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# Frugivores enhance potential carbon recovery in fragmented landscapes

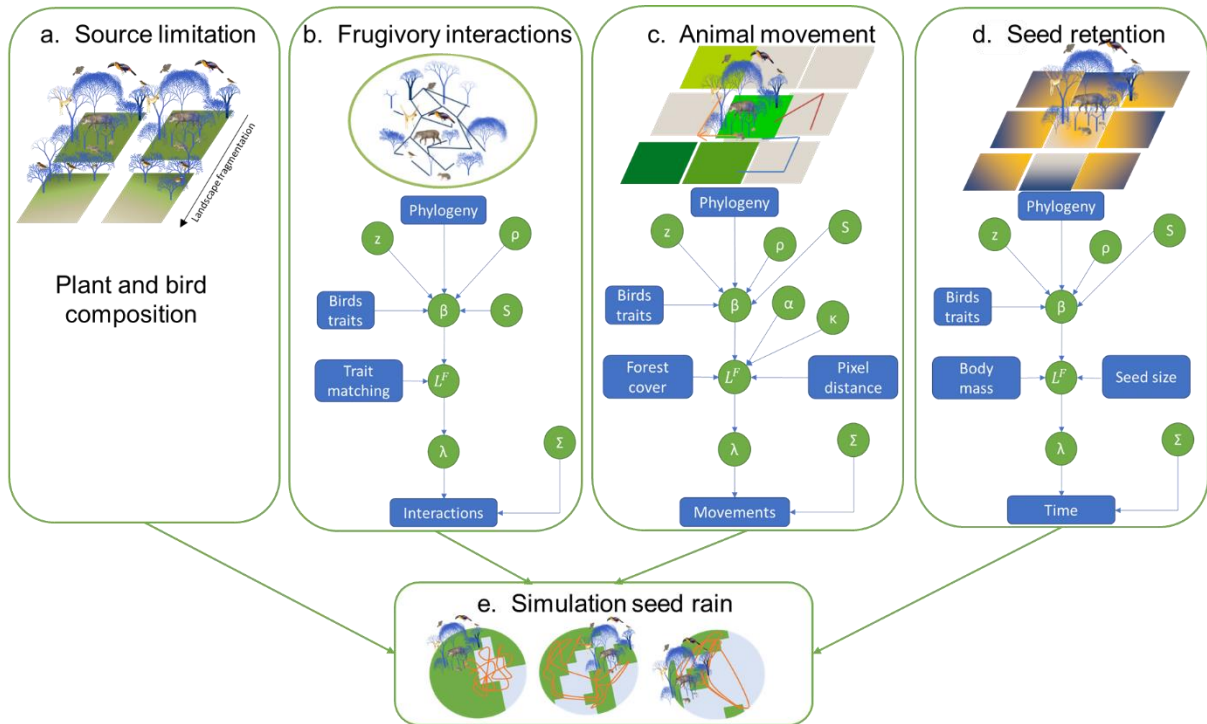
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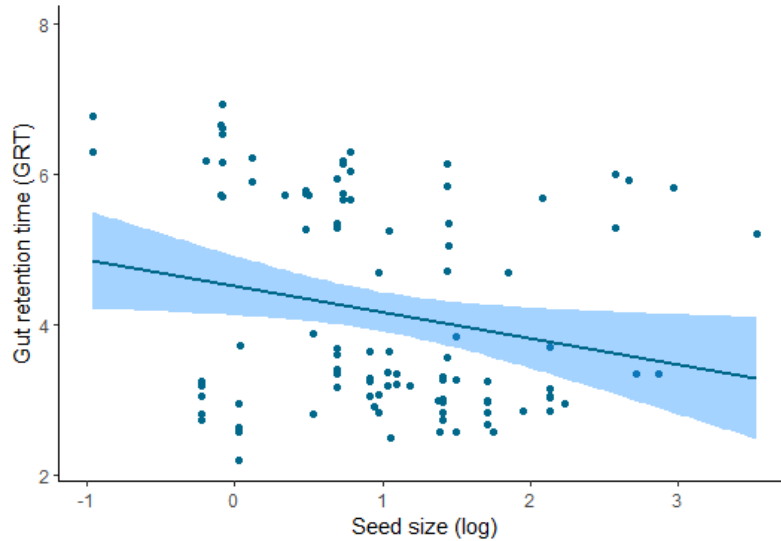
## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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**Extended Data Figure 1. Methodological diagram.** The upper panel shows the structure of the models developed for each process: source limitation(a), frugivory interactions (b), animal movement (c), seed retention (d). In the model structure, blue squares represent the data and the green circles the parameters estimated by the model. We can observe a hierarchical structure of the models where phylogeny and traits indirectly influence the mean response of the species, while variables such as trait matching or cover type directly influence the processes. The parameters estimated in each model, and the plant and bird composition in each landscape, are intergraded in simulation of seed rainfall in each landscape cover (e). *Illustrations of trees and animals – Copyright Pedro Jordano, authorized by the author*



**Figure S1. Exploratory analysis between seed size and gut retention time.** We gather seed size information for 60% of the species in our database, and for cases where seed size data was unavailable, we imputed the genus mean. We conducted an exploratory analysis using phylogenetic generalized least squares (pgls) to mimic our Bayesian procedure, which also incorporates phylogeny. We observed a negative, albeit marginally significant relationship ( $\beta = -0.1418$ ,  $p = 0.051$ ), between seed size and GPT. The model showed a slight improvement compared to the pgls model that only included body mass ( $R_{seed2} = 0.84$ ,  $R_{body2} = 0.82$ ). *Line represents fitted mean tendency and ribbon area (95% confidence intervals)*

**Table S1. Description of 10 landscapes used to simulate bird movement and seed deposition in open areas.** Landscapes are ordered by the percentage of forest cover

| Landscape | Forest cover | Number of patches | Mean forest isolation | N birds | Latitude | Longitude |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| ls01      | 9%           | 19                | 222.45                | 28      | -22.928  | -46.586   |
| ls02      | 12%          | 17                | 155.24                | 29      | -23.072  | -46.468   |
| ls03      | 19%          | 37                | 108.53                | 29      | -22.996  | -46.494   |
| ls04      | 22%          | 17                | 152.20                | 29      | -22.996  | -46.543   |
| ls05      | 32%          | 31                | 89.20                 | 27      | -23.083  | -46.692   |
| ls06      | 39%          | 31                | 62.32                 | 28      | -23.236  | -46.610   |
| ls07      | 48%          | 8                 | 106.57                | 22      | -23.231  | -46.296   |
| ls08      | 55%          | 19                | 62.16                 | 18      | -23.064  | -46.547   |
| ls09      | 59%          | 23                | 69.37                 | 18      | -23.178  | -46.494   |
| ls10      | 61%          | 15                | 60.64                 | 17      | -23.150  | -46.691   |

**Table S2. Model coefficients.** In columns the exploratory variables. In rows the respond variables. \* represent significant variables with 90% and \*\* with 95% of confidence from a two-sided z-test.

|                 | Forest cover          |         | Forest isolation |         | Body mass (log) |         | Gape size |         | Distance to forest edge (log) |         |          |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
|                 | coef                  | p-value | coef             | p-value | coef            | p-value | coef      | p-value | coef                          | p-value |          |
| Seed deposition | intercept             | 501.38  | <0.001**         | 501.39  | <0.001**        | 12.55   | <0.001**  | 10.07   | <0.001**                      | 3329.14 | <0.001** |
|                 | x                     | 1662.87 | <0.001**         | -1595.2 | <0.001**        | -2.31   | <0.001**  | -0.54   | <0.001**                      | -1598.9 | <0.001** |
|                 | x <sup>2</sup>        | 245.35  | 0.002**          | 559.9   | <0.001**        |         |           |         |                               |         |          |
|                 | x <sup>3</sup>        | 554.06  | <0.001**         | -344.9  | <0.001**        |         |           |         |                               |         |          |
|                 | Pseudo-R2 conditional | 0.83    |                  | 0.79    |                 | 0.21    |           | 0.25    |                               | 0.75    |          |

|                          | Pseudo-R2<br>marginal    |               |                 | 0.25          | 0.21          | 0.51           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Biomass potential</i> | intercept                | 2.44 <0.001** | 4.0 <0.001**    | 4.52 <0.001** | 4.81 <0.001** | 1.04 <0.001**  |
|                          | x                        | 2.29 <0.001** | -0.008 <0.001** | -0.02 0.09    | -0.03 0.05*   | -0.99 <0.001** |
|                          | x <sup>2</sup>           | -0.24 0.39    |                 |               |               |                |
|                          | x <sup>3</sup>           | 1.63 <0.001** |                 |               |               |                |
|                          | Pseudo-R2<br>conditional | 0.55          | 0.62            | 0.10          | 0.078         | 0.557          |
|                          | Pseudo-R2<br>marginal    |               |                 | 0.003         | 0.001         | 0.435          |

**Table S3. Inflection points for predicted models.** Threshold values are in the same units as the co-variables.

| Predicted variable | Co-variable      | Threshold |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Number of seeds    | Forest cover     | 38%       |
| Number of seeds    | Forest isolation | 133       |
| Potential biomass  | Forest cover     | 36%       |
| Potential biomass  | Forest isolation | 112       |

**Table S4. Random effects for fitted models for seed dispersal and biomass restoration against body mass and gape size.** In bold we highly the change on tendency

| Percentage<br>forest<br>cover | <i>Biomass</i> |             |              |             | <i>Seed dispersal</i> |             |              |             |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                               | Body mass      |             | Gape size    |             | Body mass             |             | Gape size    |             |
|                               | (Intercept)    | log(Body)   | (Intercept)  | Gape        | (Intercept)           | log(Body)   | (Intercept)  | Gape        |
| 0.09                          | 2.02           | -0.80       | 1.22         | -0.19       | -0.19                 | -0.15       | -0.15        | -0.05       |
| 0.121                         | 1.98           | -0.76       | 1.48         | -0.21       | 0.51                  | -0.30       | 0.61         | -0.11       |
| 0.185                         | 0.47           | -0.35       | 0.28         | -0.10       | -0.87                 | 0.04        | -0.56        | -0.02       |
| 0.217                         | 0.17           | -0.25       | 0.48         | -0.12       | -1.40                 | 0.20        | -0.79        | 0.01        |
| 0.315                         | 1.49           | -0.60       | 0.80         | -0.14       | -0.36                 | -0.05       | -0.21        | -0.03       |
| 0.391                         | 1.60           | -0.61       | 0.97         | -0.15       | <b>0.07</b>           | -0.15       | 0.11         | -0.05       |
| 0.475                         | <b>-0.63</b>   | <b>0.20</b> | <b>-0.22</b> | <b>0.03</b> | <b>0.87</b>           | -0.10       | 1.07         | -0.06       |
| 0.55                          | <b>-1.70</b>   | <b>0.86</b> | <b>-1.51</b> | <b>0.28</b> | <b>0.86</b>           | <b>0.06</b> | <b>0.24</b>  | <b>0.08</b> |
| 0.588                         | <b>-2.79</b>   | <b>1.18</b> | <b>-2.11</b> | <b>0.34</b> | <b>0.02</b>           | <b>0.30</b> | <b>-0.51</b> | <b>0.16</b> |
| 0.61                          | <b>-2.60</b>   | <b>1.12</b> | <b>-1.39</b> | <b>0.26</b> | <b>0.49</b>           | <b>0.16</b> | <b>0.19</b>  | <b>0.08</b> |

**Table S5. Convergence and model performance.** Rhat<1.1 shows the percentage of chains converging at each model. Rturj only applied to binary variables

| Model                  | Rhat<1.1 | Waic    | Rturj | R2 Gelma |
|------------------------|----------|---------|-------|----------|
| Frugivory interactions | 98.00%   | 1796.58 | 0.19  | 0.39     |
| Gut passage time       | 80.00%   | -131.23 |       | 0.93     |

**Table S6. Average number of fruits consumed per bird species.** References are in supplemental material S4

| Species                   | Average Fruits/Visit | Number of individuals |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Antilophia galeata</i> | 2.8                  | 166                   |

|                                  |       |     |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| <i>Ara manilata</i>              | 7.0   | 8   |
| <i>Aratinga aurea</i>            | 10.0  | 4   |
| <i>Aratinga leucophthalmus</i>   | 4.6   |     |
| <i>Arremon flavirostris</i>      | 1.8   | 3   |
| <i>Arremon tacitumus</i>         | 1.0   |     |
| <i>Baryphtengus ruficapillus</i> | 2.9   | 17  |
| <i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>  | 15.0  | 1   |
| <i>Brotogeris chiriri</i>        | 5.5   |     |
| <i>Brotogeris tirica</i>         | 12.0  |     |
| <i>Brotogeris versicolurus</i>   | 12.0  |     |
| <i>Cacicus chrysopterus</i>      | 2.0   | 28  |
| <i>Cacicus haemorrhous</i>       | 4.8   |     |
| <i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>     | 3.0   | 2   |
| <i>Capsiempis flaveola</i>       | 3.0   |     |
| <i>Carpornis cucullata</i>       | 2.5   |     |
| <i>Casiornis rufa</i>            | 3.0   | 4   |
| <i>Catharus fuscens</i>          | 1.8   | 9   |
| <i>Celeus flavescens</i>         | 5.8   |     |
| <i>Ceratopipra rubrocapilla</i>  | 2.1   |     |
| <i>Chiroxiphia caudata</i>       | 3.6   | 6   |
| <i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>     | 2.4   | 1   |
| <i>Coereba flaveola</i>          | 2.8   | 29  |
| <i>Colaptes campestris</i>       | 59.0  |     |
| <i>Colaptes melanochloros</i>    | 37.5  | 12  |
| <i>Colonia colonus</i>           | 5.0   | 1   |
| <i>Conirostrum speciosum</i>     | 1.6   |     |
| <i>Conopias trivirgata</i>       | 1.8   |     |
| <i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i> | 6.8   |     |
| <i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>         | 2.7   | 1   |
| <i>Cyanocorax caeruleus</i>      | 3.0   |     |
| <i>Cyanocorax chrysops</i>       | 4.8   | 12  |
| <i>Cyanocorax cristatellus</i>   | 8.1   | 25  |
| <i>Cyanocorax cyanopogon</i>     | 1.0   |     |
| <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>      | 2.4   | 3   |
| <i>Dacnis cayana</i>             | 4.1   | 133 |
| <i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>       | 14.0  |     |
| <i>Dixiphia pipra</i>            | 2.6   |     |
| <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>        | 66.7  | 9   |
| <i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>      | 3.2   | 77  |
| <i>Elaenia cristata</i>          | 3.7   | 52  |
| <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>       | 3.2   | 58  |
| <i>Elaenia mesoleuca</i>         | 2.4   | 26  |
| <i>Elaenia obscura</i>           | 2.5   | 35  |
| <i>Elaenia spp.</i>              | 1.2   |     |
| <i>Empidonomus varius</i>        | 2.4   | 37  |
| <i>Eucometis penicillata</i>     | 2.8   | 7   |
| <i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>       | 10.2  | 34  |
| <i>Euphonia cyanocephala</i>     | 220.1 | 5   |
| <i>Euphonia violacea</i>         | 10.3  | 4   |
| <i>Forpus xanthopterygius</i>    | 1.1   | 3   |
| <i>Geothlypis aequinoctalis</i>  | 1.0   |     |

|                                       |      |    |
|---------------------------------------|------|----|
| <i>Habia rubica</i>                   | 3.1  |    |
| <i>Haplospiza unicolor</i>            | 1.8  |    |
| <i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>       | 1.8  |    |
| <i>Hemithraupis guira</i>             | 5.3  | 66 |
| <i>Hemithraupis ruficapilla</i>       | 5.0  |    |
| <i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i> | 4.0  |    |
| <i>Hylophilus amaurocephalus</i>      | 3.0  |    |
| <i>Hylophilus poicilotis</i>          | 1.0  | 3  |
| <i>Icterus pyrrhopterus</i>           | 2.7  |    |
| <i>Ilicura militaris</i>              | 5.9  |    |
| <i>Knipolegus cyanirostris</i>        | 1.0  |    |
| <i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>           | 3.6  | 6  |
| <i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>            | 3.3  | 4  |
| <i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>      | 1.0  | 1  |
| <i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>            | 6.9  |    |
| <i>Lipaugus lanioides</i>             | 2.1  |    |
| <i>Machaeropterus regulus</i>         | 2.7  |    |
| <i>Machetornis rixosus</i>            | 1.0  |    |
| <i>Manacus manacus</i>                | 2.4  |    |
| <i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>          | 4.0  | 11 |
| <i>Melanerpes candidus</i>            | 3.3  |    |
| <i>Mimus saturninus</i>               | 7.4  | 48 |
| <i>Mionectes oleaginea</i>            | 2.0  |    |
| <i>Mionectes rufiventris</i>          | 3.4  | 9  |
| <i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>          | 1.9  | 1  |
| <i>Myiarchus ferox</i>                | 2.8  | 9  |
| <i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>            | 3.7  | 8  |
| <i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>           | 2.1  | 17 |
| <i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>         | 3.3  | 65 |
| <i>Myiopagis caniceps</i>             | 1.0  | 1  |
| <i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>         | 2.0  |    |
| <i>Myiozetetes similis</i>            | 2.6  | 6  |
| <i>Nemosia pileata</i>                | 2.1  | 4  |
| <i>Neopelma pallescens</i>            | 23.2 | 5  |
| <i>Orthogonys chloricterus</i>        | 1.0  |    |
| <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>     | 1.8  | 1  |
| <i>Pachyramphus validus</i>           | 3.5  | 1  |
| <i>Parula pitiayumi</i>               | 1.9  | 14 |
| <i>Patagioenas cayenensis</i>         | 4.3  |    |
| <i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>           | 11.9 | 7  |
| <i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>            | 22.9 | 38 |
| <i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>           | 6.0  |    |
| <i>Penelope obscura</i>               | 9.0  |    |
| <i>Penelope superciliaris</i>         | 6.2  | 5  |
| <i>Phaeomyias murina</i>              | 3.8  |    |
| <i>Phyllomyias fasciatus</i>          | 2.7  | 43 |
| <i>Phylloscartes ventralis</i>        | 2.4  | 38 |
| <i>Piculus aurelentus</i>             | 29.7 | 10 |
| <i>Pipile jacutinga</i>               | 85.0 |    |
| <i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>          | 2.9  | 1  |
| <i>Piranga flava</i>                  | 8.2  | 2  |

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|------------------------------------|------|-----|
| <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>        | 4.0  | 61  |
| <i>Poospiza thoracica</i>          | 1.6  |     |
| <i>Procnias nudicollis</i>         | 4.1  |     |
| <i>Pteroglossus bailloni</i>       | 9.0  |     |
| <i>Pyroderus scutatus</i>          | 3.5  |     |
| <i>Pyrrhura frontalis</i>          | 71.4 | 9   |
| <i>Ramphastos dicolorus</i>        | 3.5  | 1   |
| <i>Ramphastos toco</i>             | 12.0 | 3   |
| <i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>       | 7.3  | 5   |
| <i>Ramphocelus bresilius</i>       | 3.7  |     |
| <i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>           | 6.2  | 14  |
| <i>Saltator fuliginosus</i>        | 1.4  |     |
| <i>Saltator maximus</i>            | 2.8  | 13  |
| <i>Saltator similis</i>            | 3.7  | 128 |
| <i>Saltatriculla atricollis</i>    | 9.0  | 1   |
| <i>Schiffornis virescens</i>       | 4.5  | 4   |
| <i>Schistochlamys melanops</i>     | 1.5  | 4   |
| <i>Schistochlamys ruficapillus</i> | 2.7  | 17  |
| <i>Selenidera maculirostris</i>    | 7.3  |     |
| <i>Serpophaga subcristata</i>      | 1.1  | 10  |
| <i>Sporophila caerulescens</i>     | 2.8  | 23  |
| <i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>      | 7.1  | 14  |
| <i>Stephanophorus diadematus</i>   | 1.8  |     |
| <i>Synallaxis ruficapilla</i>      | 2.3  | 3   |
| <i>Syristes sibilator</i>          | 10.0 |     |
| <i>Tachyphonus coronatus</i>       | 3.9  | 1   |
| <i>Tachyphonus cristatus</i>       | 2.8  |     |
| <i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>           | 3.2  | 43  |
| <i>Tamnophilus caerulescens</i>    | 2.0  | 3   |
| <i>Tamnophilus doliatus</i>        | 1.0  |     |
| <i>Tamnophilus punctatus</i>       | 1.0  |     |
| <i>Tangara cayana</i>              | 3.6  | 157 |
| <i>Tangara cyanocephala</i>        | 3.3  |     |
| <i>Tangara cyanoventris</i>        | 1.5  |     |
| <i>Tangara desmaresti</i>          | 3.4  | 2   |
| <i>Tangara mexicana</i>            | 2.0  |     |
| <i>Tangara peruviana</i>           | 7.2  |     |
| <i>Tangara preciosa</i>            | 10.5 | 45  |
| <i>Tersina viridis</i>             | 6.9  | 52  |
| <i>Thlypopsis sordida</i>          | 1.0  | 1   |
| <i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>        | 7.5  | 3   |
| <i>Thraupis cyanoptera</i>         | 1.2  |     |
| <i>Thraupis palmarum</i>           | 2.3  | 23  |
| <i>Thraupis sayaca</i>             | 3.0  | 490 |
| <i>Tityra cayana</i>               | 2.8  | 2   |
| <i>Tolmomyas flaviventris</i>      | 1.0  |     |
| <i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>    | 1.2  | 1   |
| <i>Trichothraupis melanops</i>     | 4.2  | 8   |
| <i>Trogon surrucura</i>            | 2.0  | 2   |
| <i>Trogon viridis</i>              | 1.8  |     |
| <i>Turdus albicollis</i>           | 3.1  | 82  |



|                               |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|
| <i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>  | 5.9 | 83  |
| <i>Turdus flavipes</i>        | 2.5 |     |
| <i>Turdus leucomelas</i>      | 4.8 | 370 |
| <i>Turdus rufiventris</i>     | 5.9 | 196 |
| <i>Turdus subalaris</i>       | 2.9 | 35  |
| <i>Tyrannus albogularis</i>   | 5.0 | 1   |
| <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i> | 3.4 | 33  |
| <i>Tyrannus savanna</i>       | 4.1 | 64  |
| <i>Veniliornis passerinus</i> | 1.7 | 5   |
| <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>        | 3.0 | 56  |
| <i>Volatinia jacarina</i>     | 8.0 | 8   |
| <i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>   | 4.9 | 27  |

#### SM5. Fruit consumed references

We searched the databases Google Scholar, Scopus, and Web of Science using the terms “bird”, “avian”, “frugivory”, “seed dispersal”, and their Portuguese and Spanish equivalents for studies that reported the number of fruits removed in each feeding visit made by birds to focal fruiting plants in the Neotropical region. In general, the authors reported the mean number of fruits removed in complete bird visits (i.e., the complete period from the arrival of a bird to a fruiting plant to its departure).

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