

Supplementary material

Figure A2. The experimental system used to explore the effect of horizontal air speed (m/s) on the performance of artificial tails made from *Carduelis chloris* rectrices: **A.** the system when the motorized fan is off (air speed = 0 m/s) and **B.** when the fan is working. I measured the air speed require to lift each artificial tail to the horizontal position (perpendicular to the original vertical position).

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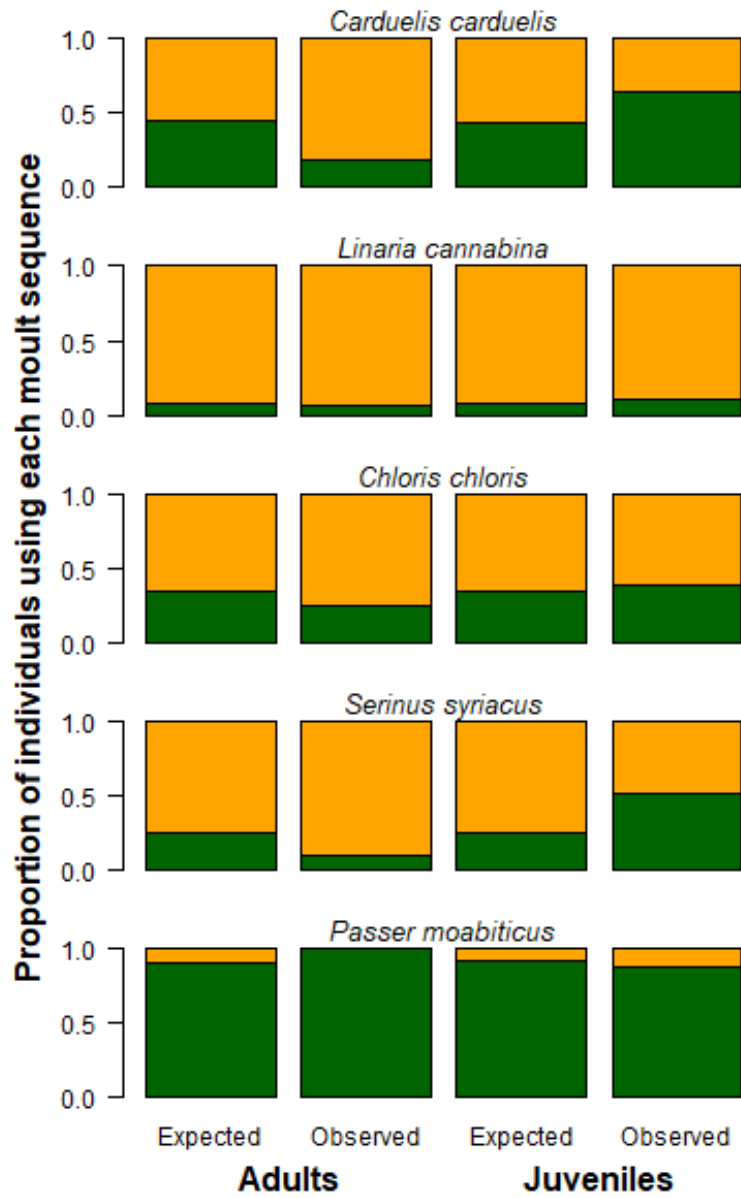
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Figure A3. The results of the χ^2 test for age-dependent affinity towards either of the two rectrix moult sequences, distal (green) or divergent (orange).



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