

# The gut microbiota in the common kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*): a report from the Beijing Raptor Rescue Center

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29 **Abstract**

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48 throughput sequencing, Noninvasive

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50 **Introduction**

51 The common kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) is a small raptor that belongs to Falconidae. A total of  
52 12 subspecies are distributed widely from the Palearctic to Oriental regions (Cramp & Brooks

53 1992). Although listed in the least concern (LC) class by the International Union for  
54 Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the common kestrel was listed as a second-  
55 class protected animal species in China. The common kestrel is a typical opportunistic forager  
56 that catches small and medium-sized animals, including small mammals, birds, reptiles and some  
57 invertebrates (Anthony 1993; Aparicio 2000; Village 2010). Insects such as grasshoppers and  
58 dragonflies were also identified in the diet of the common kestrel (Geng et al. 2009). Common  
59 kestrels choose distinct predatory strategies when wintering and breeding to minimize the  
60 expenditure of energy, as generalist predators (Costantini et al. 2005; Masman et al. 1988).  
61 Moreover, the density, reproductive success, choice of nest sites and hunting success are  
62 different between urban and rural common kestrels (Fargallo et al. 2001; Riegert et al. 2010;  
63 Salvati et al. 1999), as well as polymorphisms at the genetic level (Rutkowski et al. 2006).  
64 Previous studies on common kestrels were comparatively comprehensive, such as those on diet  
65 and prey selection (Geng et al. 2009; Kirkwood 1980; Korpimäki 1985; Lihu et al. 2007; Souttou  
66 et al. 2007; Van Zyl 1994), behavior and diseases (Aschwanden et al. 2005; Bustamante 1994;  
67 Hille et al. 2007), and genetic variation and diversity (Nesje et al. 2000; Padilla et al. 2009;  
68 Riegert et al. 2010; Zhang et al. 2008). However, as a research hotspot, data on the gut  
69 microbiota of the common kestrel are currently very scarce. The gut microbiota has been  
70 reported to play important roles in many aspects, such as immunology, physiology and  
71 development, with the rapid progress of sequencing techniques (Guarner & Malagelada 2003;  
72 Nicholson et al. 2005). Reports concerning the gut microbiota of other avian species, such as  
73 black-legged kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla*) (van Dongen et al. 2013), Cooper's hawks (*Accipiter*  
74 *cooperii*) (Taylor et al. 2019), bar-headed geese (*Anser indicus*) (Wang et al. 2017) and hooded  
75 cranes (*Grus monacha*) (Zhao et al. 2017), have increased rapidly over the last decade. The  
76 specific function and mechanism of the gut microbiota in birds are distinct due to their extremely  
77 special body structure, physiological attributes and life history. Additionally, the ability to fly

78 brings additional unique differences for birds compared to other animals, as well as for their  
79 intestinal microbiota to some extent.

80 The aim of this study was to characterize the elementary bacterial composition and structure of  
81 the gut microbiota by sequencing the V3-V4 region of the 16S rRNA gene from a wounded  
82 common kestrel rescued by the Beijing Raptor Rescue Center (BRRC). The data we obtained  
83 could provide basic information for further protection and rescue of wild common kestrels.

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## 85 **Materials & Methods**

### 86 **Sample collection**

87 All fecal samples were collected from an injured common kestrel in the Beijing Raptor Rescue  
88 Center (BRRC). The injured common kestrel that could not fly was found first in the Fengtai  
89 district by a rescuer on June 22nd, 2019 and then taken to the BRRC for professional rescue. The  
90 wounded common kestrel was carefully treated with several surgeries and drug therapies. Nine  
91 fecal samples (E1-E9) that may reflect the real health condition were collected from the common  
92 kestrel after relevant treatments on different days. All samples were transported immediately into  
93 the laboratory in an ice box and ultimately stored at -80°C for further experiments.

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### 95 **DNA extraction and PCR amplification**

96 Microbial DNA was extracted from fresh fecal samples using an E.Z.N.A.® Stool DNA Kit  
97 (Omega Bio-tek, Norcross, GA, U.S.) according to the manufacturer's protocols. The V3-V4  
98 region of the bacterial 16S ribosomal RNA gene was amplified by PCR (95 °C for 3 min;  
99 followed by 25 cycles at 95 °C for 30 s, 55 °C for 30 s, and 72 °C for 30 s; and a final extension  
100 at 72 °C for 5 min) using the primers 338F (5'-barcode-ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAG-3')  
101 and 806R (5'-GGACTACHVGGGTWTCTAAT-3'), where the barcode is an eight-base  
102 sequence unique to each sample. PCRs were performed in triplicate in a 20 µL mixture

103 containing 4  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $5 \times$  FastPfu Buffer, 2  $\mu\text{L}$  of 2.5 mM dNTPs, 0.8  $\mu\text{L}$  of each primer (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ),  
104 0.4  $\mu\text{L}$  of FastPfu Polymerase, and 10 ng of template DNA.

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106 Illumina MiSeq sequencing

107 Amplicons were extracted from 2% agarose gels and purified using an AxyPrep DNA Gel  
108 Extraction Kit (Axygen Biosciences, Union City, CA, U.S.) according to the manufacturer's  
109 instructions and quantified using QuantiFluor™ -ST (Promega, U.S.). Purified amplicons were  
110 pooled in equimolar amounts and paired-end sequenced ( $2 \times 250$ ) on an Illumina MiSeq platform  
111 according to standard protocols.

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113 Processing of sequencing data

114 Raw fastq files were demultiplexed and quality-filtered using QIIME (version 1.17) (Caporaso et  
115 al. 2010) with the following criteria. (i) The 300 bp reads were truncated at any site receiving an  
116 average quality score  $<20$  over a 50 bp sliding window, discarding the truncated reads that were  
117 shorter than 50 bp. (ii) Exact barcode matching, 2 nucleotide mismatches in primer matching,  
118 and reads containing ambiguous characters were removed. (iii) Only sequences that overlapped  
119 longer than 10 bp were assembled according to their overlap sequence. Reads that could not be  
120 assembled were discarded.

121 Operational taxonomic units (OTUs) were clustered with a 97% similarity cutoff using UPARSE  
122 (version 7.1 <http://drive5.com/uparse/>), and chimeric sequences were identified and removed  
123 using UCHIME (Edgar et al. 2011). The taxonomy of each 16S rRNA gene sequence was  
124 analyzed by RDP Classifier (<http://rdp.cme.msu.edu/>) against the SILVA (SSU115)16S rRNA  
125 database using a confidence threshold of 70% (Amato et al. 2013).

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127 Data analysis

128 All the indices of alpha diversity, including Chao, ACE, Shannon, Simpson, and coverage, and  
129 the analysis of beta diversity were calculated with QIIME. The rarefaction curves, rank  
130 abundance curves, and stacked histogram of relative abundance were displayed with R (version  
131 2.15.3) (Team 2013).

132 The hierarchical clustering trees were built using UPGMA (unweighted pair-group method with  
133 arithmetic mean) based on weighted and unweighted distance matrices at different levels.

134 Principal component analysis (PCA), principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) and nonmetric  
135 multidimensional scaling (NMDS) as well as hierarchical clustering trees were calculated and  
136 displayed using QIIME and R.

137 The study was approved by the Animal Ethics Review Committee at Beijing Normal University.

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## 140 **Results**

### 141 Overall sequencing data

142 A total of 389,474 reads were obtained and classified into 1673 OTUs at the 0.97 sequence  
143 identity cut-off in 9 fecal samples from a common kestrel.

144 Alpha diversity indices (including Sobs, Shannon, Simpson, ACE, Chao and coverage) of each  
145 sample are shown in *Table 1*. Additionally, the rarefaction curves (A) and the rank abundance  
146 curves (B) are shown in *Fig. 1*, which indicated that the number of OTUs for further analysis  
147 was reasonable, as well as the abundance of species in common kestrel feces.

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### 149 Bacterial composition and relative abundance

150 We ultimately detected 28 phyla, 70 classes, 183 orders, 329 families and 681 genera among the  
151 9 fecal samples from this common kestrel.

152 At the phylum level of the gut microbiota in the common kestrel, the most predominant phylum  
153 was *Proteobacteria* (41.078%), followed by *Firmicutes* (40.923%), *Actinobacteria* (11.191%)

154 and *Bacteroidetes* (3.821%). It is remarkable that in addition to *Tenericutes* (0.178%) and  
155 *Verrucomicrobia* (0.162%), *Patescibacteria* (0.543%) and *Deinococcus-Thermus* (0.504%) were  
156 also ranked in the top 10 species in the common kestrel fecal microbiota (*Table 2*).

157 The top 5 families in the gut microbiota were Lactobacillaceae (20.563%), Enterobacteriaceae  
158 (18.346%), Moraxellaceae (6.733%), Bifidobacteriaceae (5.624%) and Burkholderiaceae  
159 (4.752%).

160 At the genus level, *Lactobacillus* (20.563%), *Escherichia-Shigella* (17.588%) and *Acinetobacter*  
161 (5.956%) were the most dominant genera. These were followed by *Bifidobacterium* (5.624%)  
162 and *Enterococcus* (4.024%) (*Table 3*). These five genera in the total gut microbiota of several  
163 samples accounted for a small proportion, such as for E5 (28.755%) and E6 (10.905%) and  
164 especially for E4 (2.861%).

165 The stacked histogram of relative abundance for species is also demonstrated in *Fig. 2* at the  
166 phylum (A) and genus (B) levels, which could intuitively represent the basic bacterial  
167 composition and relative abundance. The community structures of E1 and E9 were more similar  
168 than those of the other feces samples at both levels.

169 The hierarchical clustering trees that showed the similarity of community structure among  
170 different samples, which were generated by UPGMA (unweighted pair-group method with  
171 arithmetic mean) with the unweighted UniFrac (*Fig. 3A*) and weighted UniFrac (*Fig. 3B*)  
172 distance matrixes. Although the fecal samples were collected from the common kestrel in  
173 chronological order (E1-E9) of therapy treatments, no distinct or obvious clustering relationships  
174 are discernable in *Fig. 3*.

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176 Discrepancy of community composition

177 To further demonstrate the differences in community composition among the nine samples,  
178 principal component analysis (PCA), principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) and nonmetric  
179 multidimensional scaling analysis (NMDS) were applied and are depicted in *Fig. 4*. For PCoA,

180 we chose the same two distance matrices (unweighted UniFrac in *Fig. 4A* and weighted UniFrac  
181 in *Fig. 4B*) as above to analyze the discrepancies. The NMDS plot in *Fig. 4* was generated with  
182 the unweighted UniFrac distance matrix. The results in *Fig. 4* were similar to those in *Fig. 3*, in  
183 which all samples scattered dispersedly, suggesting that the variation in the composition of the  
184 gut microbiota of the common kestrel was not obvious in this case over time.

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## 186 **Discussion**

187 Knowledge and comprehension concerning the gut microbiota have continued to progressively  
188 develop with relevant techniques over the past decade. The application of analysis for intestinal  
189 microecology was also a research hotspot in the field of wild animal protection.

190 The common kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*) is listed as a second-class protected animal species in  
191 China. Although research concerning avian species, including the common kestrel, has been  
192 increasing gradually, the available data on the gut microbiota in the common kestrel are currently  
193 limited.

194 We characterized the basic composition and structure of the gut microbiota from a wounded  
195 common kestrel in this study, which was rescued by the Beijing Raptor Rescue Center (BRRC).  
196 In general, the overall community structure of the gut microbiota in this common kestrel was in  
197 accordance with previous relevant characterizations in avian species, such as Cooper's hawks  
198 (Taylor et al. 2019), bar-headed geese (Wang et al. 2017), hooded cranes (Zhao et al. 2017) and  
199 swan geese (Wang et al. 2016), which included *Proteobacteria*, *Firmicutes*, *Actinobacteria* and  
200 *Bacteroidetes*.

201 The most predominant phylum in the fecal gut microbiota of the common kestrel was  
202 *Proteobacteria* (41.078%), which ranked after *Firmicutes* in other birds, such as cockatiels  
203 (Alcaraz et al. 2016) and black-legged kittiwakes (van Dongen et al. 2013). This crucial phylum  
204 plays many valuable roles. For instance, *Proteobacteria* is beneficial for the giant panda, which  
205 can degrade lignin in its major food resource (Fang et al. 2012). Additionally, it has been

206 reported that *Proteobacteria* is also the most dominant phylum in obese dogs (Park et al. 2015).  
207 The specific function of this phylum could be distinct in birds due to their unique physiological  
208 traits, as well as their developmental strategies (Kohl 2012). However, the high relative  
209 abundance of *Proteobacteria* in the total bacterial community was observed mainly in several  
210 samples that were collected during surgeries or drug treatments, such as E1 and E4.  
211 Environmental influential factors, as well as dietary changes, should also be considered an  
212 important index that could result in variations in the relative abundance of species in the gut  
213 microbiota (De Filippo et al. 2010; Scott et al. 2013).  
214 Furthermore, the dominant genera within *Proteobacteria* in our study were *Escherichia-Shigella*  
215 (17.588%), *Acinetobacter* (5.956%), *Paracoccus* (2.904%) and *Burkholderia-Caballeronia-*  
216 *Paraburkholderia* (2.408%). *Escherichia-Shigella* is a common pathogenic bacterium that can  
217 cause diarrhea in humans (Hermes et al. 2009). The main cause for the high relative abundance  
218 of *Escherichia-Shigella* was the E1 (88.610%) sample, which suggested indirectly that the  
219 physical condition of the common kestrel was not normal when it was rescued by staff from the  
220 BRRC. This result was also consistent with the actual state of this wounded common kestrel that  
221 we observed.  
222 Although *Firmicutes* (40.923%) ranked after *Proteobacteria*, its actual relative abundance was  
223 slightly lower than that in the common kestrel. As a common phylum of the gut microbiota,  
224 *Firmicutes* exists widely in both mammals and birds, which might be because of the common  
225 ancestor of amniotes (Costello et al. 2010; Kohl 2012). *Firmicutes* can provide certain energy for  
226 the host through catabolizing complex carbohydrates and sugar and even digesting fiber by some  
227 species (Costa et al. 2012; Flint et al. 2008; Guan et al. 2017).  
228 The dominant genera in *Firmicutes* were *Lactobacillus* (20.563%), *Enterococcus* (4.024%) and  
229 *Clostridium\_sensu\_stricto\_1* (3.586%). The relative abundance of *Enterococcus* in E5  
230 (15.026%) contributed to the highest ranking of this genus. *Enterococcus* is not regarded as a  
231 special pathogenic bacterium due to its harmlessness and can even be used as a normal food

232 additive in related industries (Fisher & Phillips 2009; Moreno et al. 2006). *Enterococcus* species  
233 are also considered common nosocomial pathogens that can cause a high death rate (Lopes et al.  
234 2005). The BRRC might be a specific location similar to hospitals for raptors to some extent,  
235 which could explain the high proportion of *Enterococcus* in the fecal samples of this common  
236 kestrel. This genus should be given sufficient attention in subsequent studies with additional  
237 samples from different individuals. Moreover, the abundance of *Clostridium* increases as more  
238 protein is digested (Lubbs et al. 2009). The high relative abundance of this genus also resulted  
239 primarily from certain samples (E8, 28.177%), similar to the *Enterococcus* mentioned above.  
240 The third dominant phylum in the gut microbiota in our study was *Actinobacteria* (11.191%),  
241 which was also detected in other species, such as turkeys (Wilkinson et al. 2017) and Leach's  
242 storm petrel (Pearce et al. 2017). The abundance of *Actinobacteria* varied in different species,  
243 such as house cats (7.30%) and dogs (1.8%) (Handl et al. 2011), but only accounted for 0.53% in  
244 wolves (Wu et al. 2017). Within this phylum, *Bifidobacterium* (5.624%) and *Glutamicibacter*  
245 (1.840%) were the primary genera. *Bifidobacterium* is closely related to the utilization of glycans  
246 produced by the host, as well as oligosaccharides in human milk (Sela et al. 2008; Turrone et al.  
247 2010). Noticeably, *Bifidobacterium thermophilum* was reported to be used through oral  
248 administration for chickens to resist *E. coli* infection (Kobayashi et al. 2002). The detection and  
249 application of *Bifidobacterium*, especially for the rescue of many rare avian species, would be  
250 worth considering for curing various diseases in the future.  
251 Additionally, the relative abundance of *Bacteroidetes* was 3.821% in this study, which consisted  
252 mainly of *Sphingobacterium*. *Bacteroidetes* is another important component of the gut  
253 microbiota that can degrade relevant carbohydrates from secretions of the gut, as well as high  
254 molecular weight substances (Thoetkiattikul et al. 2013). The proportion of *Bacteroidetes*, which  
255 was stable in most samples we collected except E5, would increase correspondingly with weight  
256 loss for mice or changes in fiber content in rural children's daily diet (De Filippo et al. 2010; Ley  
257 et al. 2006; Turnbaugh et al. 2008). To characterize the basic composition and structure of the

258 gut microbiota for the common kestrel more accurately, additional fresh fecal samples from  
259 healthy individuals should be collected in follow-up studies.  
260 Furthermore, additional attention should be paid to the high ranking of *Patescibacteria* (0.543%)  
261 and *Deinococcus-Thermus* (0.504%) at the phylum level. *Patescibacteria* might be related to  
262 basic biosynthesis of amino acids, nucleotides and so on (Lemos et al. 2019). Members of  
263 *Deinococcus-Thermus* are known mainly for their capability to resist extreme radiation,  
264 including ultraviolet radiation, as well as oxidizing agents (Cox & Battista 2005; Griffiths &  
265 Gupta 2007). The specific function of certain species in these phyla for the common kestrel  
266 should be studied by controlled experiments, detailed observations or more advanced  
267 approaches, as molecular biological techniques are developed.  
268 In addition to the quantity of samples, living environment, age, sex and individual differentiation  
269 should also be considered as influencing factors, which would cause a degree of discrepancies at  
270 all levels in the gut microbiota. In addition, A comparison of wounded and healthy samples for  
271 the bacterial composition in the intestinal microbiota is another essential research direction that  
272 may provide additional information for wild animal rescue, such as important biomarkers that  
273 indirectly indicate potential diseases.

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## 275 **Conclusion**

276 In summary, using high-throughput sequencing technology in this study, we first characterized  
277 the elementary bacterial composition and structure of the gut microbiota for a wounded common  
278 kestrel in the BRRC, which could provide valuable basic data for future studies. Further research  
279 on *Enterococcus*, *Patescibacteria* and *Deinococcus-Thermus* should be conducted in the future  
280 with additional samples. The integration of other auxiliary techniques or disciplines, such as  
281 metagenomics and transcriptomics, could offer a deeper understanding of the function and  
282 mechanism of the gut microbiota, as well as the protection of wild animals.

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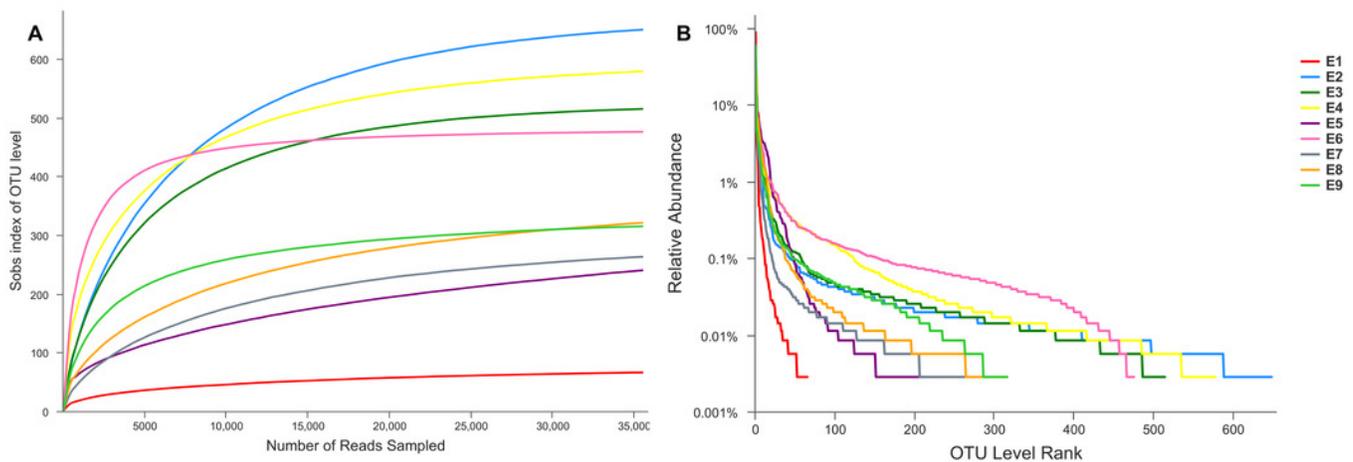
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# Figure 1

## Rarefaction Curves (A) and Rank Abundance Curves (B)

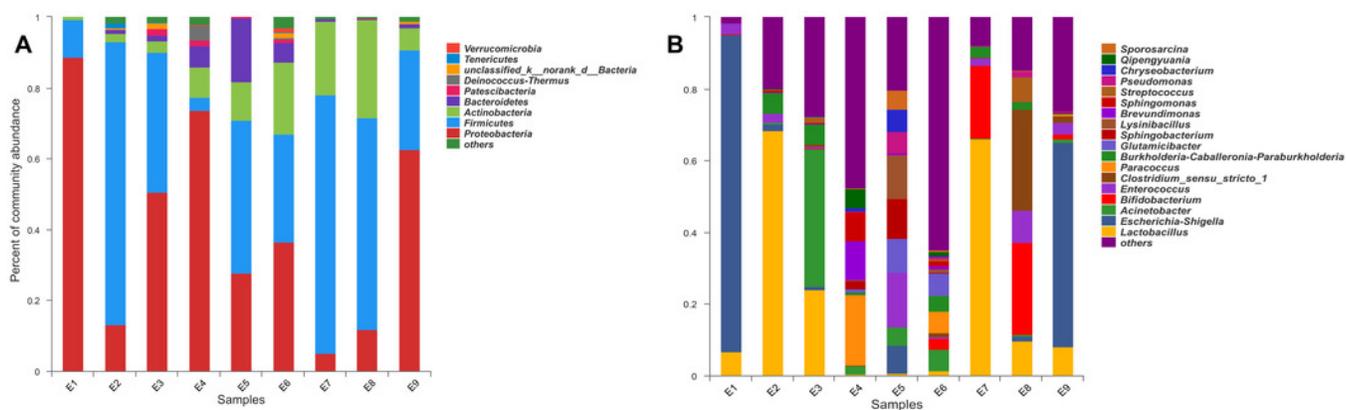
Rarefaction Curves (A) reflect the rationality of the size for sequencing data, also the bacterial diversity of each sample. Rank Abundance Curves (B) reflect the species richness by the span of curves on the horizontal axis. While the evenness of the bacterial communities was depicted by the shape of curves.



## Figure 2

The histogram of relative abundance for species in Common Kestrel at phylum (A) and genus (B) level.

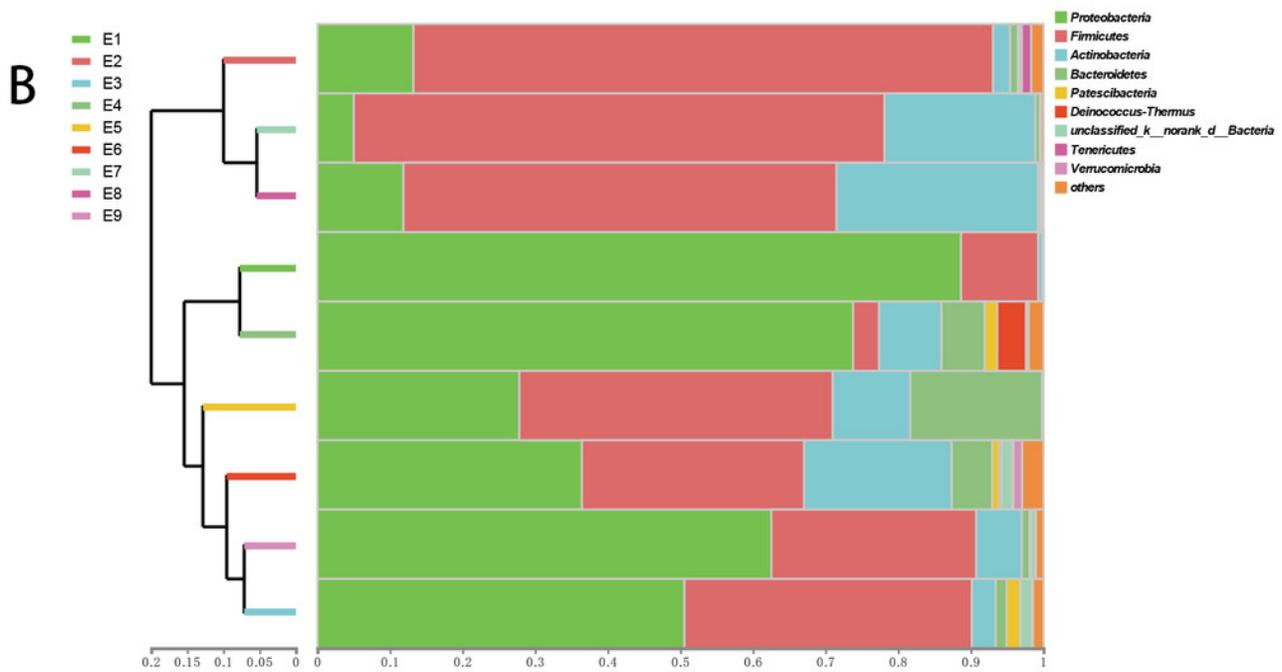
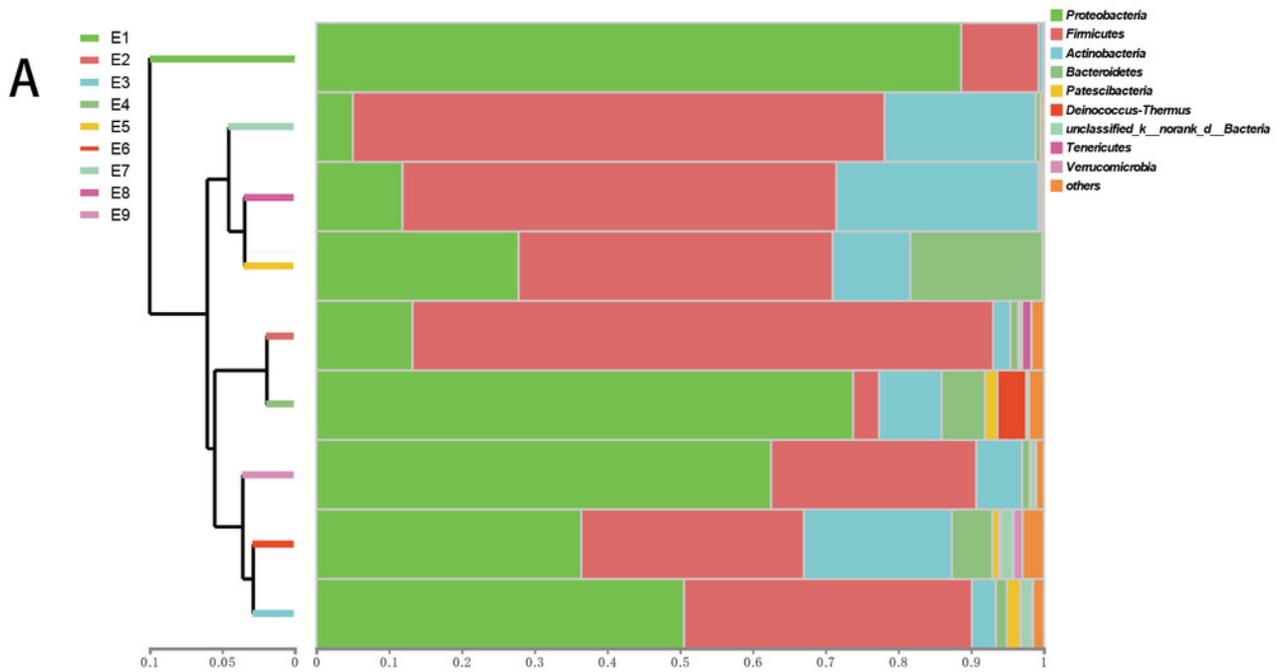
The histogram of relative abundance for species in Common Kestrel at phylum (A) and genus (B) level.



## Figure 3

The hierarchical clustering trees

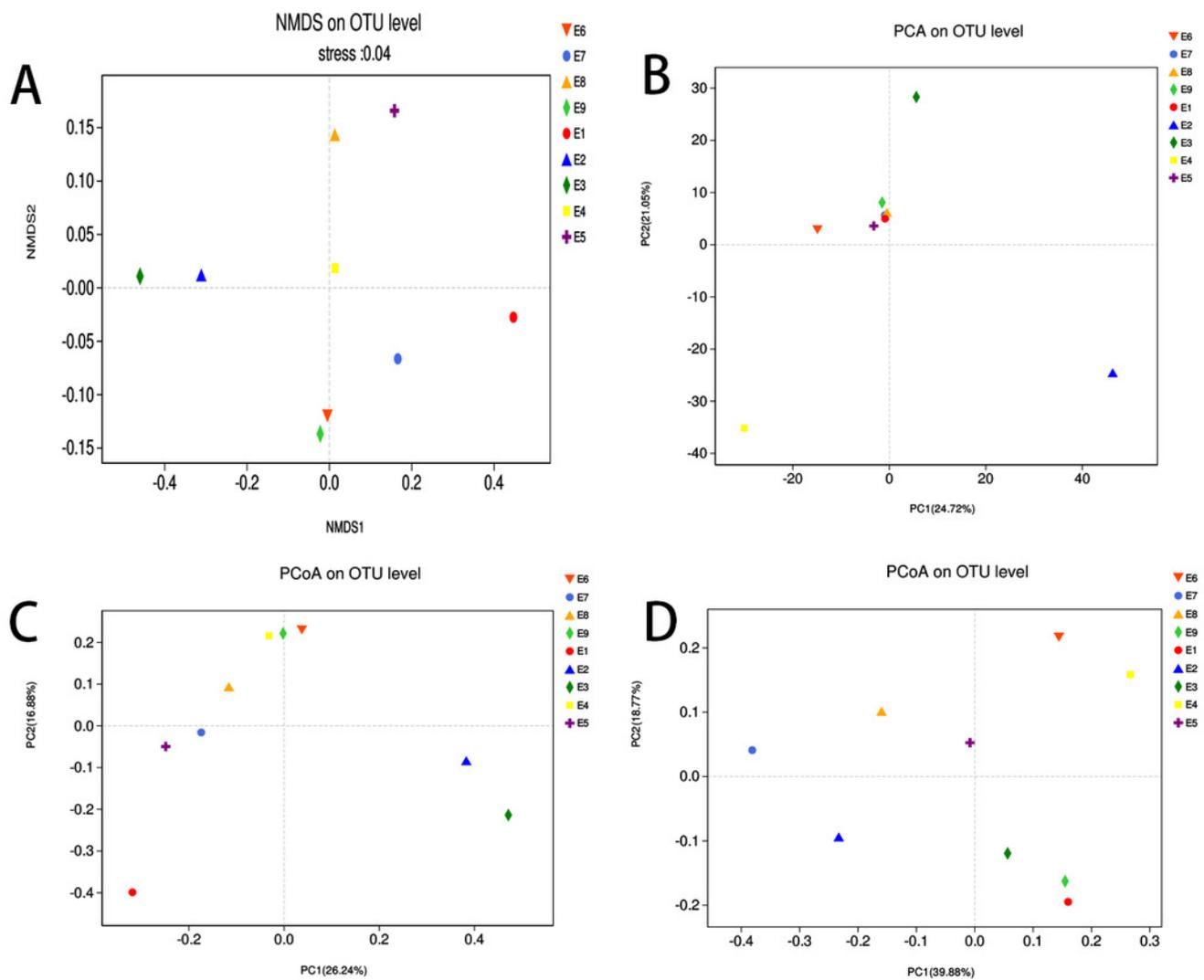
(A) and (B) were generated based on unweighted and weighted distance matrix at phylum level respectively.



## Figure 4

NMDS, PCA and PCoA of the bacterial population structures.

The different shape with colors represented all samples of Common Kestrel respectively. For PCoA, (A) was generated with unweighted Unifrac distance while (B) used weighted Unifrac distance.



**Table 1** (on next page)

Alpha diversity of gut microbiota in Common Kestrel feces

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Sample	Sobs	Shannon	Simpson	Ace	Chao	Coverage
E1	66	0.596	0.788	78.114	73.583	1.000
E2	650	2.780	0.204	674.412	672.193	0.998
E3	515	2.965	0.184	524.452	522.519	0.999
E4	579	4.233	0.053	594.498	594.050	0.999
E5	240	3.285	0.057	448.368	378.103	0.997
E6	476	4.802	0.020	479.110	480.091	1.000
E7	263	1.604	0.399	292.553	281.800	0.999
E8	321	2.706	0.143	364.651	359.519	0.998
E9	315	2.374	0.335	330.906	331.607	0.999

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**Table 2** (on next page)

The relative abundance of species in gut microbiota of Common Kestrel at phylum level

The names of phyla in Table 2 represented *Proteobacteria*, *Firmicutes*, *Actinobacteria*, *Bacteroidetes*, *Patascibacteria*, *Deinococcus-Thermus*, *unclassified\_K\_norank\_d\_Bacteria*, *Tenericutes*, *Verrucomicrobia* respectively.

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Sample	<i>Pro</i>	<i>Fir</i>	<i>Act</i>	<i>Bac</i>	<i>Pat</i>	<i>Dei</i>	<i>unc</i>	<i>Ten</i>	<i>Ver</i>	others
E1	88.630%	10.634%	0.623%	0.006%	0.003%	0.000%	0.096%	0.000%	0.006%	0.003%
E2	13.211%	79.816%	2.376%	1.085%	0.085%	0.065%	0.361%	1.291%	0.017%	1.694%
E3	50.540%	39.567%	3.286%	1.502%	1.857%	0.087%	1.553%	0.121%	0.011%	1.474%
E4	73.770%	3.574%	8.602%	5.950%	1.719%	3.960%	0.220%	0.008%	0.158%	2.038%
E5	27.797%	43.152%	10.694%	18.166%	0.104%	0.042%	0.006%	0.000%	0.000%	0.039%
E6	36.410%	30.610%	20.330%	5.572%	0.944%	0.324%	1.511%	0.135%	1.223%	2.940%
E7	5.000%	73.097%	20.770%	0.676%	0.003%	0.000%	0.076%	0.000%	0.006%	0.372%
E8	11.832%	59.652%	27.752%	0.369%	0.073%	0.003%	0.031%	0.000%	0.031%	0.256%
E9	62.507%	28.205%	6.285%	1.065%	0.096%	0.056%	0.671%	0.045%	0.006%	1.063%
Mean	41.078%	40.923%	11.191%	3.821%	0.543%	0.504%	0.503%	0.178%	0.162%	1.098%

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**Table 3** (on next page)

The relative abundance of species in gut microbiota of Common Kestrel at genus level

The names of phyla in Table 3 represented *Lactobacillus*, *Escherichia-Shigella*, *Acinetobacter*, *Bifidobacterium*, *Enterococcus*, *Clostridium\_sensu\_stricto\_1*, *Paracoccus*, *Burkholderia-Caballeronia-Paraburkholderia*, *Glutamicibacter* respectively.

Sample	<i>Lac</i>	<i>Esc</i>	<i>Aci</i>	<i>Bif</i>	<i>Ent</i>	<i>Clo</i>	<i>Par</i>	<i>Bur</i>	<i>Glu</i>	others
E1	6.618%	88.610%	0.011%	0.037%	3.140%	0.023%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	1.561%
E2	68.336%	1.787%	0.581%	0.034%	2.528%	0.042%	0.017%	5.567%	0.042%	21.066%
E3	24.037%	0.862%	38.448%	0.093%	0.448%	0.707%	0.101%	5.544%	0.023%	29.736%
E4	0.392%	0.166%	2.153%	0.031%	0.118%	0.214%	19.488%	0.854%	0.860%	75.724%
E5	0.693%	7.962%	5.040%	0.034%	15.026%	0.011%	0.149%	0.014%	9.411%	61.659%
E6	1.356%	0.130%	5.823%	3.086%	0.510%	1.043%	6.023%	4.445%	6.113%	71.470%
E7	66.056%	0.054%	0.211%	20.356%	2.120%	0.192%	0.031%	2.841%	0.011%	8.129%
E8	9.589%	1.536%	0.536%	25.502%	8.988%	28.177%	0.054%	2.060%	0.099%	23.459%
E9	7.988%	57.183%	0.798%	1.446%	3.340%	1.866%	0.273%	0.347%	0.000%	26.759%
Mean	20.563%	17.588%	5.956%	5.624%	4.024%	3.586%	2.904%	2.408%	1.840%	35.507%

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