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1 **Trophic level modulates carabid beetle responses to**
2 **habitat and landscape structure: a pan-European study**

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1 **Abstract**

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3 1. Anthropogenic pressures have produced heterogeneous landscapes expected to influence
4 diversity differently across trophic levels and spatial scales.

5 2. We tested how activity density and species richness of carabid trophic groups responded to
6 local habitat and landscape structure (forest percentage cover and habitat richness) in 48
7 landscape parcels (1 km²) across eight European countries.

8 3. Local habitat affected activity density, but not species richness, of both trophic groups.

9 Activity densities were greater in rotational cropping compared with other habitats;
10 phytophage densities were also greater in grassland than forest habitats.

11 4. Controlling for country and habitat effects we found general trophic group responses to
12 landscape structure. Activity densities of phytophages were positively correlated, and
13 zoophages uncorrelated, with increasing habitat richness. This differential functional group
14 response to landscape structure was consistent across Europe, indicated by a lack of a country
15 × habitat richness interaction. Species richness was unaffected by landscape structure.

16 5. Phytophage sensitivity to landscape structure may arise from relative dependency on seed
17 from ruderal plants. This trophic adaptation, rare in Carabidae, leads to lower phytophage
18 numbers, increasing vulnerability to demographic and stochastic processes that the greater
19 abundance, species richness, and broader diet of the zoophage group may insure against.

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22 **Introduction**

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24 Species extinction, replacement, and the modification of assemblage trophic structure can
25 arise from fragmentation of primary forest (Didham *et al.*, 1998; Davies *et al.*, 2000), habitat
26 conversion (Watt *et al.*, 1997; Sala *et al.*, 2000; Eggleton *et al.*, 2002), and land-use
27 intensification (Lawton *et al.*, 1998; Benton *et al.*, 2003; Jones *et al.*, 2003). In Europe, as
28 elsewhere, this suite of anthropogenic pressures has produced heterogeneous landscapes
29 ranging from homogenous and intensively used monocultures to heterogeneous, low intensity
30 land-use mosaics.

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32 Such variation in landscape structure will affect biodiversity as a function of taxon-specific
33 responses to different facets of this environmental heterogeneity (e.g. habitat area or diversity)
34 at different spatial scales (e.g. habitat to landscapes). For instance, many populations persist
35 in complex landscapes containing perennial habitat refuges and are prone to extinction in
36 structurally simple landscapes arising from habitat loss or degradation (Davies & Margules,
37 1998; Gonzalez *et al.*, 1998; Hanski, 1998; Lindenmayer *et al.*, 2002; Tews *et al.*, 2004;
38 Driscoll & Weir, 2005). Many examples show that a variety of insect taxa such as bees,
39 parasitoids, beetles, and soil invertebrates are affected by environmental heterogeneity from
40 microhabitat to landscape scales (Steffan-Dewenter *et al.*, 2002; de la Pena *et al.*, 2003; Thies
41 *et al.*, 2003; Eggleton *et al.*, 2005; Vanbergen *et al.*, 2007). Often the diversity of a given
42 taxon is influenced by heterogeneity at more than one spatial scale; hence it is desirable to
43 explicitly account for variation attributable to different habitats when assessing the impact of
44 landscape structure on invertebrate diversity (Chust *et al.*, 2003; Jeanneret *et al.*, 2003;
45 Kruess, 2003; Schweiger *et al.*, 2005; Hendrickx *et al.*, 2007).

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47 Moreover, different species within a taxon often respond differently to landscape structure
48 (Steffan-Dewenter *et al.*, 2002; Purtauf *et al.*, 2005). An explanation is that ecological or
49 functional traits predict the species sensitivity to landscape structure because, like most
50 environmental pressures, it affects ecological assemblages in a non-random manner. One
51 important trend is that the likelihood of extinction or demographic change tends to scale with
52 trophic level, which itself co-varies with other species traits such as increased body size,
53 home range area, and vulnerability to disturbance (Holt *et al.*, 1999; Raffaelli, 2004).
54 Predators, therefore, tend to be larger bodied, and more sensitive to habitat fragmentation
55 because they require greater home ranges to meet their energetic needs (Holt *et al.*, 1999;
56 Duffy, 2003; Raffaelli, 2004; Borrvall & Ebenman, 2006; McCann, 2007). This means that
57 environmental change is likely to lead to the extinction or reduced abundance of predators
58 before species within lower trophic levels, such as phytophages. It is therefore likely that
59 human alteration of landscape structure will differentially influence insect diversity according
60 to trophic position (Kruess & Tschardt, 2000; Thies *et al.*, 2003). It should be noted,
61 however, that there are examples where trophic level does not affect extinction probability,
62 the responses were idiosyncratic across trophic groups, or lower trophic levels precede losses
63 at higher trophic levels (Henle *et al.*, 2004).

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65 What is needed are studies that use ecological or functional trait approaches to better
66 understand the response of insect diversity to spatial heterogeneity at both habitat and
67 landscape scales (Henle *et al.*, 2004). The advantage of a functional trait (e.g. trophic group)
68 approach is that it provides a direct link to mechanistic processes (e.g. herbivory or
69 predation), hence changes in functional group diversity in response to environmental
70 heterogeneity are of fundamental and applied interest. Furthermore, a functional approach
71 enables the comparison of insect diversity responses to landscape structure across large

72 geographic areas. Such trans-regional studies are rare (Sousa *et al.*, 2006; Hendrickx *et al.*,
73 2007; Billeter *et al.*, 2008) because interpretation is complicated where major differences
74 exist in climate, historical origins of landscapes, and local species pools. This use of
75 functional, instead of taxonomic, groups resolves the problem of regional variation in species
76 pools enabling generalisations to be made about invertebrate responses to landscape structure
77 across geographic regions (Davies *et al.*, 2003; Schweiger *et al.*, 2005).

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79 This paper describes the pan-European diversity responses of carabid (Coleoptera, Carabidae)
80 beetle trophic groups to habitat type and landscape structure. Carabidae are widely-distributed
81 and abundant (Thiele, 1977) and are functionally diverse (Ribera *et al.*, 2001; Cole *et al.*,
82 2002) containing both predatory and phytophagous genera (Lang *et al.*, 1999; Symondson *et*
83 *al.*, 2002; Honek *et al.*, 2003). The phytophagous genera generally being dependent on seeds
84 from plants (grasses, umbellifers, and crucifers) associated with grassland and agricultural
85 habitats (Thiele, 1977; Stace, 1997). Carabid trophic groups are known to respond differently
86 to landscape structure and intensification in agricultural landscapes (Purtauf *et al.*, 2005;
87 Schweiger *et al.*, 2005). These earlier studies showed that both landscape structure and
88 intensification influenced the trophic structure of carabid assemblages (Schweiger *et al.*,
89 2005); and that decreasing cover of perennial habitat affected carabid functional group
90 richness negatively (Purtauf *et al.*, 2005). These studies were, however, restricted to a single
91 country (Purtauf *et al.*, 2005) or agricultural mosaics across a number of countries (Schweiger
92 *et al.*, 2005). The novelty of this paper is that it assesses the general responses of carabid
93 trophic group diversity to structure of forested and agricultural landscapes (n = 48) across
94 eight European countries.

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96 We hypothesised that the response of carabid beetle activity densities, an abundance measure,
97 and species richness to habitat type and landscape structure - percentage cover of forest and
98 habitat richness - differed between trophic groups (zoophagous and phytophagous species).
99 We predicted, firstly, that zoophages would be more sensitive to landscape structure than
100 phytophages as a consequence of trophic position. Secondly, we predicted that phytophage
101 activity-densities and species richness would be greater in open habitats where dietary
102 resources (grassland seeds) are readily available.

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104 **Methods**

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106 Landscape study sites

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108 Forty-eight landscape parcels (Appendix S1: Fig. S2) were selected comprising six 1 km²
109 landscape units (LU) sited in each of eight European countries (Finland, France, Hungary,
110 Ireland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain and Switzerland). These LUs were selected according to
111 pre-defined guidelines aimed at ensuring there was variation in landscape structure within and
112 between countries. These guidelines related to the predominating habitat within each
113 landscape unit: LU1 - old-growth forest (100%), LU2 - managed forest (100%), LU3 - forest-
114 dominated mosaic (> 50% forest, remainder being open, pastoral or agricultural habitats),
115 LU4 - mixed-use mosaic (approximately 50% forest and 50% open, pastoral or agricultural
116 habitats); LU5 - grassland dominated (>50%), LU6 - dominated by arable agriculture (>50%).
117 The actual proportions of forest and open habitats in the LUs (Appendix S1: Fig. S1) were
118 quantified from satellite images using GIS and were used in the calculation of landscape
119 structure (see below).

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121 Carabid sampling

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123 Carabid beetles at each LU were sampled using a systematic grid of 16 sampling plots spaced
124 200m apart (Appendix S1: Fig. S2), giving a total of 96 sampling plots per country. At each
125 of the 16 sampling plots in the 48 LUs, carabid beetles were collected using four pitfall traps
126 (8 cm in diameter, 10.5 cm in depth) placed 5 m apart in a regular 2×2 grid. To kill and
127 preserve beetles the traps were half filled with a 50% solution of either propylene or ethylene
128 glycol with water (the choice of which was consistent within a country). A plastic or stone
129 roof was placed a few centimetres above each trap to prevent flooding and disturbance from
130 mammals. The traps were emptied at 2 week intervals for a period of 10 weeks in 2001 from
131 the following dates: Finland May 15; France June 19; Hungary April 18; Ireland June 6;
132 Portugal April 30; Scotland May 4; Spain May 10; and Switzerland May 16. These sampling
133 periods reflected regional periods of peak activity. In 2001, it was not possible to sample LU4
134 and LU5 in Ireland and LU2 in Portugal; therefore, additional sampling in 2002 was used to
135 supplement the data set (sampling was conducted in Ireland from April 30, and in Portugal
136 from May 1). The catch in the four pitfall traps per sampling plot was pooled in the field to
137 give 16 data points per LU per country; data obtained for each species was then summed over
138 time to give a single value of activity-density for each species at each sampling plot within
139 each LU. Activity density is proportional to the interaction between carabid abundance and
140 activity and is used as a surrogate for true relative abundance (Thiele, 1977).

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142 All carabid beetles were identified to species and lists produced following a standard
143 nomenclature (Löbl & Smetana, 2003). These species were then assigned to a trophic level,
144 either predominantly zoophagous (carnivore and carrion feeding) or predominantly
145 phytophagous (herbivore, granivore) (Thiele, 1977; Lindroth, 1992; Ribera et al., 2001;

146 Purtauf et al., 2005). This dichotomous classification reflects the fact that most carabid
147 species will eat either plant or animal material, but will actively prefer one or other food
148 source. Where no information on feeding ecology could be found for a particular species they
149 were assigned to the trophic group of con-generics.

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151 Habitat classification and landscape structure

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153 Habitat type at each sampling point was classified by fieldworkers following CORINE Level
154 3 nomenclature and subsequently grouped for analyses into broad habitat classes: broadleaf
155 forest (BF), coniferous forest (CF), mixed forest (MF), intensive (IG) and extensive (EG)
156 grassland, permanent (PC) and rotational (RC) cropping.

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158 Landscape structure in each LU was quantified using a combination of remotely sensed land
159 cover data and at the LU scale (1 km²) subsequently checked by fieldworkers. Two satellite
160 images, a Landsat 7 ETM+ multispectral image and an IRS-1C panchromatic image were
161 used to create a single fused image with a 5-m spatial resolution for each LU. A hierarchic
162 classification system based on the CORINE (Level 3 nomenclature) biotopes database
163 (European Environment Agency) was defined and - together with ground knowledge of the
164 LUs - used to visually interpret and using GIS (ArcView 3.1) classify the satellite images.
165 These classified images were used to quantify, with the software FRAGSTATS, at the 1km²
166 spatial scale two metrics of landscape structure for each LU: 1) percentage cover of forest
167 (includes coniferous, broadleaf, mixed, woodland scrub, and Mediterranean sclerophyllous
168 types) 2) habitat richness (count of all CORINE Level 3 habitat types excluding aquatic and
169 artificial surfaces). Percentage forest cover was selected because it was the dominant
170 perennial habitat in the surveyed landscapes (Appendix S1: Fig. S1); perennial woody

171 habitats represent stable refuges for carabids in contemporary landscapes dominated by
172 agriculture (Petit & Usher, 1998). Habitat richness was selected as it represented the
173 accumulation of ecological niches in the landscapes.

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175 Statistical Analyses

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177 General linear mixed models (GLMMs) (proc mixed, SAS Institute 1999) were used to
178 account for the nested hierarchical structure (3 levels) of the data while testing the effect of
179 habitat type and landscape structure on carabid communities across Europe. The three levels
180 are sampling plot (768 plots = 8 countries × 6 LUs × 16 sampling plots) where carabid beetles
181 were trapped and habitat type determined; landscape unit (48 1km² LUs = 8 countries × 6
182 LUs); and country of origin (n = 8).

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184 Response variables were activity density (count of individuals) and rarefied species richness
185 within the Carabidae and trophic groups (zoophages, phytophages). Species richness was
186 rarefied to account for differences in abundance between experimental plots using the Vegan
187 version 1.15-0 package (Dixon, 2003) implemented in the R-statistical environment version
188 2.7.1 (R-Development, 2008). While species richness is an intuitive measure of biodiversity it
189 is problematic because the probability that additional species will be recorded increases with
190 the more individuals sampled, thus comparison of species richness without standardisation
191 can yield misleading patterns (Gotelli & Colwell, 2001). Rarefaction curves allow the
192 comparison of species richness independently of number of individuals captured by
193 standardising sampling effort (Gotelli & Colwell, 2001). Note that while rarefaction curves
194 are sample based, and sampling effort in the field (16 sampling points per LU) was
195 standardised here, the fundamental unit with which species richness is compared remains the

196 number of individuals sampled (Colwell, 2005). All species richness values were rarefied to
197 10 individuals. Samples with less than this number of individuals were excluded from these
198 analyses, thus reducing the number of samples considered from an original 768 to 683 for
199 zoophages and 704 for total Carabidae. The very high proportion (0.50) of zero values in the
200 phytophage species richness dataset (c.f. zoophages = 0.02) meant rarefaction of phytophage
201 species richness at a sampling effort of 10 individuals would eliminate a large proportion
202 (0.74) of the data. Consequently, rarefied species richness were analysed only for total
203 Carabidae, and the zoophagous trophic group.

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205 The categorical variable: LU nested within country, was fitted as a random effect to account
206 for spatial variability among the landscapes across countries. Fixed explanatory variables
207 tested were: year, country of origin, habitat (categorical variables), percentage forest cover per
208 LU, and habitat richness per LU (continuous variables). Two-way interactions between
209 country and each landscape parameter and between country and habitat tested if the response
210 of the Carabidae and the trophic groups was consistent across countries (non-significant
211 interaction). The effect of the different broad habitat classes on the carabid groups were tested
212 within GLMMs using pair-wise differences of least-square means with multiple adjustments
213 (Bonferroni) for the p -values and confidence limits. Denominator degrees of freedom were
214 estimated using the Satterthwaite approximation (Littell *et al.*, 1996). Explanatory fixed
215 effects and two-way interactions were individually fitted by forward step-wise selection. Non-
216 significant terms ($P > 0.05$) were dropped - interactions prior to main effects - before the next
217 step-wise addition. This step-wise procedure halted when the simplest model containing only
218 significant terms was found; F -ratios for each explanatory variable adjusted for other
219 variables (SAS Type 3 tests) are reported. The explanatory variables obtained did not differ
220 from those obtained by backward elimination from the full model. Residual plots were

221 inspected to ensure assumptions of normality and homogeneity of variance were met
222 following \log_{10} (activity density) and square-root (standardised species richness)
223 transformation.

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225 **Results**

226

227 *Trophic group diversity across countries*

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229 A total of 152, 863 carabids belonging to 292 species were collected from the eight countries.
230 Mean activity density and distribution across the 48 LUs for all species collected are given in
231 Appendix S2.

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233 In general, trophic structure of the assemblages was consistently skewed with more
234 zoophagous than phytophagous individuals and species in all the countries surveyed (Fig. 1).
235 Of the 292 species collected 200 (68%) were classified as belonging to the predominantly
236 zoophagous trophic group, and 92 (32%) belonging to the predominantly phytophagous group
237 (Appendix S2). Overall, the zoophagous group was more abundant (mean = 2055.2 ± 333.2
238 SEM) than the phytophagous group (mean = 928.2 ± 472.1 SEM). The country of origin
239 explained a significant amount of the variability in both total carabid and trophic guild species
240 richness and activity density (Fig.1, Table 1 & 2). Only in the case of the Hungarian dataset
241 was there no significant difference in the species richness of the two trophic groups (Fig. 1B).
242 Much of this between-country variability in carabid diversity is likely to be due to multiple,
243 unmeasured environmental influences (e.g. climate, soil) in the different landscapes across
244 Europe. The inclusion of the fixed effect 'country' and the random term 'LU nested within
245 country' in the GLMMs controlled for this country and landscape-specific variation when

246 testing for an overall effect of habitat and landscape structure on diversity of Carabidae and
247 carabid trophic groups. There was no evidence of an effect of sampling year (45 LUs sampled
248 in 2001, three more in 2002) on either activity density or rarefied species richness (Tables 1 &
249 2).

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251 *Trophic group diversity and habitat type*

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253 Activity densities (Table 1) and rarefied species richness (Table 2) of both trophic groups
254 were affected by the interaction between country and habitat. This indicated that there were
255 country-specific associations between habitat type and trophic group diversity. One
256 interpretation is that this interaction reflected differences in species pools across the European
257 sites. The mean activity density and species richness for each habitat × country combination
258 are shown in Tables S1 & S2 in Appendix S3.

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260 Accounting for these significant habitat × country interactions, the habitat type at the
261 sampling plot had a strong influence on the activity density of Carabidae and both trophic
262 groups (Table 1, Fig. 2); but did not affect rarefied species richness of Carabidae or the
263 zoophage trophic group (Table 2). The influence of habitat on activity density, however,
264 differed between the phytophagous and zoophagous groups with, as predicted, a tendency for
265 phytophage abundance to be greater in open habitat (Fig. 2). Pair-wise comparisons of least-
266 square means (with Bonferroni adjustment) showed zoophage densities were significantly
267 greater under rotational cropping (RC) compared with all the other broad habitat classes:
268 broadleaf forest (BF): $t = -6.80$, adj. $P < 0.001$; coniferous forest (CF): $t = -5.83$, adj. P
269 < 0.001 ; mixed forest (MF) $t = -3.53$, adj. $P = 0.009$; extensive grassland (EG) $t = -7.54$, adj. P
270 < 0.001 ; intensive grassland (IG) $t = -5.41$, adj. $P < 0.001$). The association of total Carabidae

271 activity densities with habitat type (data not shown) followed the same pattern as for
272 zoophages (above). Phytophages were similarly more abundant in rotational cropping systems
273 (Fig. 2) compared with all other habitat (BF $t = -10.82$, adj. $P < 0.001$; CF $t = -13.10$, adj. P
274 < 0.001 ; MF $t = -8.25$, adj. $P < 0.001$; IG $t = -5.17$, $P < 0.001$; EG $t = -3.67$, adj. $P = 0.006$; PC t
275 $= -5.16$, adj. $P < 0.001$). In addition, however, there were greater numbers of phytophage
276 individuals in intensive (IG) and extensive (EG) grassland plots compared with the broadleaf
277 (IG $t = -5.15$, adj. $P < 0.001$; EG $t = -5.31$, adj. $P < 0.0001$), coniferous (IG $t = -7.96$, adj. P
278 < 0.001 ; EG $t = -7.79$, adj. $P < 0.001$), and mixed (IG $t = 4.84$, adj. $P < 0.001$; EG $t = 5.18$, adj.
279 $P < 0.001$) forest plots (Fig.2). Altogether, both phytophage and zoophage activity densities
280 were greater in rotational cropping compared with the other habitats; phytophages were also
281 more abundant in grassland habitats compared with forest habitats.

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283 *Trophic group diversity and landscape structure*

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285 Carabid beetle trophic level modulated the response of activity density – but not species
286 richness - to landscape structure (Fig. 3, Table 1 & 2), contrary to our prediction, however,
287 this activity density response did not scale with increasing trophic level. These data show that
288 activity density of the lower trophic level (phytophages) was the most sensitive to landscape
289 heterogeneity (Fig. 3A; Table 1). Zoophage activity density was independent of variation in
290 landscape structure (Fig. 3B, Table 1). In contrast phytophage activity density was positively
291 correlated (Fig.3A, Table 1) with increasing habitat richness, but uncorrelated with increasing
292 forest cover (Table 1). The rarefied species richness of total Carabidae or zoophages was not
293 affected by either landscape parameter (Table 2); as already mentioned above the large
294 number of zeros in phytophage species richness precluded a comparable analysis of this
295 trophic group.

296

297 Consistency in the response of carabid trophic groups to variation in landscape structure
298 among the different countries was explicitly tested by fitting statistical interactions (country
299 of origin \times forest or habitat richness) in the GLMMs. The lack of statistical significance for
300 these interactions (Tables 1 & 2) indicates that the response was very consistent and can be
301 considered a generic response of trophic group diversity.

302

303 Habitat richness and percentage forest cover, estimated by remote sensing for each LU, were
304 not correlated (Pearsons correlation coefficient $r = -0.074$, $P = 0.618$), and thus the presented
305 GLMMs (Tables 1 & 2) of trophic group diversity were not confounded by such an effect.

306

307 **Discussion**

308

309 The response of carabid beetle activity density and species richness to variation in landscape
310 structure was, as hypothesised, modulated according to trophic group. The prediction that
311 higher trophic levels (i.e. zoophages) would be most sensitive to landscape structure was not
312 supported by these data. Instead phytophage – and not zoophage – activity densities were
313 positively correlated with increasing landscape habitat richness. This relationship between
314 phytophage densities and habitat richness was consistent (indicated by non-significant
315 interaction with country) across an array of different biomes demonstrating the generality of
316 this functional group response to landscape structure across Europe.

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318 This greater sensitivity of phytophage diversity departs from the majority of evidence that
319 sensitivity to landscape structure scales with increasing trophic level (Didham et al., 1998;
320 Gilbert *et al.*, 1998; Holt et al., 1999; Davies et al., 2000), but agrees with other documented

321 departures from this general trend (Henle et al., 2004 and references therein). At lower trophic
322 levels in a community the abundance of species or populations is – due to thermodynamic
323 constraints – generally greater than that at higher trophic levels, somewhat buffering lower
324 trophic levels against environmental heterogeneity, demographic and stochastic processes
325 (Spencer, 2000; Raffaelli, 2004). This applies particularly when considering a whole
326 community comprising many plant and animal taxa. This paper, however, focussed on trophic
327 levels within a single insect taxon, the Carabidae, here the zoophagous trophic group were
328 more numerous compared with the phytophagous group, and the phytophages were the most
329 sensitive to landscape structure. This may be explained by a degree of dependence of the
330 phytophages on ruderal plant species (see below), and their relatively low abundance
331 increasing sensitivity to any stochastic processes. In contrast, there may be an amount of
332 redundancy in the response of the speciose and abundant zoophage group to landscape
333 structure - whereby in response to an environmental gradient a reduction in the abundance of
334 one species is balanced by increasing abundance of others (Spencer, 2000; Raffaelli, 2004)
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336 The relatively lower abundance and species richness of the phytophagous trophic group, and
337 greater sensitivity to increasing habitat richness, may be explained by the relatively
338 uncommon – within Carabidae – trophic adaptation of granivory (Thiele, 1977). While the
339 majority of Carabidae are able to consume both animal and plant material (Thiele, 1977), we
340 classified genera according to preference for either animal or plant diet. This classification led
341 to the predominance within the phytophagous group of genera (e.g. *Amara*, *Harpalus*, and
342 *Zabrus*, Appendix S2) to a large extent specialising on plant seed diet from grasses,
343 umbellifers, and crucifers (Thiele, 1977; Stace, 1997; Tutin *et al.*, 2001; Purtauf et al., 2005).
344 This relative dependency of the phytophages on seeds from ruderal plants (Thiele, 1977), and
345 the frequent association of these plants with disturbed sites (Ribera et al., 2001), means the

346 phytophages can be regarded as habitat specialists typical of grassland and agricultural
347 habitats. Indeed, at a habitat level, as predicted, the abundance of phytophages was generally
348 greater in open agricultural and grassland habitat compared with forest habitats. In contrast,
349 zoophagous carabid species are on the whole consumers of a wide variety of animal protein
350 both alive and dead (Thiele, 1977; Symondson & Liddell, 1993; McKemey *et al.*, 2003).
351 Consequently, these zoophages may be buffered from variation in environmental
352 heterogeneity at both habitat and landscape scales because of their relatively greater ability to
353 switch to alternative prey in different habitat types.

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355 Our findings support previous research that showed generalised diversity responses of
356 invertebrate trophic groups to landscape structure across geographic regions (Purtauf *et al.*,
357 2005; Schweiger *et al.*, 2005). Schweiger *et al.* (2005) showed with a pan-European analysis
358 that arthropod assemblages across an array of trophic levels was – in order of importance –
359 structured by landscape structure, management intensity, and local habitat effects (Schweiger
360 *et al.*, 2005). This earlier study also demonstrated that both phytophagous and zoophagous
361 assemblages were associated with high diversity landscapes (Schweiger *et al.*, 2005). Land-
362 use intensity is another driver of assemblage structure (e.g. Schweiger *et al.* 2005; Sousa *et al.*
363 2006) that, lacking intensification data, we did not test.

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365 Another landscape-scale study found that carabid species richness was negatively related to
366 the reduction in percentage cover of perennial habitats (Purtauf *et al.*, 2005) that were
367 hypothesised to provide refuges from agricultural disturbance (Ribera *et al.*, 2001). This paper
368 found no evidence that increasing cover of perennial habitat (forest and woodland) enhanced
369 trophic group diversity. Moreover, Purtauf *et al.*, (2005) showed only a weak differentiation
370 between zoophagous and phytophagous responses to perennial habitat cover, while trophic

371 group activity densities were unaffected by perennial habitat cover. These discrepancies
372 between our findings and Purtauf *et al.* (2005) may be partly explained by methodological
373 differences. Firstly, the earlier study did not assume that congenics shared the same diet;
374 some species were thus excluded from analysis which might influence the results obtained.
375 Secondly, Purtauf *et al.* (2005) included a small and discrete omnivorous group; in this paper,
376 carabid omnivory is assumed, but with a strong preference for plant or animal material.
377 Thirdly, Purtauf *et al.*, examined the effect of perennial habitat on carabids within agricultural
378 landscapes; whereas our study included forested landscapes supporting only forest specialists
379 (e.g. certain *Calathus* and *Cychrus* species) and relatively low carabid species richness – the
380 majority of European carabid beetles are open habitat associates (Thiele, 1977). Finally, this
381 papers geographic scope was much greater (c.f. Purtauf *et al.* 2005: 1 country, 2 regions, 36
382 landscapes, 14108 individuals, and 84 species) providing greater turnover in assemblage
383 composition among our landscapes.

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385 Ecological processes governing carabid diversity operate at both habitat and landscape scales
386 for phytophages, but only at habitat scales for zoophages. Phytophage sensitivity to landscape
387 structure is a consequence of the relative rarity of this trophic group among Carabidae. While
388 a functional group approach is advocated in this paper it should be noted that taxonomy
389 remained essential, in assigning species to trophic groups and in interpreting patterns in
390 trophic group diversity. This paper demonstrates that diversity is affected by heterogeneity at
391 multiple spatial scales, and that functional traits, such as trophic group, that can predict the
392 magnitude or direction of responses are an useful approach to understanding biodiversity
393 change across regions (Kruess & Tschardt, 2000; Thies *et al.*, 2003; Raffaelli, 2004;
394 Dauber *et al.*, 2005; Purtauf *et al.*, 2005; Schweiger *et al.*, 2005; Hendrickx *et al.*, 2007).
395 Moreover in revealing carabid trophic group responses that are consistent across European

396 landscapes it adds to growing evidence of generic responses of invertebrate diversity to land-
397 use and landscape structure in European landscapes (Sousa et al., 2006; Hendrickx et al.,
398 2007; Schweiger *et al.*, 2007; Billeter et al., 2008).

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Figure legends

Figure 1. The influence of country: FIN (Finland), FRA (France), HUN (Hungary), IRE (Ireland), POR (Portugal), SCO (Scotland), ESP (Spain) and SWZ (Switzerland), and trophic guild on mean (\pm SEM) carabid (A) activity density and (B) species richness. Total carabid activity density (a) and species recorded (b) are given by the numbers above each grouped bar.

Figure 2. The effect of source habitat on the mean activity density (\pm SEM) of Carabidae and carabid trophic groups (zoophages and phytophages); numbers above grouped bars indicate the number of sampling plots in each habitat class where carabids were collected. Habitat classes: broadleaf forest (BF); coniferous forest (CF); mixed forest (MF); extensive grassland (EG); intensive grassland (IG); permanent cropping (PC); and rotational cropping (RC).

Figure 3. Partial residual relationships on the linear predictor scale of (A) phytophagous and (B) zoophagous activity densities with the habitat richness per 1 km² landscape unit (LU), controlling for the influence of other fixed and random effects in final models. Data points (n = 47) are mean partial residuals per LU \pm SEM. Fitted lines are included where the slopes are statistically significant from zero ($p < 0.05$).

Figure 1.

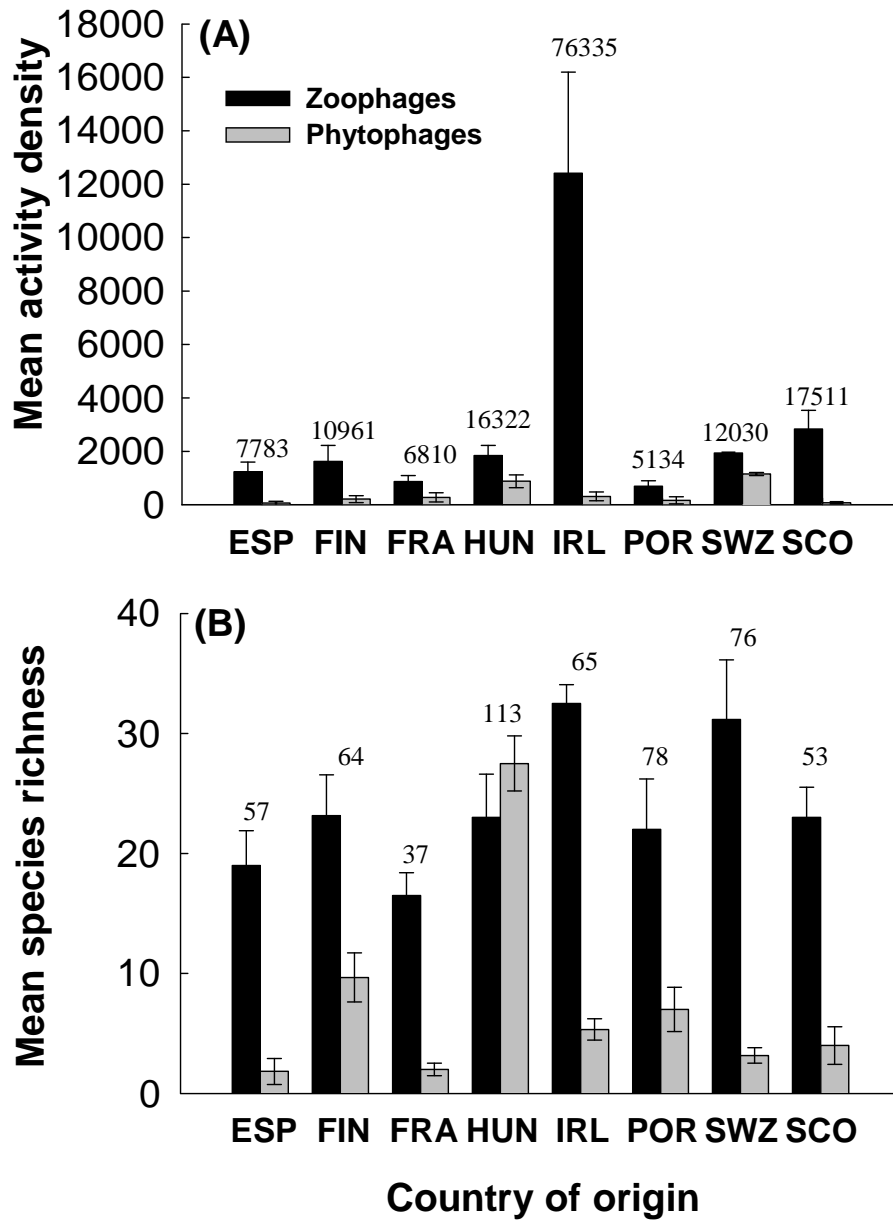


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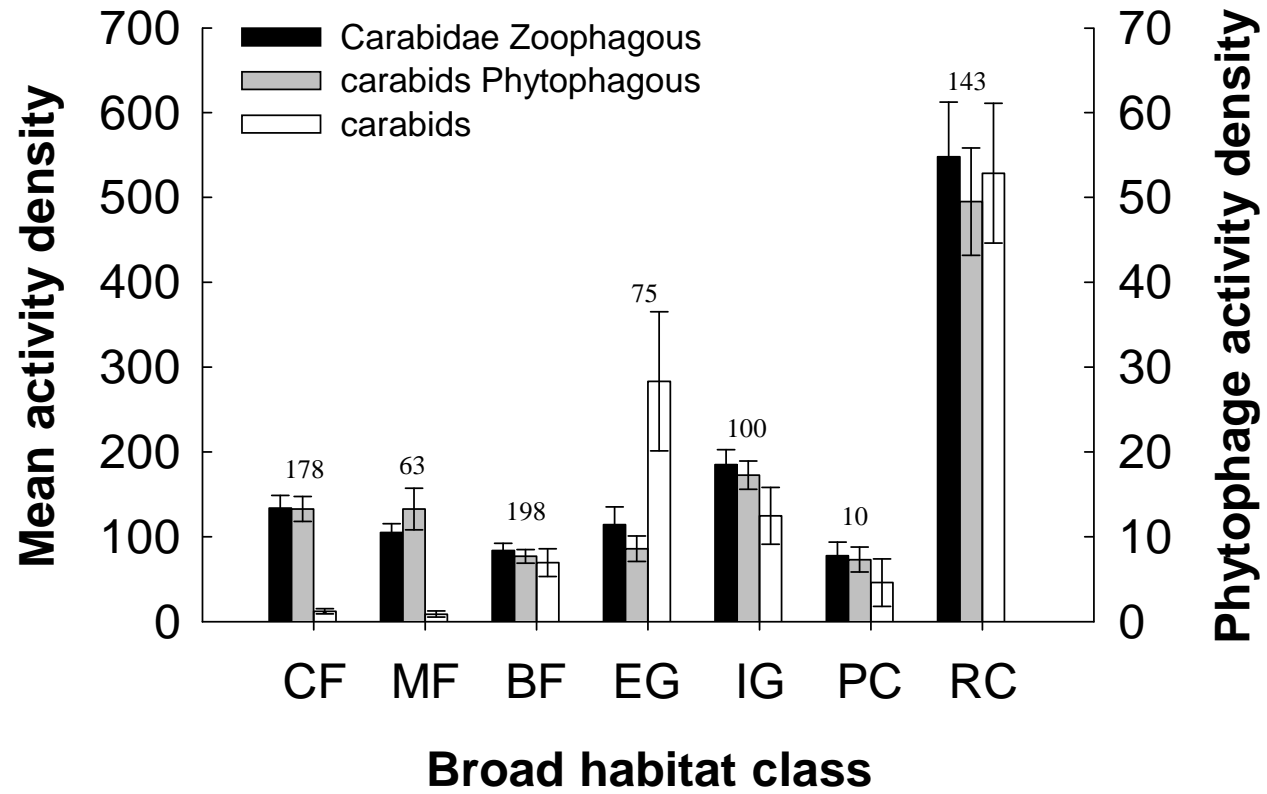


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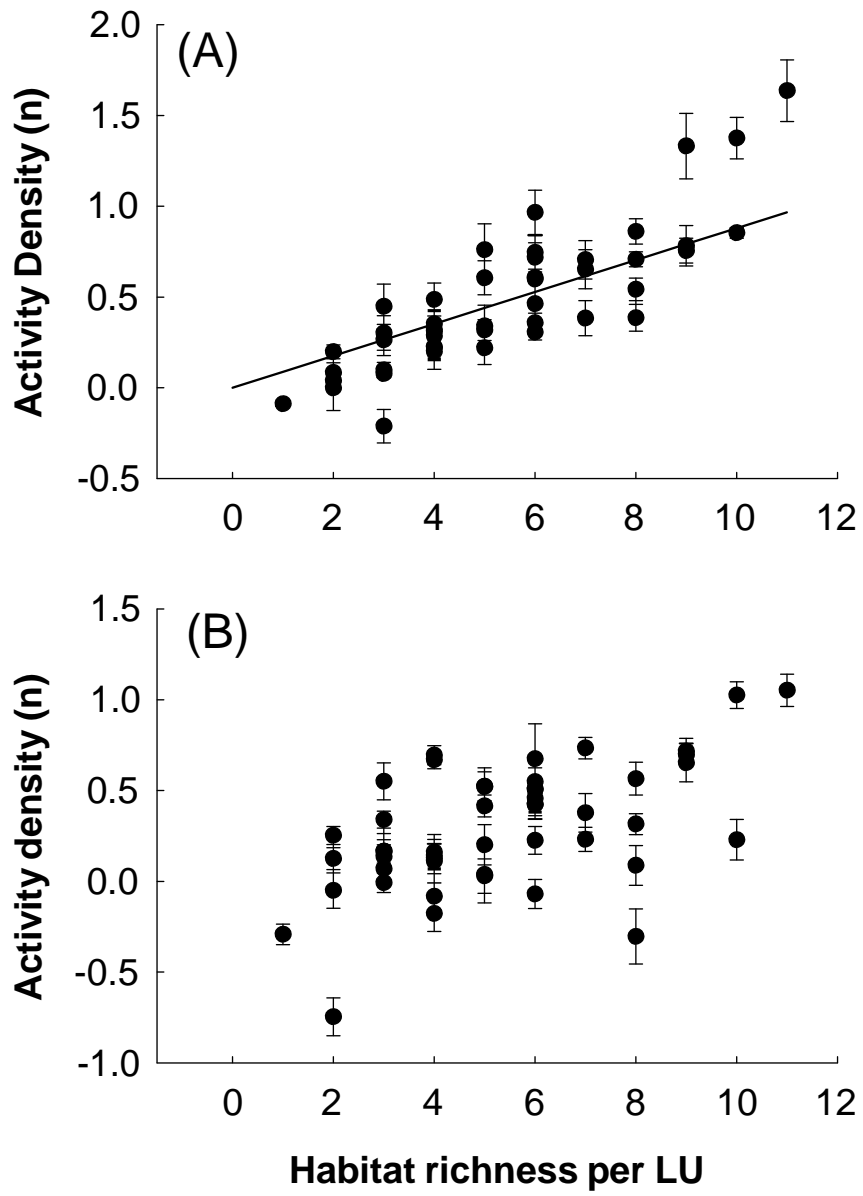


Table 1. GLMM results summary for activity density of Carabidae and trophic groups (zoophages, phytophages) in relation to source country, habitat, and composition (percentage forest cover) and heterogeneity (habitat richness) of 1km² landscape units (LUs). Numerator (ndf) and Denominator (ddf) degrees of freedom were estimated using Satterthwaite's approximation. Estimate = parameter slope, MPE = multiple parameter estimates. Bold type indicates parameters retained in final models.

| Taxon/Trophic group | Fixed effects | Estimate | F _(ndf, ddf) | p |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Carabidae Random effect estimate: LU(Country) = 0.085 Residual variance = 0.140 | Sampling year | MPE | 0.78 _(1,46) | 0.380 |
| | Country of origin | MPE | 6.45 _(7,49) | <0.001 |
| | Habitat | MPE | 8.02 _(6,440) | <0.001 |
| | Country × Habitat | MPE | 3.40 _(26,319) | <0.001 |
| | Forest | 0.000 | 0.00 _(1,44) | 0.984 |
| | Country × Forest | MPE | 1.44 _(7,35) | 0.222 |
| | Habitat richness | 0.052 | 3.90 _(1,38) | 0.056 |
| | Country × Habitat richness | MPE | 0.55 _(7,31) | 0.793 |
| Zoophages Random effect estimate: LU(Country) = 0.101 Residual variance = 0.147 | Sampling year | MPE | 1.02 _(1,46) | 0.317 |
| | Country of origin | MPE | 7.52 _(7,48) | <0.001 |
| | Habitat | MPE | 5.06 _(6,431) | <0.001 |
| | Country × Habitat | MPE | 4.96 _(26,528) | <0.001 |
| | Forest | 0.000 | 0.03 _(1,43) | 0.854 |
| | Country × Forest | MPE | 1.31 _(7,34) | 0.276 |
| | Habitat richness | 0.055 | 3.83 _(1,38) | 0.058 |
| | Country × Habitat richness | MPE | 0.83 _(7,31) | 0.567 |
| Phytophages Random effect estimate: LU(Country) = 0.031 Residual variance = 0.145 | Sampling year | MPE | 0.11 _(1,46) | 0.738 |
| | Country of origin | MPE | 15.93 _(7,56) | <0.001 |
| | Habitat | MPE | 36.96 _(6,534) | <0.001 |
| | Country × Habitat | MPE | 3.98 _(26,460) | <0.001 |
| | Forest | -0.002 | 2.15 _(1,54) | 0.148 |
| | Country × Forest | MPE | 1.11 _(7,43) | 0.377 |
| | Habitat richness | 0.088 | 23.52 _(1,40) | <0.001 |
| | Country × Habitat richness | MPE | 0.44 _(7,30) | 0.869 |

Table 2. GLMM results summary for rarefied species richness of Carabidae and a trophic group (zoophages) to source country, habitat, and composition (percentage forest cover) and heterogeneity (habitat richness) of 1km² landscape units (LUs). Numerator (ndf) and denominator (ddf) degrees of freedom were estimated using Satterthwaite's approximation. Phytophage models were not run because the large numbers of zeros at the habitat (plot) scale for this trophic group precluded rarefaction. Bold type indicates parameters retained in final models.

| Taxon/Trophic group | Fixed effects | Estimate | F (ndf, ddf) | p | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Carabidae | Sampling year | MPE | 0.26 (1,46) | 0.612 | |
| | Country of origin | MPE | 3.45 (7,49) | 0.005 | |
| | Random effect estimate: LU(Country) = 0.032 | Habitat | MPE | 0.54 (6,411) | 0.775 |
| | Residual variance = 0.061 | Country × habitat | MPE | 2.34 (26,488) | <0.001 |
| | Forest | -0.001 | 0.84 (1,41) | 0.366 | |
| | Country × Forest | MPE | 1.75 (7,34) | 0.130 | |
| | Habitat richness | 0.028 | 2.86 (1,35) | 0.100 | |
| | Country × Habitat richness | MPE | 0.78 (7,28) | 0.612 | |
| Zoophages | Sampling year | MPE | 0.28(1,46) | 0.602 | |
| | Country of origin | MPE | 2.44 (7,46) | 0.033 | |
| | Random effect estimate: LU(Country) = 0.031 | Habitat | MPE | 0.73 (6,387) | 0.627 |
| | Residual variance = 0.059 | Country × habitat | MPE | 1.73 (26,480) | 0.015 |
| | Forest | -0.001 | 1.03(1,42) | 0.317 | |
| | Country × Forest | MPE | 1.40(7,33) | 0.237 | |
| | Habitat richness | 0.014 | 0.64 (1,34) | 0.428 | |
| | Country × Habitat richness | MPE | 0.83(7,29) | 0.570 | |

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Fig. S1 Realised percentage land-cover (CORINE level 3) derived from GIS maps (ArcView 3.1) of a fused satellite image (Landsat 7 ETM+ and IRS-1C for 48 landscape units, six landscape units (1-6) situated per European country: FIN (Finland), FRA (France), HUN (Hungary), IRE (Ireland), POR (Portugal), SCO (Scotland), ESP (Spain) and SWZ

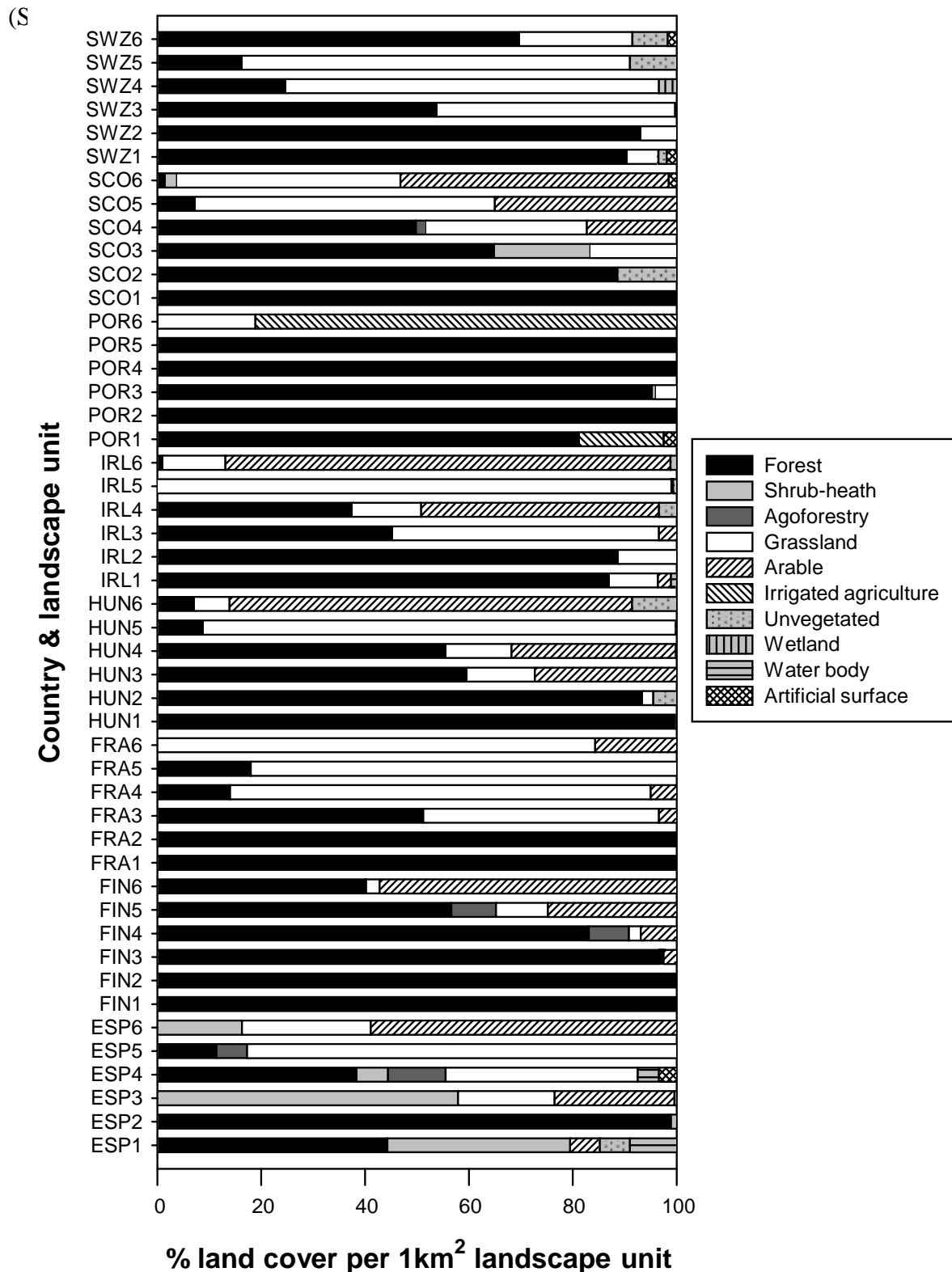
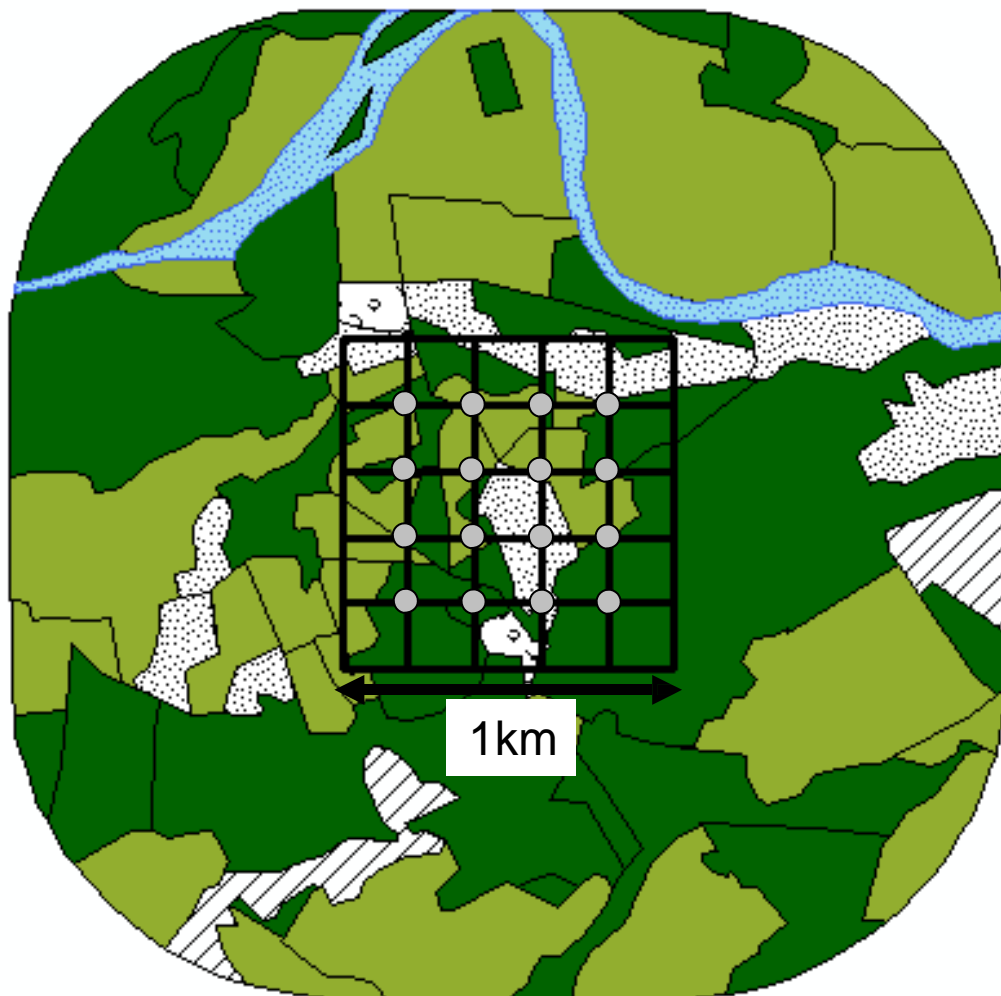


Fig. S2. An example of a GIS map (ArcView 3.1) of a 1km² landscape unit (LU) containing a grid of 16 sampling plots, 200m apart, at which carabid assemblages were sampled. Dark shaded areas = forest, pale shaded areas = intensive grassland, white dotted areas = rotational crop land, hatched areas = shrub/heathland.



Scotland LU4
Mixed-use mosaic

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Appendix S2.

The 292 ground beetle (Coleoptera; Carabidae) species assigned to a trophic group (PHY: phytophages; ZOO: zoophages), their distribution (number of LUs where each species was recorded, maximum of 48 LUs) and mean and standard deviation of activity density (number of individuals per landscape unit).

| Species | Authority | Trophic group | Distribution | Mean | SD |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| <i>Amara aenea</i> | (Degeer, 1774) | PHY | 23 | 11.73 | 48.02 |
| <i>Amara anthobia</i> | Villa & Villa, 1833 | PHY | 2 | 0.48 | 2.68 |
| <i>Amara apricaria</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | PHY | 3 | 0.29 | 1.41 |
| <i>Amara aulica</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | PHY | 5 | 0.33 | 1.74 |
| <i>Amara bifrons</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1810) | PHY | 7 | 2.00 | 9.12 |
| <i>Amara brunnea</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1810) | PHY | 5 | 0.56 | 1.81 |
| <i>Amara chaldoiri incognita</i> | Fassati, 1946 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara communis</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | PHY | 9 | 1.25 | 5.61 |
| <i>Amara consularis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 4 | 0.42 | 2.07 |
| <i>Amara convexior</i> | Stephens, 1828 | PHY | 7 | 2.63 | 8.19 |
| <i>Amara cursitans</i> | (Zimmermann, 1832) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara equestris</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.25 | 1.36 |
| <i>Amara eurynota</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | PHY | 6 | 2.33 | 12.81 |
| <i>Amara familiaris</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 10 | 0.88 | 2.23 |
| <i>Amara fervida</i> | Coquerel, 1858 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara fulva</i> | (Müller, 1776) | PHY | 8 | 0.67 | 1.87 |
| <i>Amara infima</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 1 | 0.04 | 0.29 |
| <i>Amara ingenua</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 1 | 0.83 | 5.77 |
| <i>Amara lucida</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 4 | 0.23 | 0.83 |
| <i>Amara lunicollis</i> | Schiødte, 1837 | PHY | 10 | 1.85 | 7.23 |
| <i>Amara majuscula</i> | (Chaudoir, 1850) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara montivaga</i> | Sturm, 1825 | PHY | 3 | 0.19 | 0.91 |
| <i>Amara municipalis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara nitida</i> | Sturm, 1825 | PHY | 4 | 0.42 | 1.88 |
| <i>Amara ovata</i> | (F., 1792) | PHY | 7 | 1.04 | 4.72 |
| <i>Amara plebeja</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1810) | PHY | 9 | 8.33 | 32.38 |
| <i>Amara quenseli</i> | (Schönherr, 1806) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara saphyrea</i> | Dejean, 1828 | PHY | 5 | 1.33 | 5.62 |
| <i>Amara similata</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1810) | PHY | 8 | 0.40 | 1.16 |
| <i>Amara tibialis</i> | (Paykull, 1798) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Amara tricuspidata</i> | Dejean, 1831 | PHY | 3 | 0.06 | 0.24 |
| <i>Bradycellus csikii</i> | Laczó, 1912 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Bradycellus harpalinus</i> | (Audinet-Serville, 1821) | PHY | 2 | 0.06 | 0.32 |
| <i>Bradycellus verbasci</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Diachromus germanus</i> | (L., 1758) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Dixus clypeatus</i> | (Rossi, 1790) | PHY | 1 | 0.06 | 0.43 |
| <i>Dixus sphaerocephalus</i> | (Olivier, 1795) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Graniger cordicollis</i> | Serville, 1821 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Harpalus affinis</i> | (Schrank, 1781) | PHY | 5 | 0.58 | 2.42 |
| <i>Harpalus albanicus</i> | Reitter, 1900 | PHY | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Harpalus anxius</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.10 | 0.52 |
| <i>Harpalus atratus</i> | (Latreille, 1804) | PHY | 2 | 0.23 | 1.45 |
| <i>Harpalus attenuatus</i> | (Stephens, 1828) | PHY | 3 | 0.33 | 1.60 |
| <i>Harpalus azureus</i> | (F., 1775) | PHY | 4 | 0.21 | 0.85 |
| <i>Harpalus autumnalis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Harpalus calceatus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 3 | 0.94 | 5.66 |

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| <i>Harpalus caspius</i> | Schauberger, 1928 | PHY | 2 | 0.21 | 1.30 |
| <i>Harpalus cupreus</i> | Dejean, 1829 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Harpalus distinguendus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 7 | 10.52 | 41.42 |
| <i>Harpalus dispar</i> | Dejean, 1929 | PHY | 2 | 0.17 | 0.91 |
| <i>Harpalus flavicornis</i> | Dejean, 1829 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Harpalus froelichii</i> | Sturm, 1818 | PHY | 4 | 4.54 | 24.61 |
| <i>Harpalus griseus</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | PHY | 4 | 3.17 | 20.92 |
| <i>Harpalus hirtipes</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | PHY | 5 | 0.54 | 2.02 |
| <i>Harpalus honestus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Harpalus latus</i> | (L., 1758) | PHY | 6 | 0.48 | 1.77 |
| <i>Harpalus neglectus</i> | Audinet-Serville, 1821 | PHY | 3 | 0.13 | 0.61 |
| <i>Harpalus oblitus</i> | Dejean, 1829 | PHY | 5 | 3.10 | 13.58 |
| <i>Harpalus picipennis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 5 | 0.42 | 1.37 |
| <i>Harpalus progrediens</i> | Schauberger, 1922 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Harpalus pumilus</i> | (Sturm, 1818) | PHY | 3 | 0.08 | 0.35 |
| <i>Harpalus punctatostrigatus</i> | Dejean, 1829 | PHY | 2 | 0.25 | 1.28 |
| <i>Harpalus pygmaeus</i> | Dejean | PHY | 2 | 0.13 | 0.73 |
| <i>Harpalus quadripunctatus</i> | Dejean, 1829 | PHY | 7 | 1.23 | 6.65 |
| <i>Harpalus rubripes</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 7 | 1.15 | 4.36 |
| <i>Harpalus rufibarbis</i> | (F., 1792) | PHY | 10 | 54.54 | 192.72 |
| <i>Harpalus rufipalpis</i> | Sturm, 1818 | PHY | 6 | 12.75 | 83.80 |
| <i>Harpalus rufipes</i> | Degeer, 1794) | PHY | 14 | 46.56 | 163.46 |
| <i>Harpalus serripes</i> | (Quensel, 1806) | PHY | 6 | 1.98 | 7.00 |
| <i>Harpalus servus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.13 | 0.64 |
| <i>Harpalus signaticornis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Harpalus smaragdinus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 2 | 0.08 | 0.45 |
| <i>Harpalus tardus</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | PHY | 8 | 12.75 | 41.52 |
| <i>Harpalus xanthopus</i> | Gemminger & Harold, 1868 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Oedesis villosulus</i> | Reiche, 1859 | PHY | 1 | 0.06 | 0.43 |
| <i>Ophonus nitidulus</i> | (Stephens, 1828) | PHY | 2 | 0.08 | 0.40 |
| <i>Ophonus opacus</i> | Dejean, 1829 | PHY | 1 | 0.17 | 1.15 |
| <i>Ophonus rufibarbis</i> | F., 1792 | PHY | 1 | 0.08 | 0.58 |
| <i>Ophonus puncticeps</i> | Stephens, 1828 | PHY | 1 | 0.04 | 0.29 |
| <i>Ophonus puncticollis</i> | Paykull, 1798 | PHY | 2 | 0.10 | 0.59 |
| <i>Ophonus stictus</i> | (Stephens, 1828) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Ophonus subsinuatus</i> | Rey, 1886 | PHY | 5 | 1.04 | 5.55 |
| <i>Parophonus maculicornis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Poecilus cupreus</i> | (L., 1758) | PHY | 16 | 50.65 | 173.91 |
| <i>Scybalicus oblongiusculus</i> | (Dejean, 1829) | PHY | 1 | 0.04 | 0.29 |
| <i>Stenolophus mixtus</i> | (Herbst, 1784) | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Stenolophus teutonius</i> | (Schränk, 1781) | PHY | 5 | 0.96 | 5.63 |
| <i>Synuchus vivalis</i> | (Illiger, 1798) | PHY | 9 | 2.23 | 10.29 |
| <i>Trichotichnus laevicollis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | PHY | 3 | 0.06 | 0.24 |
| <i>Zabrus ignavus</i> | Csiki 1907 | PHY | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Zabrus spinipes</i> | F., 1798 | PHY | 3 | 2.33 | 15.44 |
| <i>Zabrus tenebrioides</i> | (Goeze, 1777) | PHY | 5 | 0.46 | 2.34 |
| <i>Abax ovalis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 4 | 1.65 | 6.28 |
| <i>Abax parallelepipedus</i> | (Piller & Mitterpacher, 1783) | ZOO | 18 | 249.65 | 724.09 |
| <i>Abax parallelus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 3 | 0.10 | 0.42 |
| <i>Acupalpus brunripes</i> | (Sturm, 1825) | ZOO | 5 | 0.60 | 2.32 |
| <i>Acupalpus cantabricus</i> | Piochard de la Brulerie, 1867 | ZOO | 1 | 0.06 | 0.43 |
| <i>Agonum afrum</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Agonum albipes</i> | Fabricius, 1796 | ZOO | 8 | 1.40 | 4.12 |
| <i>Agonum assimile</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 11 | 11.71 | 34.38 |

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| <i>Agonum atratum</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Agonum fuliginosum</i> | (Panzer, 1809) | ZOO | 8 | 2.31 | 9.16 |
| <i>Agonum gracilipes</i> | Duftschmid, 1812 | ZOO | 3 | 0.25 | 1.33 |
| <i>Agonum marginatum</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 5 | 0.50 | 2.02 |
| <i>Agonum moestum</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 6 | 18.90 | 88.50 |
| <i>Agonum muelleri</i> | Herbst, 1974 | ZOO | 23 | 41.60 | 103.87 |
| <i>Agonum nigrum</i> | Dejean, 1828 | ZOO | 3 | 1.40 | 7.14 |
| <i>Agonum obscurum</i> | (Herbst, 1784) | ZOO | 4 | 1.90 | 12.13 |
| <i>Agonum permolestum</i> | Puel, 1930 | ZOO | 1 | 0.58 | 4.04 |
| <i>Agonum sexpunctatum</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 4 | 0.10 | 0.37 |
| <i>Agonum thoreyi</i> | Dejean, 1828 | ZOO | 2 | 0.19 | 1.16 |
| <i>Agonum viduum</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | ZOO | 4 | 3.19 | 11.00 |
| <i>Agonum viridicupreum</i> | (Goeze, 1777) | ZOO | 5 | 3.67 | 23.81 |
| <i>Anchomenus dorsalis</i> | (Pontoppidan, 1763) | ZOO | 17 | 212.92 | 851.03 |
| <i>Anisodactylus binotatus</i> | (F., 1787) | ZOO | 3 | 0.23 | 0.95 |
| <i>Anisodactylus heros</i> | (F., 1801) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Apotomus rufus</i> | Rossi, 1790 | ZOO | 2 | 0.08 | 0.45 |
| <i>Asaphidion flavipes</i> | (L., 1761) | ZOO | 5 | 1.08 | 6.50 |
| <i>Asaphidion stierlini</i> | Heyden, 1880 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Badister bullatus</i> | (Schrank, 1798) | ZOO | 6 | 0.15 | 0.41 |
| <i>Badister lacertosus</i> | Sturm, 1815 | ZOO | 4 | 0.23 | 0.88 |
| <i>Badister sodalis</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Bembidion aeneum</i> | (Germar, 1824) | ZOO | 4 | 2.33 | 13.90 |
| <i>Bembidion ambiguum</i> | Dejean, 1831 | ZOO | 4 | 1.31 | 6.03 |
| <i>Bembidion antoinei</i> | Puel, 1935 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Bembidion biguttatum</i> | (F., 1779) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Bembidion bruxellense</i> | Wesmael, 1835 | ZOO | 3 | 0.35 | 2.04 |
| <i>Bembidion deletum</i> | Audinet-Serville, 1821 | ZOO | 1 | 0.04 | 0.29 |
| <i>Bembidion guttula</i> | (F., 1792) | ZOO | 11 | 4.90 | 18.83 |
| <i>Bembidion harpaloides</i> | Audinet-Serville, 1821 | ZOO | 7 | 0.44 | 1.34 |
| <i>Bembidion laetum</i> | Brulle, 1838 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Bembidion lampros</i> | (Herbst, 1784) | ZOO | 16 | 13.33 | 38.23 |
| <i>Bembidion lunulatum</i> | (Fourcroy, 1785) | ZOO | 3 | 0.42 | 1.89 |
| <i>Bembidion mannerheimii</i> | Sahlberg, 1827 | ZOO | 4 | 1.23 | 5.98 |
| <i>Bembidion obtusum</i> | Audinet-Serville, 1821 | ZOO | 3 | 0.46 | 2.49 |
| <i>Bembidion properans</i> | (Stephens, 1828) | ZOO | 5 | 0.21 | 0.68 |
| <i>Bembidion punctulatum</i> | Drapiez, 1820 | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Bembidion quinquestriatum</i> | Gyllenhal, 1810 | ZOO | 2 | 0.21 | 1.30 |
| <i>Bembidion tethys</i> | Netolitzky, 1926 | ZOO | 8 | 0.79 | 2.56 |
| <i>Bembidion tetracolum</i> | Say, 1823 | ZOO | 7 | 29.08 | 151.03 |
| <i>Bembidion vicinum</i> | Lucas, 1846 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Brachinus bellicosus</i> | Dufour, 1820 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Brachinus crepitans</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 3 | 0.54 | 2.32 |
| <i>Brachinus elegans</i> | Chaudoir, 1842 | ZOO | 3 | 0.08 | 0.35 |
| <i>Brachinus explodens</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 3 | 0.13 | 0.53 |
| <i>Brachinus plagiatus</i> | Reiche, 1858 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Brachinus sclopeta</i> | Fabricius, 1792 | ZOO | 2 | 33.00 | 227.45 |
| <i>Brosicus cephalotes</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Calathus ambiguus</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 6 | 45.27 | 237.21 |
| <i>Calathus cinctus</i> | Motchulsky, 1850 | ZOO | 6 | 5.00 | 23.75 |
| <i>Calathus circumseptus</i> | Germar, 1824 | ZOO | 1 | 0.06 | 0.43 |
| <i>Calathus erratus</i> | (Sahlberg, 1827) | ZOO | 8 | 46.85 | 146.52 |
| <i>Calathus fuscipes</i> | (Goeze, 1777) | ZOO | 19 | 100.60 | 226.98 |
| <i>Calathus granatensis</i> | Vuillefroy, 1866 | ZOO | 11 | 23.08 | 75.50 |

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| <i>Calathus hispanicus</i> | Gautier, 1866 | ZOO | 1 | 2.60 | 18.04 |
| <i>Calathus luctuosus</i> | Latreille, 1804 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Calathus melanocephalus</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 16 | 58.85 | 206.51 |
| <i>Calathus micropterus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 16 | 38.88 | 136.17 |
| <i>Calathus minutus</i> | Gautier, 1866 | ZOO | 2 | 0.08 | 0.40 |
| <i>Calathus mollis</i> | Marsham, 1802 | ZOO | 6 | 1.29 | 4.74 |
| <i>Calathus rotundicollis</i> | Dejean, 1828 | ZOO | 11 | 9.81 | 29.96 |
| <i>Callistus lunatus</i> | (F., 1775) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Calosoma inquisitor</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Calosoma maderae</i> | (F., 1775) | ZOO | 3 | 17.21 | 118.49 |
| <i>Calosoma sycophanta</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Carabus arvensis</i> | Herbst, 1784 | ZOO | 9 | 4.88 | 14.64 |
| <i>Carabus auratus</i> | L., 1761 | ZOO | 2 | 0.60 | 3.90 |
| <i>Carabus auronitens</i> | (F., 1792) | ZOO | 11 | 18.06 | 58.67 |
| <i>Carabus cancellatus</i> | Illiger, 1798 | ZOO | 3 | 0.42 | 2.13 |
| <i>Carabus convexus</i> | F., 1775 | ZOO | 9 | 4.60 | 15.03 |
| <i>Carabus coriaceus</i> | L., 1758 | ZOO | 5 | 0.73 | 3.78 |
| <i>Carabus glabratus</i> | Paykull, 1790 | ZOO | 14 | 10.85 | 36.05 |
| <i>Carabus granulatus</i> | L., 1758 | ZOO | 13 | 21.81 | 96.50 |
| <i>Carabus hortensis</i> | L., 1758 | ZOO | 6 | 18.29 | 58.69 |
| <i>Carabus intricatus</i> | L., 1761 | ZOO | 1 | 0.27 | 1.88 |
| <i>Carabus irregularis</i> | F., 1792 | ZOO | 1 | 0.04 | 0.29 |
| <i>Carabus lusitanicus</i> | Dejean, 1826 | ZOO | 13 | 15.94 | 37.21 |
| <i>Carabus melancholicus</i> | F., 1798 | ZOO | 9 | 25.58 | 120.81 |
| <i>Carabus monilis</i> | F., 1792 | ZOO | 5 | 3.27 | 20.64 |
| <i>Carabus nemoralis</i> | Müller, 1764 | ZOO | 17 | 10.75 | 24.43 |
| <i>Carabus problematicus</i> | Herbst, 1786 | ZOO | 13 | 56.75 | 157.31 |
| <i>Carabus rugosus</i> | Deyrolle, 1858 | ZOO | 10 | 9.27 | 46.09 |
| <i>Carabus sylvestris</i> | Dejean, 1826 | ZOO | 4 | 2.56 | 8.80 |
| <i>Carabus violaceus</i> | L., 1758 | ZOO | 17 | 25.52 | 81.97 |
| <i>Chlaenius chrysocephalus</i> | (Rossi 1790) | ZOO | 2 | 2.13 | 14.43 |
| <i>Chlaenius nigricornis</i> | (F., 1787) | ZOO | 5 | 3.92 | 14.30 |
| <i>Chlaenius nitidulus</i> | (Schrank, 1781) | ZOO | 2 | 3.58 | 19.60 |
| <i>Chlaenius olivieri</i> | (Crotch, 1870) | ZOO | 4 | 3.65 | 22.81 |
| <i>Chlaenius tristis</i> | (Schaller, 1783) | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Chlaenius velutinus</i> | Duftschmid, 1812 | ZOO | 2 | 0.35 | 2.31 |
| <i>Chlaenius vestitus</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 1 | 0.06 | 0.43 |
| <i>Cicindela campestris</i> | L., 1758 | ZOO | 6 | 0.33 | 1.36 |
| <i>Cicindela maroccana</i> | Roeschke, 1891 | ZOO | 3 | 0.19 | 1.02 |
| <i>Clivina fossor</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 12 | 7.83 | 30.98 |
| <i>Cychrus attenuatus</i> | F., 1798 | ZOO | 8 | 14.00 | 45.03 |
| <i>Cychrus caraboides</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 17 | 5.33 | 12.49 |
| <i>Cymindis vaporariorum</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Demetrias atricapillus</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Dolichus halensis</i> | (Schaller, 1783) | ZOO | 2 | 0.06 | 0.32 |
| <i>Dromius agilis</i> | (F., 1787) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Dromius linearis</i> | (Olivier, 1795) | ZOO | 2 | 0.13 | 0.73 |
| <i>Drypta dentata</i> | (Rossi, 1790) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Drypta distincta</i> | Rossi, 1792 | ZOO | 1 | 0.08 | 0.58 |
| <i>Dyschirius globosus</i> | (Herbst, 1784) | ZOO | 1 | 0.08 | 0.58 |
| <i>Elaphrus cupreus</i> | Duftschmid, 1812 | ZOO | 3 | 0.63 | 3.41 |
| <i>Elaphrus uliginosus</i> | F., 1792 | ZOO | 3 | 0.13 | 0.53 |
| <i>Elaphrus riparius</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Epomis circumscriptus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |

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| <i>Laemostenus terricola</i> | (Herbst, 1784) | ZOO | 6 | 0.54 | 1.65 |
| <i>Leistus expansus</i> | Putzeys, 1874 | ZOO | 3 | 0.94 | 5.08 |
| <i>Leistus ferrugineus</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 5 | 0.17 | 0.56 |
| <i>Leistus fulvibarbis</i> | Dejean, 1826 | ZOO | 3 | 0.08 | 0.35 |
| <i>Leistus nitidus</i> | Dufts Schmid, 1812 | ZOO | 5 | 0.29 | 1.22 |
| <i>Leistus piceus</i> | Froelich, 1799 | ZOO | 4 | 0.19 | 0.73 |
| <i>Leistus rufomarginatus</i> | (Dufts Schmid, 1812) | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Leistus spinibarbis</i> | (F., 1775) | ZOO | 7 | 11.13 | 38.88 |
| <i>Leistus terminatus</i> | (Hellwig in Panzer, 1793) | ZOO | 14 | 4.67 | 17.15 |
| <i>Licinus depressus</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 5 | 1.06 | 3.73 |
| <i>Licinus punctatulus</i> | (F., 1792) | ZOO | 3 | 0.06 | 0.24 |
| <i>Loricera pilicornis</i> | (F., 1775) | ZOO | 16 | 11.50 | 32.23 |
| <i>Masoreus wetterhallii</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1813) | ZOO | 2 | 0.13 | 0.73 |
| <i>Microlestes luctuosus</i> | Holdhaus, 1904 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Microlestes minutulus</i> | (Goeze, 1777) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Microlestes negrita</i> | Wollaston, 1854 | ZOO | 3 | 0.29 | 1.18 |
| <i>Molops elatus</i> | (F., 1801) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Molops piceus</i> | (Panzer, 1793) | ZOO | 5 | 0.65 | 2.29 |
| <i>Nebria brevicollis</i> | (F., 1792) | ZOO | 18 | 211.94 | 455.39 |
| <i>Nebria rufescens</i> | Strom, 1768 | ZOO | 6 | 0.67 | 2.60 |
| <i>Nebria salina</i> | Fairmaire & Laboulbène, 1854 | ZOO | 13 | 39.83 | 153.39 |
| <i>Notiophilus aestuans</i> | Motschulsky, 1864 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Notiophilus aquaticus</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Notiophilus biguttatus</i> | (F., 1779) | ZOO | 20 | 3.15 | 6.19 |
| <i>Notiophilus germinyi</i> | (Fauvel, 1863) | ZOO | 2 | 0.06 | 0.32 |
| <i>Notiophilus marginatus</i> | (Gene, 1839) | ZOO | 3 | 0.13 | 0.53 |
| <i>Notiophilus palustris</i> | (Dufts Schmid, 1812) | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Notiophilus quadripunctatus</i> | Dejean, 1826 | ZOO | 5 | 0.19 | 0.61 |
| <i>Notiophilus rufipes</i> | Curtis, 1829 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Notiophilus substriatus</i> | Waterhouse, 1833 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Olisthopus fuscatus</i> | Dejean, 1828 | ZOO | 3 | 0.15 | 0.74 |
| <i>Olisthopus hispanicus</i> | Dejean, 1828 | ZOO | 4 | 0.15 | 0.55 |
| <i>Olisthopus rotundatus</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 3 | 0.60 | 3.38 |
| <i>Olisthopus sturmii</i> | (Dufts Schmid, 1812) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Panagaeus bipustulatus</i> | (F., 1775) | ZOO | 6 | 0.71 | 2.38 |
| <i>Panagaeus cruxmajor</i> | (L., 1758) | ZOO | 1 | 0.08 | 0.58 |
| <i>Paranchus albipes</i> | F., 1796 | ZOO | 2 | 0.29 | 1.54 |
| <i>Patrobus assimilis</i> | Chaudoir, 1844 | ZOO | 4 | 0.38 | 1.59 |
| <i>Patrobus atrorufus</i> | (Ström, 1768) | ZOO | 13 | 26.79 | 73.68 |
| <i>Penetretus rufipennis</i> | (Dejean, 1828) | ZOO | 4 | 0.40 | 1.43 |
| <i>Poecilus kugelanni</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | ZOO | 8 | 1.10 | 3.75 |
| <i>Poecilus purpurascens</i> | (Dejean, 1828) | ZOO | 5 | 0.40 | 1.28 |
| <i>Poecilus sericeus</i> | Fischer von Waldheim, 1824 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Poecilus versicolor</i> | (Sturm, 1824) | ZOO | 13 | 20.81 | 87.31 |
| <i>Pterostichus adstrictus</i> | Eschscholtz, 1823 | ZOO | 4 | 0.98 | 5.08 |
| <i>Pterostichus aethiops</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | ZOO | 2 | 0.23 | 1.32 |
| <i>Pterostichus anthracinus</i> | (Illiger, 1798) | ZOO | 2 | 1.81 | 11.84 |
| <i>Pterostichus brevicornis</i> | Kirby, 1837 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Pterostichus burmeisteri</i> | Heer, 1841 | ZOO | 5 | 7.56 | 31.01 |
| <i>Pterostichus cristatus</i> | (Dufour, 1820) | ZOO | 6 | 0.96 | 3.26 |
| <i>Pterostichus cursor</i> | (Dejean, 1828) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Pterostichus diligens</i> | (Sturm, 1824) | ZOO | 13 | 1.38 | 3.36 |
| <i>Steropus globosus</i> | (Quensel, 1806) | ZOO | 12 | 39.35 | 123.12 |
| <i>Pterostichus macer</i> | (Marsham, 1802) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |

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| <i>Pterostichus madidus</i> | (F., 1775) | ZOO | 18 | 722.35 | 3136.63 |
| <i>Pterostichus melanarius</i> | (Illiger, 1798) | ZOO | 30 | 278.83 | 523.99 |
| <i>Pterostichus multipunctatus</i> | (Dejean, 1828) | ZOO | 4 | 40.73 | 255.22 |
| <i>Pterostichus niger</i> | (Schaller, 1783) | ZOO | 25 | 106.60 | 190.94 |
| <i>Pterostichus nigrita</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 23 | 10.48 | 25.75 |
| <i>Pterostichus oblongopunctatus</i> | (F., 1787) | ZOO | 21 | 17.48 | 36.30 |
| <i>Pterostichus panzeri</i> | (Panzer, 1805) | ZOO | 4 | 0.52 | 2.43 |
| <i>Pterostichus pumilio</i> | (Dejean, 1828) | ZOO | 3 | 0.15 | 0.65 |
| <i>Pterostichus quadrifoveolatus</i> | Letzner, 1852 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Pterostichus rhaeticus</i> | Heer, 1837 | ZOO | 2 | 0.15 | 0.71 |
| <i>Pterostichus strenuus</i> | (Panzer, 1797) | ZOO | 22 | 22.73 | 98.61 |
| <i>Pterostichus unctulatus</i> | (Duftschmid, 1812) | ZOO | 3 | 4.35 | 24.71 |
| <i>Pterostichus vernalis</i> | (Panzer, 1796) | ZOO | 20 | 4.23 | 14.22 |
| <i>Scarites cyclops</i> | Bedel, 1895 | ZOO | 2 | 0.31 | 1.60 |
| <i>Stomis pumicatus</i> | (Panzer, 1796) | ZOO | 3 | 0.10 | 0.42 |
| <i>Syntomus foveatus</i> | (Fourcroy, 1785) | ZOO | 5 | 1.06 | 4.07 |
| <i>Syntomus foveolatus</i> | Dejean, 1831 | ZOO | 2 | 0.13 | 0.73 |
| <i>Syntomus fuscomaculatus</i> | (Motschulsky, 1844) | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| <i>Syntomus pallipes</i> | (Dejean, 1825) | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Trechus cunicolorum</i> | Méquignon, 1931 | ZOO | 2 | 0.04 | 0.20 |
| <i>Trechus discus</i> | (F., 1792) | ZOO | 1 | 0.04 | 0.29 |
| <i>Trechus fulvus</i> | Dejean, 1831 | ZOO | 2 | 0.06 | 0.32 |
| <i>Trechus micros</i> | (Herbst, 1784) | ZOO | 5 | 1.27 | 7.38 |
| <i>Trechus obtusus</i> | Erichson, 1837 | ZOO | 20 | 16.44 | 47.32 |
| <i>Trechus quadristriatus</i> | (Schränk, 1781) | ZOO | 19 | 33.40 | 118.24 |
| <i>Trechus rivularis</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1810) | ZOO | 3 | 0.10 | 0.47 |
| <i>Trechus rubens</i> | (F., 1792) | ZOO | 1 | 0.06 | 0.43 |
| <i>Trechus secalis</i> | (Paykull, 1790) | ZOO | 6 | 9.71 | 40.26 |
| <i>Trichocellus placidus</i> | (Gyllenhal, 1827) | ZOO | 3 | 0.08 | 0.35 |
| <i>Trymosternus onychinus</i> | Dejean, 1825 | ZOO | 1 | 0.02 | 0.14 |

Table S1. Mean (\pm SEM) carabid trophic group activity densities between different countries and broad habitat classes. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of sampling plots per country within a given habitat class; dash means that a particular habitat class was not present in a particular country.

| Habitat class | Spain | Finland | France | Hungary | Ireland | Portugal | Switzerland | Scotland |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Phytophages | | | | | | | | |
| Coniferous forest | 0.00 (16) | 2.08 \pm 0.99 (50) | 0.88 \pm 0.46 (25) | 7.11 \pm 1.44 (9) | 0.380 \pm 0.15 (32) | – | 0.00 (4) | 0.33 \pm 0.23 (42) |
| Broadleaf forest | 0.43 \pm 0.33 (37) | 0.00 (1) | 1.11 \pm 1.00 (27) | 28.21 \pm 6.69 (42) | 2.23 \pm 0.93 (13) | 1.56 \pm 0.67 (70) | 0.00 (1) | 1.00 \pm 1.00 (7) |
| Mixed forest | – | 1.19 \pm 0.36 (16) | – | – | – | – | 0.68 \pm 0.50 (44) | 2.33 \pm 2.33 (3) |
| Extensive grassland | – | 0.00 (1) | 14.52 \pm 3.39 (23) | 54.50 \pm 21.58 (26) | – | 9.50 \pm 9.50 (2) | 15.39 \pm 8.51 (23) | – |
| Intensive grassland | 13.85 \pm 13.19 (13) | 27.33 \pm 20.88 (3) | 40.67 \pm 14.17 (3) | – | 7.20 \pm 1.98 (20) | 4.13 \pm 2.05 (8) | 17.22 \pm 10.46 (23) | 9.63 \pm 4.51(30) |
| Permanent crop | – | 9.20 \pm 4.96 (5) | 0.00 (4) | – | – | – | 0.00 (1) | – |
| Rotational agriculture | 5.97 \pm 3.43 (30) | 50.35 \pm 13.18 (20) | 80.21 \pm 51.48 (14) | 137.37 \pm 32.46 (19) | 54.45 \pm 14.75 (31) | 50.81 \pm 9.31 (16) | – | 10.69 \pm 2.31 (13) |
| Zoophages | | | | | | | | |
| Coniferous forest | 40.13 \pm 9.79 (16) | 49.76 \pm 9.22 (50) | 75.64 \pm 13.80 (25) | 52.56 \pm 10.52 (9) | 431.31 \pm 52.12 (32) | – | 81.50 \pm 23.39 (4) | 95.10 \pm 10.18 (42) |
| Broadleaf forest | 28.95 \pm 3.65 (37) | 112.00 \pm 0.00 (1) | 62.74 \pm 7.39 (27) | 91.62 \pm 14.88 (42) | 387.00 \pm 47.00 (13) | 35.90 \pm 5.92 (70) | 55.00 \pm 0.00 (1) | 129.00 \pm 39.66 (7) |
| Mixed forest | – | 79.38 \pm 22.74 (16) | – | – | – | – | 115.95 \pm 12.06 (44) | 65.00 \pm 5.51(3) |
| Extensive grassland | – | 61.00 \pm 0.00 (1) | 11.30 \pm 4.57 (23) | 113.80 \pm 13.08 (26) | – | 14.50 \pm 2.50 (2) | 136.26 \pm 29.70 (23) | – |
| Intensive grassland | 78.62 \pm 13.91 (13) | 176.33 \pm 55.31 (3) | 76.00 \pm 55.89 (3) | – | 222.75 \pm 48.41 (20) | 70.50 \pm 12.61(8) | 127.32 \pm 24.13 (23) | 251.17 \pm 32.45 (30) |
| Permanent crop | – | 93.60 \pm 22.38 (5) | 42.50 \pm 16.54 (4) | – | – | – | 94.00 \pm 0.00 (1) | – |
| Rotational agriculture | 155.57 \pm 40.62 (30) | 238.75 \pm 33.36 (20) | 66.21 \pm 35.25 (14) | 197.11 \pm 33.21(19) | 1651.23 \pm 161.70 (31) | 65.69 \pm 7.75 (16) | – | 340.00 \pm 63.07 (13) |

Table S2. Mean (\pm SEM) species richness (Mao Tao rarefaction) of total Carabidae – including phytophages – and the zoophagous group among different countries and broad habitat classes. Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of sampling plots per country within a given habitat class; dash means that a particular habitat class was not present in a particular country.

| Habitat class | Spain | Finland | France | Hungary | Ireland | Portugal | Switzerland | Scotland |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Zoophages | | | | | | | | |
| Coniferous forest | 1.65 \pm 0.10 (14) | 1.92 \pm 0.06 (34) | 2.03 \pm 0.05 (24) | 1.96 \pm 0.06 (8) | 1.91 \pm 0.04 (32) | – | 1.83 \pm 0.09 (4) | 1.97 \pm 0.03 (42) |
| Broadleaf forest | 1.78 \pm 0.06 (31) | 2.02 \pm 0.00 (1) | 1.94 \pm 0.04 (25) | 1.79 \pm 0.05 (36) | 2.08 \pm 0.05 (13) | 1.79 \pm 0.05 (56) | 2.05 0.00 \pm (1) | 2.06 \pm 0.15 (7) |
| Mixed forest | – | 2.06 \pm 0.09 (13) | – | – | – | – | 1.83 \pm 0.04 (43) | 2.03 \pm 0.06 (3) |
| Extensive grassland | – | 2.07 \pm 0.00 (1) | 1.86 \pm 0.12(8) | 1.81 \pm 0.07 (23) | – | 2.16 \pm 0.49 (2) | 2.27 \pm 0.04 (20) | – |
| Intensive grassland | 1.75 \pm 0.10 (13) | 2.01 \pm 0.18 (3) | 1.52 \pm 0.09 (2) | – | 2.28 \pm 0.04 (20) | 1.87 \pm 0.08 (8) | 2.23 \pm 0.05 (22) | 2.13 \pm 0.06 (30) |
| Permanent crop | – | 1.98 \pm 0.11 (5) | 1.88 \pm 0.06 (3) | – | – | – | 1.96 \pm 0.00 (1) | – |
| Rotational agriculture | 1.68 \pm 0.04 (30) | 1.93 \pm 0.04 (20) | 1.89 \pm 0.13 (6) | 1.84 \pm 0.04 (19) | 1.87 \pm 0.05 (31) | 1.72 \pm 0.06 (16) | – | 2.34 \pm 0.03 (13) |
| Carabidae (total) | | | | | | | | |
| Coniferous forest | 1.65 \pm 0.10 (14) | 1.97 \pm 0.06 (34) | 2.05 \pm 0.05 (24) | 2.15 \pm 0.07 (8) | 1.91 \pm 0.04 (32) | – | 1.83 \pm 0.09 (4) | 1.97 \pm 0.03 (42) |
| Broadleaf forest | 1.79 \pm 0.06 (31) | 2.02 \pm 0.00 (1) | 1.95 \pm 0.04 (25) | 2.06 \pm 0.05 (40) | 2.09 \pm 0.05 (13) | 1.84 \pm 0.05 (56) | 2.05 0.00 \pm (1) | 2.07 \pm 0.15 (7) |
| Mixed forest | – | 2.04 \pm 0.09 (14) | – | – | – | – | 1.81 \pm 0.04 (43) | 2.09 \pm 0.01(3) |
| Extensive grassland | – | 2.07 \pm 0.00 (1) | 1.60 \pm 0.11(16) | 2.07 \pm 0.05 (26) | – | 2.06 \pm 0.39 (2) | 2.30 \pm 0.04 (20) | – |
| Intensive grassland | 1.77 \pm 0.10 (13) | 2.17 \pm 0.18 (3) | 1.49 \pm 0.25 (3) | – | 2.33 \pm 0.04 (20) | 1.95 \pm 0.07 (8) | 2.24 \pm 0.05 (22) | 2.17 \pm 0.06 (30) |
| Permanent crop | – | 2.12 \pm 0.10 (5) | 1.88 \pm 0.06 (3) | – | – | – | 1.96 \pm 0.00 (1) | – |
| Rotational agriculture | 1.71 \pm 0.05 (30) | 2.11 \pm 0.04 (20) | 1.68 \pm 0.14 (10) | 2.18 \pm 0.03 (19) | 1.93 \pm 0.05 (31) | 1.95 \pm 0.04 (16) | – | 2.37 \pm 0.03 (13) |