

Movements and use of space by Mangrove Cuckoos (*Coccyzus minor*) in Florida, USA

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33 Introduction

34 Understanding how animals use space and move through the environment around them can
35 provide important insights into their ecology and conservation (Kramer and Chapman, 1999;
36 Wiens, 2008; Holland et al., 2009). Information concerning an animal's home range - that is, the
37 area in which an organism carries out the day-to-day activities of life (Burt, 1943) - can be
38 particularly useful, helping to identify habitat requirements, predict sensitivity to habitat loss and
39 fragmentation, and delineate areas important for conservation. I documented patterns of
40 movement and described characteristics of Mangrove Cuckoo (*Coccyzus minor* Gmelin) home
41 ranges in southwest Florida, USA. Mangrove Cuckoos are widespread and relatively common in
42 a variety of forested environments throughout the Caribbean and Middle America (Lloyd, 2013).
43 In Florida, the northern limit of their geographic distribution, they are uncommon and apparently
44 restricted largely to mangrove forests (Lloyd, 2013; Lloyd and Slater, 2014). Although the
45 species is of Least Concern globally (BirdLife International, 2012), Mangrove Cuckoos in the
46 United States are a high priority for conservation action (Partners in Flight Science Committee,
47 2012) and are considered at risk of becoming threatened (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2008),
48 with some evidence of recent declines in parts of Florida (Lloyd and Doyle, 2011). An important
49 obstacle to planning conservation action, however, is the lack of information on the natural
50 history of Mangrove Cuckoos; they remain one of North America's least-studied birds (Hughes,
51 2010).

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53 My goal was to enhance understanding of the natural history of Mangrove Cuckoos by providing
54 an initial description of space use; as with other facets of the species' ecology, basic patterns of
55 space use are undocumented. To address this information gap, I sought to quantify patterns of
56 movement among individuals, estimate the amount of area required to support a Mangrove

57 Cuckoo home range, and describe qualitatively the land-cover types in which Mangrove
58 Cuckoos will establish a home range. Information on area requirements and habitat use may help
59 inform future conservation efforts. I did not document what sorts of activities birds engaged in
60 during the period of time that I followed them (e.g., whether they were nesting), so here I adopt a
61 simple empirical approach of allowing the movement of individual birds to define an area of
62 concentrated use that I refer to as a home range (sensu Burt, 1943).

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64 Methods

65 Study area

66 I captured Mangrove Cuckoos from 2012-2015 at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge
67 (26.44°N, -82.11°W)(hereafter, “Ding Darling NWR”) on the barrier island of Sanibel and at San
68 Carlos Bay – Bunche Beach Preserve (26.48°N, -81.97°W) on the nearby mainland coast in Fort
69 Myers. The study area, however, encompassed all of the locations where I relocated marked
70 birds, ranging from near Port Charlotte to Fort Myers Beach (Fig. 1). Mangrove forests fringe
71 protected coastlines in this area and are dominated by red (*Rhizophora mangle* L.) and black
72 (*Avicennia germinans* L.) mangrove, with lesser numbers of white mangrove (*Laguncularia*
73 *racemosa* C. F. Gaertn.). The inland edge of most mangrove forest in the region abuts developed
74 land, where nearly all uplands have been cleared of native vegetation for commercial and
75 residential development. Where uplands have been protected - almost exclusively on Sanibel -
76 adjacent forest types include hammock forests dominated by southern live oak (*Quercus*
77 *virginiana* Mill.) and a variety of tropical hardwoods, savannas of cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*
78 Lodd. ex Schult.f.), and pure stands of buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus* L.) (Cooley, 1955).
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80 The climate of the area is tropical (Duever et al., 1994). Air temperatures remain relatively warm
81 throughout the year, with mean monthly temperature ranging from 17.8°C in January to 28.1°C
82 in August (based on climate data from 1892-2012 collected in Fort Myers; available online at
83 <http://www.sercc.com>). Frosts are uncommon, especially in mangroves. Most (65%) of the mean
84 annual precipitation (136 cm) falls during convective storms in the pronounced wet season (June
85 to September). Weather between October and May is drier and cooler, and precipitation that falls
86 during the dry season is generally driven by the passage of cold fronts. Tropical cyclones strike
87 occasionally, although none affected the area during this study.

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89 Field methods

90 I located birds by broadcasting a recorded vocalization of Mangrove Cuckoo, to which
91 individuals respond readily when present (Frieze et al., 2012), in areas of suitable habitat
92 (mangrove forest) that could be accessed by boat, on foot, or by motor vehicle. In 2012, searches
93 were conducted between March and August; in 2013, between February and August; and then
94 continually from February 2014 - June 2015. The start and end dates of searches in 2013 and
95 2014 were dependent on the availability of personnel to assist with searches.

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97 The vocalization used during playback (Hardy, 1998) was downloaded from the website of the
98 Florida Museum (<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/birds/florida-bird-sounds/>) and consisted of the
99 typical guttural series of “cah” notes, lasting for 8 seconds. Broadcasts were made using a small
100 handheld speaker and an MP3 player, with the volume set to a level at which the sound could be
101 distinguished by a human observer at a distance of approximately 100 m. I listened quietly after
102 each playback, repeating the broadcast up to 3 times if no individuals were detected.

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104 Once a bird had been located, it was lured into a mist net via playback of recorded vocalizations.
105 Upon capture, each bird was marked with an aluminum US Fish and Wildlife Service leg-band
106 and a unique combination of three colored plastic leg-bands. A VHF radio-transmitter (American
107 Wildlife Enterprises, Monticello, Florida and ATS, Isanti, Minnesota) was attached using flat,
108 2.5-mm-wide elastic fabric to create leg loops as per Rappole and Tipton (1991). The transmitter
109 and harness collectively weighed 1.8 g, or approximately 2.9% of the average mass of Mangrove
110 Cuckoos captured in this study (mean body mass = 62.5 g; n = 46). Protocols and materials used
111 in capture, handling, and marking were designed in accordance with guidelines presented by Fair
112 et al. (2010). This research was conducted with the permission of the US Fish and Wildlife
113 Service (Special Use Permit No.13036), the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory (Bird-Banding
114 Permit No. 23726 issued to JDL), and the State of Florida (Scientific Collecting Permit No.
115 LSSC-11-00048A).

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117 Birds were released as soon as possible after capture (average time between capture in the mist
118 net and release of a radio-marked bird was 27 minutes). I attempted to relocate radio-marked
119 birds every 1-3 days using a handheld antenna, although this frequency of relocation was
120 possible only for birds that remained in the core of the study area. Individuals that moved long
121 distances or occupied remote areas that could only be searched by plane were relocated less
122 frequently, generally every 2-3 weeks.

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124 When an individual could not be located after multiple ground-based searches, a fixed-wing
125 airplane was used to search a wider area. Aerial searches typically focused on an area within 60

126 km of the last known location. Location of individuals detected during aerial searches was
127 estimated from the plane's Global Positioning System (GPS) after the signal had been localized
128 using directional antennae and close circling by the pilot.

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130 Radio-marked individuals were tracked throughout each field season (see above for dates) or
131 until multiple aerial searches failed to detect them. The nominal battery life of the transmitters
132 ranged from 3-6 months depending on the unit, but in general I could not distinguish battery
133 failure from permanent emigration out of the search area.

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135 Estimating telemetry error

136 To test the telemetry system, a naïve observer used biangulation to identify the location of a
137 radio transmitter that had been placed in a known location by a second observer. The transmitters
138 were placed on horizontal limbs of mangrove trees in locations that were representative of
139 perches used by Mangrove Cuckoos. I conducted 16 trials; 6 in February of 2012 and 10 in July
140 of 2012. The same observer was used in every trial. In 14 trials, the observer was able to obtain
141 bearings from land, but in the other 2 trials the location of the hidden transmitter required the
142 observer to take bearings from a kayak. I calculated error as the distance between the actual
143 location of the transmitter as determined by a handheld GPS unit and the location estimated from
144 biangulation.

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146 Efficacy of aerial searches

147 I also conducted a test of the efficacy of aerial searches from a fixed-wing airplane. On a single
148 day, a pilot flew at different altitudes above a transmitter positioned at a known location in a

149 mangrove forest. The plane passed directly over the transmitter at 305 m, 457 m, and 610 m, and
150 then flew passes at different distances to either side of the transmitter, again repeating passes at
151 each of the 3 altitudes.

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153 Statistical analysis of movements and space use

154 I estimated the location of marked birds by triangulating the signal based on compass bearings
155 and GPS locations obtained in the field. I described home ranges of radio-marked Mangrove
156 Cuckoos using the Brownian bridges movement model of Horne et al. (2007), as implemented in
157 the R package adehabitatHR (Calenge, 2006). This model requires time-stamped locations and
158 two smoothing parameters, one related to the speed at which the organism moves through space
159 (the Brownian motion variance parameter) and one that describes the imprecision of estimated
160 locations. I calculated the Brownian motion variance parameter using the likelihood method
161 proposed by Horne et al. (2007) and implemented by the liker function in the adehabitatHR
162 package. I used the results of the ground-based telemetry-error tests to calculate the standard
163 deviation of the mean location error, the second smoothing parameter (I have only qualitative
164 information about error during aerial searches). In estimating the boundaries of home ranges, I
165 censored from analysis any individuals with ≤ 20 relocations due to concerns about small-sample
166 bias. Based on the recommendation of Borger et al. (2006), I defined the total home range as the
167 90% isopleth of the utilization distribution, and the core home range as the 50% isopleth.

168 Location data used to estimate the home-range boundaries are available in Lloyd (2017).

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170 Home-range boundaries for Mangrove Cuckoos in this area tended to include large areas of open
171 water, which I did not include in calculations of home-range area. The amount of open water

172 within each home range was calculated using a shapefile of the Florida coastline (version 2004)
173 published by the State of Florida (available at <http://www.fgdl.org>) and then subtracted from the
174 area within the 90% and 50% isopleths. Home-range size calculations were performed within
175 QGIS version 2.16.3 (QGIS Development Team 2016); all other analyses were conducted in R
176 3.2.4 (R Core Team 2016).

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178 I used the shapefile (version April 2015) published by the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
179 (FWRI) at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to determine the distribution
180 of mangrove vegetation within the study area (available at <http://www.fgdl.org>). I determined
181 protected area boundaries using version 1.4 of the U.S. Geological Survey's Protected Areas
182 Database of the United States (available at: <http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus/>).

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184 Results

185 Telemetry error

186 The estimated mean telemetry error associated with ground-based searches was 35.1 m (SD =
187 28.6 m; range = 5.7 m - 105.3 m).

188 Efficacy of aerial searches

189 Flying directly over the transmitter at 305 m altitude, the signal was detected 1.1 km before the
190 plane passed over the transmitter and was lost when the plane had passed 1.0 km beyond the
191 location of the signal. At this altitude, the signal was not detected at the 1 or 2 km offset passes.

192 At 457 m altitude, the signal was detected 1.8 km before the plane passed over the transmitter
193 and was lost when the plane had passed 800 m beyond the transmitter. The signal was located on
194 offset passes as far as 2 km adjacent to the path directly over the signal. At 610 m altitude, the

195 signal was detected 1.7 km before the plane passed over the transmitter and was lost when the
196 plane had passed 900 m beyond the transmitter. The signal was located on offset passes as far as
197 2 km adjacent to the path directly over the signal. These results suggest that, at altitudes typical
198 of those maintained during aerial searches (> 400 m), the detection radius for a transmitter on the
199 ground was approximately 1-2 km. Patches of mangrove forests in the study area were always <4
200 km in width, and most were <1 km wide (e.g., Fig. 1).

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202 Movements and space use by Mangrove Cuckoos

203 I captured 46 individuals between 2012 and 2015. I did not recapture or resight any marked
204 individuals outside of the year in which they were initially captured (except for one individual
205 captured in late 2014 and tracked into early 2015). I captured individuals in every month except
206 February, but most captures ($n = 27$) occurred between March and May (Fig. 2). I radio-marked
207 32 of these individuals, and obtained an adequate number of relocations for 16 of these to
208 describe a home range. Of the 16 individuals censored from the home-range analysis due to
209 small sample size, six were tracked for relatively long periods of time (127, 123, 114, 111, 103,
210 and 45 days, respectively) but occupied areas where transmitter signals could only be detected by
211 plane and thus were relocated infrequently. The other 10 were transient (or carried transmitters
212 that failed prematurely); most of these individuals were known to be present in the study area for
213 < 2 weeks (average number of days known present = 13; range = 2-31 days).

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215 In general, individuals moved widely from day to day. The median distance between estimated
216 locations recorded on subsequent days was 298 m (95% CI = 187 m – 409 m), but variation
217 within and among individuals was substantial, and individuals were occasionally found >1 km

218 from their location on the previous day (Fig. 3). Notable movements included a flight taken by
219 individual 150.919 from its home range in Ding Darling NWR to the San Carlos Bay – Bunche
220 Beach Preserve and back again, a round-trip distance of roughly 35 km. This individual was
221 located on its home range at 07:01 on 18 July 2012, but by the following morning at 09:59 it had
222 moved to a location in San Carlos Bay – Bunche Beach Preserve on the mainland, a straight-line
223 distance of 16.8 km. It was not located on 20 July. On 21 July at 08:06 it had returned to nearly
224 the same location where it had been found on 18 July. This individual then remained on its home
225 range on Sanibel until at least 21 November 2012, and during that time made no other similar
226 movements. Although the purpose of that single long-distance movement is unknown, it was
227 evidently not part of a dispersal event to a new home range.

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229 Home-range area was generally large but variable among individuals (Table 1). Home-range area
230 did not covary with the length of the period during which I tracked each individual (total home
231 range: $r = 0.30$, 95% CI = $-0.23 - 0.69$; core area: $r = 0.26$, 95% CI = $-0.25 - 0.66$) or with the
232 number of times an individual was relocated (total home range: $r = 0.29$, 95% CI = $-0.24 - 0.69$;
233 core area: $r = 0.16$, 95% CI = $-0.35 - 0.59$). Of the 16 individuals for which I estimated a home
234 range, 11 were last detected within its boundaries. The other 5 individuals (150.613, 150.757,
235 149.881, 148.872, and 149.281) were later located 1-3 times at locations far removed from the
236 home-range boundaries (c.a. 12-55 km from the last estimated location within the home range).
237 None of these five individuals ever returned, and thus presumably had abandoned the home
238 range and were in the process of dispersing when last located. Timing of departure, for these five
239 individuals, ranged from early May (149.281) to late July (150.757). The trigger for these
240 dispersal events is unknown.

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242 The same areas were frequently used as home ranges by different birds in different years, but
243 concurrent use of overlapping home ranges or core-use areas was observed in only one instance.
244 Three individuals – 150.775, 150.829, and 150.819 – occupied broadly overlapping (i.e., >50%
245 overlap) home ranges and core-use areas at the same time in San Carlos Bay – Bunche Beach
246 Preserve. I did not observe interactions among these individuals, so it is unclear whether they
247 were part of a social unit. However, all three individuals were located in close proximity to one
248 another on numerous occasions throughout the period during which they were tracked.

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250 Nearly 75% of estimated locations of marked Mangrove Cuckoos fell within areas classified as
251 mangroves (756 locations from a total of 1,015 locations gathered during the course of the study)
252 and 94% of all estimated locations fell within 100 m of mangrove vegetation as defined by the
253 FWRI shapefile. Mangrove vegetation in the study area is limited primarily to protected areas,
254 and as consequence nearly every (99%; n = 1002 locations) estimated location of a Mangrove
255 Cuckoo occurred within a protected area. In addition to the two main capture areas, Ding Darling
256 NWR (n = 590 locations) and San Carlos Bay – Bunche Beach Preserve (n = 156 locations),
257 other protected areas used by Mangrove Cuckoos included conservation lands managed by
258 Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (n = 68), Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park (n =
259 35), Estero Bay Preserve State Park (n = 22), and Matlacha Pass NWR (n = 6).

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261 Discussion

262 Home-range size of Mangrove Cuckoos captured on public land in southwest Florida was
263 substantially larger than predicted based on the allometry of space use by animals (Schoener,

264 1968; Mace and Harvey, 1983). Indeed, with a median home-range size of 132 ha, space use by
265 Mangrove Cuckoos is similar to that of a small raptor such as Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteo*
266 *lineatus* Gmelin; average home-range size = 135 ha) (Peery, 2000), even though its body size is
267 roughly 15% that of the Red-shouldered Hawk. Little information exists on home-range size of
268 other New World cuckoos. Yellow-billed Cuckoos (*Coccyzus americanus* Linnaeus) in riparian
269 forests in Arizona occupied home ranges that averaged 39 ha (95% kernel-density estimate) to 51
270 ha (minimum convex polygon) during the breeding season (Halterman, 2009), and a single
271 Banded Ground-cuckoo (*Neomorphus radiolosus* Sclater & Salvin) – a distantly related and far
272 larger species – occupied a home-range in Ecuador estimated to consist of 42.2 ha (MCP) to 49.9
273 ha (95% kernel-density estimate) (Karubian and Carrasco, 2008). Likewise, information on space
274 use by other birds of mangrove forest is scarce; Yellow-billed Cotinga (*Carpodectes antoniae*
275 Ridgway), a substantially larger (85-90g) inhabitant of mangrove forests in Costa Rica and
276 Panama, used somewhat smaller home ranges (31.2 ha and 107.2 ha, respectively, during the
277 breeding and non-breeding seasons) and core-use areas (6.6 ha and 24.3 ha, respectively)
278 (Leavelle et al., 2015).

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280 The Mangrove Cuckoos tracked in this study showed no inter-annual site fidelity. I documented
281 several instances in which the same patch of mangrove was occupied by a different individual in
282 each year of the study. Indeed, during the course of the study, I never recaptured – and only once
283 resighted – an individual marked in a previous year; this suggests a nomadic lifestyle, as has
284 been argued for other *Coccyzus* cuckoos. Although Mangrove Cuckoos were present in the study
285 area year-round, I found no evidence that any individual remained resident in the same area
286 throughout the year.

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288 Why might Mangrove Cuckoos use disproportionately large home ranges and show an apparent
289 tendency to wander widely? Perhaps it is worth considering use of space within the context of
290 the unusual suite of life-history traits that seem to characterize Mangrove Cuckoo and two of its
291 more well-studied congeners: Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Black-billed Cuckoo (*C.*
292 *erythrophthalmus* Wilson). Based on what is known of these species, in addition to occupying
293 large home ranges, they exhibit remarkably rapid developmental rates, are facultative
294 intraspecific brood parasites, have low inter-annual fidelity to breeding sites and highly variable
295 investment in reproduction, and seem to engage in inexplicable, long-distance movements before
296 and after breeding (Fleischer et al., 1985; Hughes, 2001, 2010, 2015; Dearborn et al., 2009;
297 Sechrist et al., 2012). These traits have been explained as an adaptation to a lifestyle centered
298 around exploiting super-abundant but patchy, ephemeral, and unpredictable food resources
299 (Hamilton and Hamilton, 1965; Nolan and Thompson, 1975; Sealy, 1985; Barber et al., 2008).
300 Evidence for this hypothesis is largely circumstantial, however (e.g., see Hughes, 1997 for a
301 critique), and it is not clear if the food resources used by Mangrove Cuckoos are as variable as
302 those considered critical for Yellow-billed and Black-billed cuckoos. The diet of Mangrove
303 Cuckoos is known poorly but seems to include a predilection for large invertebrates and small
304 vertebrates (Lloyd, 2013) and thus the large home ranges that I observed may have reflected a
305 diet focused on relatively large prey items – a characteristic associated with large home ranges
306 (Schoener, 1968) – rather than a diet based on highly variable prey populations. However, as
307 with other *Coccyzus* cuckoos, rigorous tests of these ideas await longer-term studies of breeding
308 biology and natural history. For Mangrove Cuckoos, this would include research that links
309 movement patterns to breeding behavior; tracks individuals across longer temporal and larger

310 spatial scales; and rigorously quantifies diets of adults, juveniles, and nestlings.

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312 Although many puzzles remain concerning the natural history of Mangrove Cuckoos, the
313 conditions needed to conserve the species are clear: a network of intact, protected patches of
314 mangrove forest. In south Florida, this network consists almost entirely of publically owned land.
315 Stands of mangrove forest large enough to support Mangrove Cuckoos do not occur on private
316 land. Some important protected areas – Ding Darling NWR, for example – were established to
317 conserve habitat for wildlife, but other important protected areas, like Charlotte Harbor Preserve
318 State Park, were established largely for shoreline protection and water-quality improvement. No
319 matter what the rationale for investing in mangrove protection, the continued persistence of
320 Mangrove Cuckoos in Florida depends on the preservation of remaining mangrove forests.

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Figure 1(on next page)

Map of the study area.

Study area (red shaded box on the inset map) in southwest Florida, USA, where Mangrove Cuckoos (*Coccyzus minor*) were radio-tracked during 2012-2015. Individuals were captured in mangrove forest (green shading) within two protected areas: J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, located on the barrier island of Sanibel, and San Carlos Bay - Bunche Beach Preserve, located on the mainland in the city of Fort Myers. Individuals were tracked as far north as Port Charlotte, and as far south as Fort Myers Beach.

Port Charlotte

Fort Myers

San Carlos Bay - Bunche Beach Preserve

Fort Myers Beach

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

30°N

28°N

26°N

84°W

82°W

80°W

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20 km

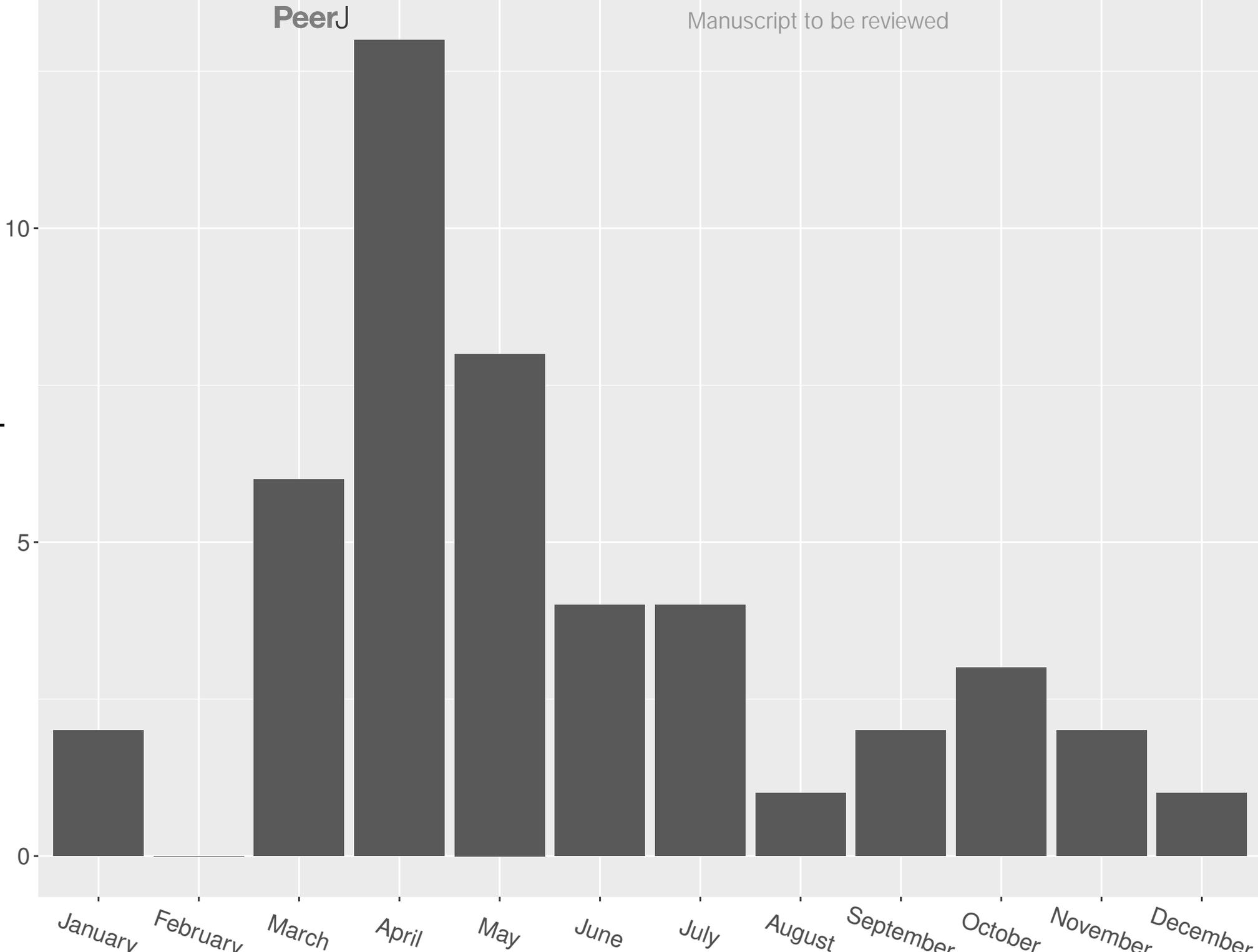


Figure 2 (on next page)

Seasonal distribution of captures of Mangrove Cuckoos.

Seasonal distribution of captures of Mangrove Cuckoos (*Coccyzus minor*) (n = 46) in southwest Florida during 2012-2015.

No. of captures



Month

Figure 3(on next page)

Daily movement distances of Mangrove Cuckoos.

Distance between estimated locations of individual radio-tagged Mangrove Cuckoos (*Coccyzus minor*) on subsequent days (i.e., estimated locations taken 18-28 hours apart) in southwest Florida from 2012-2015. Only individuals (n = 16) with an adequate number of relocations to estimate home-range boundaries are included.

Distance (m) between locations
on subsequent days

10000

1000

100

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Individual

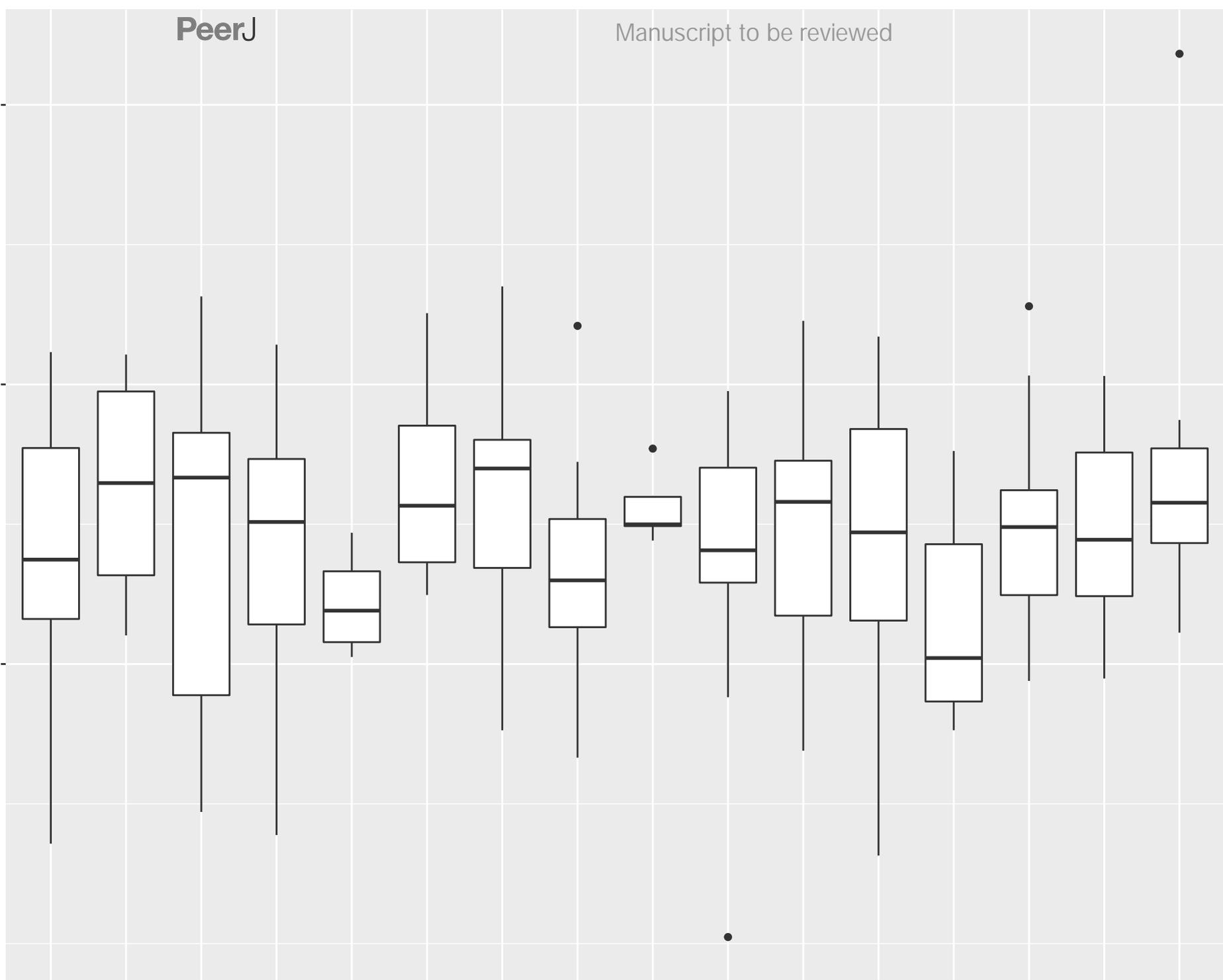


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Home-range characteristics of Mangrove Cuckoos.

Home-range characteristics of 16 Mangrove Cuckoos (*Coccyzus minor*) tracked via radio-telemetry on the southwest coast of Florida from 2012-2015.

1 Table 1. Home-range characteristics of 16 Mangrove Cuckoos (*Coccyzus minor*) tracked via
 2 radio-telemetry on the southwest coast of Florida from 2012-2015.

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Individual	N	Home-range area (ha)		Tracking dates
		Core area ^a	Total ^b	
148.811	57	42	153	3 Mar – 12 Jun 2014
148.872	39	79	243	11 Mar – 27 May 2014
149.281	20	91	243	4 Apr – 6 May 2014
149.881	47	70	294	18 Apr – 27 Jun 2014
149.990	26	9	28	25 Nov 2014 – 18 Jan 2015
150.612	37	24	92	28 Apr – 16 Jun 2012
150.613	53	15	104	7 Jun – 22 Aug 2013
150.621	42	30	107	8 May – 4 July 2012
150.757	31	64	NA	9 May – 30 Jul 2013
150.775	70	28	125	14 May – 22 Aug 2013
150.819	42	60	201	18 Jun – 22 Aug 2013
150.829	36	42	132	9 Jul – 22 Aug 2013
150.865	58	9	36	20 May – 22 Aug 2013
150.874	76	76	319	15 Mar – 15 Jul 2013
150.883	91	65	164	16 Mar – 22 Aug 2013
150.919	20	24	86	8 Jul – 10 Aug 2012
MEAN		45.5	155.1	
		(SD = 26.8)	(SD = 88.3)	
MEDIAN		42	132	

4 ^a50% isopleth from a Brownian bridges analysis.

5 ^b90% isopleth from a Brownian bridges analysis.