

## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A

### LENGTH – WEIGHT REGRESSIONS OF ARTHROPODS FROM FOREST UNDERSTORY VEGETATION IN THE OREGON COAST RANGE

#### Introduction

An assessment of arthropod prey availability for songbirds requires estimates of both density and biomass of potential prey. However, weighing all arthropods in a reference collection is not always practical or economical because it can be time-consuming and require specialized equipment (e.g., electrobalances) for weighing small specimens. An alternative to directly weighing all specimens is to relate body length to weight with regression equations developed from a sample of arthropods (Rogers et al. 1977, Hodar 1996). Such regression equations are available in the literature for many taxonomic groups of arthropods, but length-weight regressions from arthropods of Pacific Northwest forests are not currently available. Equations made with specimens from one zone may not be accurate for estimating biomass of specimens from a different zone (Schoener 1980, Gowing and Recher 1984 ). I developed equations to estimate the biomass of arthropods collected from shrubs in the Oregon Coast Range in order to compare food resources for insectivorous songbirds among shrub species and silvicultural treatments.

#### Methods

Collection A: I collected arthropods by beating shrubs in the understory of young thinned, young unthinned, and mature/old-growth Douglas-fir stands, from May to July, 1996 – 1999. Arthropods were stored in alcohol until they were identified, 1 to 22 months after collection. I used an ocular micrometer to measure the length of each specimen from the frons to the posterior tip of the abdomen.

Collection B: I used this separate collection of arthropods to build regression equations that were used to estimate the weight of arthropods in Collection A. Andy Moldenke (Oregon State University) and B. Marcot (USDA Forest Service) collected these arthropods by beating understory shrubs in old-growth conifer stands in western

Washington. I randomly sub-sampled from Collection B ten groups of arthropods that commonly occurred in the diets of songbirds associated with forest understory vegetation. I measured length of these specimens with a ruler to the nearest 0.5 mm. I also measured the width of the abdomen at the widest point for spiders. I used arthropods from Collection B that comprised a similar range of lengths to those in Collection A to build regression equations. Arthropods had been stored in glycol; I blotted them on paper towel until no wet spots remained, and weighed to  $10^{-3}$  mg with an electronic balance.

### Data Analysis

I used a power model (Rogers et al. 1977) to quantify the relationship between length and weight for ten arthropod orders or groups of orders. I included abdomen width in the model for spiders because it was a measurement I had recorded for spiders at the time of identification, and because it greatly improved the predictive ability of the model. I used the general Hemiptera equation to predict biomass of Berytids, but developed another model that excluded Berytids for use with all other Hemipteran families. Berytids biased the Hemipteran equation because their long, but very narrow, shape was uncharacteristic of the other common Hemipterans in our collection. I lumped Diptera and Psocoptera because of their similarity in body shape. I lumped all larvae because body shape was similar across the orders I most commonly encountered. I separated ants from winged Hymenoptera because of their dissimilarity in body shape.

## Results

Table A1. Length-weight regressions for Coast Range arthropods.

<b>Arthropod Group</b>	<b>N<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Length Range<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Regression Equation</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>
Araneida	42	2 – 12.5	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -2.7416 + 1.6624*\ln(\text{length}) + 1.1607\ln(\text{width}).$	0.91
Coleoptera	34	2.7 – 16	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -4.6200 + 2.6172*\ln(\text{length})$	0.82
Diptera and Psocoptera	27	1.0 – 13	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -4.1095 + 2.2708*\ln(\text{length})$	0.86
Hemiptera	33	2 – 10	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -3.6541 + 1.8739*\ln(\text{length})$	0.75
Hemiptera without Berytids	30		$\ln(\text{weight}) = -4.2252 + 2.3478*\ln(\text{length})$	0.91
Homoptera: Aphids and others	23	1.3 – 3.4	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -4.0841 + 2.3693*\ln(\text{length})$	0.90
Hymenoptera (non- Formicid)	23	1.8 – 15	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -6.1987 + 3.3979*\ln(\text{length})$	0.91
Formicidae	20	1.5 – 14	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -4.4891 + 2.5791*\ln(\text{length})$	0.94
Larvae	29	3 – 29	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -5.1939 + 2.5151*\ln(\text{length})$	0.94
All Arthropods	235	1 – 29	$\ln(\text{weight}) = -4.1595 + 2.3898*\ln(\text{length})$	0.81

<sup>1</sup> Number of individuals used in regression.

<sup>2</sup> Minimum and maximum length (mm) of arthropods used in regression.

Appendix B. Frequency of occurrence of arthropods on 15 species of understory plants in Oregon Coast Range Douglas-fir forests. Number in parentheses indicate sample size for each plant species. Plant species are salal (*Gaultheria shallon*; GASH), vine maple (*Acer circinatum*; ACCI), sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*; POMU), western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*; TSHE), bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*; PTAQ), oceanspray (*Holodiscus discolor*; HODI), California hazel (*Corylus cornuta* var. California; COCO), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*; RUSP), Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*; PSME), Oregon-grape (*Berberis nervosa*; BENE), Snowberry (*Symporicarpos* spp.; SYMPH), red huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*; VAPA), Pacific dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*; CONU), Indian plum (*Oemleria cerasiformis*; OECE), and thimbleberry (*Rubus parviflorus*; RUPA).





	GASH (257)	ACCI (252)	POMU (187)	TSHE (156)	PTAQ (132)	HODI (61)	COCO (47)	RUSP (20)	PSME (8)	BENE (7)	SYMPH (3)	VAPA (3)	CONU (1)	OECE (1)	RUPA (1)
<b>MECOPTERA</b>															
Panorpidae	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.023	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
TRICHOPTERA	0.008	0.000	0.005	0.026	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
LEPIDOPTERA	0.113	0.167	0.075	0.192	0.114	0.213	0.362	0.200	0.250	0.286	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Geometridae	0.058	0.135	0.043	0.160	0.083	0.197	0.277	0.150	0.125	0.143	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Eraulis tilapia</i>	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Neoalcis californica</i>	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Pero mizon</i>	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Thallophaga taylorata</i>	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Hesperiidae</b>															
<i>Hesperumia sulphurana</i>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Lasiocampidae	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Unknown															
Microlepidoptera	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Lycenidae</b>															
<i>Habrodais grunus</i>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Noctuidae	0.004	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Anomogyna sp.</i>	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Tortricidae	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Diptera	0.638	0.631	0.684	0.731	0.811	0.443	0.596	0.550	0.500	0.714	0.333	0.667	0.000	1.000	1.000
Anthomyzidae	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bibionidae	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cecidomyiidae	0.183	0.187	0.235	0.314	0.174	0.131	0.128	0.200	0.000	0.286	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ceratopogonidae	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chironomidae	0.214	0.246	0.257	0.397	0.326	0.066	0.106	0.100	0.125	0.143	0.000	0.333	0.000	0.000	1.000





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	(257)	(252)	(187)	(156)	(132)	(61)	(47)	(20)	(8)	(7)	(3)	(3)	(1)	(1)	(1)
LITHOBIOMORPHA	0.004	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Henicopidae	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
PAUROPODA	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ARACHNIDA															
OPILIONES															
Phalangidae	0.082	0.032	0.150	0.192	0.098	0.016	0.000	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ARANEIDA	0.949	0.825	0.941	0.987	0.947	0.852	0.766	0.950	1.000	0.857	1.000	0.333	1.000	1.000	1.000
Agelenidae	0.012	0.000	0.005	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Amaurobiidae	0.008	0.000	0.005	0.006	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Anyphaenidae															
<i>Anyphaena sp.</i>	0.086	0.075	0.053	0.147	0.098	0.148	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Araneidae	0.319	0.345	0.422	0.705	0.424	0.393	0.426	0.500	0.625	0.286	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Araniella displicata</i>	0.008	0.032	0.005	0.064	0.038	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Araneus sp.</i>	0.039	0.036	0.118	0.115	0.076	0.049	0.128	0.300	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Araneus gemmoides</i>	0.016	0.024	0.005	0.032	0.030	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.143	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Cyclosa conica</i>	0.012	0.016	0.021	0.051	0.008	0.016	0.000	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Nuctenea sp.</i>	0.012	0.000	0.043	0.058	0.030	0.033	0.149	0.050	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Nuctenea patagifata</i>	0.187	0.254	0.219	0.500	0.197	0.180	0.106	0.100	0.000	0.143	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
Archaeidae	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.143	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Clubionidae	0.183	0.135	0.198	0.231	0.356	0.115	0.106	0.050	0.375	0.429	0.000	0.333	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Clubiona canadensis</i>	0.152	0.103	0.144	0.224	0.326	0.098	0.106	0.050	0.000	0.286	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dictynidae	0.047	0.036	0.032	0.128	0.053	0.033	0.000	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Dictyna sp.</i>	0.047	0.036	0.027	0.128	0.053	0.033	0.000	0.200	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<i>Dirksia sp.</i>	0.000	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Linyphiidae	0.751	0.389	0.679	0.776	0.697	0.475	0.277	0.300	0.500	0.714	1.000	0.333	0.000	0.000	1.000



