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Sexually dimorphic leading-edge serrations evolved with sperm competition in silent swallows

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Abstract

Leading-edge serrations are specialized feather structures, mitigating acoustic noise

during foraging flight in owls, and have been extensively studied and applied to

man-made noise-reducing structures. Similar structures occur in other avian species,

such as swallows, although the ecological functions of the serrations in these species

remain unclear. I conducted macroevolutionary analyses of hirundines (subfamily:

Hirundininae), in which "leading-edge serrations" have evolved multiple times, to

examine their evolution in relation to ecological context. I found that silent hirundines

showed a higher probability of possessing leading-edge serrations, indicating that

leading-edge serrations of swallows have an acoustic function as in owls. However, the

probability of possessing leading-edge serrations had no detectable association with

prey type (here, large active fliers vs. small aerial planktons) in hirundines, indicating

that their acoustic functions would evolve independent of foraging adaptation in this

clade. Instead, the presence of leading-edge serrations was positively associated with

relative testes mass, a well-known index of sperm competition, in hirundines. These

findings explain sexually dimorphic expression of leading-edge serrations, a unique

characteristic in this clade. In contrast to owls, in which serrations are considered an

adaptation for silent foraging, sperm competition rather than foraging adaptation would

favor the evolution of leading-edge serrations in hirundines, which illustrates that totally

different selection pressures favor homologous traits in two taxa.

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Introduction

Leading-edge serrations, also known as leading-edge comb, are curved hooklets on the leading edge of the primary feathers in owls (reviewed in Wagner et al. 2017; Jaworski & Peake 2020; Terrill & Schultz 2023). This structure has intensively been studied and shown to reduce noise in flight and thus can be adaptation to improve hearing during foraging flights and to avoid detection by prey (e.g., Rao et al. 2017; reviewed in Wagner et al. 2017; Clark et al. 2020), which is now applied to man-made structure to reduce acoustic noise (e.g., pantograph of Japanese Shinkansen trains: reviewed in Wagner et al. 2017). However, owls are not the only animals that possess leading-edge serrations (Clark et al. 2020); similar structures, albeit somewhat smaller and less curved, can be found in other avian groups, including frogmouths (family: Podargidae) and swallows (family: Hirundinidae), and the function of the serrations in these birds remains unknown (reviewed in Clark et al. 2020).

In swallows (family: Hirundinidae), leading-edge serrations are known to have evolved independently at least twice, once in rough-winged swallows (genus: *Stelgidopteryx*; Fig. 1 left panel) and the other in saw-wings (genus: *Psalidoprocne*; Fig. 1 middle panel), evident from their English names (Turner & Rose 1994; also see Fig. 1 right panel for non-serrated leading-edge, typical to other hirundines). Similar to other species with leading-edge serrations (see above), these structures might serve to mitigate flight noise. However, different from the majority of owls and frogmouths, swallows are diurnal, visually-foraging birds, and, furthermore, they possess sexually dimorphic leading-edge serrations, in which males, but not females, possess serrations (reviewed in Turner & Rose 1994). This suggests that they might serve somewhat different functions than sexually monomorphic leading-edge serrations found in mainly nocturnal, acoustic predators (i.e., owls and frogmouths; e.g., see Roulin et al. 2013). In fact, although its function has not been shown, several hypotheses are proposed to explain the evolution of this sexually dimorphic structure (reviewed in Lunk 1962); for

example, a clasping structure for copulation, to prevent slipping from females

(Steinbacher 1931) and a means for generating non-vocal sound production during

courtship or territorial chases (Lunk 1962; de Jong 2020). It is also unclear, if

leading-edge serrations are adaptive, why only a few swallows possess leading-edge

serrations (Steinbacher 1931; Lunk 1962), which sharply contrasts with owls in which

virtually all owl species possess some forms of leading-edge serrations (e.g., Le Piane

& Clark 2022).

Here, I studied ecological correlates of leading-edge serrations in swallows and

martins (subfamily: Hirundininae). Because leading-edge serrations evolved at least two

times (see above), phylogenetic comparative approaches can be used to find out

ecological factors promoting the evolution of leading-edge serrations. Of several

hypotheses proposed, the most promising hypothesis is that, as in owls, leading-edge

serrations serve a function to reduce noise in flight (see above). Then, I predicted that

vocal activity would be negatively linked to the evolution of leading-edge serrations.

This is because reducing acoustic noise cannot make sense when birds continue to

vocalize.

To further infer evolutionary forces favoring the leading-edge serrations, I also

examined their association with foraging adaptations and sperm competition. Given that

silence during foraging on elusive prey favors the leading-edge serrations in owls (see

above), I expected that foraging on large and hence active fliers might favor the

evolution of leading-edge serrations. This is because only active fliers can evade

predation by detecting approaching predators. In other words, small, passive fliers (or,

"aerial plankton") cannot evade predation even if they perceive nearby predators. This

foraging adaptation hypothesis is a possible explanation for the occurrence of

leading-edge serrations in hirundines, but it does not account for their sexual

dimorphism. Thus, I also examined leading-edge serrations in relation to the intensity of

sperm competition, measured as testes mass. As secretary activity is favored in mating

strategy as a "sneaker" (Shuster 2010), I predicted that leading-edge serrations would be

evolutionarily positively associated with testes mass.

Methods

Data collection

As in previous studies (e.g., Hasegawa & Arai 2020a,b), information on morphological

traits (i.e., bill size and relative tail fork depth, defined as fork depth divided by central

tail feather length; e.g. Hasegawa & Arai, 2017, 2018) and migratory habits (i.e.,

migrant or not) was obtained from Hasegawa & Arai (2020b), which was derived from

Turner & Rose (1994). Likewise, I collected data concerning the vocal activities (silent

or not). Species with "silent", "quiet" or similar expression noted in the "voice"

category was regarded as silent species and other species were regarded as non-silent

species (unless data was unavailable). Dichotomous prey category (i.e., large and small),

based on the size of prey item (roughly corresponding to >5mm or not), was obtained

from Hasegawa & Arai (2022), which was originated from Turner & Rose (1994).

Information on body mass, as a measure of body size, was obtained from Dunning

(2008).

Information on testes mass as a measure of sperm competition, was obtained

from a large dataset for avian species (Dun et al. 2001; also see Calhim & Birkhead

2007, in which the data set can be downloadable). Because this dataset does not contain

information on testes mass for species with leading-edge serrations, I also searched for

the information on testes mass for males in the breeding condition for these species (i.e.,

Psalidoprocne and *Stelgidopteryx*) using past publications (*Psalidoprocne*: Mees 1970)

and the information on museum specimens (*Stelgidopteryx*: collections of the Florida

Museum of Natural History). During this search for the information, I also obtained

additional information on testes size of the cave swallow, *Petrochelidon fulva* (Klass

1968) and the blue swallow, *Hirundo atrocaerulea* (Mees 1970), which were therefore

included in the analysis ($n_{species}$ = 17). To ensure compatibility across data sources,

testes size measurements were converted to testes mass using the formula provided by

Dun et al. (2001). To account for interspecific variation in body size, I used relative

testes mass (i.e., testes mass/body mass) in statistical analyses. The complete dataset

used is provided in Table S1.

Statistics

A Bayesian phylogenetic mixed model with a binomial error distribution was used to

examine the presence/absence of leading-edge serrations. As in previous studies (e.g.,

Hasegawa & Arai 2020a,b; Hasegawa 2023), potential confounding factors, body size

[measured via log(body mass)] and migratory habit, were included alongside vocal

activity in the model. I also included one of two indices of prey size (i.e., bill size and

dichotomous prey size based on the size of prey items; see above) to test the association

between prey size and the presence of leading-edge serrations. To account for

phylogenetic uncertainty, I fit the models to each tree and applied a multimodel

inference (e.g., Garamszegi & Mundry 2014), using 1000 alternative trees for swallows

from birdtree.org (see Jetz et al. 2012, 2014; also see Sheldon et al. 2005 for an original

phylogeny on swallows). 1000 trees are sufficient to control for phylogenetic

uncertainty (Rubolini et al. 2015). The residual variance was set at 1, in accordance with

recommendations for categorical dependent variables (de Villemereuil et al. 2013). I

used a Gelman prior for the fixed effects while standardizing each variable using

"gelman.prior" in the package "MCMCglmm." I derived the mean coefficients, 95%

credible intervals (CIs) based on the highest posterior density, and Markov chain Monte

Carlo (MCMC)-based P-values, together with the phylogenetic signal (de Villemereuil

& Nakagawa 2014). Similarly, a Bayesian phylogenetic mixed model with a normal

error distribution was used to examine relative testes mass in relation to the

presence/absence of leading-edge serrations. To better fit normal distribution in this

analysis with a limited sample size, relative testes mass was log-transformed before

analysis. In addition, relative tail fork depth, an intersexually selected trait in this clade

(Hasegawa & Arai 2022), was included as a covariate. All analyses were conducted in R

ver. 4.1.0 (R Core Team 2021) using the "MCMCglmm" function in the "MCMCglmm"

package (ver. 2.29; Hadfield 2010). I ran each analysis for 140,000 iterations, with a

burn-in period of 60,000 and a thinning interval of 80 for each tree.

A discrete module in BayesTraits (Pagel & Meade 2006) was used to examine

evolutionary transitions among states with vocal activities (silent or not) and the

presence/absence of leading-edge serrations. I ran for 1,010,000 iterations with a

burn-in period of 10,000 and a thinning interval of 1000 (note that the phylogenetic tree

was randomly chosen from 1000 trees in each iteration). I denoted means as the

representatives of each transition rate. The reproducibility of the MCMC simulation was

assessed using the Brooks–Gelman–Rubin statistic (Rhat), which must be <1.2 for all

parameters (Kass et al. 1998), by repeating the analyses three times. Bayes factor was

calculated via the stepping stone sampler in BayesTraits, comparing the marginal

likelihood of a dependent model that assumed correlated evolution of the two traits (i.e.,

leading-edge serrations and vocal activity) to that of an independent model assuming

independent evolution. Bayes factors of >2, 5–10, and >10 indicate positive, strong, and

very strong evidence of correlated evolution, respectively (Kass & Raftery 1995;

BayesTraits Manual Ver. 3).

Results

Leading-edge serrations and silent vocal activity

Probability of possessing leading-edge serrations was significantly explained by the

vocal activity of swallows (Table 1): after controlling for phylogeny, hirundines with

relatively silent vocal activities showed a higher probability of possessing leading-edge

serrations (Fig. 2). Three covariates, body size measured as log(body mass), migratory

habits (migrant or not), and prey size measured as bill length were non-significant

(Table 1, upper column). This was also the case when dichotomous prey size category

(i.e., large vs small) was used instead of bill length (Table 1, lower column).

When examining evolutionary transitions among states (i.e., presence/absence

of leading-edge serrations and silent/non-silent vocal activities), I found strong support

for correlated evolution between these two state variables (n = 69, Bayes Factor = 8.49).

Leading-edge serrations evolved from the state with silent vocal activities, but virtually

did not evolve from the state with non-silent vocal activities (Fig. 3), though the results

should be carefully treated as leading-edge serrations evolved only a few times, most

likely, two times (Fig. 2).

Leading-edge serrations and sperm competition

Testes mass relative to body mass was positively associated with the presence of

leading-edge serrations when controlling for relative tail fork depth as an intersexually

selected trait (Table 2; Fig. 4). This relationship remained significant even when relative

tail fork depth was excluded from the model (univariable Bayesian phylogenetic mixed

model: Coefficient = 1.62, 95% CI = 0.24, 2.98, P_{MCMC} = 0.02).

Discussion

The main finding of the current study is that leading-edge serrations evolved from

relatively silent hirundines, which cannot be explained by the possibility that serrations

evolved and are maintained as a clasping structure for copulation (see Introduction).

Instead, the current study supports that leading-edge serrations have an acoustic

function. Silent vocal activity evolved in a limited number of branches, mostly in

relatively young ones (Fig. 2), explaining the limited occurrence of leading-edge

serrations in hirundines. Although the current study does not clarify the exact acoustic

function, they may reduce noise in flight as found in owls and in artificial wing models

(e.g., Rao et al. 2017; see Introduction).

I also found that relative testes mass, a proxy of sperm competition, was

positively associated with the presence of leading-edge serrations, indicating that these

serrations would coevolve with intense sperm competition. In acoustic-signaling

animals, selection can favor signal loss through the modification or reduction of

sound-producing structures (e.g., Hawaiian crickets; Pascoal et al. 2014). Likewise,

selection for silent male swallows might favor deformed leading-edges. For example,

leading-edge serrations (and their likely consequence, silent flight) could aid in

extra-pair mating by reducing detection by rival males or by decreasing the likelihood

of female evasion, thereby enhancing extra-pair and within-pair mating success (e.g.,

see Hasselquist & Bensch 1991 for an example of "silent sneaking" in birds). In fact,

because even without leading-edge serrations, flight noise is inaudible from a distance

(Wagner et al. 2017), leading-edge serrations would be functional only in a close-range,

as in mating interaction.

An alternative possibility that hirundines use leading-edge serrations to reduce

noise during foraging flight (see Introduction) would be unlikely, as leading-edge

serrations had no detectable association with prey size (note that small, aerial planktons

cannot evade predation even if they detect nearby predators and thus this hypothesis

predicts that leading-edge serrations would not evolve in hirundines foraging on small

prey items). In addition, this hypothesis alone cannot explain sexually dimorphic

expression of leading-edge serrations. It should also be noted that serrations are thought

to mitigate flight noise primarily during the terminal phase of prey capture, just before

landing, in owls (Wagner et al 2017; Clark et al. 2017). This functional context does not

readily apply to continuous aerial foraging in hirundines (Turner & Rose 1994). Taken

together, these indicate that the overall pattern in hirundines is not consistent with the

foraging adaptation hypothesis.

Another explanation of the observed pattern is that leading-edge serrations are

used for non-vocal sound production during courtship or territorial chases (Lunk 1962;

de Jong 2020). Silent vocal activity might be a pre-condition for the evolution of

non-vocal acoustic communication. Although this is a fascinating idea, there is no

evidence that leading-edge serrations can produce non-vocal sounds and thus is an

unlikely explanation on the basis of a large amount of evidence that serrations reduce,

rather than increase, acoustic noise (see Introduction). It is, however, possible that

leading-edge serrations are a device to reduce noise to increase the detectability of

seemingly non-vocal, subtle sounds reported in swallows with leading-edge serrations

(i.e., genus: *Stelgidopteryx* and *Psalidoprocne*: Turner & Rose 1994; de Jong 2020),

though we still need to identify the mechanisms of the possible non-vocal sounds.

In summary, I demonstrated here that leading-edge serrations co-evolved with

silent vocal activities. The current study is the first macroevolutionary analyses of

sexually dimorphic leading-edge serrations. Because the presence of leading-edge

serrations was positively associated with the measure of sperm competition (but not

with measures of prey type), intense sperm competition rather than foraging adaptation

would explain sexually dimorphic expression of leading-edge serrations. In hyperaerial

insectivores such as swallows, potential aerodynamic costs associated with leading-edge

serrations (sensu Le Piane & Clark 2022; see also Rao et al. 2017 for reduced

lift-to-drag ratios in serrated wings) might prevent females from evolutionarily

maintaining male-like serrations, which is likely the case but should be tested in future

Although actual ecological function of leading-edge serrations in hirundines remains to

be demonstrated using manipulative experiments (e.g., through removal of serrations),

the observed pattern contrasts with that in owls and other nocturnal, acoustic birds,

where sexually monomorphic leading-edge serrations likely confer a viability advantage

by enhancing prey capture. The current study exemplifies that totally different selection

pressures (i.e., foraging adaptation in owls and sperm competition in hirundines, here)

can favor homologous traits (i.e., leading-edge serrations) in two taxa.

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Table 1 Multivariable Bayesian phylogenetic mixed model with a binary error
distribution predicting the presence/absence of leading-edge serrations in relation to
vocal activities and covariates including indices of prey size (upper column, bill length:
n = 66; lower column, dichotomous prey size group, based on food items: n = 55) in
swallows and martins (Aves: Hirundininae)

Variables	Coefficient [95% CI]	P_{MCMC}
Intercept	-4.08 [-6.11, -2.16]	<0.0001
log(body mass, g)	-0.86 [-3.08, 1.32]	0.44
Migration (non-migrant = 0, migrant = 1)	0.46 [-0.94, 1.89]	0.51
Vocal activity (non-silent = 0, silent =1)	**1.26 [0.12, 2.42]**	**0.03**
Bill length (mm)	-0.64 [-2.78, 1.51]	0.55
	Mean phylogenetic signal = 0.37	
Intercept	-4.37 [-6.43, -2.39]	<0.0001
log(body mass, g)	-1.54 [-3.90, 0.71]	0.18
Migration (non-migrant = 0, migrant = 1)	0.55 [-0.83, 1.96]	0.43
Vocal activity (non-silent = 0, silent =1)	**2.03 [0.62, 3.55]**	**<0.01**
Prey size (small = 0, large = 1)	0.60 [-1.24, 2.42]	0.51
	Mean phylogenetic signal = 0.22	

All fixed effects were standardized to zero mean and unit variance.

A Gelman prior was used for the fixed effects.

Model-averaged coefficients and 95% credible intervals (CIs) are shown.

Bold indicates significant variables (i.e., $P_{MCMC} < 0.05$)

Table 2 Multivariable Bayesian phylogenetic mixed model with a normal error
distribution predicting relative testes mass, log(testes mass/body mas), in relation to the
presence/absence of leading-edge serrations and relative tail length as an intersexually
selected trait (n = 17) in swallows and martins (Aves: Hirundininae)

Variables	Coefficient [95% CI]	P_{MCMC}
Intercept	-0.33 [-0.99, 0.33]	0.30
Relative tail length (mm)	0.39 [-0.16, 0.95]	0.16
Leading-edge serrations	**1.78 [0.37, 3.17]**	**0.01**
(absence = 0, presence = 1)		
	Mean phylogenetic signal = 0.13	

406 Relative tail length was standardized to zero mean and unit variance.

407 Model-averaged coefficients and 95% credible intervals (CIs) are shown.

408 Bold indicates significant variables (i.e., $P_{MCMC} < 0.05$)

411   Figure legends

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429   **Fig. 1** Examples of "leading-edge serrations" in hirundines: left panel) serrations of a

430   male southern rough-winged swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*; middle panel) serrations

431   of a male white-headed saw-wing, *Psalidoprocne albiceps*, right panel) non-serrated

432   leading-edge of a male red-rumped swallow, *Hirundo* (*Cecropis*) daurica

Fig. 2 An example of ancestral character reconstruction of the leading-edge serrations
(left) and of silent vocal activity (right) in swallows and martins (Aves: Hirundininae).
Left side: presence and absence of leading-edge serrations are indicated by white and
black circles, respectively; silent and non-silent vocal activity are indicated by white
and black circles, respectively. The proportions of white and black at the nodes indicate
the probability of the ancestral state. Here, I used the functions "ace" in the R package
"ape" (with model = "ER", i.e., an equal-rates model; Paradis et al. 2005) and "plotTree"
in the R package "phytools" (Revell 2012) for ancestral character reconstruction

Fig. 3 The most likely evolutionary transitions between states with the presence/absence of leading-edge serrations and the silent/non-silent vocal activity (see illustrations beside each state) in swallows and martins (Aves: Hirundininae). Numbers next to arrows, represented by arrow size, indicate transition rates between pairs of states.

Fig. 4   Boxplots of log(testes mass/body mass) for species with and without

leading-edge serrations in hirundines. The horizontal bar in each boxplot indicates the

median, and the box shows the first and third quartiles of data. The whiskers range from

the lowest to the highest data points within 1.5 × interquartile range of the lower and

upper quartiles, respectively. Black and white circles indicate species with biparental

incubation and female-only incubation, respectively (see Table 2 for the formal

statistical analysis).

Table S1 Dataset of the current study (n = 66)

Scientific Name	Presence of serrations	Body mass (g)	Presence of Migration	Silent vocalization (1) or not (0)	Bill length (mm)	Prey size (large = 1)	Relative tail fork depth	Testes mass (g)
Neochelidon tibialis	0	9	0	0	8	0	0.28	NA
Alopochelidon fucata	0	14	1	1	7	0	0.00	NA
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	1	15	1	1	9	1	0.00	4.15
Stelgidopteryx serripennis	1	15	1	1	10	0	0.00	1.14
Tachycineta bicolor	0	20	1	0	9	0	0.17	0.67
Tachycineta albilinea	0	13	0	0	11	1	0.14	NA
Tachycineta albiventer	0	15	1	0	11	1	0.21	NA
Tachycineta thalassina	0	15	1	1	9	0	0.2	NA
Tachycineta leucorrhoa	0	19	1	0	11	1	0.13	NA
Tachycineta meyeni	0	17	1	0	10	1	0.16	NA
Tachycineta cyaneoviridis	0	17	0	0	10	0	0.66	NA
Notiochelidon murina	0	11	0	1	9	NA	0.41	NA
Notiochelidon flavipes	0	10	0	0	9	NA	0.29	NA
Notiochelidon pileata	0	12	0	0	7	NA	0.43	NA
Pygochelidon cyanoleuca	0	10	1	0	7	0	0.26	0.20
Atticora fasciata	0	14	0	0	8	0	0.89	NA

Atticora melanoleuca	0	11	0	0	7	0	0.97	NA
Progne tapera	0	36	1	0	15	1	0.26	0.41
Progne subis	0	56	1	0	14	1	0.30	0.48
Progne chalybea	0	41	1	0	14	1	0.31	0.99
Progne dominicensis	0	40	1	0	14	1	0.33	NA
Riparia paludicola	0	13	0	0	8	0	0.00	NA
Riparia riparia	0	13	1	0	9	1	0.21	0.12
Riparia cincta	0	21	1	0	12	1	0.00	NA
Psalidoprocne fuliginosa	1	11	0	0	7	NA	0.43	NA
Psalidoprocne albiceps	1	11	1	1	7	0	0.47	NA
Psalidoprocne pristoptera	1	11	1	1	7	0	0.62	0.53
Psalidoprocne obscura	1	9	0	1	7	0	1.85	NA
Psalidoprocne nitens	1	9	0	1	7	0	0.00	NA
Cheramoeca leucosterna	0	14	0	0	8	0	1.06	NA
Pseudhirundo griseopyga	0	9	0	1	8	0	1.00	NA
Phedina borbonica	0	21	0	1	11	0	0.17	NA
Hirundo rupestris	0	23	1	0	11	1	0.00	NA
Hirundo fuligula	0	22	0	1	10	0	0.00	NA
Hirundo concolor	0	13	0	0	8	NA	0.00	NA
Hirundo rustica	0	18	1	0	12	1	1.45	0.31
Hirundo lucida	0	13	0	0	10	0	0.53	NA
Hirundo angolensis	0	17	0	0	11	0	0.35	NA

Hirundo tahitica	0	13	0	0	11	1	0.18	0.09
Hirundo neoxena	0	14	0	0	9	1	0.67	0.15
Hirundo albigularis	0	21	1	0	12	1	0.73	NA
Hirundo aethiopica	0	13	0	0	10	0	0.75	NA
Hirundo smithii	0	13	1	0	9	0	1.19	NA
Hirundo nigrita	0	17	0	0	11	1	0.14	NA
Hirundo dimidiata	0	11	1	0	9	NA	0.62	NA
Hirundo atrocaerulea	0	13	1	0	10	0	2.14	2.28
Hirundo nigrorufa	0	13	1	1	9	0	0.36	NA
Hirundo cucullata	0	27	1	0	10	0	1.00	NA
Hirundo abyssinica	0	17	1	0	9	0	1.00	NA
Hirundo semirufa	0	30	1	0	11	0	1.57	NA
Hirundo senegalensis	0	42	0	0	13	NA	1.10	NA
Hirundo daurica	0	19	1	0	11	0	1.40	NA
Hirundo striolata	0	22	0	0	11	1	1.09	NA
Hirundo preussi	0	13	0	0	8	0	0.26	NA
Hirundo rufigula	0	15	1	0	8	0	0.22	NA
Hirundo spilodera	0	20	1	0	8	1	0.00	NA
Hirundo fuliginosa	0	12	0	0	8	NA	0.13	NA
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	0	21	1	0	9	0	0.00	0.45
Haplochelidon andecola	0	17	0	0	9	NA	0.00	NA

Petrochelidon fulva	0	15	1	0	8	0	0.00	0.61
Hirundo fluvicola	0	9	1	0	8	NA	0.00	NA
Hirundo ariel	0	11	1	0	7	NA	0.15	NA
Hirundo nigricans	0	15	1	0	9	1	0.16	0.14
Delichon urbicum	0	18	1	0	9	0	0.50	0.20
Delichon dasypus	0	18	1	0	8	0	0.12	NA
Delichon nipalense	0	15	0	1	7	0	0.00	NA

511 †Female-only incubation is denoted as 1 and biparental incubation is denoted as 2.

512 NA indicates data "Not Available."

513 See text for detailed information