

## **Supplementary material**

### **Colonial waterbirds provide persistent subsidies to swamp forests along an estuarine island food chain**

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#### **Methods**

Brazilian Long-Term Ecological Research Program, Lagoa dos Patos estuary (PELD-ELPA) is a long-term project conducted at Lagoa dos Patos estuary aiming to monitor the responses of the fauna and flora to anthropical, climatological, and hydrological changes in the short, medium, and long terms. The project started in 1998 as an initiative of Universidade Federal do Rio Grande (FURG) to understand the ecological dynamics in the estuary. As a long-term monitoring program, PELD-ELPA has a well-documented data-base on carbon ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) and nitrogen ( $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ) stable isotope values for primary producers, invertebrates, fish, birds, and mammals. Laboratório de Aves Aquáticas e Tartarugas Marinhas (LAATM-FURG) joined the project in 2017, monitoring the diet and ecological relationships on the Pelecaniformes colony in the estuary. This study, however, is independent and does not integrate the data-base of PELD-ELPA.

#### **PELD-ELPA Baseline of primary producers for trophic level estimation**

Using a series of 9 years on stable isotopes of nitrogen ( $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ) data, Possamai et al. (2021) determined a baseline of primary producers for trophic level estimation at the Lagoa dos Patos estuary, as part of PELD-ELPA. The authors tested 4 baseline methods according to seasonality of data collection for producers and consumers, as well as the lag between them. Producers consisted in  $\text{C}_3$  and  $\text{C}_4$  plants, while consumers consisted in aquatic predators (fish, crabs, and shrimps). The models were designated as “Global”, in which the 9 years series of  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values were considered; “Concomitantly”, in which only samples collected at the same season were considered; “Delayed”, in which the  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values for producers reflect the season before the  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values of consumers; and “Interpolation”, in which the authors used the  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values for producers in both previous and same sampling season of consumers. Their results show that the “Delayed” model

reflects a more accurate estimation of trophic level. For additional details in the results and methods, please refer to Possamai et al. (2021).

For this reason, we used the “Delayed” model approach as the baseline for primary production in our trophic level estimation considered at the colony and control sites. Therefore, we used values of  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  for producers sampled in 2017 and 2018.

**Table S1** Mean  $\pm$  SD of  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  and  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  values classification and  $n$  of samples of soil, vegetation, invertebrates and land birds during summer and winter in the years 2018 and 2019

Source	Group	$n$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰)
<b>Colony Summer (2018)</b>				
Soil		3	$-26.49 \pm 0.25$	$12.19 \pm 2.81$
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.	C <sub>3</sub>	3	$-29.56 \pm 0.94$	$13.66 \pm 2.77$
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	$-28.39 \pm 1.15$	$11.38 \pm 8.25$
<i>Heteranthera reniformis</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	$-30.82 \pm 0.70$	$19.35 \pm 3.22$
<i>Hibiscus diversifolius</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	$-27.79 \pm 0.34$	$6.75 \pm 1.64$
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	14	$-24.15 \pm 1.08$	$3.79 \pm 1.60$
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	7	$-24.78 \pm 0.87$	$3.79 \pm 1.60$
<i>Trichonephila clavipes</i>	Carnivorous	3	$-24.45 \pm 0.25$	$3.99 \pm 0.82$
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	2	$-25.18 \pm 0.37$	$10.48 \pm 1.35$
<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>	Omnivorous	2	$-25.72 \pm 0.23$	$11.30 \pm 0.56$
<i>Cranioleuca pyrrophia</i>	Insectivorous	2	$-25.11 \pm 0.71$	$13.81 \pm 2.42$
<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Insectivorous	1	$-26.6$	$13.92$
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Omnivorous	2	$-26.24 \pm 4.21$	$14.01 \pm 0.65$
<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Gramnivorous	4	$-24.56 \pm 0.58$	$6.14 \pm 2.34$
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	4	$-27.36 \pm 2.47$	$12.79 \pm 0.75$
<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Omnivorous	2	$-22.45 \pm 1.28$	$9.95 \pm 2.98$
<i>Pospiza nigrorufa</i>	Omnivorous	1	$-27.36$	$13.3$
<i>Setophaga pitiayumi</i>	Insectivorous	1	$-25.28$	$9.79$
<i>Synallaxis spixi</i>	Insectivorous	1	$-25.79$	$13.53$
<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	Insectivorous	1	$-27.06$	$12.32$
<i>Tangara sayaca</i>	Omnivorous	1	$-24.47$	$7.22$
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Insectivorous	2	$-26.7 \pm 1.63$	$13.97 \pm 1.25$
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	1	$-25.52$	$11.35$
<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	Omnivorous	2	$-25.47 \pm 1.15$	$13.34 \pm 0.25$

<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	2	-24.94 ± 1.05	13.31 ± 2.91
<b>Control Summer (2018)</b>				
Soil		3	-28.62 ± 0.67	2.65 ± 0.48
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	2	-31.80 ± 0.17	4.98 ± 1.95
<i>Crocoshmia crocosmiiflora</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-31.77 ± 2.04	1.37 ± 0.37
<i>Discorea</i> sp.	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-27.38 ± 1.29	3.58 ± 1.34
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	7	-22.40 ± 1.30	17.84 ± 1.68
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	19	-25.40 ± 0.36	14.08 ± 1.42
<i>Trichonephila clavipes</i>	Carnivorous	3	-26.56 ± 1.05	15.47 ± 1.89
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	7	-26.11 ± 2.21	6.21 ± 0.57
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Omnivorous	1	-24.85	7.47
<i>Hylocharis chrysura</i>	Nectarivorous	1	-25.06	5.26
<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	Insectivorous	1	-22.62	9.53
<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Granivorous	1	-22.34	10.6
<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	Omnivorous	1	-24.64	9.54
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	2	-25.53 ± 1.04	7.01 ± 0.42
<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Omnivorous	2	-22.48 ± 0.44	8.23 ± 1.15
<i>Synallaxis spixi</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.0	7.99
<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.67	6.80
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Insectivorous	4	-24.63 ± 0.22	8.64 ± 2.09
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	4	-24.82 ± 0.66	7.17 ± 0.80
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	3	-26.45 ± 2.85	7.99 ± 0.91
<b>Colony Winter (2018)</b>				
Soil			-26.83 ± 0.14	10.75 ± 2.52
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-28.49 ± 1.79	12.43 ± 0.38
<i>Heteranthera reniformis</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	2	-28.08 ± 0.82	12.25 ± 0.08
<i>Hibiscus diversifolius</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-29.41 ± 2.26	14.38 ± 5.13
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	10	-24.64 ± 2.74	18.34 ± 2.30
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	9	-25.64 ± 0.76	13.70 ± 4.11
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Insectivorous	2	-22.52 ± 2.50	13.83 ± 7.52
<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	Insectivorous	5	-27.77 ± 1.36	15.45 ± 4.51
<i>Knipolegus cyanirostris</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.99	15.41
<i>Limnornis curvirostris</i>	Insectivorous	1	-25.65	17.93
<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	Insectivorous	1	-23.14	8.89
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	1	-26.28	11.66

<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Omnivorous	4	-22.21 ± 2.14	8.70 ± 1.91
<i>Poospiza nigrorufa</i>	Omnivorous	1	-31.8	13.52
<i>Setophaga pitiayumi</i>	Insectivorous	3	-29.65 ± 1.71	14.22 ± 1.45
<i>Synallaxis spixi</i>	Insectivorous	1	-26.23	17.94
<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.06	6.74
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Insectivorous	1	-25.32	7.79
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	3	-24.44 ± 0.10	10.73 ± 3.54
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	2	-24.41 ± 0.95	13.87 ± 2.87
<b>Control Winter (2018)</b>				
Soil		3	-27.20 ± 0.48	2.65 ± 1.30
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-27.50 ± 1.56	7.05 ± 1.53
<i>Crococmia crocosmiiflora</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-32.24 ± 1.17	1.92 ± 0.46
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	13	-24.08 ± 1.09	3.15 ± 1.43
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	11	-24.73 ± 0.33	6.55 ± 1.64
<i>Lycosa</i> sp.	Carnivorous	1	-24.73	8.84
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	5	-26.47 ± 1.81	8.80 ± 2.98
<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	Nectarivorous	1	-25.78	4.29
<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.04	7.18
<i>Elaenia obscura</i>	Frugivorous	2	-26.25 ± 1.73	6.10 ± 0.03
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Frugivorous	1	-21.75	11.2
<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	Insectivorous	2	-25.74 ± 1.00	8.95 ± 0.25
<i>Lepdocolaptes falcinellus</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.27	6.69
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	2	-26.04 ± 0.57	1.90 ± 1.90
<i>Stephanophorus diadematus</i>	Omnivorous	1	-28.90	6.20
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	9	-25.07 ± 1.95	7.08 ± 1.22
<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	Omnivorous	2	-23.23 ± 2.46	9.26 ± 0.90
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	8	-25.04 ± 2.46	8.18 ± 0.51
<b>Colony Summer (2019)</b>				
Soil		3	-27.27 ± 0.34	9.88 ± 3.80
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-27.99 ± 1.14	9.31 ± 2.20
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-29.18 ± 1.57	14.39 ± 1.12
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-30.73 ± 0.62	7.20 ± 5.47
<i>Hibiscus diversifolius</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-30.94 ± 0.07	6.50 ± 4.65
<i>Heteranthera reniformis</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-30.54 ± 1.12	10.97 ± 1.67
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	13	-25.09 ± 1.94	11.49 ± 5.91
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	15	-26.24 ± 1.13	13.74 ± 2.85

<i>Lycosa</i> sp.	Carnivorous	1	-26.27	16.87
<i>Trichonephila clavipes</i>	Carnivorous	3	-25.14 ± 1.01	14.80 ± 3.50
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Frugivorous	1	-24.48	10.58
<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Insectivorous	1	-25.08	13.09
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Omnivorous	4	-23.91 ± 1.93	10.34 ± 6.39
<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Granivorous	4	-24.49 ± 0.21	8.52 ± 3.21
<i>Limnornis curvirotris</i>	Insectivorous	1	-25.4	15.93
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	3	-26.33 ± 4.74	10.73 ± 9.25
<i>Pipraeidea bonariensis</i>	Omnivorous	2	-25.51 ± 0.91	9.68 ± 3.68
<i>Tangara sayaca</i>	Omnivorous	1	-25.24	15.21
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	3	-23.59 ± 0.46	11.24 ± 3.34
<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	Omnivorous	3	-26.88 ± 4.28	8.06 ± 6.08
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	3	-24.27 ± 1.26	12.75 ± 3.96
<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Insectivorous	1	-23.22	12.4
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<b>Control Summer (2019)</b>				
Soil		3	-28.09 ± 0.84	3.30 ± 0.68
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-31.10 ± 0.48	5.48 ± 0.17
<i>Crococsmia crocosmiiflora</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-33.35 ± 0.20	0.99 ± 0.79
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-31.06 ± 0.81	1.69 ± 1.44
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-31.26 ± 0.73	0.74 ± 0.50
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	2	-25.24 ± 0.26	12.65 ± 3.30
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	4	-25.46 ± 3.3	10.38 ± 7.3
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	3	-25.64 ± 0.79	11.39 ± 4.44
<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>	Omnivorous	1	-24.37	5.74
<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Granivorous	3	-15.28 ± 0.94	8.02 ± 1.69
<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	Omnivorous	1	-24.76	17.06
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Omnivorous	3	-22.48 ± 0.70	11.65 ± 6.68
<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	Insectivorous	2	-23.75 ± 0.52	5.59 ± 1.39
<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.45	9.79
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	1	-14.59	19.32
<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	Omnivorous	1	-24.18	9.53
<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Omnivorous	4	-22.40 ± 0.29	7.31 ± 2.89
<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>	Insectivorous	1	-23.68	17.87
<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	Insectivorous	3	-24.47 ± 0.93	8.04 ± 1.13
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	2	-25.00 ± 0.09	14.92 ± 3.26
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.89	14.59
<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Insectivorous	1	-22.6	7.16

<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	2	-24.02 ± 1.10	8.94 ± 1.61
<b>Colony Winter (2019)</b>				
Soil		3	-27.96 ± 1.33	8.70 ± 2.03
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-28.55 ± 0.33	15.09 ± 2.04
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-29.81 ± 0.64	18.80 ± 3.40
<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-29.46 ± 1.97	10.60 ± 6.12
<i>Heteranthera reniformis</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-32.24 ± 0.80	12.88 ± 1.70
<i>Hibiscus diversifolius</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-28.89 ± 0.15	11.77 ± 0.89
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	7	-24.02 ± 1.26	20.49 ± 2.21
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	17	-25.76 ± 0.29	12.92 ± 1.40
<i>Lycosa</i> sp.	Carnivorous	1	-26.47	18.11
<i>Trichonephila clavipes</i>	Carnivorous	2	-27.61 ± 0.22	10.87 ± 0.22
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	1	-26.0	14.3
<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	Omnivorous	1	-26.2	14.4
<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	Nectarivorous	2	-25.0 ± 0.4	2.8 ± 0.5
<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Insectivorous	2	-25.0 ± 0.1	16.9 ± 3.2
<i>Elaenia obscura</i>	Omnivorous	1	-25.9	8.0
<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	Insectivorous	1	-26.2	18.5
<i>Knipolegus cyanirostris</i>	Insectivorous	1	-25.2	10.7
<i>Limnornis curvirostris</i>	Insectivorous	3	-25.2 ± 0.4	16.5 ± 3.1
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	1	-26.1	2.8
<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Omnivorous	1	-21.0	17.0
<i>Saltator similis</i>	Omnivorous	2	-25.1 ± 0.3	10.5 ± 7.5
<i>Setophaga pitayumi</i>	Insectivorous	1	-25.2	19.2
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Omnivorous	2	-25.2 ± 0.1	10.5 ± 6.6
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	3	-24.2 ± 0.3	13.0 ± 7.5
<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	Omnivorous	3	-21.9 ± 0.7	7.8 ± 2.0
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	3	-23.8 ± 1.9	14.6 ± 3.0
<b>Control Winter (2019)</b>				
Soil		3	-28.35 ± 0.33	2.68 ± 0.36
<b>Vegetation</b>				
<i>Acrostichum danaeifolium</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-30.91 ± 1.89	5.48 ± 1.38
<i>Crocasmia crocosmiiflora</i>	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-34.09 ± 0.36	1.39 ± 0.17
<i>Dioscorea</i> sp.	C <sub>3</sub>	3	-30.25 ± 3.20	2.08 ± 1.58
<b>Invertebrates</b>				
<i>Armadillidium</i> sp.	Omnivorous-detritivorous	20	-23.98 ± 1.19	3.15 ± 3.27
<i>Camponotus rufipes</i>	Omnivorous	4	-25.75 ± 0.06	4.73 ± 0.93
Scolopendridae	Carnivorous	2	-26.38 ± 0.49	8.54 ± 3.90

<i>Trichonephila clavipes</i>	Carnivorous	1	-24.84	8.15
<b>Land birds</b>				
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	2	-26.59 ± 0.90	9.54 ± 0.24
<i>Cranioleuca pyrrophia</i>	Insectivorous	1	-31.8	2.06
<i>Elaenia obscura</i>	Frugivorous	2	-26.09 ± 0.91	6.97 ± 1.38
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	1	-24.89	12.12
<i>Syndactila rufosuperciliata</i>	Insectivorous	2	-28.10 ± 5.24	9.35 ± 10.46
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Insectivorous	1	-26.11	8.55
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	17	-26.34 ± 3.15	9.35 ± 5.42
<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	Omnivorous	3	-31.83 ± 0.13	2.08 ± 0.11
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	3	-26.75 ± 4.44	10.42 ± 9.66

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**Table S2** List of land bird species sampled at Marinheiros Island, Lagoa dos Patos estuary in southern Brazil, and their trophic guilds, according to the bibliography

<b>Species of land birds</b>	<b>Guild</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	Insectivorous	Lima and Manhães 2009
<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	Omnivorous	Sainz-Borgo 2016
<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	Nectarivorous	Mata and Bosque 2004
<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Granivorous	Fontoura and Orsi 2013
<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>	Omnivorous	Foster 1987
<i>Cranioleuca pyrrhophia</i>	Insectivorous	Malizia et al. 2005
<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	Insectivorous	Telino-Júnior et al. 2005
<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	Omnivorous	Quilarque et al. 2010
<i>Elaenia obscura</i>	Frugivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Euphonia chlorotica</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Furnarius rufus</i>	Omnivorous	Tampson and Petry 2008
<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>	Insectivorous	Sabino et al. 2017
<i>Hylocharis chrysur</i>	Nectarivorous	Schuchmann et al. 2020
<i>Knipolegus cyanirostris</i>	Insectivorous	Marateo and Arturi 2013
<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	Insectivorous	Durães and Marini 2005
<i>Lepidocolaptes falcinellus</i>	Insectivorous	Bodrati and Cockle 2011
<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Granivorous	Marateo and Arturi 2013
<i>Limnornis curvirostris</i>	Insectivorous	Remsen 2020
<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	Omnivorous	Marateo and Arturi 2013
<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	Insectivorous	Marateo and Arturi 2013
<i>Myiothlypis leucoblephara</i>	Insectivorous	Curson and Kirwan 2020
<i>Pipraeidea bonariensis</i>	Omnivorous	Hilty et al. 2020
<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Poospiza nigrorufa</i>	Omnivorous	Scherer et al. 2010
<i>Saltator similis</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>	Insectivorous	Farnsworth and Langham 2020
<i>Setophaga pitiayumi</i>	Omnivorous	Regelski and Moldenhauer 2020
<i>Stephanophorus diadematus</i>	Omnivorous	Manhães 2003
<i>Synallaxis spixi</i>	Insectivorous	Pegan, 2020

<i>Syndactyla rufosuperciliata</i>	Insectivorous	Remsen 2020
<i>Tangara sayaca</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Thamnophilus caerulescens</i>	Insectivorous	Durães and Marini 2005
<i>Troglodytes musculus</i>	Insectivorous	Tampson and Petry 2008
<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Turdus amaurochalinus</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Turdus rufiventris</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015
<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Omnivorous	Oliveira et al. 2015

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**Table S3** Values table used in the mixing models. Samples collected in the years 2017 and 2018 from the Brazilian Long-Term Ecological Research program (PELD-ELPA; [www.peld.furg.br](http://www.peld.furg.br))

Source	Year	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰)	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$ (‰)
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-18.45	5.50
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-18.79	4.67
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-19.22	6.19
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-23.06	5.82
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-23.11	7.47
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-22.87	8.04
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-19.97	8.42
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-20.50	7.84
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-20.35	8.56
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-23.13	5.31
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-23.40	6.39
Particulate Organic Matter	2017	-23.40	6.28
<i>Rhizoclonium</i> sp.	2017	-12.72	5.86
<i>Rhizoclonium</i> sp.	2017	-11.92	6.36
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-16.54	6.41
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-15.82	5.80
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-15.49	7.82
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-18.25	10.51
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-17.86	8.50
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-17.97	9.33
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-17.43	9.15
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-16.72	5.48
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-16.58	9.14
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-21.09	12.31
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-21.08	11.96
Soil Organic Matter	2017	-17.95	13.28
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2017	-10.48	6.75
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2017	-11.13	6.78
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2017	-10.53	6.51

<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2017	-9.11	7.48
Particulate Organic Matter	2018	-17.69	9.09
Particulate Organic Matter	2018	-16.39	11.21
Particulate Organic Matter	2018	-17.96	9.68
Particulate Organic Matter	2018	-20.30	13.71
Particulate Organic Matter	2018	-21.20	15.59
Particulate Organic Matter	2018	-20.51	8.74
<i>Rhizoclonium</i> sp.	2018	-20.88	8.43
<i>Rhizoclonium</i> sp.	2018	-21.49	8.98
<i>Rhizoclonium</i> sp.	2018	-20.95	8.90
Soil Organic Matter	2018	-14.64	9.65
Soil Organic Matter	2018	-14.83	20.71
Soil Organic Matter	2018	-14.99	15.20
Soil Organic Matter	2018	-16.98	10.73
Soil Organic Matter	2018	-16.03	7.72
Soil Organic Matter	2018	-16.40	8.13
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2018	-10.68	1.01
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2018	-13.14	1.83
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2018	-12.17	8.02
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2018	-12.64	7.46
<i>Ulva</i> sp.	2018	-12.53	7.64

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**Table S4** Trophic discrimination factors (TDF) of carbon and nitrogen isotopic values used in the mixture models, for consumer tissues from control and colony environments

Group	Foraging guild	Consumer	Diet composition	Discrimination		Reference
				$\Delta^{13}\text{C}$	$\Delta^{15}\text{N}$	
Invertebrates	Omnivorous-generalist	Generalist consumers	Plants and protein grains	$0.5 \pm 0.13$	$2.3 \pm 0.18$	McCutchan et al. 2003
Invertebrates	Omnivorous	<i>Camponotus floridanus</i>	Bhatkar-agar, cockroaches and honey water ad	1.1	3	Feldhaar et al. 2009
Invertebrates	Carnivorous	<i>Pardosa lugubris</i>	Fruit fly <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	$0.44 \pm 0.1$	$2.16 \pm 0.1$	Oelbermann and Scheu 2002
Land birds	Omnivorous	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>	Plants, protein grains and fruits	$2.2 \pm 0.1$	$2.6 \pm 0.2$	Herrera and Reyna 2007
Land birds	Insectivorous	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Mealworm	2.2	2.7	Pearson and Levey 2003

**Table S5** Summary of ANOVA results of soil, vegetation, invertebrates, and land birds, with  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values from generalized linear models (GLMs) (Table 1)

Source of variation	df	Deviance	% explained	df of residuals	Residual deviance	<i>F</i>	<i>P</i>
<b>Soil <math>\delta^{15}\text{N}</math></b>							
Null model							
Main effects				23	441.89		
<b>Site</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>349.23</b>	<b>79.03</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>92.67</b>	<b>822.04</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Season	1	3.31	0.74	21	89.36	0.78	0.388
Year	1	4.39	0.99	20	84.96	10.35	0.321
Total	4	356.93	80.76				
<b>Plants <math>\delta^{15}\text{N}</math></b>							
Main effects				84	3036.4		
<b>Species</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>976.24</b>	<b>32.15</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2060.1</b>	<b>11.53</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Site</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>678.51</b>	<b>22.34</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1381.6</b>	<b>40.05</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Season	1	15.13	0.49	77	1366.5	0.89	0.348
Year	1	78.98	2.60	76	1287.5	4.66	0.340
Total	8	1748.86	57.58				
<b>Invertebrates</b>							
Main effects				192	6794.2		
<b>Site</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4176.70</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2617.7</b>	<b>319.82</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Season	1	0.80	0.01	190	2616.7	0.06	0.804
Year	1	36.20	0.24	189	2580.5	2.77	0.098
Guild	1	16.90	0.03	187	2563.7	0.65	0.526
<b>Site:Season</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>134.60</b>	<b>1.98</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2429.1</b>	<b>10.31</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Total	5	4365.20	63.66				
<b>Land birds</b>							
Null model							
Main effects				242	4886.5		
<b>Site</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>725.31</b>	<b>14.80</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>4161.2</b>	<b>46.72</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Season	1	0.50	0.01	240	4160.7	0.03	0.857
Year	1	33.01	0.67	239	4127.7	2.13	0.146
<b>Guild</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>363.85</b>	<b>7.44</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>3763.8</b>	<b>5.86</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Habitat</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>161.90</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3601.9</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Soil <math>\delta^{13}\text{C}</math></b>							
Null model							
Main effects				23	19.10		
<b>Site</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.12</b>	<b>26.83</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13.98</b>	<b>8.87</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Season	1	0.01	0.04	21	13.97	0.01	0.913
Year	1	0.84	4.40	20	11.56	4.18	0.054

Total explained	3	5.97	31.27				
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Invertebrates							
Null model							
Main effects				192	436.99		
<b>Guild</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>96.16</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>340.83</b>	<b>28.20</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Site</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.52</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>330.31</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>0.014</b>
Season	1	0.25	<0.06	188	330.07	0.14	0.705
<b>Year</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11.26</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>318.81</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>0.011</b>
Total explained	5	118.18	63.66				
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Land birds							
Null model							
Main effects				242	1732.4		
<b>Guild</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>140.79</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>1591.6</b>	<b>5.88</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Site	1	2.05	0.11	237	1589.6	0.34	0.559
<b>Season</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37.38</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1552.2</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>0.013</b>
Year	1	6.31	0.36	235	1545.9	1.05	0.306
<b>Habitat</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59.03</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1486.8</b>	<b>3.29</b>	<b>0.021</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>104.84</b>	<b>6.05</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1382.0</b>	<b>17.52</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Total explained	11	350.38	20.02				
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**Table S6** Summary of the results of the Bayesian mixture models, with average probability of assimilation (values  $\pm$  SD) for the different guilds (group) and the estuarine and terrestrial contribution in each season and site

Group	Site	Season	Estuarine assimilation	Terrestrial assimilation
Carnivorous Invertebrates	Colony	Winter	31.0 $\pm$ 16.1	69.0 $\pm$ 16.1
Carnivorous Invertebrates	Colony	Summer	35.2 $\pm$ 4.4	64.8 $\pm$ 4.4
Carnivorous Invertebrates	Control	Winter	38.7 $\pm$ 9.8	61.3 $\pm$ 9.8
Carnivorous Invertebrates	Control	Summer	43.0 $\pm$ 11.5	57.0 $\pm$ 11.5
Omnivorous Invertebrates	Colony	Winter	30.8 $\pm$ 2.5	69.2 $\pm$ 2.5
Omnivorous Invertebrates	Colony	Summer	31.2 $\pm$ 2.2	68.8 $\pm$ 2.2
Omnivorous Invertebrates	Control	Winter	32.2 $\pm$ 3.4	67.8 $\pm$ 3.4
Omnivorous Invertebrates	Control	Summer	37.4 $\pm$ 5.1	62.6 $\pm$ 5.1
Omnivorous-detritivorous Invertebrates	Colony	Winter	46.1 $\pm$ 4.7	53.9 $\pm$ 4.7
Omnivorous-detritivorous Invertebrates	Colony	Summer	48.3 $\pm$ 4.1	51.7 $\pm$ 4.1
Omnivorous-detritivorous Invertebrates	Control	Winter	44.2 $\pm$ 2.8	55.8 $\pm$ 2.8
Omnivorous-detritivorous Invertebrates	Control	Summer	42.8 $\pm$ 3.6	57.2 $\pm$ 3.6
Omnivorous Birds	Colony	Winter	27.8 $\pm$ 2.5	72.2 $\pm$ 2.5
Omnivorous Birds	Colony	Summer	29.6 $\pm$ 2.8	70.4 $\pm$ 2.8
Omnivorous Birds	Control	Winter	22.7 $\pm$ 3.0	77.3 $\pm$ 3.0
Omnivorous Birds	Control	Summer	35.2 $\pm$ 3.4	64.8 $\pm$ 3.4
Insectivorous Birds	Colony	Winter	18.9 $\pm$ 2.7	81.1 $\pm$ 2.7
Insectivorous Birds	Colony	Summer	25.1 $\pm$ 4.0	74.9 $\pm$ 4.0
Insectivorous Birds	Control	Winter	20.5 $\pm$ 4.1	79.5 $\pm$ 4.1
Insectivorous Birds	Control	Summer	34.3 $\pm$ 3.2	65.7 $\pm$ 3.2

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