observed as ones (change in occupancy), compared to patches observed as zeroes (no
191 change):

$$D = F_1 - F_0$$

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193 where, F_1 and F_0 are the average fitted probability of colonisation or extinction for patches
194 which were observed to change in occupancy (ones), and patches which were not observed to
195 change in occupancy (zeroes) respectively. D varies between: minus one when all patches are
196 incorrectly assigned as zeroes and ones; and one when patches are all correctly assigned as
197 zeroes and ones. D is zero when all patches have a fitted probability of 0.5. All models were
198 checked for residual spatial auto-correlation using Moran’s I.

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200 **Results**

201 Between 1980 and 2004, Garden Warblers colonised 46 patches and went extinct from 75 of
202 the 339 patches. This represents 13.6% and 22.1% of patches respectively, and is comparable
203 to the changes observed in the restricted dataset (240 patches) upon which subsequent more
204 detailed analyses were conducted (15% and 22.5%). The pattern of colonisation and
205 extinction of patches by Garden Warblers was directional (Fig. 1b). Although low latitude

206 patches were always more likely to be occupied than high latitude patches (Fig. 1 c, 1d, 2a
207 and 2b), between the 1980s and 2003-2004 there was a decrease in the probability of patch
208 occupancy at lower latitudes from approximately 80% to approximately 60%, and an increase
209 in the probability of patch occupancy at higher latitudes from approximately 15% to
210 approximately 35% (Fig. 2; significant interaction with time period: z -value = -3.396, p <
211 0.001).

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213 ***Relationship between habitat and climate change and patch level colonisations and***
214 ***extinctions***

215 The change in vegetation cover was the only explanatory variable retained in the ‘best model’
216 distinguishing between patches that were colonised and those which remained unoccupied.

217 The mean vegetation cover at 0.5 - 2 m above ground level had, on average, increased
218 between the two time periods (Fig. 3a – solid line, $mean = +6.3\%$). This increase was higher
219 at patches which had been colonised by Garden Warbler (Fig. 3a – short dashes, $mean$ of
220 12.89%) than at those which had remained unoccupied (Fig. 3a – long dashes, $mean$ of
221 2.81%). The probability of colonisation by Garden Warbler increased significantly where the
222 vegetation cover had increased (Fig. 4 – $p < 0.01$; $D = 0.08$; $\beta = 1.42$, $se = \pm 0.52$).

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224 Change in mean May temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) was the only explanatory variable retained in the ‘best
225 model’ distinguishing between patches from which Garden Warbler went extinct and those
226 which remained occupied. Mean May temperature had increased at all 136 patches between
227 the 1980s and 2003-4 (Fig. 3b - solid line, $mean = +1.45^{\circ}\text{C}$). Patches from which Garden
228 Warbler had gone locally extinct had warmed slightly more, on average, than those which
229 had remained unoccupied (Fig. 3b - short dashes, $mean$ of $+1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$; and Fig. 3b - long dashes,

230 *mean* of +1.41°C respectively). The probability of local extinction of Garden Warbler
231 increased significantly for patches where average temperatures had increased the most (Fig. 5
232 – $p < 0.01$; $D = 0.08$; $\beta = 1.51$, $se = \pm 0.49$).

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234 **Discussion**

235 Our results suggest that changes in climatic and habitat conditions have contributed to the
236 colonisation and extinction dynamics of a declining long-distance migrant in the UK. As
237 range dynamics are ultimately driven by the ratio of colonisations to extinctions at the range
238 margins, we suggest that taking this approach, as opposed to modelling presence/absence or
239 abundance, can be a powerful tool for understanding the processes through which climate
240 change and other threatening processes impact on range shifts and contractions.

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242 For Garden Warbler in the UK, in general, more colonisations than extinctions have occurred
243 at high latitudes, and more extinctions than colonisations have occurred at low latitudes
244 between the 1980s and 2003-4 (Fig. 1b and 2). While this pattern fits with the expectation for
245 a climate-induced range shift, we find that the probability of colonisation of a site by Garden
246 Warbler is not significantly related to temperature change, but is highest where sites have
247 shown larger increases in vegetation cover at 0.5-2m above ground level (Fig. 4). Extinctions
248 however are more likely to have occurred where temperatures have increased more (Fig. 5).

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250 In the UK, changes in woodland management (Morecroft *et al.*, 2001, Gill & Fuller, 2007)
251 and the increasing numbers of native and non-native deer over the past 30 years (Ward, 2005)
252 have contributed to a shift from coppice and scrub towards high forest, with 97% of broad-
253 leaved woodlands falling in to the latter classification by 2002 (Hopkins & Kirby, 2007).

254 Canopy closure and browsing by deer have acted to reduce vegetation cover, particularly of
255 species such as bramble and other tall-growing herbs, and open up the understorey (Cooke &
256 Farrell, 2001, Kirby, 2001, Morecroft *et al.*, 2001, Gill & Fuller, 2007, Amar *et al.*, 2010).
257 Declines in woodland birds of conservation concern have been linked to changes in habitat
258 resulting from increases in deer populations in lowland England (Newson *et al.*, 2012).
259 Given their dependence on low vegetation cover, the low probability of colonisation of a site
260 by Garden Warblers where vegetation cover has declined is not unexpected. However, it does
261 highlight a potentially useful management option, as our results indicate that increasing low
262 vegetation cover – either through direct management such as coppicing and pollarding
263 (Plantlife, 2011), or by management of deer numbers where deemed appropriate – should
264 increase the likelihood that Garden Warbler will colonise, or re-colonise woodland sites. This
265 could also be important for other declining woodland birds such as Willow Tit *Poecile*
266 *montanus*, Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris* and Common Nightingale *Luscinia megarhynchos*
267 which nest and forage in the under-storey (Cramp, 1992, Hinsley *et al.*, 2007, Lewis *et al.*,
268 2009). However, it is important to note that management strategies must take into account a
269 whole suite of plant and animal species with differing requirements, and management for
270 woodland birds is only one aspect of an overall management plan.

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272 The relationship between the probability of site-level extinctions and larger increases in
273 temperature implies that some sites are warming to an extent that they are outside the suitable
274 range for this species. However, notwithstanding the fact that in more extreme parts of its
275 range this species may be confined to microclimates, for example high altitudes in southern
276 Europe, the broad geographical extent of this species' European range means that climatic
277 conditions within the UK are unlikely to exceed those within which this species can breed.
278 However, the timing of spring migration and laying dates for several bird species have been

279 shown to advance in line with climatic changes (e.g. Crick *et al.*, 1997, Jonzén *et al.*, 2006).
280 The extent of these changes may differ from other environmental events at different trophic
281 levels, potentially leading to a phenological mis-match (e.g. Both *et al.*, 2009) which may
282 affect reproductive success or survival at higher trophic levels, leading to population declines
283 (e.g. Møller *et al.*, 2008). An example for insectivorous species such as Garden Warbler is the
284 timing of invertebrate emergence. Spatial variation in the extent of such phenological mis-
285 matching could help to explain the increased extinction risk with greater changes in
286 temperature observed for this species (Fig. 5), for example if mis-match is more extreme at
287 lower latitudes where more extinctions have occurred. Indeed, this same pattern has been
288 observed at a European-scale in a study by Both *et al.* (2010). They found that declines in
289 long-distance migrant species, including Garden Warbler, were significantly greater in
290 Western Europe, where spring temperatures have shown considerable increases, than in
291 Northern Europe where temperatures during spring arrival and breeding have not increased to
292 the same extent. They suggest that this is driven by trophic mis-matches resulting from
293 temperature increases in the Spring. They highlight that such mis-matches will affect long-
294 distance migrants to a greater extent than other species owing to their complex annual life-
295 cycle.

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297 While our results suggest significant relationships between changes in climate and habitat and
298 extinction-colonisation dynamics for Garden Warbler it is important to note that the effect
299 sizes are relatively small, and the coefficients of determination, while positive (indicating that
300 zeroes and ones are correctly assigned more often than not), are also very small. The
301 processes of colonisation and extinction are complex, and likely governed by numerous
302 factors which we were unable to include in our models. For example, the probability of
303 colonisation is related to habitat suitability of the focal patch, and dispersal pressure from the

304 surrounding patches, which means that some sub-optimal patches may be colonised.
305 Furthermore, in the present study we have only considered conditions on the breeding
306 grounds, though it is possible that if migratory connectivity (the extent to which individuals
307 which breed in the same or a different location within the breeding grounds also over-winter
308 in the same or a different location within the wintering range (Marra *et al.*, 1998, Gill *et al.*,
309 2001)) is strong then environmental change in the non-breeding season, such as drought in
310 the Sahel region could create small-scale variation in breeding season population trends as a
311 result of reduced over-winter or passage survival (Morrison *et al.*, 2010).

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313 Additionally, the spatial distribution of sampling sites is not continuous, but rather consists of
314 two large study regions, one in the south and one in the north (Fig. 1a). These types of
315 limitations may be commonly encountered when using data which were not collected with
316 the specific question in mind, as was the case here. However, The uneven spatial distribution
317 of sites was to some extent compensated for in the analysis of the effect of latitude on the
318 probability of occupancy in each time period (Fig. 2) as a larger dataset was available (339
319 patches, c.f. 240 patches) which gave a more continuous coverage. However, owing to the
320 availability of habitat data the restricted dataset had to be used for all subsequent analyses. As
321 the available data actually represent the geographic extremes of the United Kingdom (Fig. 1a)
322 this uneven coverage is unlikely to have biased the results to a great extent, and as previously
323 stated, if anything it is expected that a more even spatial coverage would strengthen the
324 relationships detected here

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326 A more serious limitation to the analyses presented here is that each survey only consists of
327 one visit to each site in each time period. Analyses of changes in occupancy would ideally be
328 carried out in an occupancy modelling framework (MacKenzie *et al.*, 2005), which uses

329 multiple visits to the same site to account for detection probability, or the probability that a
330 species which is present is not detected on a given visit and is therefore recorded as absent.
331 This could be particularly problematic at sites where habitat has changed as it may be
332 expected that the ability to detect the species could have been affected. The data presented
333 here consist of two visits to each patch per sampling period. However, the timing of these
334 visits was planned to detect early and late arriving migrants, and as such the first visit
335 recorded almost no Garden Warbler because they had not yet returned from their African
336 wintering grounds. To check for a possible change in detection probability we compared the
337 number of point counts at which Garden Warbler were detected within occupied patches
338 between the two time periods, and found no systematic differences, which increases our
339 confidence that changes in occupancy are true changes in occupancy. However, it is still
340 possible that false negatives, where Garden Warbler were actually present but went un-
341 detected, occurred during both sampling periods. We recommend that the design of any
342 future studies of this nature ensure that repeat visits are made to each site in such a way that
343 detection probabilities could be estimated.

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345 Given the complex nature of the impacts of climate change on animal abundance and
346 distribution (e.g. Mustin *et al.*, 2007), together with the well recognised limitations of climate
347 envelope models (for review see Hampe, 2004) a more robust approach might be to base
348 management decisions on inferences made on a smaller spatial scale but incorporating more
349 detailed information on factors involved in species distribution. Range shifts arise from the
350 balance of colonisations and extinctions towards the range margins; therefore we recommend
351 that where possible this is the metric used to quantify range shifts, and to explore potential
352 mechanisms of range change. By examining habitat and climate relationships of an organism
353 at different parts of its distribution, and in different time periods, we have been able to infer

354 that while climate change may be reducing the suitability of some woodland patches for this
355 declining species, increasing habitat suitability through management actions can increase
356 colonisation probability at the local scale. It may therefore be possible to halt or even reverse
357 the declines at low latitude patches by changing grazing regimes and woodland management
358 practices, which may in turn increase the probability of patch occupancy despite future
359 climatic unsuitability.

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513 **Figure legends**

514 Figure 1: Maps to show: a) the location of all 240 patches surveyed in the RSPB dataset; b)
515 the patches which were colonised by Garden Warbler between the two survey periods (blue
516 squares) and those from which Garden Warbler went locally extinct (red circles); c) the
517 distribution of occupied (black squares) and unoccupied (grey circles) patches in 1981 –
518 1988; and d) the distribution of occupied (black squares) and unoccupied (grey circles)
519 patches in 2003 - 2004.

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521 Figure 2: The fitted probability of Garden Warbler occupancy of 339 woodland patches in
522 1981-88 (a) and in 2003-4 (b) at differing latitudes within the UK. Histograms show the
523 number of occupied and unoccupied woodland patches. Figure c shows the change in
524 predicted probability of occupancy between 1981-88 and 2003-4 against latitude, and the
525 dashed line shows no change.

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527 Figure 3: Change, at varying latitudes between the 1980's and 2003-4, in (a) vegetation
528 cover at 36 patches which were colonised by Garden Warbler during that period (closed
529 squares), compared to 68 patches which remained unoccupied (open squares); and (b) mean
530 May temperature at 54 patches from which Garden Warbler went locally extinct (closed
531 triangles), compared to 82 patches which remained occupied (open triangles). Solid line =
532 mean change across all patches; long dashes = mean change across patches which remained
533 unoccupied (a) or occupied (b) by Garden Warbler; short dashes = mean change across
534 patches which were colonised by Garden Warbler (a) or from which Garden Warbler went
535 locally extinct (b).

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537 Figure 4: The predicted probability of colonisation of 104 woodland patches by Garden
538 Warbler between the 1980's and 2003-4 as a function of change in mean % vegetation cover
539 at 0.5-2m above ground level ($p < 0.01$; $D = 0.08$; $\beta = 0.04$, $se = \pm 0.01$). Histograms show
540 the number of colonised ($n = 36$) and unoccupied ($n = 68$) woodland patches.

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542 Figure 5: The predicted probability of local extinction of Garden Warbler from 136 woodland
543 patches between the 1980's and 2003-4 as a function of change in mean May temperature (p
544 < 0.01 ; $D = 0.06$; $\beta = 3.23$, $se = \pm 1.25$). Histograms show the number of woodland patches
545 which remained occupied ($n = 82$) and from which Garden Warbler went extinct ($n = 54$).

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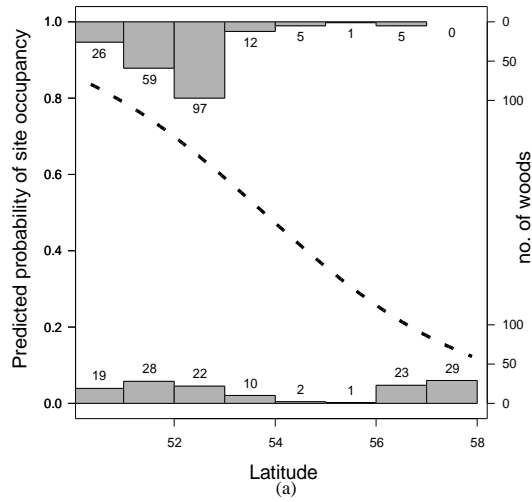
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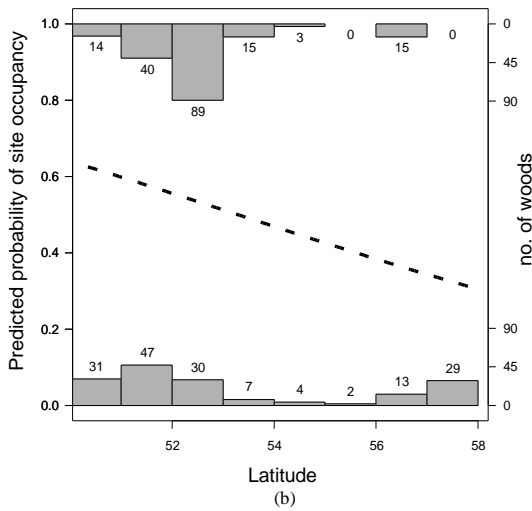
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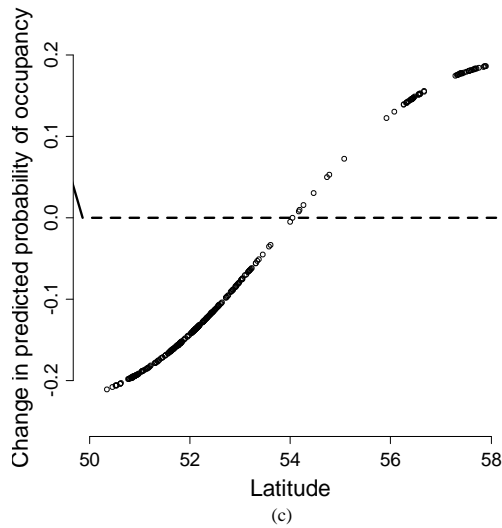
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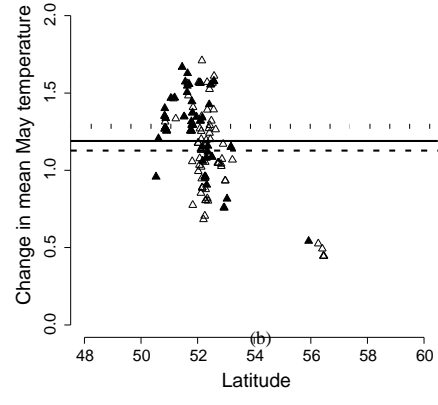
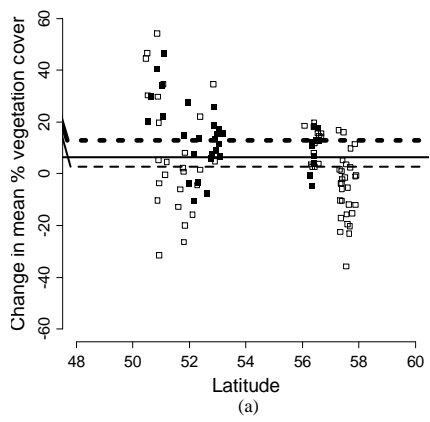
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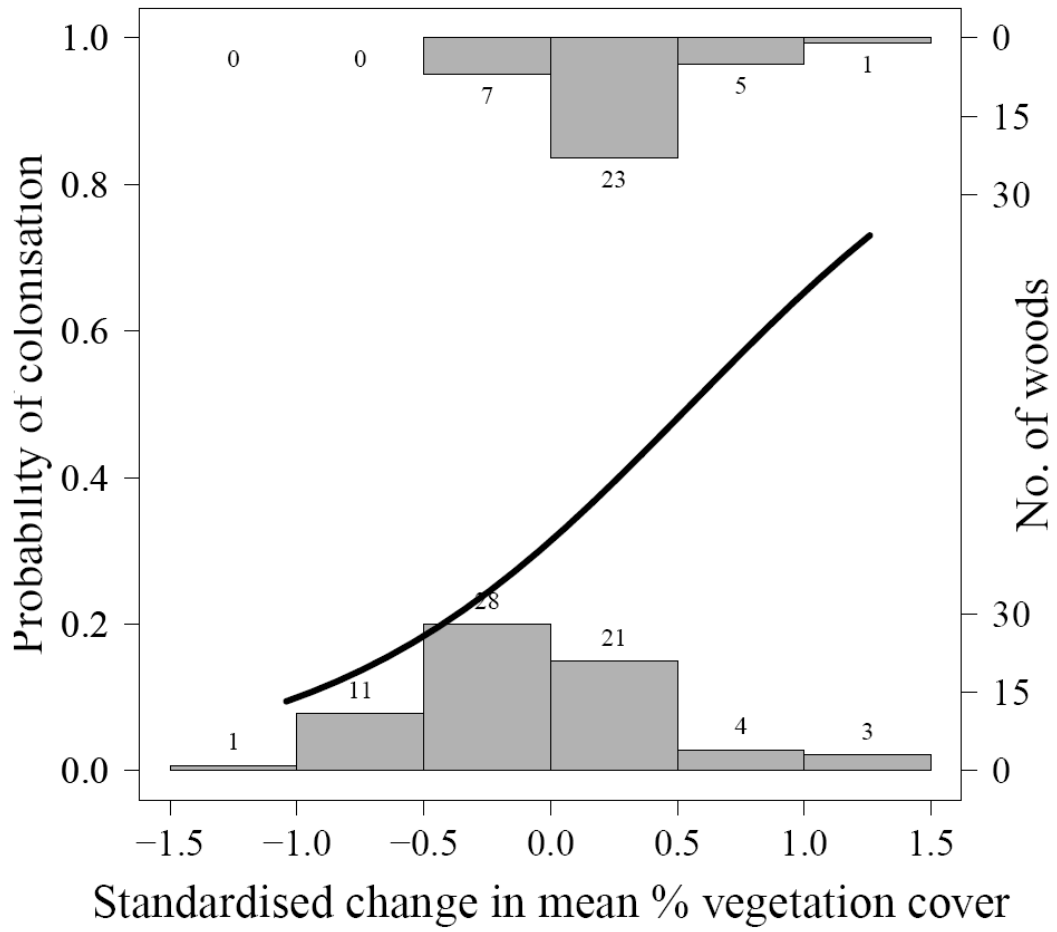
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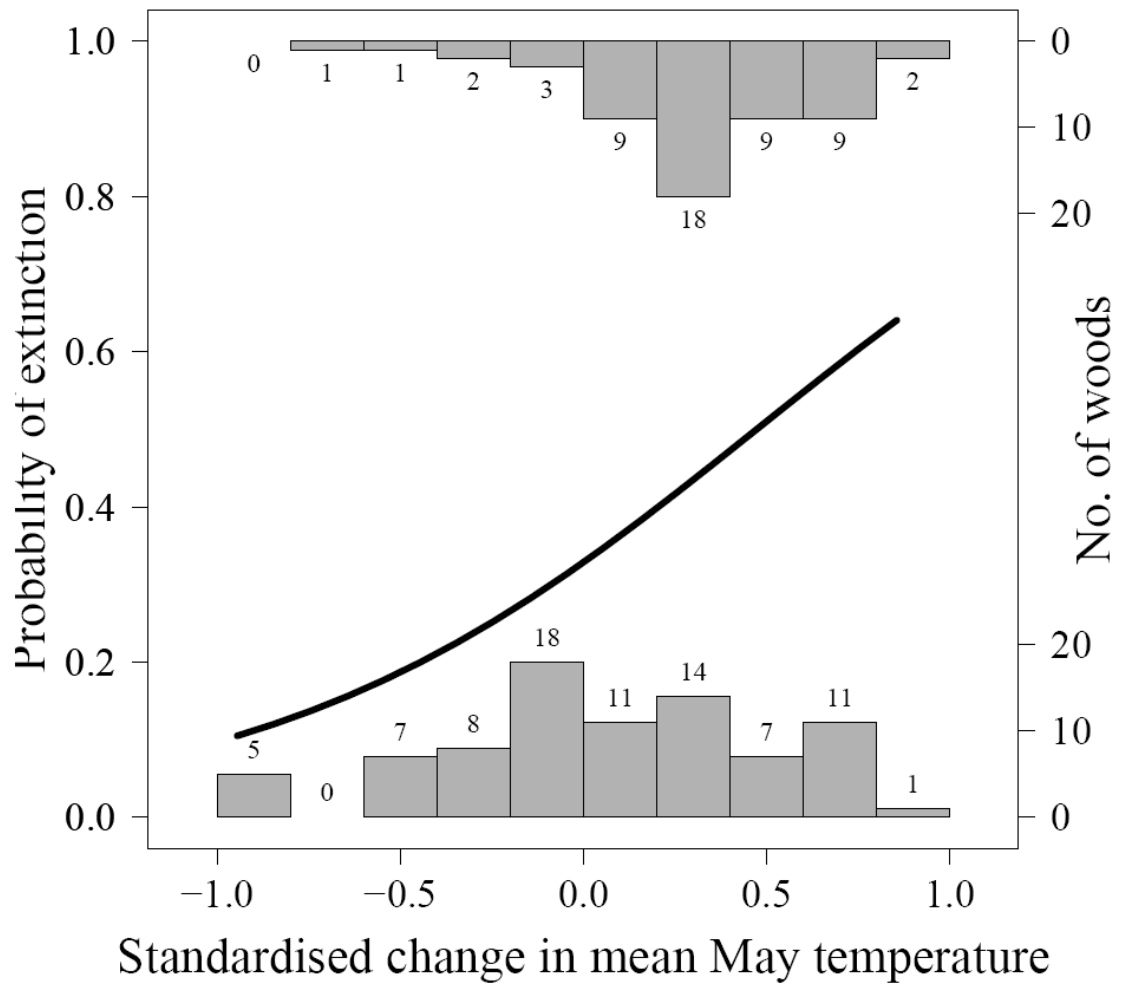




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