Appendix A. Data on subspecies collated from a number of molecular phylogenies.

species	total subspecies [a]	included subspecies [b]	mono' subspecies [c]	island dwelling [d]	taxon sampling [e]	locations sampled [f]	realm [g]	NEA/ PAL [h]	other realms [i]	reference
Thalassarche melanophris	2	2	2	2/2	36.50	2.50	OCE		2/2	(Burg & Croxall 2001)
Pitohui kirhocephalus	21	13	7	7/13	2.54	-	AUS		7/13	(Dumbacher & Fleischer 2001)
Margarops fuscus	5	2	0	0/2	5.00	2.50	NEO		0/2	(Hunt et al. 2001)
Margarops fuscatus	4	2	0	0/2	11.00	2.50	NEO		0/2	(Hunt et al. 2001)
Orthonyx temminckii	4	3	3	2/2	8.67	2.33	AUS		3/3	(Joseph et al. 2001)
Sheppardia sharpei	2	2	1	0/0	3.00	-	AFR		1/2	(Roy et al. 2001)
Pipilo fuscus	10	6	0	0/0	4.67	1.67	NEA	0/6		(Zink et al. 2001)
Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus	8	6	0	0/0	10.00	3.67	NEA	0/6		(Zink et al. 2001)
Auriparus flaviceps	6	3	1	0/0	15.00	4.67	NEA	1/3		(Zink et al. 2001)
Polioptila melanura	5	2	0	0/0	17.00	6.00	NEA	0/2		(Zink et al. 2001)
Glyphorynchus spirurus	13	8	3	0/0	8.88	3.50	NEO		3/8	(Marks et al. 2002)
Malurus leucopterus	3	3	1	1/2	11.33	2.33	AUS		1/3	(Driskell et al. 2002)
Cyanopica cyana	9	8	3	1/1	18.63	2.00	PAL	3/8		(Fok et al. 2002)
Empidonax flavescens	3	1	1	0/0	2.00	1.00	NEA, NEO		1/1	(Johnson & Cicero 2002)
Larus fuscus	4	4	0	0/0	68.00	4.50	PAL	0/4		(Liebers & Helbig 2002)
Dendrocopos major	20	2	1	1/1	33.00	8.00	PAL	1/2		(Zink et al. 2002a)
Picoides tridactylus	8	4	0	0/0	7.00	2.25	NEA, PAL	0/4		(Zink et al. 2002b)
Thalassarche cauta	3	3	1	1/3	10.33	2.00	AUS		1/3	(Abbott & Double 2003)
Icterus spurius	3	2	1	0/0	15.00	5.00	NEA	1/2		(Baker et al. 2003)
Aegotheles bennettii	5	4	4	4/4	2.50	2.50	IND, AUS		4/4	(Dumbacher et al. 2003)
Aegotheles wallacii	3	2	2	2/2	2.00	1.50	IND, AUS		2/2	(Dumbacher et al. 2003)

Thryothorus nigricapillus	6	6	3	0/0	3.17	1.83	NEO		3/6	(Gonzalez et al. 2003)
Tyrannus melancholicus	3	2	0	0/0	2.00	1.50	NEO		0/2	(Joseph et al. 2004)
Myiarchus tyrannulus	7	3	2	0/0	5.33	3.67	NEO		2/3	(Joseph et al. 2004)
Myiarchus tuberculifer	14	2	2	0/0	3.00	3.00	NEO		2/2	(Joseph et al. 2004)
Pica pica	13	4	4	0/0	3.25	1.00	NEA, PAL	4/4		(Lee et al. 2003)
Regulus regulus	12	7	3	0/2	7.29	2.14	PAL	3/7		(Packert et al. 2003)
Regulus ignicapillus	3	1	0	0/0	8.00	4.00	PAL	0/1		(Packert et al. 2003)
Grus canadensis	6	3	0	0/0	9.00	-	NEA	0/3		(Petersen et al. 2003)
Alectoris graeca	3	3	1	1/1	110.67	4.33	PAL		1/3	(Randi et al. 2003)
Xiphorhynchus spixii	5	5	3	0/0	16.00	4.40	NEO		3/5	(Aleixo 2004)
Troglodytes troglodytes	44	8	1	0/2	11.63	2.50	NEA, PAL	1/8		(Drovetski et al. 2004)
Pernis ptilorhynchus	6	6	1	0/4	3.50	2.33	PAL, IND	0/1	1/5	(Gamauf & Haring 2004)
Gypaetus barbatus	2	2	0	0/0	86.00	4.00	PAL, AFR	0/1		(Godoy et al. 2004)
Psarocolius angustifrons	7	1	1	0/0	2.00	2.00	NEO		1/1	(Price & Lanyon 2002)
Psarocolius wagleri	2	1	1	0/0	2.00	2.00	NEO		1/1	(Price & Lanyon 2002)
Psarocolius decumanus	4	1	0	0/0	3.00	3.00	NEO		0/1	(Price & Lanyon 2002)
Aerodramus esculenta	32	3	3	3/3	3.33	2.00	IND		3/3	(Price et al. 2004)
Cinnyris sovimanga	5	4	2	2/4	3.00	1.75	AFR		2/4	(Warren et al. 2003)
Cinnyris humbloti	2	2	2	2/2	3.00	1.00	AFR		2/2	(Warren et al. 2003)
Cinnyris notatus	3	3	3	3/3	2.33	1.00	AFR		3/3	(Warren et al. 2003)
Capito niger	13	6	0	0/0	2.67	2.50	NEO		0/6	(Armenta et al. 2005)
Strix occidentalis	3	3	2	0/0	60.33	4.33	NEA	2/3		(Barrowclough et al. 2005)
Pogonocichla stellata	10	6	0	0/0	47.17	3.33	AFR		0/6	(Bowie et al.)
Turdus olivaceus	16	6	4	0/0	6.33	-	AFR		4/6	(Bowie et al. 2005)
Turdus pelios	10	2	1	0/0	2.50	1.00	AFR		1/2	(Bowie et al. 2005)
Strix aluco	11	3	2	0/0	62.33	-	PAL	2/3		(Brito 2005)
Thamnophilus caerulescens	12	4	0	0/0	31.50	1.25	NEO		0/4	(Brumfield 2005)

Chamaea fasciata	6	4	0	0/0	15.00	3.00	NEA	0/4		(Burns & Barhoum)
Pipra coronota	8	7	2	0/0	8.71	-	NEO		2/7	(Cheviron et al. 2005)
Larus occidentalis	2	2	0	0/0	3.00	1.00	NEA	0/2		(Gay et al. 2005)
Larus novaehollandiae	2	2	2	2/2	2.00	2.00	AUS		2/2	(Given et al. 2005)
Galerida cristata	35	5	0	0/0	6.00	2.20	PAL	0/5		(Guillaumet et al. 2005)
Galerida theklae	12	5	0	0/0	3.80	3.00	PAL	0/5		(Guillaumet et al. 2005)
Milvus migrans	7	3	1	0/0	4.33	4.67	PAL	0/1	1/2	(Johnson et al. 2005)
Milvus milvus	2	2	0	0/1	15.00	4.00	PAL	0/2		(Johnson et al. 2005)
Cyanistes caeruleus	15	5	3	2/4	13.40	1.40	PAL	3/5		(Kvist et al. 2005)
Enicurus leschenaulti	6	2	2	2/2	11.50	6.00	IND		2/2	(Moyle et al. 2005)
Ptilonorhynchus violaceus	2	2	2	0/0	47.00	9.00	AUS		2/2	(Nicholls & Austin 2005)
Carpodacus erythrinus	5	4	0	0/0	46.50	4.25	PAL	0/4		(Pavlova et al. 2005a)
Motacilla alba	8	6	0	0/0	38.67	4.50	PAL	0/6		(Pavlova et al. 2005b)
Myioborus miniatus	12	2	2	0/0	4.50	2.50	NEO		2/2	(Perez-Eman 2005)
Myioborus castaneocapillus	3	2	2	0/0	4.50	1.00	NEO		2/2	(Perez-Eman 2005)
Pionopsitta haematotis	2	2	2	0/0	2.50	1.50	NEO		2/2	(Ribas et al. 2005)
Passerculus sandwichensis	21	12	0	0/2	9.33	1.08	NEA	0/12		(Zink et al. 2005)
Spizaetus cirrhatus	6	6	2	2/4	4.5	2.83	IND		2/6	(Gamauf et al. 2005)
Phylloscopus reguloides	7	7	2	0/0	3.57	1.71	IND		2/6	(Olsson et al. 2005)

([a] The total number of subspecies described for a species (Clements 2000).
[b] Included subspecies are the numbers of subspecies within a species that have been sampled twice or more.
[c] mono' subspecies are those that have been found to be monophyletic.
[d] Island dwelling lists the number of the included subspecies that are found solely on islands and the number of these that are monophyletic, as the denominator and numerator respectively.
[e] Taxon sampling summarises the mean number of individuals sampled for each included subspecies within a species.
[f] Locations sampled summarises the number of mean number of locations sampled for each included subspecies. The criteria for determining locations are outlined in the material and methods.

[g] Realms lists the global realms that the included subspecies were sampled from. Key to realm definitions: AFR = Afrotropics, AUS = Australasia, IND = Indo-Malaysia, NEA = Nearctic, NEO = Neotropics, OCE = Oceania and PAL = Palearctic.
[h] NEA/PAL lists the numbers of subspecies found in the Nearctic and Palearctic realms (the denominator), and the number of these that are monophyletic (the numerator).
[i] Other Realms lists the numbers of subspecies found globally, excepting the Nearctic and Palearctic realms (the denominator), and the number of these that are monophyletic (the numerator).)

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