The consequences of polyandry for sibship structures, distributions of

relationships and relatedness, and potential for inbreeding in a wild

population

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Abstract

The evolutionary benefits of simultaneous polyandry, defined as female multiple mating

within a single reproductive event, remain elusive. One potential benefit could arise if

polyandry alters sibship structures and consequent relationships and relatedness among

females' descendants, and thereby intrinsically reduces future inbreeding risk (the 'indirect

inbreeding avoidance hypothesis'). However such effects have not been quantified in

naturally complex reproductive systems that also encompass iteroparity, overlapping

generations, sequential polyandry, and polygyny. We used long-term social and genetic

pedigree data from song sparrows (*Melospiza melodia*) to quantify cross-generational

consequences of simultaneous polyandry for offspring sibship structures and distributions of

relationships and relatedness among possible mates. Simultaneous polyandry decreased

full-sibships and increased half-sibships on average, but such effects varied among females

and were smaller than would occur in the absence of sequential polyandry or polygyny.

Further, while simultaneous polyandry decreased the overall frequencies of possible

matings among close relatives, it increased the frequencies of possible matings among

distant relatives. These results imply that the intrinsic consequences of simultaneous

polyandry for inbreeding risk could cause weak indirect selection on polyandry, but the

magnitude and direction of such effects will depend on complex interactions with other

mating system components and the form of inbreeding depression.

Introduction

Understanding the evolutionary causes and consequences of simultaneous polyandry,

defined as female multiple mating within a single reproductive event, remains a central

challenge in evolutionary ecology (Arnqvist and Nilsson 2000; Jennions and Petrie 2000;

Parker and Birkhead 2013; Pizzari and Wedell 2013). One key puzzle is that direct costs of

multiple mating identified in diverse systems often exceed any obvious direct benefits that

increase polyandrous females' fitness (e.g., Rowe 1994; Fedorka et al. 2004; Cornell and

Tregenza 2007; Forstmeier et al. 2014). The widespread occurrence of simultaneous

polyandry consequently suggests that it might provide some indirect benefit, manifested as

increased fitness of polyandrous females' descendants rather than of the polyandrous

females themselves (Tregenza and Wedell 2000; Slatyer et al. 2012; Taylor et al. 2014).

Numerous potential indirect benefits of polyandry that would be manifested as

increased offspring fitness have been proposed (Jennions and Petrie 2000; Slatyer et al.

2012). For instance, polyandrous females could mate with additional males of higher

additive genetic value for fitness and hence produce fitter offspring (Garcia-Gonzalez and

Simmons 2005; Reid and Sardell 2012), or mate with less closely related males (i.e.,

inbreeding avoidance) and thereby produce outbred offspring that express less inbreeding

depression (Stockley et al. 1993; Tregenza and Wedell 2000, 2002; Michalczyk et al. 2011;

Duthie et al. 2016). However, such mechanisms often require some form of active female

mate choice and/or paternity allocation, which may impose further costs (e.g., Parker and

Pizzari 2010; Duthie et al. 2016). Further, empirical evidence of substantial indirect fitness

benefits to polyandrous females' offspring remains scant (Jennions and Petrie 2000;

Arnqvist and Kirkpatrick 2005; Evans and Simmons 2008; Reid and Sardell 2012; Forstmeier

et al. 2014; Hsu et al. 2014).

This situation raises the possibility that evolution of simultaneous polyandry might

be facilitated by indirect benefits that are manifested a further generation into the future

(i.e., increased fitness of polyandrous females' grandoffspring). Here, we first summarize a

general hypothesis for how such extended indirect benefits might result from cross-

generational consequences of polyandry for individual and population-wide inbreeding: the

'indirect inbreeding avoidance hypothesis' (IIAH, e.g., Cornell and Tregenza 2007). We then

use comprehensive pedigree data from socially monogamous but genetically polyandrous

song sparrows (*Melospiza melodia*) to examine the possible magnitude of such effects

arising in a naturally complex mating system. We thereby provide a conceptual and

empirical basis for considering how intrinsic indirect effects of simultaneous polyandry

might potentially facilitate its own evolution, and also shape the wider evolutionary

consequences of interactions among relatives.

The 'Indirect Inbreeding Avoidance Hypothesis' for polyandry evolution

The IIAH postulates that the occurrence of simultaneous polyandry intrinsically affects the

distributions of paternity, relationships and relatedness among population members, and

thereby alters inbreeding risk for polyandrous females' offspring. The basic hypothesis

states that, when simultaneous polyandry causes some degree of multiple paternity, it

alters sibship structures such that some offspring of polyandrous females are maternal half-

sibs (i.e., common mother, different father), rather than full-sibs (i.e., both parents in

common) as would result from monandry (fig. 1A). In situations where individuals mate

locally, polyandry might consequently reduce the potential (i.e., the expected frequency

given random mating) for full-sib inbreeding among a female's offspring (Cornell and

Tregenza 2007). Grandoffspring of polyandrous females would consequently be less inbred

than grandoffspring of monandrous females on average and, given inbreeding depression in

fitness, contribute more offspring (i.e., great-grandoffspring of the original polyandrous

female) to the population. The relative frequency of alleles underlying polyandry might

consequently increase across generations, facilitating ongoing evolution and persistence of

simultaneous polyandry.

As with any hypothesis explaining mating system evolution as a function of

inbreeding avoidance, the IIAH assumes that mating individuals experience some risk of

inbreeding, and that inbreeding reduces offspring fitness (i.e., inbreeding depression,

Charlesworth and Willis 2009; Szulkin et al. 2013). Indeed, it is increasingly clear that mating

individuals do commonly encounter different degrees of relatives in diverse systems, due to

small population size, limited dispersal (i.e., high population viscosity), or co-dispersal of kin

groups within larger populations (Sharp et al. 2008; Busch et al. 2009; Hatchwell 2010;

O'Leary et al. 2013; While et al. 2014; Blyton et al. 2015), while inbreeding depression is

widespread and can be severe (Crnokrak and Roff 1999; Keller and Waller 2002; O'Grady et

al. 2006). Evolution of some form of inbreeding avoidance, mediated by pre- and/or post-

copulatory female choice for less closely related mates, is consequently widely postulated

(Tregenza and Wedell 2000; Szulkin et al. 2013), but could be impeded by individuals'

inabilities to discriminate relatives and direct costs of mate choice (Duthie and Reid 2016;

Duthie et al. 2016). In contrast, the IIAH postulates that simultaneous polyandry could

intrinsically reduce inbreeding across generations without requiring mate choice or kin

discrimination or incurring associated costs. Further, by affecting sibship structures,

polyandry might also shape other evolutionary processes stemming from interactions

among close relatives in small or viscous populations, including kin cooperation and

competition, and resulting kin selection on social behavior and dispersal (e.g., Queller 1994;

Gandon 1999; Perrin and Mazalov 2000; Evans and Kelley 2008; Hatchwell 2010; Díaz-

Muñoz 2011).

Like any form of indirect selection, effects of the IIAH process are likely to be weak,

but could still act alongside multiple other direct and indirect costs and benefits to facilitate

or hinder polyandry evolution (e.g., Kirkpatrick and Barton 1997; Møller and Alatalo 1999;

Arnqvist and Kirkpatrick 2005). Theoretical and empirical studies are therefore required to

quantify such effects. In a first theoretical evaluation of the IIAH, Cornell and Tregenza

(2007) presented a mathematical model that considers the evolutionary dynamics of

polyandry resulting from the occurrence of half-sib rather than full-sib inbreeding among

polyandrous females' offspring. They primarily considered the specific restricted

circumstance of non-overlapping, alternating generations of within-brood inbreeding and

complete outbreeding, such as could occur in short-lived invertebrates colonizing discrete

patches. Their analyses suggest that the intrinsic evolutionary benefit of polyandry

stemming solely from reduced full-sib inbreeding is indeed small but might, in combination

with other benefits and appropriate genetic architecture, facilitate ongoing polyandry

evolution. However, Cornell and Tregenza's (2007) specific formulation of the IIAH makes

assumptions that, while sensible in the context of their initial conceptual development and

associated heuristic model, limit its direct applicability to understanding polyandry evolution

in complex natural reproductive systems where polyandry and inbreeding risk co-occur.

First, Cornell and Tregenza's (2007) formulation of the IIAH does not explicitly

consider how the consequences of polyandry for the distributions of relationships and

relatedness among possible mates, and the resulting potential for different degrees of

inbreeding, might extend beyond a polyandrous female's immediate full-sib versus half-sib

offspring and accumulate across multiple broods and generations. This issue is particularly

relevant for iteroparous species where individuals produce multiple broods of offspring

within and/or across years with overlapping generations. In such cases, multiple full-sibs and

maternal half-sibs could be produced across different broods, for example where females

mate with different initial males in different reproductive events (i.e., sequential polyandry)

due to mate death or divorce. The set of possible mates available to any individual offspring

at any point in time might then include various full-sibs and half-sibs originating from

current, previous and subsequent broods produced by their mother. Moreover, it might also

include full- and half-cousins and more distant full- and half-relatives, which are themselves

generated across broods and generations, contingent on the degrees of simultaneous and

sequential polyandry enacted by each individual's female ancestors.

Second, Cornell and Tregenza's (2007) formulation does not explicitly consider how

the effects of polyandry on the frequencies of different relationships, and hence on the

potential for different degrees of inbreeding, depend on the overall distribution of paternity

within a population. Their model assumes that all polyandrous females' additional mates are

distinct, such that they do not sire offspring elsewhere in the population (hereafter the

'distinct males assumption'). Polyandry then creates maternal half-sibs rather than full-sibs

but does not create any paternal half-sibs (fig. 1A). The potential for full-sib mating among a

polyandrous female's offspring is consequently reduced, reflecting the implicit increase in

effective population size. However, the distinct males assumption is unlikely to hold in

nature. Indeed, males commonly sire offspring of multiple polyandrous females and can also

be the sole mate of monandrous females (i.e., polygyny, fig. 1B; e.g., Uller and Olsson 2008;

Coleman and Jones 2011; Lebigre et al. 2012; McDonald et al. 2013). Such co-occurrence of

polyandry and polygyny can still reduce the number of full-sibs and increase the number of

maternal half-sibs compared to monandry, but can also increase the number of paternal

half-sibs and reduce the proportion of individuals in the population that are unrelated (fig.

1B). Further, polyandrous females may mate with the same additional males over successive

reproductive events and/or allocate all paternity to their additional mate, and hence could

produce more full-sibs and fewer half-sibs than otherwise expected, thereby reducing,

eliminating or even reversing the evolutionary benefit of simultaneous polyandry that the

basic IIAH postulates (fig. 1C).

However, despite these conflicting possibilities and their broad implications for

diverse forms of inbreeding avoidance and other kin interactions, no empirical studies have

yet quantified the consequences of simultaneous polyandry for the frequencies of different

relationships arising in populations with iteroparity, overlapping generations, and complex

patterns of non-independent paternity within and among a female's reproductive events.

Consequently, even though complex combinations of polyandry, polygyny and mate fidelity

and divorce widely occur alongside inbreeding (e.g., Cockburn et al. 2003; Michalczyk et al.

2011; Culina et al. 2015), there is no general empirical basis on which to consider how the

evolutionary causes and consequences of simultaneous polyandry could be influenced by

the intrinsic effects of such polyandry on population-wide sibship or relationship structures

and the resulting potential for inbreeding.

Furthermore, in populations where some degree of inbreeding is common, changes

in the 'relationships' among possible mates resulting from polyandry may cause more

complex changes in 'relatedness'. This is because shared ancestry between a focal pair's

parents can increase the pair's relatedness above that expected given the same immediate

relationship in an outbred population. For example, the relatedness between inbred half-

sibs can approach that between outbred full-sibs (Jacquard 1974; Lynch and Walsh 1998;

Reid et al. 2016). Polyandry might therefore have less effect on the distribution of

relatedness among possible mates than expected given its effect on the distribution of

relationships. Studies that quantify the effects of simultaneous polyandry on distributions of

relatedness alongside distributions of discrete relationships among possible mates are

therefore required.

189   *Evaluating the basis of the 'Indirect Inbreeding Avoidance Hypothesis'*

The effects of simultaneous polyandry on sibship structures and distributions of

relationships and relatedness among possible mates could be quantified by comparing

populations where polyandry or monandry is experimentally enforced across multiple

generations (e.g., Power and Holman 2014). However, such experiments may

simultaneously alter other life-history traits in females and offspring, including survival and

fecundity (e.g., Fox 1993; Fedorka and Mousseau 2002; Fisher et al. 2006; Taylor et al.

2008), thereby directly altering sibship structures and relationship frequencies.

Furthermore, sibship structures and distributions of relationships and relatedness all

depend on population size and viscosity, and on among-individual variation in survival and

reproductive success, and on variation in pre-reproductive mortality of offspring sired by

different males (e.g., Fisher et al. 2006; Gowaty et al. 2010; Sardell et al. 2011; Hsu et al.

2014). The composite effects of simultaneous polyandry on sibship structures and

distributions of relationships and relatedness would therefore be usefully quantified in free-

living populations where individual reproductive strategies and offspring survival are not

artificially constrained.

One tractable approach is to utilize systems where a female's potential and realized

allocations of offspring paternity to initial versus additional mates can be documented

directly. Realized distributions of relationships and relatedness emerging from realized

paternity can then be compared with inferred distributions that would have emerged had all

a female's offspring in a given brood been sired by her initial mate (i.e., within-brood

monandry). Socially-monogamous species with extra-pair reproduction, and hence

underlying simultaneous polyandry, allow such comparisons. Here, a female's initial socially-

paired male can be identified from behavioral observations and realized paternity can be

assigned by molecular genetic analysis. Such systems have been used to compare the

variance in inferred (i.e., 'social') and realized (i.e., 'genetic') male reproductive success, and

thereby quantify the consequences of extra-pair reproduction for effective population size

and opportunity for selection (Webster et al. 1995, 2007; Freeman-Gallant et al. 2005;

Lebigre et al. 2012; Schlicht and Kempenaers 2013). However, similar within-system paired-

comparison approaches have not been used to quantify the consequences of extra-pair

reproduction for sibship structures and distributions of relationships and relatedness, or

hence for individual potential for inbreeding. Such studies ideally require complete data on

the social pairings and realized paternity of all population members across multiple years

and generations.

We used comprehensive song sparrow pedigree data to quantify the consequences

of extra-pair reproduction for sibship structures and distributions of relationships and

relatedness between possible mates, and thereby quantify key processes that underlie the

general 'indirect inbreeding avoidance hypothesis' for polyandry. First, we quantify the

degree to which extra-pair reproduction changes the proportion of full-sib versus half-sib

offspring produced by females over their lifetimes given realized patterns of iteroparity and

social pairing. We further quantify the degree to which observed changes differ from those

predicted given lifelong monogamy and given the 'distinct males assumption' (i.e., extra-

pair sires differ among females' broods), and thereby consider effects of sequential

polyandry and polygyny. We additionally quantify the degree to which sibship structures

differ among females' hatched and adult offspring, and thereby illustrate the degree to

which pre-reproductive mortality can shape effects of extra-pair reproduction on sibship

structures among breeding individuals. Second, we quantify the degree to which extra-pair

reproduction alters the distribution of relationships among possible mates given natural

iteroparity and overlapping generations, and hence alters the individual and population-

wide potential for inbreeding between close and more distant relatives. Third, we quantify

the degree to which extra-pair reproduction interacts with inbreeding to shape the

distribution of relatedness within and across categories of relationship. Overall, we thereby

evaluate the degree to which simultaneous polyandry can affect sibship structures and the

resulting population-wide potential for inbreeding, and for other interactions among

disparate co-existing relatives.

245   **Methods**

246   *Study system*

A resident population of song sparrows inhabiting Mandarte Island, British Columbia,

Canada, has been intensively studied since 1975 (Smith et al. 2006). The focal population

lies within a large meta-population and receives regular immigrants (recently mean 0.9 year⁻

¹) that prevent the mean degrees of relatedness and inbreeding from increasing (Wolak and

Reid 2016). This system has therefore proved a valuable model for understanding

evolutionary processes occurring in natural viscous meta-populations where relatives and

non-relatives interact, including the occurrence and fitness consequences of inbreeding and

inbreeding avoidance (Keller and Arcese 1998; Reid et al. 2006, 2015a,b) and the heritability

and fitness consequences of polyandry and resulting extra-pair reproduction (Reid et al.

2011*a*, 2011*b*; Lebigre et al. 2012).

Song sparrows in the focal population typically form socially monogamous breeding

pairs which jointly defend territories and rear 1–4 broods of offspring per year (Smith et al.

2006). Both sexes can first breed aged one year, and median adult lifespan is two years

(maxima of eight and nine years in breeding females and males respectively, Smith et al.

2006; Keller et al. 2008). Due to a typically male-biased adult sex-ratio, 10–40% of males

remain socially unpaired annually (Smith et al. 2006; Sardell et al. 2010; Lebigre et al. 2012).

Extra-pair reproduction is frequent: 28% of hatched offspring are sired by extra-pair males

(i.e., males other than a female's initial socially-paired male, Sardell et al. 2010; see also Hill

et al. 2011), which is within the range commonly observed in passerine birds (Griffith et al.

2002). Both socially-paired and unpaired males can sire extra-pair offspring, and both sexes

form new social pairings within and among years following divorce or death of their socially-

paired mate (Smith et al. 2006; Reid et al. 2015*b*). Females receive no obvious direct

benefits (e.g., nuptial gifts, offspring provisioning) from extra-pair males.

Each year, all pairs are closely monitored, all nests are located and all offspring are

uniquely marked with colored plastic leg bands approximately six days post-hatch (Smith et

al. 2006; Wilson et al. 2007; Germain et al. 2015). Immigrant breeders are mist-netted and

banded soon after arrival. The identities of all individuals alive in late April (i.e., the start of

the breeding season) are recorded in a comprehensive census (resighting probability > 0.99,

Wilson et al. 2007), and all socially-paired parents that rear each brood of chicks are

identified.

278   *Social and genetic pedigrees*

Sibship structures, relationships and relatedness can all be calculated from pedigree data,

which link offspring to parents. We first compiled a 'social pedigree' linking all banded

offspring to their observed mother and her socially-paired male spanning 1975–2015 (Reid

et al. 2014, 2015a,b). Since 1993, all adults and banded offspring were blood sampled and

genotyped at ~160 highly polymorphic microsatellite loci, and all offspring were assigned to

genetic sires with >99% individual-level statistical confidence (Nietlisbach et al. 2015, 2017;

Reid et al. 2015*a*). We then compiled a 'genetic pedigree' linking all banded offspring to

their mother and true genetic father (Sardell et al. 2010; Reid et al. 2014, 2015*a*, 2015*c*;

Nietlisbach et al. 2015). We thereby generated two parallel pedigrees spanning 1993–2015

that describe sibship structures and the distributions of relationships and relatedness

among all population members as they would have been had all observed breeding pairs

been monogamous within broods ('social pedigree'), and given the realized pattern of extra-

pair reproduction and underlying polyandry ('genetic pedigree', Lebigre et al. 2012; Reid et

al. 2014). Because there is no extra-pair maternity (Sardell et al. 2010), the two pedigrees

differ only in the paternity of ~28% of individuals, and are identical in terms of individual

longevity, female reproductive success, and offspring survival to recruitment. Differences in

sibship structure, relationships and relatedness among possible mates between the two

pedigrees therefore stem solely from extra-pair reproduction and hence underlying

simultaneous polyandry (see Discussion).

298   To maximize use of all available pedigree data and relax the alternative assumption

that all 1993 breeders are unrelated, we grafted each of the 1993–2015 social and genetic

pedigrees onto the basal 1975–1992 social pedigree (Reid et al. 2014, 2015*a*). To minimize

error in estimates of relationships and relatedness stemming from inadequate pedigree

depth and/or remaining paternity error for some individuals hatched during 1975–1992, we

restricted analyses to adults alive during 2008–2015. All such individuals had genetically-

verified ancestors back to all great-great-grandparents, or were descendants of immigrants,

meaning that any error due to misassigned paternities before 1993 was trivial (Reid et al.

2015*a*). Immigrants are assumed to be unrelated to existing residents, and therefore to all

possible mates, in their arrival year (Keller et al. 2001; Reid et al. 2006, 2014, 2015*a*), but

could potentially inbreed with their own descendants in subsequent years.

310   *Sibship structures*

To quantify the degree to which extra-pair reproduction altered the proportions of full-sibs

versus half-sibs that each female produced over her lifetime, we compared sibship

structures between the social and genetic pedigrees. We first calculated each female's total

lifetime number of banded offspring (j) and calculated the total number of sibships (i.e., all

possible full-sib and half-sib relationships, hereafter N_{sibs}) among the j offspring as

$N_{Sibs} = \frac{j(j-1)}{2}$. We then calculated the numbers of full-sibships and maternal half-sibships

among each female's offspring given the social and genetic pedigrees, and divided these

numbers by N_{sibs} to obtain the lifetime proportions of full-sibships ($Prop_{Full-sibs}$) and half-

sibships ($Prop_{Half-sibs}$) produced by each female (where $Prop_{Half-sibs}$ = 1 - $Prop_{Full-sibs}$) given each

pedigree. The absolute difference between each female's value of $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ given the

social and genetic pedigrees (i.e., $Diff_{social-gen}$ = |$Prop_{Full-sibs[social]}$ - $Prop_{Full-sibs[genetic]}$|) quantifies

the effect of extra-pair reproduction (i.e., simultaneous polyandry) on sibship structures

while fully accounting for natural patterns of variation in paternity stemming from female

re-pairing between broods (i.e., sequential polyandry) and repeat mating with the same

extra-pair male across multiple broods. To explicitly quantify the combined effects of

simultaneous and sequential polyandry on sibship structures, we further quantified the

difference between $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ given the genetic pedigree and the value of $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ that

would arise given strict lifelong monandry (i.e., 1.0, hence $Diff_{life\_monandry-gen}$ = 1.0 - $Prop_{Full-}$

$_{sibs[genetic]}$). Finally, to quantify the degree to which observed sibship structures differed from

those that would have arisen given the 'distinct males assumption'(i.e., no polygyny), we

additionally considered a hypothetical pedigree in which extra-pair males could sire multiple

offspring within a given brood but could not sire other within-pair or extra-pair offspring in

the population (i.e., fig. 1A). We assigned a unique sire identity to all extra-pair offspring in

each observed brood, maintaining the observed paternity distribution (i.e., X_i extra-pair

offspring sired by male i), and then recalculated $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ and $Prop_{Half-sibs}$ for each female.

To elucidate mechanisms underlying observed changes in sibship structures, we also

calculated the total number of males that sired at least one of each female's offspring given

the social, genetic, and 'distinct males' pedigrees.

We fitted generalized linear mixed models (GLMMs) to test whether the sibship

structures of females' offspring (binomial error structures, weighted by N_{sibs}), or the number

of different sires (Poisson error structures), differed between the pedigrees. These models

included fixed effects of pedigree (three levels) and random female identity effects.

Goodness of fit (R^2) for each model was assessed by the conditional coefficient of

determination (Nakagawa and Schielzeth 2013). We used Tukey's post-hoc tests to evaluate

pairwise differences in $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ and number of sires among the three pedigrees at α =

0.05. We fitted generalized linear models (GLMs) to quantify how $Diff_{social-gen}$ and

$Diff_{life\_monandry-gen}$ varied with whether or not any of the female's offspring were sired by an

extra-pair male (Supporting Information S1), or with the overall proportion of the female's

lifetime offspring that were sired by an extra-pair male (i.e., were extra-pair offspring, EPO).

To examine the effects of pre-reproductive mortality on realized sibship structures

among breeding individuals, all the above analyses were implemented across each female's

offspring that survived to banding, and across offspring that survived to age one year

(recruits). Females that were still alive in 2016, or that produced ≤1 banded or ≤1 recruited

offspring (meaning that N_{sibs} = 0), were excluded from the respective analyses. Analyses for

banded offspring were also repeated across the subset of females that produced ≥2

recruited offspring, thereby allowing direct comparison across offspring stages within

females (Supporting Information S2). While our primary analyses focused on sibship

structures among females' offspring, further analyses demonstrated similar structures

among males' offspring (Supporting Information S3).

Distribution of relationships among possible mates

To quantify how changes in sibship structures resulting from extra-pair reproduction

translated into differences in relationships among possible mates, we used annual censuses

of all adults alive in each year during 2008–2015 (annual means of 26.9±8.8SD females

[range 13–38] and 35.1±10.5SD males [range 20–56]) to generate all possible female-male

pairs that could possibly have mated in each year, assuming no mating constraints

(hereafter 'all possible matings'). We analyzed relationships from the female perspective;

due to extra-pair reproduction a female could possibly mate with any male in the

population. We compared the frequencies of all possible matings for each female in each

year that comprised key relationships given the social and genetic pedigrees. These

relationships comprised: fathers, full-brothers, and sons (1st degree relatives); grandfathers,

uncles, half-brothers, double first cousins (i.e., both parents of each mating individual are

full-sibs), nephews, and grandsons (2nd degree relatives); and great-grandfathers, single first

cousins, and great-grandsons (3rd degree relatives). We also considered half-uncles, half-

single first cousins (i.e., one parent of each mating individual is a half-sib), and half-nephews

(4th degree relatives) and thereby quantified effects of extra-pair reproduction (and

consequent production of half-sibs rather than full-sibs) on possible matings that would

otherwise have involved 3rd degree relatives. Matings involving immigrants were defined as

'unrelated' except where immigrants could mate with their own descendants. All possible

matings that did not fall into any of the above categories were considered 'more distantly

related'. If a possible mating fell into multiple categories (e.g., one case where a possible

mate was both a female's son and grandson [i.e., the progeny of a female mating with

another son]) it was allocated to the closer relationship.

We used Wilcoxon matched pair tests to evaluate whether the lifetime number of

possible matings between individual females and male relatives in each category differed

between the genetic versus social pedigrees. While changes in some relationships given the

genetic pedigree may be counted in multiple years (if both the female and possible mate

survive across years), these represent separate potential opportunities for inbreeding given

random mating, and were thus retained. Although each female has exactly one father in

each pedigree, changes in assigned father between the two pedigrees could change

whether or not a female's assigned father is still alive in certain years and hence available as

a possible mate. Since there is no extra-pair maternity, the number of possible female-son

matings cannot change between the two pedigrees. However, such matings were counted

to provide a complete summary of possible matings among 1st degree relatives.

 Distribution of relatedness among possible mates

To quantify how observed changes in relationship frequencies translated into quantitative

differences in relatedness among possible mates, we used standard pedigree algorithms

(Lange 1997) to calculate the coefficient of kinship (k) between females and males for all

possible matings under the social (k_{SOC}) and genetic (k_{GEN}) pedigrees. The coefficient k

measures the probability that two homologous alleles sampled from two individuals will be

identical by descent relative to the pedigree baseline, and equals the coefficient of

inbreeding (f) of resulting offspring (Jacquard 1974; Lynch and Walsh 1998; Reid et al. 2016).

We quantified differences in k between each individual female and her lifetime set

of possible mates given the genetic and social pedigrees in two ways. First, we quantified

the differences in each female's mean k_{SOC} and k_{GEN} with all possible mates that were

identified as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th degree relatives, or as more distantly related or unrelated,

given the social pedigree. Second, we calculated the difference in k for each possible mating

as $k_{DIFF} = k_{GEN} - k_{SOC}$, calculated mean k_{DIFF} for each individual female, and quantified the

proportion of females for whom mean k_{DIFF} increased, decreased, or did not change given

the genetic versus social pedigrees.

Finally, we quantified the degree to which extra-pair reproduction altered the overall

potential for inbreeding across the whole population. We pooled all possible matings during

2008–2015 and used a two-sample Anderson-Darling test to test whether the shapes of the

continuous distributions of k_{GEN} and k_{SOC} differed significantly (using 10,000 resampling

permutations).

Analyses were run in R version 3.2.2 (R Development Core Team 2015) using

packages *MasterBayes*, *nadiv*, *lme4*, *kinship2*, and *kSamples* (Hadfield et al. 2006; Wolak

2012; Sinnwell et al. 2014; Bates et al. 2015; Scholz and Zhu 2015). Raw means are reported

±1SD.

422   **Results**

423   *Sibship structure of banded offspring*

424   A total of 98 female song sparrows alive during 2008–2015 produced at least two banded

425   offspring over their lifetime (mean 11.4±10.6; median 7–8, range 2–60), and hence at least

426   one sibship. Table 1A,B summarizes the number of sires and $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ among these

427   females' lifetime banded offspring given the social, genetic and 'distinct males' pedigrees.

428   Given the social pedigree, the mean number of sires per female was 1.9, and mean

429    $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ was 0.74 (table 1A,B; fig. 2A,B). Thus, even without considering extra-pair

430   reproduction (i.e., simultaneous polyandry), the occurrence of re-pairing between breeding

431   events (i.e., sequential polyandry), meant that the mean proportion of full-sibships among

432   females' banded offspring was on average ~26% less than expected under lifelong

433   monandry (i.e., 1.0).

434   Given the genetic pedigree, the mean number of sires per female was 2.9, equating

to a mean increase of 1.0 sire per female compared to the social pedigree (table 1A; fig. 2A).

Consequently, as might be expected, $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ among the banded offspring of most

females (60%; 59/98) was lower given the genetic pedigree than given the social pedigree

(table 1B; fig. 2B). However, for 38% (37/98) of females there was no change, and 2% (2/98)

of females actually had higher $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ given the genetic pedigree, illustrating that

polyandry can increase rather than decrease full sibships (fig. 2B). Indeed, mean $Diff_{social-gen}$

was greater in females where at least one offspring was sired by an extra-pair male, but

greatest in females with intermediate proportions of extra-pair offspring (fig. 3A; Supporting

Information S1). However, the effects of extra-pair reproduction on sibship structure (fig.

3A) were smaller than would be observed had all females been strictly monandrous

throughout their lifetimes rather than sequentially polyandrous (fig. 3B).

As expected, the number of sires per female was greatest given the 'distinct males'

pedigree (fig. 2A), but in fact did not differ significantly from the genetic pedigree (table 1A).

However, most females (69%, 68/98) had even lower $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ given the 'distinct males'

pedigree than given the genetic pedigree and no females had higher $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ (fig. 2B),

creating a mean reduction in $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ of ~8% relative to the genetic pedigree (table 1B).

Thus, while female song sparrows produced offspring with similar numbers of males in

reality (i.e., given the genetic pedigree) as given the 'distinct males assumption', the former

resulted in more full-sibships.

455   *Sibship structure of recruited offspring*

A total of 37 females produced at least two recruited offspring over their lifetime (mean

4.2±3.0; median 3, range 2–13). Across these females, the numbers of males that sired

banded offspring and $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ were consistently higher and lower, respectively, than

across the full set of 98 females (table 1A,B vs C,D). This is because females that produced

≥2 recruits typically produced numerous banded offspring spanning multiple broods.

However, the patterns of differences between the pedigrees mirrored those estimated

across all 98 females (Tukey tests, table 1A,B vs C,D).

Comparisons within the 37 females showed that the mean number of sires

decreased between banded and recruited offspring, as might be expected given offspring

mortality, and hence no longer differed as substantially among the three pedigrees (table

1C,E). Meanwhile, mean Prop$_{Full-sibs}$ was slightly higher for recruited offspring than for

banded offspring across all three pedigrees (table 1D,F), but mean Prop$_{Full-sibs}$ among

recruited offspring was again lower given the genetic versus social pedigrees (table 1F). At

the individual level, 46% (17/37) of females had lower Prop$_{Full-sibs}$ given the genetic pedigree,

while 51% (19/37) had no change and one female had higher Prop$_{Full-sibs}$ (fig. 2D). Diff$_{social-gen}$

was again greater in females with intermediate proportions of extra-pair offspring (fig. 3C),

and the effects of extra-pair reproduction on recruit sibship structure were smaller than

would be observed given lifelong monandry (fig. 3D, Supporting Information S1). Finally, the

difference in Prop$_{Full-sibs}$ given the genetic versus 'distinct males' pedigrees was no longer

significant across recruited offspring (Tukey test, table 1F; fig. 2D).

477   *Distribution of relationships among possible mates*

There was a total of 8028 possible matings between adult females and males alive in each

year during 2008–2015, spanning 114 females and 144 males. On average, there were 0.6

fewer possible matings between individual focal females and their full-brothers given the

genetic versus social pedigrees, but 1.6 more possible matings with half-brothers (table 2).

However the distributions of the within-female differences in the numbers of full- and half-

brothers between the two pedigrees spanned zero, showing that some females had more

full-brothers and/or fewer half-brothers given the genetic pedigree (table 2; fig. 4). This

illustrates that patterns of extra-pair reproduction enacted by some female's ancestors

increased rather than decreased the number of possible matings between focal females and

full-brothers versus half-brothers.

488   On average, there were also fewer possible matings between females and their full

uncles, nephews, double first-cousins and single first-cousins given the genetic versus social

pedigree and correspondingly increased numbers of possible matings with half-uncles and

half-single first cousins (but little change in the number of possible matings with half-

nephews, table 2). However, the distributions of the within-female differences again

spanned zero, especially for half-single first cousins (fig. 4). There was consequently

substantial among-individual variation in the consequences of extra-pair reproduction for

the risk of inbreeding with 3rd versus 4th degree relatives.

As expected there was no change in the number of possible female-son matings

given the genetic versus social pedigrees, and only small average changes in the numbers of

possible matings with fathers, grandfathers, grandsons, great-grandfathers and great-

grandsons (table 2) with little variation among individuals (fig. 4). Furthermore, there was

little or no change in the number of possible matings between females and more distant

relatives or completely unrelated males, respectively (table 2).

Overall, the individual-level differences in the distribution of relatives available as

possible mates translated into substantial population-level differences: extra-pair

reproduction meant that, across the population, females had 40% fewer possible matings

with full-brothers, 166% more possible matings with half-brothers, and 85% more possible

matings with 4th degree relatives than with analogous 2nd and 3rd degree relatives

(Supporting Information S4).

509   *Distribution of relatedness among possible mates*

Due to variation in inbreeding among females' ancestors, there was substantial among-

individual variation in the mean kinship (k) between females and their possible mates that

were identified as 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th degree relatives given the social pedigree (fig. 5A–D),

particularly for 1st and 2nd degree relatives. Of the females that had ≥1 possible mate that

was identified as a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th degree relative given the social pedigree most, but not

all, had lower mean k with these same sets of possible mates given the genetic pedigree (fig.

5A–D). Across females, mean k_{GEN} was significantly lower than mean k_{SOC} for all four

categories of relative, but the magnitude of the difference was smallest for 4th degree

relatives (table 3). Conversely, mean k_{SOC} and mean k_{GEN} did not differ across females'

possible mates that were identified as more distant relatives given the social pedigree (table

3; fig. 5E). Because newly arrived immigrants were the only individuals that were completely

unrelated to their possible mates, mean k_{SOC} and mean k_{GEN} were identical across individuals

that were identified as non-relatives in the social pedigree (table 3; fig. 5F).

Of the 114 females, 71% (81) had negative values of mean k_{DIFF} across all possible

matings given the genetic pedigree versus the social pedigree, while 25% (29) had positive

values of mean k_{DIFF}, and 4% (4) had no change in mean k_{DIFF} (three female immigrants that

were alive in only one year, and one female immigrant whose only possible matings with

relatives were with sons or grandsons). Grand mean k_{DIFF} across all possible matings for

individual females was -0.007 ±0.01 (median -0.008, range -0.035–0.017), showing that, on

average, females were slightly less related to all possible mates given the genetic pedigree

than given the social pedigree.

However, across all pooled possible matings for all females, the distributions of k_{GEN}

and k_{SOC} were significantly different (two-sample Anderson-Darling test, $AD = 28.27$, $T =$

35.79, $p < 0.001$). This difference arose because the distribution of k_{GEN} included fewer

possible matings at higher k (fig. 6, black bars), but more possible matings at lower but non-

zero k (fig. 6, white bars), than the distribution of k_{SOC}. There was again no difference in the

number of possible matings among unrelated individuals (i.e., $k = 0$, fig. 6).

Discussion

Simultaneous polyandry is widely hypothesized to have evolved to facilitate inbreeding

avoidance in populations where relatives interact and inbreeding depression is strong (e.g.,

Stockley et al. 1993; Tregenza and Wedell 2000; Michalczyk et al. 2011). Consequently,

numerous empirical studies on diverse systems have tested whether polyandrous females

avoid inbreeding by expressing pre-copulatory and/or post-copulatory choice for less closely

related mates (Tregenza and Wedell 2002; Firman and Simmons 2008; Brouwer et al. 2011;

Reid et al. 2015*a*). However, no studies have quantified the degree to which intrinsic effects

of polyandry on sibship structures might indirectly reduce inbreeding risk (i.e., the 'indirect

inbreeding avoidance hypothesis', IIAH) in systems experiencing natural variation in

polyandry, polygyny and paternity within and across overlapping generations. Accordingly,

we compared long-term social and genetic pedigree data from free-living song sparrows to

examine the consequences of extra-pair paternity, and hence underlying simultaneous

polyandry, for sibship structures and distributions of relationships and relatedness. Further,

by comparing observed patterns to those that would have arisen given lifelong monandry

(i.e., no simultaneous or sequential polyandry) or given simultaneous polyandry but no

resulting polygyny (i.e., the 'distinct males assumption'), we isolated effects of major

components of the complex overall natural mating system on sibship structures. As one

node of a large meta-population, our study system provides an insightful model for systems

where reproductive interactions among relatives commonly arise and might consequently

drive mating system evolution (e.g., Sharp et al. 2008; Hatchwell 2010; While et al. 2011).

Analogous comparisons between social and genetic pedigrees have previously been

widely used to quantify effects of extra-pair reproduction on the variance in male

reproductive success and hence on effective population size and the consequent population

mean inbreeding rate (Webster et al. 1995, 2007; Freeman-Gallant et al. 2005; Schlicht and

Kempenaers 2013). Such effects are often small, including in song sparrows (Lebigre et al.

2012, see also Karl 2008). However, such results do not preclude the possibility that extra-

pair reproduction could substantially affect individual-level inbreeding risk. This is because

the same overall variance in male reproductive success, but very different sibship structures

and distributions of relationships and relatedness, can arise if individual males sire several

offspring of one polyandrous female (i.e., generating full-sibs) or sire one offspring of

several polyandrous females (i.e., generating paternal half-sibs).

571   *Sibship structures*

It may seem inevitable that extra-pair reproduction resulting from simultaneous polyandry

will reduce full sibships, as assumed by the basic IIAH, and by Cornell and Tregenza's (2007)

initial theoretical model. However our analyses illustrate that such effects arising within a

natural mating system are not so straightforward. Comparison of the social and genetic song

sparrow pedigrees showed that extra-pair reproduction did indeed increase the mean

number of different males that sired individual females' offspring and hence reduce the

mean proportion of full-sibships ($Prop_{Full-sibs}$) and increase the mean proportion of maternal

half-sibships ($Prop_{Half-sibs}$) among females' lifetime banded offspring. However, such means

mask substantial among-female variation, including cases where extra-pair reproduction

increased rather than reduced $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ (fig. 2B). Such patterns can result from non-

independent extra-pair paternity when females produce numerous extra-pair offspring with

the same male across broods (as indicated by fig. 3A,C), and/or if a female's extra-pair male

from one brood becomes her socially-paired male for another brood (or vice versa). Further,

comparisons with the hypothetical occurrence of lifelong monogamy showed that the

occurrence of social re-pairing across breeding attempts (i.e., sequential polyandry) already

reduced the effects of simultaneous polyandry on sibship structures by ~26%. Selection for

simultaneous polyandry stemming from the IIAH process might consequently be weaker

given iteroparity and associated repairing than given semelparity and/or strict lifelong

monogamy. Comparison with the hypothetical 'distinct males' pedigree showed that 68% of

females would have had lower $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ among their banded offspring in the absence of

polygyny than given the observed pattern of polygyny defined by the genetic pedigree (fig.

2B). This implies that Cornell and Tregenza's (2007) theoretical formulation of the IIAH

might overestimate indirect selection on polyandry arising in polygynandrous systems.

While simultaneous polyandry can clearly affect the sibship structure of females'

conceived offspring, its consequences for inbreeding risk and other kin interactions

ultimately depend on its effects on the sibship structure of offspring that survive to life-

history stages when key interactions occur. In song sparrows, further comparisons of the

genetic and social pedigrees showed that the effects of extra-pair reproduction on sibship

structures were qualitatively similar, but subtly different, across recruited versus banded

offspring (fig. 2). Most notably, $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ for recruits no longer differed between the

genetic and 'distinct males' pedigrees (table 1B,D vs F). These patterns imply that

theoretical predictions regarding indirect selection on polyandry might, in some instances,

be relatively robust to an assumption of no polygyny. However, such inferences from

observed genetic and social pedigrees require the additional, and commonly violated,

assumption that offspring survival to recruitment does not depend on paternity. In song

sparrows, female extra-pair offspring are less likely to recruit than female within-pair

offspring reared in the same brood (i.e., maternal half-sisters, Sardell et al. 2011), and extra-

pair offspring of both sexes have lower survival and/or reproductive success than within-

pair offspring in other passerine birds (e.g., house sparrows, *Passer domesticus*, Hsu et al.

2014; coal tit, *Periparus ater*, Schmoll et al. 2009). Any small reduction in inbreeding among

polyandrous females' offspring might therefore be further reduced by stochastic and/or

deterministic variation in survival of offspring sired by different males. The ultimate

consequences of polyandry for the expected frequency of close inbreeding and consequent

fitness among descendants of polyandrous females in natural populations may therefore be

smaller than predicted by models that do not consider differential offspring survival (e.g.,

Cornell and Tregenza 2007), and estimated in laboratory populations where variation in

survival may be minimized (e.g., Power and Holman 2014). Future theoretical and empirical

studies considering the evolutionary causes and consequences of polyandry arising through

its effects on sibship structures should therefore consider such effects within the context of

the overall mating system, including natural variation in paternity arising through polygyny

and iteroparity, as well as differential offspring survival.

624   *Distributions of relationships and relatedness*

The effects of simultaneous polyandry on sibship structures among recruited offspring are

likely to alter the frequencies of diverse types of half-relatives versus full-relatives spanning

multiple (overlapping) generations, thereby altering any individual's overall potential for

inbreeding or interacting with different types of relatives. The form and magnitude of

indirect selection on polyandry stemming from the IIAH process might then differ from that

predicted in restricted situations with within-brood mating and non-overlapping

generations (e.g., Cornell and Tregenza 2007). Indeed, our comparisons of the social and

genetic song sparrow pedigrees showed that extra-pair reproduction reduced the potential

for inbreeding among different degrees of full-relatives and increased the potential for

inbreeding among more distant half-relatives, but this change was not consistent across all

individual females and types of relationship (table 2, fig. 4, Supporting Information S4).

Similarly, simultaneous polyandry reduced the mean kinship between females and their

possible mates, most notably with mates that would otherwise have been 1st degree

relatives (fig. 5). These overall conclusions remained unchanged when all possible matings

among 1st degree relatives were excluded (Supporting Information S5), thereby considering

a scenario where individuals actively avoid inbreeding with 1st degree relatives (as observed

in other species, e.g., Stow and Sunnucks 2004; Gerlach and Lysiak 2006; Archie et al. 2007;

Brouwer et al. 2011; Ihle and Forstmeier 2013). Overall, the individual-level differences in

relatedness among possible mates stemming from simultaneous polyandry resulted in

fewer possible matings at intermediate and higher k (i.e., among closely related pairs), and

more possible matings at lower but non-zero k (fig. 6).

Such conclusions rely on the implicit assumptions of our study design that mating

decisions and recruitment are unaffected by pedigree structure, and hence that there is no

active inbreeding avoidance or differential survival by within-pair versus extra-pair offspring.

Indeed, song sparrows do not actively avoid inbreeding through social pairing or extra-pair

reproduction (Keller and Arcese 1998; Reid et al. 2015a). However, to further consider the

implications of such assumptions, we conducted additional analyses to quantify effects of

polyandry on relatedness within a single cohort (Supporting Information S6). Such analyses

have the advantage that they do not require any assumptions regarding patterns of mating

or survival in the absence of extra-pair reproduction, but the disadvantage that they

eliminate effects of polyandry on relatedness generated across multiple (overlapping)

generations. These analyses also showed reduced potential for close inbreeding ($k \geq 0.25$)

given the genetic versus social pedigrees, but no reduction in more distant inbreeding

(0.03125 ≤ *k* < 0.25, Supporting Information S6). These supporting results illustrate that

overall effects of polyandry in reducing the potential for inbreeding at intermediate *k*

accumulate across generations, meaning that exact quantitative outcomes could be

influenced by patterns of differential survival of within-pair versus extra-pair offspring.

Implications

Our results imply that the magnitude and direction of indirect selection on simultaneous

polyandry stemming from the intrinsic consequences of such polyandry for distributions of *k*

among offspring, and hence grand-offspring *f,* will depend on the shape of the relationship

between fitness and *f* (i.e., the form of inbreeding depression). Given multiplicative effects

of deleterious recessive alleles, inbreeding depression is expected to be log-linear, such that

the reduction in fitness decreases with increasing *f* (fig. 7, Morton et al. 1956; Charlesworth

and Charlesworth 1987; Charlesworth and Willis 2009). Counter-intuitively, under these

conditions, polyandry might in fact cause a net decrease in mean fitness, even though it

slightly reduces mean grand-offspring *f*. Intrinsic indirect selection on polyandry stemming

from 'indirect inbreeding avoidance' might then impede rather than facilitate polyandry

evolution. However, given epistatic or threshold effects, inbreeding depression could be

weak up to some value of *f* above which fitness decreases markedly (e.g., fig. 7,

Charlesworth and Willis 2009). Given such threshold effects, the long-term relative

frequency of alleles underlying polyandry could then increase due to the reduced frequency

of matings among close relatives and the resulting net increase in mean offspring fitness

that would arise despite an increased frequency of matings among more distant relatives.

The form of inbreeding depression is very difficult to quantify in natural populations,

not least because close inbreeding often occurs infrequently and may be more likely in high-

fitness lineages where more relatives are available for mating, meaning that phenotypic

effects of inbreeding could be confounded with environmental and/or additive genetic

effects (Reid et al. 2008). Experimental assessments of the shape of inbreeding depression

across ranges of f relevant to animal mating systems are also scarce, because most

experimental studies consider inbred groups generated through one or multiple generations

of sib-sib mating (Charlesworth and Charlesworth 1987; Keller and Waller 2002;

Charlesworth and Willis 2009). Full quantitative, mechanistic evaluation of the 'indirect

inbreeding avoidance' process in driving or impeding polyandry evolution will therefore

require information on distributions of sibships, relationships and relatedness arising within

complex natural mating systems to be coupled with detailed experimental assessments of

the form of inbreeding depression arising across appropriate ranges of f.

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Supplementary Material

Supporting Information S1: Quantifying the combined effects of simultaneous and

sequential polyandry on sibship structures

Supporting Information S2: Sibship structure among banded offspring of females that

produced recruits

Supporting Information S3: Sibship structure among males' banded and recruited offspring

Supporting Information S4: Population-wide effects of polyandry on the distribution of

relatedness

Supporting Information S5: Distribution of relatedness excluding all 1st degree relatives

Supporting Information S6: Distribution of relatedness within cohorts

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Table 1: Summary statistics (left panel) and generalized linear mixed models (right panel)

estimating differences in the number of males that sired a female's offspring, and the

proportion of full-sibships (Prop$_{Full-sibs}$) among females' offspring given the social, genetic

and 'distinct males' pedigrees. Focal females and offspring comprise (A and B) banded

offspring of all females that produced ≥2 banded offspring (i.e., ≥1 sibship, n =98 females),

and (C and D) banded offspring and (E and F) recruited offspring of females that produced

≥2 recruited offspring (n =37 females). Raw means are presented ± 1 standard deviation

(SD). Models assumed (A,C,E) Poisson or (B,D,F) binomial error structures. Estimated

pedigree effects (on latent scales) are presented ±1 standard error (SE), df is the residual

degrees of freedom, R^2 is the conditional coefficient of determination, and Z and p values

are presented for each fixed effect level where the social pedigree represents the intercept.

'Tukey' summarizes a Tukey post-hoc test assessing differences among pedigrees, where

different lower case letters (a,b,c) represent groups with significantly different means.

Response variable	Pedigree	Mean (±SD)	Median (Range)	df	R^2	Estimate (±SE)	z	p	Tukey
Banded offspring – Full Dataset									
A) Number of males	Social	1.9 (1.2)	1 (1–6)	290	0.52	0.45 (0.10)			a
	Genetic	2.9 (2.1)	2 (1–10)			0.45 (0.09)	4.8	<0.001	b,c
	Distinct males	3.5 (2.9)	2 (1–14)			0.63 (0.09)	7.0	<0.001	c
B) Prop$_{Full-sibs}$	Social	0.74 (0.31)	1.00 (0.15–1.00)	290	0.61	1.36 (0.24)			a
	Genetic	0.53 (0.34)	0.40 (0.00–1.00)			-0.58 (0.03)	18.6	<0.001	b
	Distinct males	0.49 (0.35)	0.33 (0.00–1.00)			-0.77 (0.03)	24.1	<0.001	c
Banded offspring – Restricted dataset									
C) Number of males	Social	2.7 (1.5)	2 (1–6)	107	0.56	0.86 (0.13)			a
	Genetic	4.3 (2.5)	4(1–10)			0.48 (0.13)	3.8	<0.001	b,c
	Distinct males	5.2(3.2)	5 (1–14)			0.68 (0.12)	5.6	<0.001	c
D) Prop$_{Full-sibs}$	Social	0.56 (0.32)	0.46 (0.15–1.00)	107	0.33	0.08(0.20)			a
	Genetic	0.40 (0.28)	0.30 (0.10–1.00)			-0.52 (0.03)	15.1	<0.001	b
	Distinct males	0.34 (0.25)	0.25 (0.05–1.00)			-0.66 (0.04)	19.0	<0.001	c
Recruited offspring									
E) Number of males	Social	1.6 (0.6)	2 (1–3)	107	0.18	0.43 (0.14)			a
	Genetic	2.2 (1.2)	2 (1–7)			0.31 (0.17)	1.9	0.06	a
	Distinct males	2.3 (1.3)	2 (1–7)			0.37 (0.17)	2.2	0.03	a
F) Prop$_{Full-sibs}$	Social	0.67 (0.37)	0.85 (0.00–1.00)	107	0.37	0.82 (0.27)			a
	Genetic	0.47 (0.37)	0.40 (0.00–1.00)			-0.96 (0.14)	7.0	<0.001	b,c
	Distinct males	0.43 (0.38)	0.33 (0.00–1.00)			-1.06 (0.14)	7.6	<0.001	c

Table 2: Mean ±SD (and range) of the number of lifetime possible matings for individual

female song sparrows at 15 specified relationships, and with more distant relatives and

unrelated individuals, given the social and genetic pedigrees. The mean difference shows

the mean decrease (negative values) or increase (positive values) in the number of possible

matings at each relationship level given the genetic versus social pedigrees across 114

individual females. Full distributions of the differences are shown in fig. 4. *Z* and *p* denote

the Wilcoxon rank sum test statistic value and associated *p* value. Relationships where

numbers of possible matings decreased or increased significantly given the genetic pedigree

are highlighted in bold.

Relationship		Social pedigree	Genetic pedigree	Mean Difference	*Z* *(p)*
1st degree	Father	0.92 ±0.88 (0–5)	0.85 ±0.88 (0–5)	-0.07 ±0.47 (-2–1)	0.7 (0.49)
	Full-brother	1.50 ±1.86 (0–9)	0.90 ±1.33 (0–6)	**-0.60 ±1.05 (-6–1)**	**2.9 (0.004)**
	Son	0.90 ±1.85 (0–11)	0.90 ±1.85 (0–11)	0.00 ±0.00 (0–0)	0.0 (1.00)
2nd degree	Grandfather	0.40 ±0.74 (0–4)	0.35 ±0.60 (0–2)	-0.05 ±0.65 (-4–2)	0.2 (0.84)
	Uncle	0.78 ±1.17 (0–5)	0.39 ±0.88 (0–5)	**-0.39 ±0.75 (-4–1)**	**3.4 (<0.001)**
	Half-brother	0.96 ±1.71 (0–10)	2.54 ±2.87 (0–12)	**+1.59 ±2.17 (-1–11)**	**5.7 (<0.001)**
	Double first cousin	0.07 ±0.42 (0–3)	0.00 ±0.00 --	-0.07 ±0.42 (-3–0)	2.0 (0.05)
	Nephew	1.39 ±2.97 (0–14)	0.65 ±1.74 (0–12)	**-0.75 ±2.12 (-14–1)**	**2.2 (0.03)**
	Grandson	0.37±1.20 (0–7)	0.39 ±1.48 (0–12)	+0.02 ±0.59 (-2–5)	0.4 (0.69)
3rd degree	Great-grandfather	0.17 ±0.46 (0–2)	0.15 ±0.55 (0–3)	-0.02 ±0.69 (-2–3)	1.0 (0.32)
	Single first cousin	2.33 ±2.87 (0–16)	0.76 ±1.77 (0–15)	**-1.57 ±2.44 (-13–2)**	**5.5 (<0.001)**
	Great-grandson	0.11 ±0.72 (0–7)	0.12 ±0.81 (0–7)	+0.02 ±0.19 (0–2)	0.0 (0.99)
4th Degree	Half-uncle	1.08 ±1. 75 (0–8)	2.00 ±2.30 (0–10)	**+0.92 ±2.09 (-6–6)**	**3.6 (<0.001)**
	Half-single first cousin	2.46 ±3.17 (0–17)	5.39 ±6.44 (0–35)	**+2.94 ±5.53 (-13–28)**	**4.1 (<0.001)**
	Half-nephew	1.98 ±4.29 (0–23)	2.82 ±5.46 (0–32)	+0.84 ±4.63 (-16–24)	1.0 (0.33)
More distant		47.92 ±35.06 (0–207)	45.11±35.06 (0–182)	-2.81 ±7.65 (-29–20)	0.6 (0.52)
Unrelated		7.09 ±24.49 (1–261)	7.09 ±24.49 (1–261)	0.00 ±0.00 (0–0)	0.0 (1.00)

Table 3: Mean ±SD (and range) pairwise coefficient of kinship (k) between individual female

song sparrows and all possible mates that were classified as 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th degree

relatives, or as more distant relatives or as unrelated given the social pedigree, with k

calculated from the social pedigree (k_{SOC}) or genetic pedigree (k_{GEN}). n and ♀ respectively

represent the numbers of possible matings and individual females in each category. Mean

difference denotes the mean decrease (negative values) or increase (positive values) in

mean k for individual females given the genetic versus social pedigrees (i.e., k_{GEN} - k_{SOC}). Z

and p denote the Wilcoxon rank sum test statistic value and associated p value. Degrees of

relationship where mean k decreased significantly are highlighted in bold.

Relationship given social pedigree	k_{SOC}	k_{GEN}	Mean difference	Z (p)
1st degree (n = 378, ♀ = 104)	0.314±0.034 (0.261–0.472)	0.263±0.067 (0.031–0.368)	**-0.051±0.07** **(-0.301–0.062)**	**5.7** **(<0.001)**
2nd degree (n = 453, ♀ = 99)	0.197±0.032 (0.147–0.361)	0.157±0.042 (0.03–0.338)	**-0.041±0.045** **(-0.165–0.128)**	**7.2** **(<0.001)**
3rd degree (n = 297, ♀ = 78)	0.141±0.026 (0.094–0.255)	0.112±0.029 (0.057–0.198)	**-0.033±0.031** **(-0.14–0.063)**	**6.7** **(<0.001)**
4th degree (n = 629, ♀ = 97)	0.125±0.022 (0.084–0.174)	0.108±0.032 (0.031–0.179)	**-0.017±0.026** **(-0.099–0.06)**	**4.3** **(<0.001)**
More distant (n = 5463, ♀ = 110)	0.087±0.017 (0.034–0.119)	0.088±0.018 (0.041–0.122)	+0.001±0.011 (-0.023–0.039)	0.2 (0.84)
Unrelated (n = 808, ♀ = 114)	0.000±0.000 --	0.000±0.000 --	0.00±0.00 --	0.0 (1.00)

Figure 1: Conceptualized mating systems with simultaneous polyandry and (A) distinct males across females ('distinct males assumption'); (B) common males across females (i.e., polygyny) with independent paternity; and (C) common males across females and non-independent (i.e., skewed) paternity. Top female and male symbols depict breeding females and their mate(s) (connected by black lines). Boxed females and males depict resulting offspring from each mating, where box edge patterns match offspring to their mother, and individual shading match offspring to their father. In (A), a polyandrous female's (vertical stripes) offspring have the same mother (i.e., enclosed within vertical striped box), but only some have the same father (i.e., are full-sibs rather than maternal half-sibs; matching grey or black shading). A monandrous female's (checkered box) offspring all have the same mother and father. In (B), the same males can mate with multiple polyandrous and/or monandrous females, creating more offspring that have the same father (i.e., paternal half-sibs), and fewer unrelated offspring that share neither parent. In (C), a polyandrous female (horizontal stripes) mates with an initial male (connected by dashed line) but all of her offspring are sired by the same additional male, resulting in full-sib offspring (as for A).

Figure 2: The numbers of different males that sired female song sparrows' (A) banded and (C) recruited offspring, and the sibship structures of females' (B) banded and (D) recruited offspring given the social pedigree ('Social'), genetic pedigree ('Genetic'), and 'distinct males' pedigree ('Distinct males'). In (A) and (C), box lines represent the median, upper and lower quartiles, whiskers demarcate 1.5× the interquartile range, and '+' shows the mean. In (B) and (D), the left and right axes respectively show the proportions of sibships among each female's offspring that are full-sibships ($Prop_{Full-sibs}$) and half-sibships ($Prop_{Half-sibs}$), where

1011 points denote individual females (jittered for clarity), and lines join observations for

1012 individual females given the three pedigrees.

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Figure 3: Relationships between the proportion of a female's lifetime offspring that were

extra-pair offspring (Proportion EPO) and the absolute difference in $Prop_{Full-sibs}$ given (A and

C) the genetic versus social pedigrees ($Diff_{social-gen}$), and (B and D) the genetic pedigree versus

strict lifelong monandry ($Diff_{life\_monandry-gen}$) for (A and B) banded and (C and D) recruited

offspring. Predictions (black lines) and confidence intervals (grey bands) are from

generalized linear models (Supporting Information S1).

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Figure 4: Distributions of the difference in the number of possible matings at each focal

relationship level (listed in table 2) across 114 females given the genetic versus social

pedigrees. Negative and positive values respectively indicate decreases and increases in the

number of possible matings at each relationship level. White bars denote lineal relatives

(where little difference in the number of possible matings is expected), black bars denote

relationship levels where the mean increase or decrease in the number of possible matings

differed significantly from zero (table 2), and grey bars denote all other non-lineal

relationship levels. Two relationship levels ('son' and 'unrelated') are not depicted because

the difference in the number of matings between the social and genetic pedigrees was

uniformly zero (table 2).

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Figure 5: Mean coefficient of kinship (*k*) between individual female song sparrows and all

possible mates that were identified in the social pedigree as (A) 1st degree, (B) 2nd degree,

(C) 3rd degree, (D) 4th degree and (E) more distant relatives, and (F) unrelated, where *k* is

calculated given the social pedigree ('Social') or genetic pedigree ('Genetic'). Note that y-

axis scales differ among rows of panels. Points denote individual females (jittered for

clarity), and lines join observations for individual females given the two pedigrees. Of the

females that had ≥1 possible mate that was identified as a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th degree relative

given the social pedigree most, but not all, had lower mean *k* with these same sets of

possible mates given the genetic pedigree (80% [83/104], 84% [83/99], 87% [68/78] and

73% [71/97] of females respectively).

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Figure 6: Overall distributions of pairwise coefficients of kinship across all possible song

sparrow matings, calculated from the social pedigree (black bars) or genetic pedigree (white

bars), with grey bars denoting overlap between the two distributions. Dotted, dashed, and

dot-dashed lines depict kinship values equivalent to first cousin (0.0625), half-sib (0.125),

and full-sib (0.25) matings, respectively. Box plots further visualize the distribution of *k* given

each pedigree, where box lines represent the median, upper and lower quartiles, whiskers

demarcate 1.5× the interquartile range, and '+' represents the mean. Mean k_{SOC} was

0.101±0.069 (median 0.914, range 0.000–0.472) and mean k_{GEN} was 0.094±0.065 (median

0.087, range 0.00–0.421), corresponding to a small but statistically significant mean

decrease of -0.006±0.040 (median -0.003, range -0.301–0.251, Wilcoxon signed rank test: *Z*

= 18.95, *p* < 0.001).

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Figure 7: Conceptualization of potential relationships between mean fitness (scaled relative

to an outbred individual) and individual coefficient of inbreeding (f). Such relationships

could be linear (white circles), concave (i.e., log-linear, given multiplicative allelic effects,

grey circles), convex (given epistasis, black circles), or follow a threshold pattern (diamonds).

Points denote x-axis intervals of 0.01 to depict the effects of different shapes of inbreeding

depression on equal scales. Note that concave and convex forms of inbreeding depression

are often depicted on a log scale (i.e., log-fitness) such that log-linear effects appear linear

(e.g., Charlesworth and Willis 2009). Each series of points is meant to convey qualitative

patterns of inbreeding depression and not quantitative values, and so are jittered for clarity.

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