

## ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

S1. Frequency (mean  $\pm$  95% CI) of observed parental care strategies in various populations of Eurasian penduline tits (after [1]). FC = female-only care, MC = male-only care, BD = biparental desertion.

Population	FC (%)	MC (%)	BD (%)	<i>n</i>
Hungary [this study]	47.4 $\pm$ 8.6	13.5 $\pm$ 6.0	39.1 $\pm$ 8.4	534
The Netherlands [1]	50.0 $\pm$ 44.0	6.3 $\pm$ 32.0	43.8 $\pm$ 48.7	16
Sweden [2]	47.9 $\pm$ 17.0	17.9 $\pm$ 13.3	34.3 $\pm$ 16.2	140
Germany [3]	65.2 $\pm$ 20.5	6.7 $\pm$ 11.6	28.1 $\pm$ 19.5	89
Austria [3]	54.2 $\pm$ 19.5	14.0 $\pm$ 14.1	31.8 $\pm$ 18.3	107

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