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Spillovers and legacies of land management on temperate woodland biodiversity

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- **1** Supplementary Information for Bradfer-Lawrence et al. (2025) "Spillovers and legacies
- 2 of land management on temperate woodland biodiversity"
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4 1. Biodiversity data

- 5 We used data from four taxa totalling 373 species: ground beetles (115 species), birds (54
- 6 species), small terrestrial mammals (4 species) and vascular plants (200 species). A full list of
- 7 all species is in Table S1. Not all sites were surveyed for all taxa, see Figure S1. Where data
- 8 collection covered two years, individual sites were only surveyed during a single year.



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10 Figure S1. Site-by-survey matrix for 134 study sites, green squares indicate surveys were

11 *conducted for the taxon at that site.*

12 1a. Beetles

13 Beetles (Coleoptera) were sampled using pitfall traps at 20 sites in July and August 2013, and at 40 sites between June and August 2014. These samples were originally intended 14 15 for a study of edge effects, so traps were placed on a single linear transect running from the 16 woodland edge to centre along the longest axis of each woodland. Number of traps was 17 dictated by the length available for this transect, with between 7 and 15 traps per site. One trap was placed at the woodland edge, and with additional traps located progressively further 18 19 into the woodland at 2m, 5m, 10m, and then at 25m intervals from 25m to 250m (or the centre of the wood, whichever was reached first). 20

21 Pitfall traps were deployed at each site for 10 weeks and checked fortnightly, giving 22 five collections per site (except one site where only four collections could be undertaken). 23 Traps were filled with 50% propylene glycol solution and covered with a metal lid to protect 24 them from rainfall or other disturbances. After collection, invertebrates were stored in 70% 25 ethanol. We excluded larvae and any specimens too damaged to identify. The remaining 26 27,302 individual beetles were identified to the lowest possible taxonomic level (163 to 27 species, 3 to genus, 4 to family), with the latter two groups treated as morpho-species for this 28 analysis.

Prior to analysis, we amalgamated site-level records across traps within each
collection round. We removed singleton species (i.e., 55 species only detected at a single
site), leaving 2,846 occupancy records for 115 species and morpho-species for analysis
(Table S1, Figure S2). Although larger sites had more traps this was not directly proportional
to site area, so we included number of traps as a covariate in the detectability portion of the
model.

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36 1b. Birds

Birds were surveyed at a total of 125 sites using Common Bird Census Methodology with a reduced number of surveys. Seventy-nine sites were visited once per month in April, May and June in 2015, and 46 sites were surveyed twice over the same period in 2017. Three experienced bird surveyors participated in the data collection but repeat visits to a site were always made by the same individual surveyor. To account for variations in site geometry, survey effort was standardized to 10 min per hectare per visit, with patches of <1 ha surveyed for a minimum of 10 min per visit. Surveys were conducted between 30 min after sunrise and

11:30. Surveyors walked within 50 m of all parts of each site to increase the probability of
detection. All birds seen or heard were recorded, excluding individuals flying over the site or
observed outside of the boundary. Further survey details can be found in Whytock et al
(2018).

Prior to analysis we excluded seven species associated with aquatic habitats, (e.g.,
Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*). We assumed these birds were strongly influenced by the presence of
water at some sites, confounding any associations with our predictors. We also excluded 11
singleton species, leaving 3,592 occupancy records of 54 species for analysis (Table S1,
Figure S2). We included surveyor identity as a detectability covariate to account for potential
individual differences in survey efficacy.

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55 1c. Mammals

56 Small terrestrial mammals were live-trapped at 100 sites between June and August; at 57 31 sites in 2013 and 69 sites in 2014. We used Ugglan traps #2 (multi-catch wire mesh traps with roof covers; Grahnab, Sweden). At each site, 36 traps were deployed in a 9 x 4 grid 58 59 spaced 10 m apart, with the grid as far as possible from the woodland edges. Traps were deployed for four continuous nights at each site and checked every morning. Traps were 60 61 baited with food and bedding material was provided. Captured individuals were identified to species, temporarily marked by fur clipping to identify recaptures, and immediately released 62 63 at the site of capture. Further survey details can be found in Fuentes-Montemayor et al 64 (2020). We excluded recaptures and 3 singleton species, leaving 531 occupancy records of 4 65 species for analysis (Table S1, Figure S2).

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67 1d. Plants

68 Vascular plant assemblages were assessed by two skilled surveyors, using a 69 comprehensive walk over of 132 sites in 2015 and 2016 (Waddell et al 2024). Species were 70 identified in situ, using a hand lens as necessary. With only a single visit per site, we had to 71 assume perfect detectability, but some species may have been missed (Perret et al. 2023). 72 Given most of the study woodlands were planted, we excluded tree species from the analysis 73 as their presence is not necessarily reflective of site and landscape conditions (Verheyen et al. 2004). We also excluded 59 singleton species, leaving 3,507 occupancy records for 200 74 75 species for analysis (Table S1, Figure S2).



78 Figure S2. Summary of woodland affiliation distribution for 373 species in this study.

Woodland specialists' are obligate or near-obligate species, 'woodland generalists' are

80 species which often use woodlands but can persist in alternative habitats, 'non-woodland'

81 species are those which are usually found in alternative habitats. Details for Beetles taken

- 82 from Luff (1998, 2007); Birds from DEFRA (2024); Mammals from Fuentes Montemayor et
- *al.* (2020); *Plants from Kirby et al.* (2012).

Table 1. List of 373 species included in this study with woodland affiliation details;

definitions and sources as per Figure S2.

Taxon	Species	Woodland affiliation	
Beetles	Abax parallelepipedus	Generalist	
Beetles	Acidota cruentata	Specialist	
Beetles	Agonum emarginatum	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Agonum fuliginosum	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Agonum gracile	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Agonum micans	Generalist	
Beetles	Agriotes lineatus	Generalist	
Beetles	Agriotes obscurus	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Agriotes sputator	Generalist	
Beetles	Aleocharinae	Generalist	
Beetles	Amara eurynota	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Anchomenus dorsalis	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Anotylus inustus	Non-woodland	
Beetles	Anotylus rugosus	Generalist	

Beetles	Anotylus sculpturatus	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Aphodius depressus Generalist			
Beetles	Aphodius rufipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Athous haemorrhoidalis	Generalist		
Beetles	Badister bullatus	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Bembidion aeneum	Generalist		
Beetles	Bembidion lampros	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Bembidion mannerheimii	Generalist		
Beetles	Bisnius fimetarius	Generalist		
Beetles	Calathus fuscipes	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Calathus melanocephalus	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Calathus rotundicollis	Generalist		
Beetles	Carabus nemoralis	Generalist		
Beetles	Carabus problematicus	Generalist		
Beetles	Carabus violaceus	Generalist		
Beetles	Cartodere nodifer	Generalist		
Beetles	Choleva jeanneli	Generalist		
Beetles	Clivina fossor	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Cychrus caraboides	Generalist		
Beetles	Exomias araneiformis	Generalist		
Beetles	Exomias pellucidus	Generalist		
Beetles	Gastrophysa polygoni	Generalist		
Beetles	Geotrupes stercorarius	Generalist		
Beetles	Harpalus affinis	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Harpalus rufipes	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Hemicrepidius hirtus	Generalist		
Beetles	Hypnoidus riparius	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Lathrobium brunnipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Lathrobium elongatum	Generalist		
Beetles	Lathrobium fulvipenne	Generalist		
Beetles	Leistus fulvibarbis	Generalist		
Beetles	Leistus rufomarginatus	Specialist		
Beetles	Leistus terminatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Lesteva sicula heeri	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Loricera pilicornis	Generalist		
Beetles	Megasternum concinnum	Generalist		
Beetles	Nebria brevicollis	Generalist		
Beetles	Nicrophorus humator	Generalist		
Beetles	Nicrophorus investigator	Generalist		
Beetles	Nicrophorus vespilloides	Generalist		
Beetles	Notiophilus biguttatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Ocypus aeneocephalus	Generalist		
Beetles	Ocypus brunnipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Ocypus olens	Generalist		
Beetles	Omaliinae	Generalist		
Beetles	Othius angustus	Generalist		

Beetles	Othius laeviusculus	Generalist		
Beetles	Othius punctulatus Specialist			
Beetles	Othius subuliformis	Generalist		
Beetles	Otiorhynchus nodosus	Specialist		
Beetles	Otiorhynchus singularis	Generalist		
Beetles	Oxytelus laqueatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Paranchus albipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Patrobus atrorufus	Generalist		
Beetles	Philonthus cognatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Philonthus decorus	Generalist		
Beetles	Philonthus laminatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Philonthus mannerheimi	Generalist		
Beetles	Philonthus marginatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Philonthus tenuicornis	Generalist		
Beetles	Platynus assimilis	Specialist		
Beetles	Pterostichus madidus	Generalist		
Beetles	Pterostichus melanarius	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Pterostichus minor	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Pterostichus niger	Generalist		
Beetles	Pterostichus nigrata	Generalist		
Beetles	Pterostichus nigrata rhaeticus	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Pterostichus strenuus	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius curtipennis	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius fuliginosus	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius fumatus	Specialist		
Beetles	Quedius invreae	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius lateralis	Specialist		
Beetles	Quedius levicollis	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius mesomelinus	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius molochinus	Specialist		
Beetles	Quedius nitipennis	Generalist		
Beetles	Quedius puncticollis	Generalist		
Beetles	Rhagonycha nigriventris	Generalist		
Beetles	Rhizophagus dispar	Specialist		
Beetles	Rugilus rufipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Serica brunnea	Generalist		
Beetles	Silpha atrata	Generalist		
Beetles	Staphylinus erythropterus	Generalist		
Beetles	Stenichnus collaris	Specialist		
Beetles	Stenus bimaculatus	Generalist		
Beetles	Stenus brunnipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Stenus clavicornis	Generalist		
Beetles	Stenus juno	Generalist		
Beetles	Stenus lustrator	Generalist		
Beetles	Synuchus vivalis	Generalist		
Beetles	Tachinus humeralis	Generalist		

Beetles	Tachinus marginellus	Generalist		
Beetles	Tachinus rufipes	Generalist		
Beetles	Tachyporinae	Generalist		
Beetles	Tasgius morsitans	Generalist		
Beetles	Trechus obtusus	Non-woodland		
Beetles	Trechus secalis	Generalist		
Beetles	Xantholinus elegans	Generalist		
Beetles	Xantholinus linearis	Generalist		
Beetles	Xantholinus longiventris	Generalist		
Birds	Acanthis cabaret	Specialist		
Birds	Accipiter nisus	Specialist		
Birds	Acrocephalus schoenobaenus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Aegithalos caudatus	Generalist		
Birds	Anthus trivialis	Specialist		
Birds	Buteo buteo	Non-woodland		
Birds	Carduelis carduelis	Non-woodland		
Birds	Certhia familiaris	Specialist		
Birds	Cettia cetti	Non-woodland		
Birds	Chloris chloris	Non-woodland		
Birds	Columba oenas	Non-woodland		
Birds	Columba palumbus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Corvus corone	Non-woodland		
Birds	Corvus frugilegus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Corvus monedula	Non-woodland		
Birds	Cuculus canorus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Cyanistes caeruleus	Generalist		
Birds	Dendrocopos major	Specialist		
Birds	Emberiza citrinella	Non-woodland		
Birds	Emberiza schoeniclus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Erithacus rubecula	Generalist		
Birds	Fringilla coelebs	Generalist		
Birds	Garrulus glandarius	Specialist		
Birds	Linaria cannabina	Non-woodland		
Birds	Milvus milvus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Motacilla alba	Non-woodland		
Birds	Muscicapa striata	Specialist		
Birds	Parus major	Generalist		
Birds	Passer domesticus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Passer montanus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Periparus ater	Specialist		
Birds	Phasianus colchicus	Non-woodland		
Birds	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	Specialist		
Birds	Phylloscopus collybita	Specialist		
Birds	Phylloscopus trochilus	Specialist		
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Birds	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	Generalist		
Birds	Regulus regulus	Specialist		
Birds	Sitta europaea	Specialist		
Birds	Spinus spinus	Specialist		
Birds	Strix aluco	Generalist		
Birds	Sturnus vulgaris	Non-woodland		
Birds	Sylvia atricapilla	Specialist		
Birds	Sylvia borin	Specialist		
Birds	Sylvia communis	Non-woodland		
Birds	Sylvia curruca	Generalist		
Birds	Troglodytes troglodytes	Generalist		
Birds	Turdus merula	Generalist		
Birds	Turdus philomelos	Generalist		
Birds	Turdus pilaris	Non-woodland		
Birds	Turdus viscivorus	Non-woodland		
Mammals	Apodemus sylvaticus	Generalist		
Mammals	Microtus agrestis	Non-woodland		
Mammals	Myodes glareolus	Specialist		
Mammals	Sorex araneus	Generalist		
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Plants	Bromopsis ramosa	Specialist	
Plants	Bromus hordeaceus	Non-woodland	
Plants	Bryonia dioica	Generalist	
Plants	Calluna vulgaris	Generalist	
Plants	Caltha palustris	Generalist	
Plants	Calystegia sepium	Generalist	
Plants	Campanula rotundifolia	Generalist	
Plants	Cardamine flexuosa	Generalist	
Plants	Cardamine hirsuta	Non-woodland	
Plants	Cardamine pratensis	Generalist	
Plants	Carduus nutans	Non-woodland	
Plants	Carex flacca	Non-woodland	
Plants	Carex pendula	Specialist	
Plants	Carex sylvatica	Specialist	
Plants	Centaurea nigra	Non-woodland	
Plants	Cerastium arvense	Non-woodland	
Plants	Cerastium fontanum	Non-woodland	
Plants	Ceratocapnos claviculata	Specialist	
Plants	Chamerion angustifolium	Generalist	
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Plants	Holcus lanatus	Generalist		
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Plants	Rumex sanguineus	Generalist	
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Plants	Saxifraga oppositifolia	Non-woodland	
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Plants	Senecio erucifolius	Non-woodland	
Plants	Senecio jacobaea	Non-woodland	
Plants	Silene dioica	Specialist	
Plants	Solanum dulcamara	Generalist	
Plants	Sonchus oleraceus	Non-woodland	
Plants	Stachys sylvatica	Specialist	
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Plants	Taraxacum	Generalist	
Plants	Teucrium scorodonia	Generalist	
Plants	Torilis japonica	Generalist	
Plants	Trifolium pratense	Non-woodland	
Plants	Trifolium repens	Non-woodland	
Plants	Triticum aestivum	Non-woodland	
Plants	Typha latifolia	Non-woodland	
Plants	Ulex europaeus	Generalist	
Plants	Urtica dioica	Generalist	
Plants	Vaccinium myrtillus	Specialist	
Plants	Veronica anagallis-aquatica	Non-woodland	
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Plants	Vicia tetrasperma	Non-woodland	
Plants	Viola odorata	Specialist	
Plants	Viola palustris	Specialist	
Plants	Viola riviniana	Specialist	

91 **2.** Predictor preparation

92 2a. Site-level predictors

Ancient woodlands were identified using national Ancient Woodland Inventories
(Natural England 2023; Scottish Government 2023). We used historical Ordnance Survey
mapping to determine age of planted sites. We assumed that the woodland was planted during
the map's publication year although there is likely to have been a delay between planting and
the woodland's appearance on the map (Watts et al. 2016).

Woodland site area and shape were derived from National Forest Inventory mapping (NFI, FR 2018) using GIS. Shape was the ratio of site perimeter divided by the perimeter of a circle with the same area; larger values therefore indicate less-compact sites. We used the standard deviation of tree DBH in cms collected during vegetation surveys as a measure of woodland structural heterogeneity. Full vegetation survey details are in Fuentes-Montemayor et al. (2022).

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105 2b. Landscape-level predictors – within-habitat-type

We defined the landscape as the 3 km radius around each site, and calculated four 106 107 within-habitat-type landscape-scale predictors. We identified all woodlands greater than 0.5 ha in size at four points in time (1920s, 1950s, 1990s, and 2015). The 1920s and 1950s data 108 109 were assembled from historical Ordnance Survey maps using a custom workflow in R and 110 QGIS that allowed us to extract areas of woodland on the basis of colour. Although the Ordnance Survey extends back to the 1860s, the earliest comprehensive colour maps only 111 appeared in the 1920s, hence our choice of baseline. The 1990s data came from Forest 112 Research's National Inventory of Woodlands and Trees (Smith et al. 2010). The 2015 data 113 were extracted from the National Forest Inventory (FR 2018). 114

From these four woodland layers we calculated three measures of woodland cover. Current woodland was the proportion of the 3 km radius landscape with woodland in 2015. Old woodland was the proportion of the current woodland that had been present at all four points in time (and was therefore at least 100 years old). This was achieved by stacking the four layers together and identifying the 5 m^2 pixels that were woodland in all time points. Lost woodland was the proportion of the landscape that had been wooded during at least one of the historic time points, but was not woodland in 2015.

As matrix permeability plays a key role in dispersal (Hinsley & Bellamy 2000;
Vanneste et al 2020), we supplemented the woodland cover predictors with a 'trees outside
woodlands' dataset for 2015 (Forest Research 2021). This was created using a combination of
LiDAR and photogrammetry to identify woodlands smaller than 0.5 ha (and therefore absent

from the NFI), linear hedgerows and isolated trees. We used proportion of the landscape

- 127 covered with trees outside woodlands as our predictor.
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129 2c. Landscape-level predictors – between-habitat-type

We created two measures of agricultural intensity for 3 km radius landscapes around each woodland site. Using LCM2015 data (Rowland et al 2017), we calculated the proportion of all agricultural land (categories 'Arable', 'Improved grassland', 'Semi-natural grassland') that was 'Arable'.

134 AgCensus (EDINA 2022) maps a range of agricultural information derived from the UK's annual June Agricultural Census. The most recent data available for both Scotland and 135 England are from 2010, at 2 km² and 5 km² resolution respectively. We converted numbers of 136 cattle and sheep in each pixel to Livestock Units (LSU) using information from Eurostat. 137 Dairy cattle are 1 LSU, with other animals scaled relative to this according to dietary 138 139 requirements. For each pixel we divided the total LSUs by the area of grassland in ha. 140 Grassland area was derived by combining 'Grassland < 5 years old', 'Grassland > 5 years old' and 'Rough grazing' information from AgCensus. Although slightly different to the 141 142 LCM2015 grassland values derived above (r = 0.93), this had the benefit of guaranteeing spatial congruence between livestock and grassland data. 143

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145 **3.** Correlations across landscape scales

146 Apparent relationships between biodiversity and landscape composition can be influenced by

147 the size of radius chosen to represent the 'landscape-scale' (Jackson & Fahrig 2014).

148 However, beyond 1 km radius our study landscapes are largely homogenous, showing high

149 correlations (> 0.7) across scales. We extracted landcover data from the LCM2015 dataset

150 (Rowland et al 2017) as proportions of a series of radii between 1 - 3 km, for woodlands, and

agriculture (arable and intensive grasslands combined), see Figures S3 and S4.



153 Figure S3. Correlations between proportions of the landscape covered in woodland across a

range of spatial scales surrounding study sites, from LCM2015 data.



157 Figure S4. Correlations between proportions of the landscape covered in agriculture (arable
158 and intensive grassland) across a range of spatial scales surrounding study sites, from
159 LCM2015 data.

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161 4. Excluded predictor variables

162 During study design we considered but discarded several additional predictor163 variables.

164 4a. Roads

165 Roads are known to effect wildlife distributions, particularly for vertebrate species

166 (e.g., Benitez-Lopez et al. 2010; Cooke et al. 2020a & b). We extracted road length from

167 Ordnance Survey mapping for the 3 km radius landscapes. Among sites there was some

168 variation in road density (m per ha), but this covaried strongly with area of urban landcover

169 from LCM 2015 data (correlation 0.74, Figure S5). As urban landcover types are the second

- 170 most prevalent after agriculture in our study landscapes, any increase in urban area (and
- therefore road density) is associated with lower amounts of agriculture. We therefore
- excluded roads from our potential set of predictors, while acknowledging it leaves this
- 173 influence on wildlife distributions unaccounted for.





176 *Figure S5. Correlation between proportion of urban land cover and density of roads.*

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178 4b. Agricultural inputs

Agricultural intensification, and in particular the widespread application of pesticides 179 180 and fertilisers, has caused major population declines in a wide range of taxa (e.g., Frampton & Dorne 2007 for invertebrates; Li et al. 2020, Rigal et al. 2023 for birds). We explored the 181 182 1km²-resolution 'CEH Land Cover plus' datasets as potential predictors reflecting agricultural management intensity (CEH 2020). At present, data for fertilisers are only 183 184 available for England not Scotland, so we discounted this. The pesticide dataset combines mean annual usage of 162 pesticides for 2012-2017 with detailed crop maps for all of Britain. 185 186 To account for the potential disconnect between the amount of pesticide used and its impact 187 on wildlife, we multiplied the weight applied by a measure of ecotoxicity for each active ingredient. Ecotoxicity information was collated from the Pesticide Properties Database 188 (Lewis et al. 2016) and combined following Kudsk et al. (2018), incorporating eight 189

190 measures of acute toxicity (for mammals, birds, fish, daphnia, algae, aquatic plants,

earthworms and bees), and three measures of chronic toxicity (for fish, daphnia and

earthworms). However, the resulting ecotoxicity map was highly correlated (r = 0.99) with

193 our measure of arable land as a proportion of agriculture and hence we opted not to include

194 the pesticide predictor in our models.

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196 4c. Temporal trends in between-habitat-type predictors

197 Between-habitat-type temporal legacies reflect the influence of changing agricultural 198 management on nearby woodland patches, which are potentially important drivers in 199 determining contemporary distributions of species. Although there are studies of such 200 between-habitat-type temporal legacies at national scales (e.g., Chamberlain et al. 2000; 201 Robinson & Sutherland 2002), there is little suitable data at a sufficiently fine spatial 202 resolution which we could include in our analysis. The Agcensus data does have patchy 203 coverage extending back to 1969 (EDINA 2021), which we used to generate decadal trends 204 in proportion of arable cropland and grazing livestock density using the methods described in 205 SI section 2c. While intensity fluctuated over time, values were tightly correlated across sites so that their relative ranked positions did not change; landscapes with high agricultural 206 207 intensity in the 1960s continued to have high intensity management through to the present day (proportion of a able cropland correlations 0.89 - 0.97; livestock density 0.49 - 0.87; 208 209 Figures S6 and S7). It is likely that agricultural intensification occurred at different times among our study sites, so that the legacies are at different stages and may be influencing 210 211 woodland biodiversity. However, we are unable to reflect these changes in our models, and 212 so opted to only retain our between-habitat-type spatial predictors for our analysis.



215 Figure S6. Correlations across time in proportion of arable cropland in 3-km radius

- *landscapes surrounding our study sites. Agcensus data for England and Scotland is available*
- for 1969, 1979 and 2010. Data is only available for Scotland in 1991 and 2000, and only for
- *England in 1988 and 2003.*



Figure S7. Correlations across time in livestock density (as Livestock Units) in 3-km radius
landscapes surrounding our study sites. Agcensus data for England and Scotland is available

for 1969, 1979 and 2010. Data is only available for Scotland in 1991 and 2000, and only for
England in 1988 and 2003.

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225 **5.** Posterior Predictive Checks

226 We undertook Goodness of Fit tests to confirm that all models were capable of simulating data similar to the original data. For the animal taxa, this was done via the 227 228 spOccupancy package 'ppcOcc' function, testing with both chi-squared and Freeman-Tukey 229 statistics and combining across either sites or replicates (Doser et al 2022). This function is 230 not available for sfJSDM outputs, so we manually conducted similar tests for plants. In all 231 cases, the assemblage level Bayesian p values were between 0.1 - 0.5 suggesting an adequate 232 model fit. For individual species, 786 of 892 (88%) of all possible species by site or species by replicate tests were satisfactory. We deemed this to be acceptable given that we were 233 234 concerned with assemblage-level responses, and propagated full uncertainty from the models 235 throughout subsequent analyses, so that any inaccuracies would be equally imprecise across 236 all outputs.

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238 6. Species-level effects

Plots below show species-level effects for the 10 linear predictors for each of the four
taxa. Thick bars show central 50% of the posterior, whiskers show 95% credible intervals.
Red bars indicate when credible intervals do not include zero, grey bars when they overlap
with zero.

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