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Examining the genetic influences of migratory status on island colonisation by naturally and

recently established populations of a bird species

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Abstract:

Seasonal migration influences long-distance dispersal and population establishment, which are

the two important steps for successful island colonisation. Migratory behaviour facilitates the

long-distance dispersal of individuals through frequent appearance outside a species' normal

range, while sedentary behaviour may lead to dispersal by post-fledgling flocks whose

accidental immigration provide sufficient propagules for population establishment. We assessed

the relative contributions of migratory and sedentary populations to island colonisation, by

performing population genetics analyses on four recently and naturally established island

populations of the Bull-headed Shrike (*Lanius bucephlaus*). Analyses using 15 microsatellite

loci inferred colonisation by flocks of immigrants from possibly sedentary populations for all

the islands studied. On one island, we found a correlation between wing length and the genetic

probability of assignment to a migratory population, indicating a genetic contribution by

migratory immigrants. Yet migratory immigrants to this island were inferred to be only two

over eight years of sampling. We imply that sedentary populations were successful island

colonists because more immigrants can be provided through their post-fledgling dispersal than

through solitary migration. This is the first attempt to examine, using population genetics,

influence of migratory behaviour on island colonisation thereby, bridging the gap between

population ecology and island biogeography.

Keywords:

Introduction:

Long-distance dispersal over an ocean barrier and subsequent population establishment (long-

distance dispersal and establishment, LDDE) is regarded as an important aspect of island

biogeography, facilitating the development of biotas on remote islands [1–3]. For successful

LDDE, two steps — successful long-distance dispersal and successful population establishment

— are crucial [4]. Traits for higher dispersal abilities facilitate long-distance dispersal [5], and

thus these traits, in theory, can generate higher propagule pressure (composite measures

incorporating both the number of individuals in a single simultaneous arrival event and the

frequency of arrival events). Larger founding populations are less susceptible to population,

genetic and environmental stochasticity and guarantee higher genetic diversity [6], which leads
to successful population establishment. One such trait is seasonal migration [7]. Vagrancy, or
the appearance of species outside their normal ranges, occurs more frequently in long-distance
migratory species or populations than in less migratory species or populations [8,9]. Species
regularly undertaking long migrations are exposed more frequently to, and are more susceptible
to, weather disturbances that may carry individuals away as vagrants [8–10]. In fact, migratory
species are predicted to have had greater opportunities to expand their ranges, and colonise new
areas than non-migratory species, as inferred by several comparative phylogenetic and
macroevolutionary studies [10–12].

However, the relationship between seasonal migration and population establishment
remains unexamined at the population-level, because of a lack of studies of natural LDDE
events [10,13]. In macroevolutionary studies, extinction of populations cannot be considered
[14], and the migratory status of species can change throughout their evolutionary histories [15].
The contribution of sedentary species on LDDE may have been underestimated by these aspects
in macroevolutionary studies. In fact, some traits related to high migratory tendencies may
adversely hinder population establishment. As many long-distance migrants migrate solitarily
driven by genetic programming [9,16], vagrants of such species provide only a small propagule
size. Conversely, in sedentary or less migratory species, post-fledgling movements away from
natal areas in search of suitable territory are sometimes associated with flock formation, and the
rare vagrancy of such flocks can provide a relatively large number of potential population
founders [8]. Multiple colonisation events by large flocks (orders of hundreds) have been
inferred in short-distance migratory species [17]. Migration under genetic control may also urge
individuals to move on, even if they become vagrants [18]. Since contradictory effects of
migratory behaviour on LDDE are possible, there is a need to consider the influence of
migratory behaviour on LDDE, by investigating the composition of migratory and sedentary
immigrants in a recently established population. However, no such investigation has been
conducted in previous studies of newly and naturally established populations [19–22].

Here, we introduce a system in which the Bull-headed Shrike (*Lanius Bucephalus*), a
medium-sized passerine, has naturally colonised five remote Japanese islands over a period of
50 years (figure 1). These five islands are located 200–500 km beyond the previously normal
breeding range of the species, well beyond the normal dispersal range of many other medium-
sized passerine species [23], suggesting that colonisation was accomplished via long-distance
dispersal. The Bull-headed Shrike is partially migratory (it is a summer visitor to Hokkaido and
northern Honshu) but it is principally sedentary on the rest of the main islands of Japan

(southern Honshu, Shikoku, Kyushu) [24,25]. Movements of flocks consisting of several dozen
post-fledgling juveniles in sedentary populations are known [26,27], and these may provide
high propagule pressure for colonisation. Migratory shrikes are typically nocturnal, solitary
migrants (figure S1) (Hara pers. obs., [9]), indicating that their migration is genetically
programmed as in other obligate partial migrants [16]. Ringing recoveries have shown that
migratory Bull-headed Shrikes winter in southern Honshu and Kyushu [28], and they also reach
the Ryukyu Archipelago (Japan's southwestern most islands) [29,30]. Therefore, from a
geographical perspective, both sedentary and migratory shrike populations are capable of
colonising these islands. Replicates of new island shrike populations provide us with a rare
opportunity to examine the relative importance of sedentary and migratory mainland
populations for population establishment.

We performed population genetics analyses of Bull-headed Shrikes on the main islands
of the Japanese Archipelago and on several remote islands. Genetic diversity indices were
compared between mainland and insular populations to infer the degree of bottleneck or
immigration on each island. Moreover, effective population sizes of putative founders were
estimated for the island populations. The results allowed us to examine whether insular
populations are the result of immigration involving the simultaneous arrivals of large numbers
of individuals from possibly sedentary populations or only a few solo migratory individuals. A
mainland region that has a higher genetic affinity with each insular population was explored by
several approaches. The possible source population type (sedentary or migratory) can be
inferred for the island populations. We detected frequent immigration from the main islands of
the Japanese Archipelago on Minami-Daito Island (MDT) in these analyses. Individuals of
migratory avian populations tend to have longer wings than sedentary populations of the same
species [20,31]. Therefore, we assessed the possible genetic contribution of migratory
immigrants by studying whether there was an association between wing length and genetic
assignment probabilities of individuals belonging to a migratory or a sedentary population.
Finally, we discuss the possible impacts of immigrants with different migratory ecologies on the
new island populations.

Methods:
Study system and field procedure
The first observations of breeding attempts by Bull-headed Shrikes on various remote Japanese
islands are as follows: 1) On MDT and Kita-Daito Island (KDT), in the Daito Islands, in 1972–

1974 [32], 2) On Chichi-jima (CCJ), in Ogasawara Islands, in 1987–1988 [33], 3) On Nakano-
shima, in the Tokara Islands, in 1989 [34], and 4) On Kikai-jima (KKJ), in the Amami Islands,
in 2012 [35]. Both KKJ and Nakanoshima lie within the Ryukyu Archipelago where the shrike
is a winter visitor. Tropical cyclones (Typhoons) usually pass Japan on a track from the
southwest towards the northeast during autumn when migratory and post-fledgling movements
occur [36]. North winds in the western part of a cyclone can potentially carry birds away from
their normal range to remote islands. CCJ is not only the furthest island from the Japanese
mainland, but also to the south-southeast thus few cyclones track there from the mainland.

We collected blood samples from shrikes from several populations on mainland Japan
and from four out of five remote islands (MDT, KDT, CCJ and KKJ) (figure 1, table S1).
Samples were stored in 99.5% ethanol. Field sampling was conducted time-intensively and
locally both for insular and many of the mainland populations during the breeding period (n =
58 on Osaka in 1989, n = 35 on Hokkaido in 1997 and 1998, n = 18 on CCJ in 1998, n = 4 on
KDT in 2008, n = 5 on KKJ in 2013 and 2015, n = 25 on Nagano in 2019, see below for MDT).
We used mist nets and spring net traps to capture shrikes for blood sampling. Tissue and blood
samples from Kyushu (n = 14) and the Kanto region (n = 18) were collected regionally
throughout multiple years. While most samples were collected during site-specific breeding
seasons, some were collected during pre-breeding seasons when sedentary shrikes occupy
breeding territories [27]. The shrike population in Hokkaido is migratory, whereas in the regions
of Honshu (Kanto, Nagano, Osaka) and Kyushu the shrike populations are sedentary breeders.
On MDT, we collected samples from multiple breeding seasons, from 1998 (n = 23) and
annually from 2002 to 2008 (n = 295 in total). On MDT, we also recorded the age, sex, and
morphometric traits of each individual, including natural wing length and tarsus length
measured using a digital caliper with a precision of 0.02 mm. We used data collected in 1998 as
representative of the earlier genetic structure of the MDT population for calculating genetic
diversity indices and inferring the genetic structure, whereas data collected from 2002 to 2008
were used for analysis of temporal genetic change and for inferring an association between
genetics and wing morphology.

Laboratory procedure and calculation of genetic diversity indices
DNA extraction of samples was performed using either Qiagen Blood & Tissue Kit (Qiagen) or
Dr.GenTLE (TaKaRa), following the manufacturers' protocols. The genotype of each of the
samples was determined at 15 microsatellite loci. Because each population may include a

different proportion of closely related individuals, results from some of the following genetic

analyses may be biased [37]. Therefore, we also prepared a dataset (hereafter, dataset without

relatedness) in which relatedness of individuals was controlled for each population using

COLONY v.2.0.6.6 [38]. We used the dataset without relatedness in the following analyses

unless stated. Information on primers used, the experimental and genotyping protocols and

preparation of the subset of the data are described in the supplementary material and table S2.

Null allele frequencies were estimated for each locus for each population by using

CERVUS v. 3.0.7 [39]. Tests for linkage disequilibrium were conducted using GENEPOP v. 4.7

[40,41]. Because there were 105 multiple comparisons among loci, the critical value α was

adjusted to 0.00048 using the Bonferroni correction. We compared heterozygosity and allelic

richness among populations separately, by constructing two linear mixed regression models,

using lmerTest packages in R [42]. In each model, we included population as an explanatory

variable and locus identity as a random factor. Allelic richness was calculated under the

rarefaction method using HP rare [43,44]. Heterozygosity was calculated for each locus for each

population using INEST v. 2.2 [45]. We did not conduct Bonferroni correction in these models

(see the supplementary material for details). A test for heterozygosity excess associated with a

genetic bottleneck under the two-phase model [46] was also conducted for each population in

INEST v. 2.2. Pairwise Fst between pairs of populations was calculated with 95% confidence

intervals, accounting for the presence of null alleles using FreeNA [47]. Differences in mean Fst

values were compared between each set of inter-mainland-island comparisons for each island

(e.g., between Fst for Kanto-MDT and that for Hokkaido-MDT). Significance levels were

calculated by using two-sided permutation tests with 10,000 resampling. Scripts and data are

available at Dryad [48].

Spatial genetic structure

The genetic structure of the mainland and insular Bull-headed Shrike populations was inferred

by several methods. We conducted STRUCTURE analysis [49,50] through the R package

strataG [51]. This analysis was based on the 'Admixture model' assuming correlated allele

frequencies among populations, with 10 replicates of 100,000 cycles of burnin and 500,000

cycles of Markov chain Monte Carlo. The number of genetic clusters, K, was tested from 1 to

10. The Evanno method was used to infer the best value of K by ΔK values from the results [52].

We combined all 10 replicates into one output by using CLUMPP [53], and the results were

shown across several K values including the best K. Discriminant analysis of principal

components (DAPC) [54], implemented in the R package adegenet v. 1.2.1 [55], was also

conducted because it is able to assess genetic structure within a complex population structure,
which was suspected based on the STRUCTURE analysis. We performed 1,000 replicates of
cross-validation to determine the number of principal components with the lowest mean squared
error to be retained in the DAPC analysis. After cross-validation, 35 principal components were
retained in the DAPC and the first and the second discriminant functions were used for plotting.

We also assessed the genetic affinity of each insular population to each mainland
population by means of model comparisons of population histories, using DIY-ABC v2.0 [56].
We performed model comparisons separately for each island. In each set of comparisons, we
prepared five competing models in which the ancestral island population split from one of the
five mainland populations at t2, and it colonised the island at t1 years before sampling with an
effective population size, N_{island}. The time parameter t1 was fixed according to the observations
of first breeding attempts by Bull-headed Shrikes on each island. The five mainland populations
were assumed to have simultaneously split from one ancestral population at t3 (t3 > t2). We
assumed that the effective population size $N_{mainland}$ was shared among all populations except
those on remote islands. We also assumed generation time to be one year as more than half of
breeding individuals were yearlings on MDT (Matsui, pers. obs.), perhaps indicating short life
expectancy on islands. We prepared 10,000,000 simulated datasets and compared relative
posterior probabilities using logistic regression estimates for the first 100,000 simulated datasets
to decide the best model. Posterior estimates for parameters were calculated under the best
models. Confidence in scenario choice was evaluated by using the ratio of posterior
probabilities, which was calculated for the best model relative to the second-best. Scenario
choice was confident when the ratio of posterior probabilities exceeded 3.16 [57]. Details for
DIY-ABC analyses are described in the supplementary material and table S3 for priors. Scripts
and data are available at Dryad [48].

Detecting migratory immigrants on Minami Daito Island
We used the original dataset without controlling for relatedness in the analyses below. An effect
of being assigned to the Hokkaido (migratory) population on wing length was examined. We
first constructed a base linear regression model, wing length ~ tarsus + sex + measurer, to
explain variation in wing length. We performed DAPC with a dataset including samples from
MDT collected in 1998 and all the mainland populations, and genetic assignment probabilities
to each population were calculated for the unique individuals collected in 1998 (n = 23) and
2002–2008 (n = 284) on MDT. Our final linear regression model was wing length ~ tarsus + sex

215 + measurer + Hokkaido + Kanto + Nagano + Kyushu + MDT (in 1998), where site names

216 indicate assignment probabilities to the respective sites. Tarsus length was converted to a value

217 between 0 and 1 for a better comparison of its effect with other variables. The assignment

218 probabilities to Osaka were excluded to avoid strong correlations with assignment probabilities

219 to the other sites since many individuals were assigned to the Osaka population. Details of

220 model construction and DAPC are provided in the supplementary material. Scripts and data are

221 available at Dryad [48].

222  We also examined the temporal change in the genetic structure on MDT by conducting

223 a Mantel test on samples collected in different years using ape v. 5.3 [58], for pairwise Fst and

224 Cavalli-Sforza and Edwards' genetic distance Dc [59] calculated for samples collected in

225 different years, by using FreeNA [47]. We conducted calculations by retaining individuals

226 recaptured in different years. Scripts are available at [48].

Results:

229 *Genetic diversity indices*

230 In total, 495 individuals were genotyped for 15 microsatellite loci; only 0.78% of the dataset

231 was missing data. After conducting sib-ship assignment analysis, 85 individuals were removed

232 from the dataset without relatedness. This dataset included 171 individuals from five mainland

233 and four island populations (representatives for MDT were those collected in 1998). There was

234 no evidence of linkage equilibrium after Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons. Null

235 allele frequencies exceeded 0.2 across many mainland and insular populations for one locus

236 (Llu102). Therefore, Llu102 was excluded in all the DIY-ABC analyses (see table S4 for details

237 of null alleles). Heterozygosity was significantly lower for insular populations (with the

238 exception of MDT) than those for mainland regions in the linear mixed regression model (figure

239 2a, table S5). Low levels of allelic richness were also supported for CCJ ($p < 0.01$) and

240 marginally for KKJ ($p = 0.08$) in our linear mixed regression model, while the allelic richness of

241 MDT and KDT did not differ from those for mainland regions ($p = 0.22$ and 0.28, respectively)

242 (figure 2b, table S5). The low heterozygosity of KDT may be attributed to the small sample size.

243  A model including an inbreeding coefficient performed better than one without it only

244 in the Kyushu population based on the deviance information criterion 2 values (table S6), while

245 95% credibility intervals for inbreeding coefficients included 0 for all the populations,

246 indicating that inbreeding was not statistically supported in any population. Population

247 bottlenecks were statistically supported only for CCJ ($p = 0.007$) and KKJ ($p = 0.025$) by

heterozygosity excess.

Genetic differentiation and spatial genetic structure
Genetic differentiation of insular populations was supported by Fst, STRUCTURE analysis and
DAPC, but the degree of genetic differentiation differed among populations (figure 2c, 3a-b).
Differentiation of insular populations from the mainland populations was statistically supported
by Fst for most of the pairs. Differentiation was not supported between Kyushu and KKJ, nor
between KDT and all of the mainland populations (figure S2). The degree of genetic
differentiation of CCJ from the mainland regions was higher than that of KKJ and MDT ($p =$
0.0061 for KKJ and 0.0078 for MDT, 10,000 permutations, $\alpha = 0.017$ after Bonferroni
correction). The degree of differentiation of each island also varied depending on which
mainland populations were used for a comparison; pronounced differentiation of CCJ from
Kyushu, genetic similarity of KKJ to Kyushu, and genetic similarity of MDT to Kanto were
inferred (10,000 two-tailed bootstrap, $\alpha = 0.005$ after Bonferroni correction).

In the Bayesian clustering approach by the STRUCTURE analysis, the genetic
differentiation of CCJ was supported (the highest ΔK values occurred at $K = 4$) (figure 3a,
figure S3). However, one individual from CCJ, whose 36.4–48.5 % (K = 4 and 5, respectively)
of group membership, was assigned to clusters found outside CCJ, suggests the possibility of
post-differentiation gene flow from the mainland. Slight genetic distinctiveness on MDT
appeared when $K = 4$ or a larger value was considered, yet genetic clusters were shared with the
mainland populations, possibly indicating a high level of gene flow from the mainland. The
genetic distinctiveness of KKJ and KDT populations was inconclusive, probably due to the
small sample sizes [60].

CCJ population was discriminated from the rest of populations by the first discriminant
function, while MDT, KDT, and KKJ populations were discriminated from mainland
populations by the second discriminant function (figure 3b). A larger number of individuals
from MDT were located towards the mainland population cluster than CCJ and KKJ, indicating
a higher rate of immigration and gene flow from the mainland on MDT. Based on these
discriminant functions, there was a slight trend indicating that eastern or northern populations
(Hokkaido and Kanto) were placed towards the second quadrant, while western populations
(Osaka and Kyushu) were placed towards the fourth quadrant of the plane. Therefore, the CCJ
and MDT/KDT populations were inferred to be genetically closer to the eastern mainland
populations, and the KKJ population was placed closer to the western mainland populations.

Based on scenario comparisons by DIY-ABC, the best models did not perform
significantly better than the second-best model for CCJ and MDT (table 1). Therefore, scenarios
suggesting that CCJ and MDT have higher genetic affinities with Osaka and Kanto, respectively,
were not supported statistically. For KKJ, the ratio of posterior probabilities exceeded 3.16,
supporting that assumption that KKJ population split from the Kyushu population. Estimates for
the effective population size when colonisation occurred (N_{island}) for CCJ and KKJ were
confidently higher than ten (modes were 18.6 and 19.1, respectively), and were similar to the
number of pairs observed during field surveys of the populations. N_{island} for the MDT population
was estimated to be apparently large compared with estimates from other islands and data from
field surveys. Relatively high credibility intervals of N_{island} for KKJ maybe related to the recent
colonisation and/or the small sample size.

Detecting migratory immigrants on Minami-Daito Island
A linear regression model was constructed to explore the association of genetic assignment
probabilities to a migratory population (Hokkaido) and wing morphology. There was a
significant positive correlation between the assignment probabilities to the Hokkaido population
and wing length, even after controlling for the effect of assignment probabilities to the other
mainland populations or to the MDT population in 1998 (estimate = 2.18 ± 0.96, p = 0.02,
figure 4, table S7). Thus, a genetic contribution from a migratory population to the MDT
population was inferred. The effects of being assigned to the other populations were not
statistically supported (table S7), suggesting that wing length may not differ between insular
individuals and putative immigrants from sedentary mainland populations. Meanwhile, only two
out of 307 individuals (figure S4) were possible migratory immigrants (or their recent
descendants) exceeding 50% of assignment probability to Hokkaido according to [19]. The
Mantel test supported the temporal change of genetic structure on MDT over eight years of
sampling based on the Cavalli-Sforza and Edwards' genetic distance (R = 0.568, p = 0.04) while
the support was marginal based on Fst (R = 0.474, p = 0.074) (figure S5). No change in
heterozygosity or allelic richness was observed throughout the study years on MDT (figure S6,
table S8).

Discussion:
Integrating multiple genetic analyses of recently and naturally established insular populations of
the Bull-headed Shrike indicate that sedentary immigrants have made greater contributions to

island colonisation than migratory immigrants. Our interpretations are based on results showing
that the island populations shared greater genetic affinities with sedentary populations (figure 2,
3, table 1), and that island immigrants consisted of flocks of individuals (figure 2, table 1),
which were most likely of sedentary birds undergoing post-fledgling dispersal [26,27] rather
than solitarily migrating birds (Hara, pers. obs., [9]).

We inferred higher genetic affinities of the MDT and KKJ populations to the Kanto and
Kyushu populations, respectively, although the affinities of the CCJ population remained
inconclusive. The estimated effective population sizes (N_{island}) for CCJ and KKJ were roughly
consistent with the sizes observed during field surveys, suggesting that these island populations
genetically comprise mainly founder individuals [20]. Moreover, low heterozygosity, allelic
richness, and genetic differentiation from the mainland, due to a genetic bottleneck, were
detected on CCJ and KKJ within ten years of colonisation. This is in accordance with the results
of both theoretical [61–63] and empirical studies (e.g., [20,64]) under conditions without
recurrent immigration. Together, most of the immigrants on CCJ and KKJ could have been
limited to founding flocks consisting of from one to several dozen individuals, as N_{island} inferred.
If there is any recurrent immigrant on CCJ, then it might involve solo migratory immigrants.
Gene flow from the mainland was indicated in only one of our sample individuals in the
STRUCTURE analysis; no large influence on the entire genetic structure (which was the
expectation if several individuals immigrated [65]) was detected. The MDT population was
characterized by a larger estimate of N_{island} than the number of observed pairs, a low level of
genetic differentiation from the mainland, and the maintenance of high genetic diversity. These
results were consistent with the previous studies in which repeated immigration or a large
number of multiple immigrants on isolated populations was inferred [17,19,64,65]. Genetic
contributions of migratory individuals to immigration events were at least detected as a positive
association between wing length and genetic assignment probabilities but inferred to be small
relative to the population size.

Vagrancy, or the displacement of individuals, can occur either during post-fledgling
dispersal by sedentary populations or during seasonal migration by migratory populations. The
latter frequently results in long-distance movements assisted by tropical cyclones [8,9]. An
individual Bull-headed Shrike, sighted flying over the Pacific Ocean, was observed 500 km
south of the Japanese mainland at N29° E135° [66]. Strong north-westerly winds associated
with an autumn typhoon presumably pushed the bird off course from its mainland migratory
route [66]. There may be many independent incidents of solo migrating individuals such as this
bird, being displaced far out into the Pacific Ocean, some of which may reach remote islands.

Although the vagrancy of sedentary shrikes is probably far less frequent, if and when it does
occur, flocks of many non-related individuals may travel together as they drift off course
[26,27], making them more likely successful colonists than migratory shrikes. Therefore, the
number of individuals involved in immigration (*i.e.*, propagule pressure) is considerably more
important for successful LDDE than a high dispersive trait *per se*. This has been suggested in
theory [6] and by experiment [67], but remained untested in nature [10]. Our results provide the
first evidence highlighting the relative importance of propagule pressure in a natural system.

Local and altitudinal short-distance movements are recognized within the sedentary
populations of the Japanese mainland (southern Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu), even though
they are essentially "sedentary" [24,26]. The ecology of these movements (such as distance they
move or whether movement is obligate or facultative) is not well understood. However, given
that flock formation triggers flock movements [9], such movements may be limited to post-
fledging juveniles since flock formation has only been reported in sedentary populations [26,27].
Our results indicate that island colonisation in the Bull-headed Shrike is influenced mostly by
movements made by essentially non-migratory populations.

A relatively large contribution of sedentary rather than migratory individuals to LDDE
by the Bull-headed Shrike agrees with previous implications that migratory species are less
favoured for population establishment than are sedentary species [18,68]. However, as we
detected the genetic contribution of migratory individuals to the MDI population, this was
probably not due to genetically programmed migration which inhibits settling down by seasonal
migrants [18]. The migratory behaviour of this species may be flexible in terms of island
settlement due to its relatively short-distance nature, which was reflected in a high degree of
gene flow between sedentary and migratory populations.

Evaluation of genetic analyses
Different levels of genetic differentiation of the island populations may be related to genetic
drift after colonisation. Unsupported genetic differentiation of the KKJ population from the
possible source area (Kyushu) may reflect a relatively large number of founder individuals
without experiencing subsequent genetic drift [17,21]. The KKJ population was established by
the most recent colonisation event (sample collection was within five years of colonisation),
thus it is relevant that no subsequent genetic drift has occurred on this island yet. In contrast, the
CCJ population became highly genetically differentiated within ten years, which may have
blurred the genetic relationship between this island and the mainland regions. This pattern can

be called isolation by colonisation, where a genetic bottleneck following colonisation leads to
considerable genetic differentiation [69].

A high rate of immigration from the mainland to MDT was unexpected given the
geographically isolated nature of the island. Though a high genetic affinity of the MDT
population in 1998 to the Kanto population was inferred, the origins of the founder populations
remain uncertain due to the inference that recurrent immigration has occurred. Few migratory
immigrants detected on MDT may have caused the temporal change in the population genetic
structure, since repeated but low levels of immigration can rapidly change the genetic structure
of an insular population [65]. We believe this to be less likely because assignment to the Osaka
population was more frequent during a period from 2002 to 2008 (but see below). The origin of
the KDT population remains unknown due to the small sample size. However, from its position
on the DAPC plane, a metapopulation structure involving KDT and MDT is possible.
Uncovering the metapopulation structure between these two islands may provide further
information on how the MDT population has been maintained.

Migratory and sedentary populations could not be readily discriminated using our
microsatellite marker set. We should not ignore the possible low discrimination power of our
marker set and the low coverage of mainland populations, which may not correctly assign
individuals to genetic clusters or sufficiently infer genetic structure. However, our results do not
contradict previous reports indicating that only low levels of genetic differentiation may be
observed between migratory and non-migratory populations [70,71]. Furthermore, high levels of
differentiation based on wing morphology have also been reported in relation to migratory
behaviour [70,72]. Wing length is under polygenic control and highly heritable [73], so the
positive correlation between wing morphology and genetic affinity with migratory population is
plausible. Meanwhile, as has been reported in previous studies, the evolution of shorter wings is
frequently associated with colonisation due to directional selection (e.g., [20,65]). The genetic
contributions of migratory populations may perhaps be underestimated due to the *in situ*
evolution of shorter wings on MDT. Further investigation including greater coverage of the
mainland region, high-throughput sequencing, and fitness data of insular birds, will decouple
the effects of migratory immigrants and the directional evolution of wing morphology in insular
populations.

Conclusion
Recently established populations of animals founded by natural colonisation (non-human-

assisted) may reflect the ecologically realistic genetic structure of the early stage of population
colonisation [19,21]. This study was of a rare system in which a species including both
migratory and sedentary populations colonised multiple remote islands 200–600 km from their
normal breeding areas, within only several decades. Surprisingly, sedentary individuals were
shown to contribute more to island colonisation than vagrancy-prone migratory individuals.
This was probably because of the potentially different number of individuals involved in the
different ecological movements during which drifting to islands occurs. To our knowledge, this
is the first attempt to examine the influences of migratory behaviour on population colonisation
at the population-level and to bridge a gap between population ecology and island biogeography,
namely long-distance dispersal and establishment. Further investigation of this system
guarantees a deeper understanding of the effects of migratory behaviour on the distributions of
organisms.

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Tables

627 **Table 1** Summary of the best models and parameter estimates for the origins and demographic

628 parameters of insular populations under the best model, inferred by approximate Bayesian

629 computation approach. Each parameter is shown as effective population size or generation time

630 (in year). Numbers within brackets indicate 95% credibility intervals. P_R corresponds to the ratio

631 of posterior probabilities.

	Priors	Posteriors						Field survey	
	t_1 (time since colonisation)	Best model (relative posterior probabilities)	P_R	N_{island}	t_2	$N_{mainland}$	t_3	No. pairs	ref
Chichi-jima	10	Osaka (0.28)	1.04	18.6 [14.6, 303]	48.9 [24.3, 949]	167,000 [41,100, 283,000]	1,180 [319, 4,770]	< 35	Takagi pers. obs.
Kikai-jima	5	Kyushu (0.51)	3.19	19.1 [14.3, 1,003]	57.7 [26.1, 958]	218,000 [44,900, 286,000]	744 [253, 4,680]	> 13	[74]
Minami-Daito Island	25	Kanto (0.43)	1.81	392 [206, 1,610]	200 [46. 3, 968]	193,000 [36,600, 281,000]	1,310 [322, 4,770]	> 80	[32]

 Figure captions

Figure 1 The range of the Bull-headed Shrike and the location of sampling sites for this study.

Land colours correspond to different origins of the populations: summer migrants (yellow),

residents (sedentary, green), winter visitors (blue), and residents due to recent colonisation (red,

the numbers within squares correspond to the colonisation sequence). Insets correspond to

squares with the same numbers. Sampling sites on the mainland are denoted by circles

(intensive local sampling) and squares (regional sampling). Black solid and hatched arrows

correspond to possible immigration events by sedentary and migratory individuals, inferred

from the present study. Abbreviations for island populations are as follows: Chichi-jima = CCJ,

Kikai-jima = KKJ, Minami-Daito Island = MDT, and Kita-Daito Island = KDT.

Figure 2 Comparisons of genetic diversity indices across five mainland and four insular

populations, including (a) heterozygosity, (b) allelic richness, and (c) pairwise Fst. Mean values

with 95% confidence intervals across 15 loci were indicated. Results of permutation tests were

only indicated for pairwise Fst within each category of island-mainland comparisons

(comparisons with $p < 0.005$ were indicated with asterisks). Abbreviations for populations are

as follows: Hokkaido = HK, Kanto = KT, Nagano = NG, Osaka = OS, Kyushu = KY, others

refer to figure 1.

Figure 3 Results of genetic clustering for the mainland and insular individuals, inferred by the

(a) STRUCTURE and (b) discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC). (a) Genetic

assignment of individuals to each number of genetic cluster K, ranging from $K = 2$ to 5, is

shown. Each bar indicates an individual, and the height of different colours shows the

assignment probabilities to each corresponding genetic cluster. (b) A scatterplot shows the first

two discriminant functions of the DAPC. Different colours represent different prior information

on populations. Inertia ellipses are drawn for individuals (dots) from the same prior populations.

In an inset, eigenvalues are shown for each discriminant function.

Figure 4 An effect of assignment probability to Hokkaido (Pr(Hokkaido) inferred by the

DAPC) on the natural wing length of the Bull-headed Shrike on Minami-Daito Island, while the

effects of the other variables were accounted for in a linear regression model. The relationship

was shown separately for males and females with 95% confidence intervals.

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