

Measuring the realized niches of animals using stable isotopes: from rats to bears
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Supplemental Table S1. Stable isotope values ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$, reported in ‰) and digestible elemental concentrations ([C], [N]) for Norway rats from the Aleutian Islands, AK, and American black bears from Yosemite National Park, CA. All raw isotope values corrected for isotopic discrimination (Kurle et al. 2014; see summary below and “□□□□□□-corr” in table below). We corrected isotope values for all foods using discrimination factors for Norway rat muscle (A), liver (B), and hair (C). Digestible elemental concentrations for rat foods were derived from the formulas below. We adjusted feather isotope values (“Feather-muscle diff”) to muscle isotope values in A using the difference in mean discrimination factors for feathers and muscle of ring-billed gulls (citation; see details in paper).

Digestible elemental concentrations:

Digest DM = mean data compiled by Robbins et al. (2002)

Digest C = determined by Phillips and Koch (2002)

Digest [C] = (Digest C/Digest DM) x100 for plants (Koch and Phillips 2002) & amphipods (Phillips and Koch 2002)

%N = estimated during SIA for plant and animal tissue

Digest N = %N x 1 (animals) or 0.9 (plants)

Digest [N] = (Digest N/Digest DM) x100 (Koch and Phillips 2002)

Foods	□□□		□□□□□□□- corr		Feather-muscle diff		Digest DM	Digest C	Digest [C]	% N	Digest N	Digest [N]
	$\delta^{13}C$	$\delta^{15}N$	$\delta^{13}C$	$\delta^{15}N$	$\delta^{13}C$ (+□□□□)	$\delta^{15}N$ (-□.6)						
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-26.0	6.0	-24.3	8.3			35	15.8	45.0	1.9	1.7	4.8
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-26.9	5.6	-25.2	7.9			35	15.8	45.0	1.3	1.2	3.3
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-27.7	4.9	-26.0	7.2			35	15.8	45.0	2.6	2.3	6.6
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-25.4	2.9	-23.7	5.2			35	15.8	45.0	0.8	0.7	2.0
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-27.0	1.8	-25.3	4.1			35	15.8	45.0	0.8	0.7	2.0
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-27.1	1.6	-25.4	3.9			35	15.8	45.0	1.0	0.9	2.5
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-26.1	4.4	-24.4	6.7			35	15.8	45.0	1.2	1.1	3.1
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-25.3	5.7	-23.6	8.0			35	15.8	45.0	0.7	0.6	1.8
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-26.5	6.0	-24.8	8.3			35	15.8	45.0	1.1	1.0	2.8
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-25.6	3.5	-23.9	5.8			35	15.8	45.0	0.8	0.7	2.0
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-24.9	5.8	-23.2	8.1			35	15.8	45.0	0.6	0.5	1.5
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-25.6	4.9	-23.9	7.2			35	15.8	45.0	0.6	0.5	1.5
Amphipods	-17.7	8.3	-16.5	11.4			100	51.5	51.5	7.4	7.4	7.4
Amphipods	-17.7	9.2	-16.5	12.3			100	51.5	51.5	8.6	8.6	8.6
Amphipods	-17.5	9.2	-16.3	12.3			100	51.5	51.5	8.7	8.7	8.7
Amphipods	-16.9	10.3	-15.7	13.4			100	51.5	51.5	8.6	8.6	8.6
Amphipods	-17.4	9.8	-16.2	12.9			100	51.5	51.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
Amphipods	-19.5	8.2	-18.3	11.3			100	51.5	51.5	7.4	7.4	7.4
Amphipods	-18.9	6.0	-17.7	9.1			100	51.5	51.5	6.9	6.9	6.9
Amphipods	-18.1	6.5	-16.9	9.6			100	51.5	51.5	7.7	7.7	7.7
Amphipods	-18.2	6.7	-17.0	9.8			100	51.5	51.5	8.7	8.7	8.7
Amphipods	-18.4	6.8	-17.2	9.9			100	51.5	51.5	9.7	9.7	9.7
<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	-16.6	12.3	-15.4	15.4			100					
<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	-16.5	12.2	-15.3	15.3			100			See calculations below		
<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	-18.6	12.6	-17.4	15.7	-17.3	14.1	100					
<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	-16.3	11.5	-15.1	14.6	-15.0	13.0	100					
<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	-18.7	12.0	-17.5	15.1	-17.4	13.5	100					

A.

B.

<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-26.0	6.0	-24.8	9.1
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-26.9	5.6	-25.7	8.7
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-27.7	4.9	-26.5	8.0
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-25.4	2.9	-24.2	6.0
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-27.0	1.8	-25.8	4.9
<i>Honkenya peploides</i>	-27.1	1.6	-25.9	4.7
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-26.1	4.4	-24.9	7.5
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-25.3	5.7	-24.1	8.8
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-26.5	6.0	-25.3	9.1
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-25.6	3.5	-24.4	6.6
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-24.9	5.8	-23.7	8.9
<i>Leymus mollis</i>	-25.6	4.9	-24.4	8.0
Amphipods	-17.7	8.3	-17.0	11.4
Amphipods	-17.7	9.2	-17.0	12.3
Amphipods	-17.5	9.2	-16.8	12.3
Amphipods	-16.9	10.3	-16.2	13.4
Amphipods	-17.4	9.8	-16.7	12.9
Amphipods	-19.5	8.2	-18.8	11.3
Amphipods	-18.9	6.0	-18.2	9.1
Amphipods	-18.1	6.5	-17.4	9.6
Amphipods	-18.2	6.7	-17.5	9.8
Amphipods	-18.4	6.8	-17.7	9.9

Same as A

C.

See below or Hopkins et al. (2012)

<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-28.2	-1.8	-24.8	0.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.7	1.5	4.3
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-28.2	-1.6	-24.8	0.8	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.7	1.5	4.3
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-28.3	-1.8	-24.9	0.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.5	1.4	3.9
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-28.0	0.4	-24.6	2.8	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.8	1.6	4.7
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-28.7	0.2	-25.3	2.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.5	1.3	3.8
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-28.4	1.6	-25.0	4.0	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.6	1.4	4.1
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-29.3	0.1	-25.9	2.5	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.5	1.4	3.9
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-29.2	0.2	-25.8	2.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.6	1.5	4.2
<i>Agrostis</i> sp.	-29.2	0.1	-25.8	2.5	35.0	15.8	45.0	1.6	1.4	4.1
<i>Avena</i> spp.	-27.6	2.2	-24.2	4.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	0.3	0.3	0.9
<i>Avena</i> spp.	-26.9	0.8	-23.5	3.2	35.0	15.8	45.0	0.4	0.3	1.0
<i>Avena</i> spp.	-27.0	1.2	-23.6	3.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	0.4	0.4	1.0
<i>Trifolium</i> spp.	-29.7	-0.9	-26.3	1.5	35.0	15.8	45.0	2.7	2.4	7.0

<i>Trifolium</i> spp.	-26.7	-0.6	-23.3	1.8	35.0	15.8	45.0	2.9	2.6	7.4
<i>Trifolium</i> spp.	-26.6	-0.7	-23.2	1.7	35.0	15.8	45.0	2.7	2.4	7.0
<i>Perideridia parishii</i>	-26.9	2.6	-23.5	5.0	35.0	15.8	45.0	0.5	0.5	1.4
<i>Perideridia parishii</i>	-26.8	2.4	-23.4	4.8	35.0	15.8	45.0	0.5	0.5	1.4
<i>Perideridia parishii</i>	-27.4	4.9	-24.0	7.3	35.0	15.8	45.0	0.4	0.4	1.0
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-28.9	0.2	-25.5	2.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.7	3.3	9.5
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-28.9	-0.1	-25.5	2.3	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.0	2.7	7.6
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-28.9	0.1	-25.5	2.5	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.4	3.1	8.7
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-27.7	0.2	-24.3	2.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.4	3.0	8.7
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-27.7	0.2	-24.3	2.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.3	3.0	8.5
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-27.6	0.2	-24.2	2.6	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.4	3.1	8.8
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-29.7	-0.1	-26.3	2.3	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.0	2.7	7.8
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-29.7	-0.1	-26.3	2.3	35.0	15.8	45.0	3.3	3.0	8.5
<i>Lupinus</i> spp.	-29.8	-0.1	-26.4	2.3	35.0	15.8	45.0	2.9	2.6	7.5
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-25.6	-1.3	-22.2	1.1	63.4	28.5	45.0	0.8	0.8	1.2
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-24.5	-1.9	-21.1	0.5	63.4	28.5	45.0	0.5	0.5	0.8
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-25.2	-1.0	-21.8	1.4	63.4	28.5	45.0	0.4	0.4	0.6
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-26.2	-0.1	-22.8	2.3	63.4	28.5	45.0	0.6	0.5	0.8
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-26.2	-0.7	-22.8	1.7	63.4	28.5	45.0	0.7	0.7	1.0
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-26.1	-0.8	-22.7	1.6	63.4	28.5	45.0	0.8	0.7	1.1
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-27.5	-1.0	-24.1	1.4	63.4	28.5	45.0	1.0	0.9	1.4
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-28.6	-1.4	-25.2	1.0	63.4	28.5	45.0	1.0	0.9	1.4
<i>Arctostaphylos</i> spp.	-28.7	-1.3	-25.3	1.1	63.4	28.5	45.0	1.0	0.9	1.4
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-24.5	-0.9	-21.1	1.5						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-24.7	-0.2	-21.3	2.2						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-27.1	-1.4	-23.7	1.0						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-26.8	0.1	-23.4	2.5						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-26.7	0.1	-23.3	2.5						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-25.0	0.3	-21.6	2.7						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-26.2	-0.4	-22.8	2.0						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-25.8	-0.4	-22.4	2.0						
<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	-24.3	-1.2	-20.9	1.2						
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	-22.8	-1.9	-19.4	0.5						
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	-23.1	-0.4	-19.7	2.0						
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	-22.9	-0.6	-19.5	1.8						
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	-29.3	-0.8	-25.9	1.6						
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	-26.6	0.0	-23.2	2.4						
<i>Quercus wislizenii</i>	-29.1	-1.8	-25.7	0.6						
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	-26.2	-3.3	-22.8	-0.9						
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	-26.2	-3.0	-22.8	-0.6						

See calculations below

<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	-26.8	-3.1	-23.4	-0.7						
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	-22.1	0.5	-18.7	2.9						
<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	-23.0	0.1	-19.6	2.5						
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	-21.6	1.4	-18.2	3.8						
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	-21.4	1.2	-18.0	3.6						
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	-20.8	1.3	-17.4	3.7						
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	-21.1	1.3	-17.7	3.7						
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	-21.3	1.2	-17.9	3.6						
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	-21.9	1.1	-18.5	3.5						
<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	-24.5	2.7	-22.4	6.6	100	51.5	51.5	15.2	15.2	15.2
<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	-24.0	1.6	-21.9	5.5	100	51.5	51.5	15.7	15.7	15.7
<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	-25.3	3.6	-23.2	7.5	100	51.5	51.5	14.6	14.6	14.6
<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	-25.4	3.7	-23.3	7.6	100	51.5	51.5	15.0	15.0	15.0
<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	-25.4	3.7	-23.3	7.6	100	51.5	51.5	14.3	14.3	14.3
Apidae	-24.7	4.1	-22.6	8.0	100	51.5	51.5	11.9	11.9	11.9
Apidae	-24.7	4.5	-22.6	8.4	100	51.5	51.5	12.1	12.1	12.1
Apidae	-24.7	4.4	-22.6	8.3	100	51.5	51.5	12.0	12.0	12.0
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.5	1.1	-21.6	7.6	100	51.5	51.5	12.9	12.9	12.9
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.5	1.3	-23.2	7.2	100	51.5	51.5	12.6	12.6	12.6
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.5	1.6	-23.2	7.4	100	51.5	51.5	12.8	12.8	12.8
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.9	1.4	-23.0	7.5	100	51.5	51.5	11.6	11.6	11.6
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.9	2.6	-21.8	6.3	100	51.5	51.5	10.1	10.1	10.1
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.4	3.2	-21.8	6.2	100	51.5	51.5	9.8	9.8	9.8
<i>Camponotus</i> spp.	-23.4	3.3	-22.5	6.4	100	51.5	51.5	10.3	10.3	10.3
<i>Lasius</i> spp.	-23.7	3.7	-21.6	8.1	100	51.5	51.5	10.7	10.7	10.7
<i>Lasius</i> spp.	-23.7	3.8	-21.6	7.9	100	51.5	51.5	10.6	10.6	10.6
Isoptera	-23.7	3.7	-21.7	7.5	100	51.5	51.5	12.1	12.1	12.1
Isoptera	-25.3	3.3	-21.1	8.1	100	51.5	51.5	12.1	12.1	12.1
Isoptera	-25.3	3.5	-21.8	8.0	100	51.5	51.5	12.1	12.1	12.1
Isoptera	-25.1	3.6	-21.4	5.0	100	51.5	51.5	9.7	9.7	9.7
Isoptera	-23.9	2.4	-21.4	5.2	100	51.5	51.5	9.9	9.9	9.9
Isoptera	-23.9	2.3	-21.4	5.5	100	51.5	51.5	9.8	9.8	9.8
Hymenoptera	-24.6	2.5	-21.8	5.3	100	51.5	51.5	12.0	12.0	12.0
<i>Vespula</i> spp.	-23.7	4.2	-21.8	6.5	100	51.5	51.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
<i>Vespula</i> spp.	-23.7	4.0	-21.3	7.1	100	51.5	51.5	12.3	12.3	12.3
<i>Vespula</i> spp.	-23.8	3.6	-21.3	7.2	100	51.5	51.5	12.2	12.2	12.2
<i>Vespula</i> spp.	-23.2	4.2	-21.6	7.6	100	51.5	51.5	13.7	13.7	13.7
<i>Vespula</i> spp.	-23.9	4.1	-21.6	7.7	100	51.5	51.5	12.2	12.2	12.2

Digestible [C] and [N] derived from wild duck (for gulls) macronutrient data from the USDA nutrient database:

www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/search (see calculations below). Digestible concentrations of elements for *Quercus* spp. (acorns)

and *Pinus* spp. (pine nuts) from Hopkins et al. (2012).

Factors for calculating macronutrient dry weight from Robbins (1993) unless specified

Protein [C] = Protein (% dry weight) x 0.52

Digest Protein [C] = Protein C x 0.466 (Mealey 1980)

Lipid [C] = Lipid (% dry weight) x 0.75

Carbo [C] = Carbohydrate (% dry weight) x 0.45

Digest [C] = Digest Protein [C] + Lipid [C] + Carbohydrate (carbo) [C]

Protein [N] = Protein (% dry weight) x 0.16

Digest [N] = Protein N * 0.466 (digestibility of pinenuts; used also for acorns) from Mealey (1980) or 1 for wild duck

Units = gm X/100 gm wet weight

FOOD	DESCRIPTION	NBD#	WATER	PROTEIN	LIPID	CARBO	ASH	TOTAL
Wild duck	meat and skin, raw	05144	66.52	17.42	15.20	0	1.16	100.03
Acorns	acorns, raw	12058	27.90	6.15	23.86	40.75	1.35	100.01
Pine nuts	pine nuts, dried	12147	2.28	13.69	68.37	13.08	2.59	100.01

% dry macronutrient dry weight

FOOD	PROTEIN	LIPID	CARBO	ASH	TOTAL
Wild duck	53.40	46.60	0	3.43	100.00
Acorns	8.53	33.09	56.51	1.87	100.00
Pine nuts	14.01	69.96	13.38	2.65	100.00

Units = gm X/100 gm dry weight

FOOD	PROTEIN [N]	DIGEST [N]	PROTEIN [C]	DIGEST PROTEIN [C]	LIPID [C]	CARBO [C]	DIGEST [C]
Wild duck	8.25	8.25	26.82	12.50	33.75	0	46.24
Acorns	1.36	0.64	4.43	2.07	24.82	25.43	52.31
Pine nuts	2.24	1.04	7.28	3.39	52.47	6.02	61.89

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