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## 53 **Appendix S.1. Additional background information**

### 54 A. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

55 It is commonly thought that warming will lead to changes in synchrony (1-3). These  
56 changes are expected to be prevalent because (i) temperature is an important phenological cue  
57 for many taxonomic groups (4), (ii) the temperature sensitivity of phenology of interacting  
58 species can differ (5,6) and, (iii) global temperatures have increased on average by 0.85°C since  
59 1880 (7). Indeed, there is evidence from single-systems, as well as from reviews (8,9), that many  
60 interacting species are shifting their phenologies at different rates, leading to changes in  
61 synchrony (10-13). To date, however, there have been no quantitative assessments of shifts  
62 across studies for species that directly interact—leaving open the question of how prevalent and  
63 large such shifts may be. Indeed, another set of studies that span observational evidence,  
64 theoretical considerations, and small-scale experiments suggest that maintenance of synchrony in  
65 the context of environmental change could be common (14-19). There are examples from  
66 directly interacting species that show synchrony has been sustained (20-21). Others show that the  
67 degree of changes in synchrony can vary across populations (22-24) or has been less than  
68 expected (25,26). These examples question whether shifts toward asynchrony should be  
69 widespread (14,27,28).

70 From an evolutionary-perspective, it is not clear that species interactions should  
71 necessarily move towards asynchrony during environmental change. Species in different types of  
72 interactions are likely to have evolved different types of responses to environmental cues making  
73 it difficult to make predictions about the likelihood of asynchrony based on more general  
74 associations (14, 29). For example, we should expect differences in the strength of natural  
75 selection on synchrony between specialized interactions and less closely interacting species.  
76 There is likely to be strong selection on processes governing phenological synchrony among  
77 pairs of closely interacting species (30, 31). Maintenance of synchrony in consumer-resource  
78 interactions could be a result of selection pressures from shifts in the timing of resource  
79 availability to minimize changes in synchrony (28,32). For mutualistic interactions, there should  
80 be strong selection for the two to use the same cues, or at least cues that have historically been  
81 strongly correlated (29, 33). For non-trophic interactions (e.g. competition), interacting species  
82 are likely to be influenced by shared environmental factors (14). In other systems, asynchrony  
83 might be more adaptive than synchrony making it difficult to anticipate how synchrony will  
84 change (31,34).

85 In many systems, there is limited knowledge about the relative importance of  
86 environmental cues controlling phenology for both partners in an interaction (20, 35), making it  
87 difficult to predict how they will respond to changing environmental conditions. Moreover,  
88 phenological responses are a function of both organismal mechanisms (e.g., environmental cues)  
89 and environmental mechanisms (e.g., degree, seasonality of temperature change). For example,  
90 even if interacting taxa respond to different cues or respond to the same cues but at different  
91 rates, their responses may still be in the same direction and of a similar magnitude, thereby  
92 maintaining their phenological synchrony over a range of abiotic conditions, given the  
93 complexity and multidimensional nature of how cues are changing with climate change (e.g.,  
94 interannual variation vs. long-term directional change, a change in one cue but not another; 20).  
95 In conclusion, it is difficult to predict the prevalence and magnitude of shifts in synchrony *a*

96 *priori* and an analysis that directly compares the phenological responses of interacting species is  
97 needed.

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## 179 **Appendix S.2. Additional information for methods**

### 180 A. DATA

#### 181 a) Phenological data

182 *i) Database construction.* We searched Web of Science using the search string: phenolog\* AND  
183 mismatch\* OR synchron\* AND interact\*, and then further refined by ‘ecology’ to identify  
184 studies in peer-reviewed journals that recorded phenology for interacting species prior to August  
185 2015, netting 188 studies. To be selected, phenological data had to be associated with a  
186 treatment, site or year. In addition, authors had to be explicit that the two species interacted (e.g.  
187 specifying type of interaction). However, the author’s definition of ‘interacting species’ and the  
188 degree to which two species interacted (i.e. interaction strength) likely varied across studies.  
189 Studies that considered assemblies of species (e.g. communities) or comparisons across  
190 taxonomic groups were not included (n=9). Given that only rarely was enough detail provided to  
191 be able to quantify the strength of the interaction (10/54 interactions), we were unable to use a  
192 quantitative approach to define the strength of interaction (and thus unable to assess whether  
193 synchrony change varies with strength of interaction). Only one of the interactions was explicitly  
194 described as specialized. All of the other interactions were ‘diffuse’ in some way: many  
195 interactions consisted of data for a consumer and a group of resources (e.g. genus) or data for a  
196 single consumer and resource but either the consumer or resource was paired across multiple  
197 interactions. To ensure a reasonable sample size and to include studies across different major  
198 biomes, we included interactions that were resolved to the genus-level and below. Given that the  
199 majority of taxa in this study were species (n=61; 69%), we use the term ‘species’ throughout the  
200 paper to represent both species and genus.

201 We excluded time-series that (1) were shorter than 5 years in length; (2) did not measure  
202 phenology as day of year (e.g. proportion of individuals observed by a particular date); or (3) did  
203 not measure phenology directly (e.g. used derived measures of phenology, such as NDVI).  
204 Although none of the authors mentioned it explicitly, we assumed that authors corrected for leap  
205 years because the majority of the studies represented original empirical collections. We do note  
206 that not correcting for leap years could introduce bias into estimates of phenological shifts (1).

207 To avoid using the same data set more than once, we further reduced the database. In  
208 cases where two studies had tracked the same interaction in the same location for completely  
209 overlapping years (n=2), we randomly chose one study. When the studies only partially  
210 overlapped in time (n=2) or when the same interaction was considered by multiple studies (i.e.  
211 non-unique interactions; n=2), we chose the study with the longer time series.

212 When multiple phenological events per species were recorded in a given study, we  
213 prioritized maximizing the number of years with data for both species and when possible we  
214 chose first date because it was the most common metric across studies. When multiple sites were  
215 included in a given study (n=4 studies), we took the median day of year across sites.

216 In total, we were able to identify 54 unique pair-wise species interactions among 27  
217 studies (Table S8) with time-series phenological data that spanned 1951 to 2013. Our dataset  
218 includes 88 species that span a wide range of taxonomic groups from aquatic and terrestrial  
219 ecosystems across four continents (Figure S1). The mean study length was 21.7 years (sd=8.4)  
220 and mean first year of study was 1984 (sd=9.4).

#### 221 222 *ii) Data structure*

223 Our final database included some species that were replicated across time and/or space.  
224 These cases differed from the interactions described above because aspects of these interactions

225 were unique (other species, location or time-series). There were repeating species that occurred  
226 both within (i.e. where a single species was in multiple interactions) and across studies. For those  
227 species found in more than one study, the time-series length (e.g. *Parus major*: 1985-2005 (2) vs.  
228 1961-2006 (3)) and/or location (e.g. *Parus major*: Netherlands (2) vs. Wytham, UK (3)) would  
229 vary between studies. Repeating species were included as independent data points (but see  
230 statistical analysis section for decisions related to pseudoreplication); i.e. each unique species-  
231 location-time series combination was included. However, the number of repeating species  
232 constituted a small proportion of the overall number of species (within studies: 15/88; across  
233 studies: 8/88; Table S8).

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## 235 b) Temperature data

### 236 *i) Database construction*

237 For those studies that considered temperature as a main phenological cue for at least one  
238 of the interacting species, we included temperature data for those years with phenological data  
239 for both species. We excluded studies i) that measured temperature as a function of the day of  
240 year (e.g. when a certain temperature was reached) to isolate the effect of temperature from time;  
241 ii) found temperature was not a predictor of phenology for either taxon (n=2); iii) measured  
242 temperature as a cumulative sum across days; iv) where nutrients have been shown to explain  
243 phenology of one of the interacting species (n=3).

244 Since our goal was to link temperature change to synchrony change, temperature change  
245 was estimated for an interaction (rather than a species). Therefore, decisions about which  
246 temperature variable to use were made at the interaction level. For example, if one species had  
247 first day of ice break as the best predictor and March temperature was the best predictor for the  
248 other species, change in March temperature was estimated. If temperature was not mentioned as  
249 a predictor for a species in an interaction, temperature data for the other species was used for  
250 both species in the interaction. For more details on which temperature metrics were used, see  
251 Table S1. The mean number of years with temperature data available and with phenological data  
252 for both partners of the interaction was 20.65 (8.56SD) years.

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### 254 *ii) Data structure*

255 After construction of our temperature database we identified two types of non-  
256 independence (see discussion about the issue in the analysis section). First, there were several  
257 studies with temperature data that came from the same weather station location (Air: 2 studies;  
258 Water: 2 studies; Table S2). However, different temperature metrics were used for the species at  
259 these locations. Second, there were three studies with temperature data from multiple sites (2-3  
260 sites/study; Table S3). For these studies, we took the mean temperature across sites. In the end,  
261 there were 18 unique datasets (i.e. independent measure of temperature) from 13 studies.

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## 263 B. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

264 *(Note that these descriptions of our statistical methods supplement those in the main text so both*  
265 *sections should be read together)*

### 266 *i) Overall approach*

267 The analysis was divided into four sections. First, we estimated phenological shift  
268 (days/decade) across species. Next, we estimated synchrony change (days/decade) using those  
269 estimates of phenological shift. Third, we estimated temperature change (°C/decade) and

270 phenological sensitivity to temperature (days/°C) across species. Finally, we examined whether  
271 temperature change could predict phenological and synchrony change.

272 All statistical analyses were conducted in the R 3.3.2 environment (4) using the *rstan*  
273 package (version 2.14.1). Stan provides efficient MCMC sampling via a No-U-Turn Hamiltonian  
274 Monte Carlo approach (5,6). Posterior distributions of model parameters were estimated from  
275 3000 samples from each of four independent Markov chains. The number of iterations varied by  
276 model (range=6000-14000) but convergence was always achieved. Convergence of the four  
277 chains and sufficient sampling of posterior distributions were confirmed by: visual inspection of  
278 parameter traces, ensuring a scale reduction factor ( $\hat{R}$ ) below 1.01, and an effective size ( $n_{\text{eff}}$ ) of  
279 at least 10% the number of iterations (6).

280 We used three approaches to test our models. First, to ensure models were specified  
281 properly we checked that our models could return known parameters generated from simulated  
282 data. Second, we assessed overall model fit using posterior predictive checks (estimated global  
283 parameters from the hierarchical models were compared against parameters estimated from  
284 simple linear models). Finally, we validated our estimates of synchrony change with the  
285 estimates from a sample of original studies (see Appendix S3).

286 Given significant warming trends in recent decades and the detection of non-stationarities  
287 in both temperature data and recent ecological responses to climate change (7-12), we used a  
288 hinge model (Figure S2). There is no consensus on a breakpoint for temperature change: the  
289 estimates vary for different places and are dependent on data and methods (13-15). Breakpoints  
290 range from 1976 to 1984 with much of the change noted in the early 1980s. We used 1981 as the  
291 inflection point to reflect the major change in temperature observed in the early 1980s. To test  
292 the robustness of our estimates of synchrony change (the key analysis of the paper), we also used  
293 an inflection point of 1976 and the results were similar (Appendix S3).

294 We used a two-level hierarchical model for all analyses. We were unable to include study  
295 as a hierarchical level because we did not have a reasonable number of repeating species across  
296 studies (i.e. the species that did repeat across studies only did so across a small number of studies  
297 (2-3)). Therefore the model would not have been able to properly partition variance between  
298 species and studies. Additionally, we did not have very strong prior to inform the model where to  
299 partition the variance.

300 To account for potential study differences (e.g. methodology), we took two approaches.  
301 First, by pooling slopes or intercepts across species, the models weighted species based on the  
302 variance and length of time-series, thus accounting for this major methodological difference  
303 across studies. Secondly, we directly evaluated the strength of the relationship between  
304 synchrony change and three main factors that differed across studies: frequency of phenological  
305 observation (daily or weekly), first year of study, and length of study (see Appendix S3 for  
306 analysis).

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### 309 *ii) Covariate models*

310 To estimate the relationship between temperature change and synchrony change, we fit  
311 synchrony change as a function of temperature change. To do so, we took the same steps as the  
312 covariate model for phenology but with one modification. In order to obtain one estimate of  
313 temperature change for interactions where different temperature metrics were provided for each  
314 species in an interaction ( $n=8$ ), we used the temperature data for the resource. We tested the  
315 robustness of our results by choosing the consumer in the relationship and the results were



316 similar ( $\beta = 0.2$  days/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (-0.2, 0.5)). The slope of the relationship slightly differed ( $\beta = 0.2$  (-0.2,  
317 0.5) vs.  $\beta = -0.1$  (-0.5, 0.2)) because temperature change was estimated on a different number of  
318 species (resource: 21 vs. consumer=18): there were some consumers common to multiple  
319 interactions.

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## 321 b) Null models

322 We constructed three different null models. Two were used to establish a baseline for  
323 changes in synchrony by estimating the amount of natural variation among interactions before  
324 recent climate change began and one was used to explore the effect of time series length on  
325 estimates of phenological change.

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327 *i) Synchrony null model- modeled estimates of synchrony change from simulated data using pre-*  
328 *recent climate change data:*

329 Our workflow to simulate synchrony change based on phenological change estimated  
330 before significant climate change was as follows:

- 331 1. We estimated phenological change on the ‘pre-recent climate change’ datasets  
332 following methods described in the main text.
- 333 2. We calculated *observed* synchrony change for this subset of interactions (n=22) using  
334 our estimates obtained in step 1 and following methods described in the main text.
- 335 3. Next we simulated data for each pair of interacting species:
  - 336 a. For the first species in each pair (sppA), we sampled the posterior  
337 distributions for slope and intercept (obtained in step 1) to predict the date for  
338 a given year (ypred). To determine the years and length of time series, we  
339 randomly chose a pre-recent climate change dataset. We then sampled new  
340 dates from a normal distribution of the required length. This distribution was  
341 constructed using the mean of ypred and a randomly sampled estimate of  
342 variation from the posterior distribution of the pre-recent climate change  
343 datasets.
  - 344 b. For the second species in each pair (sppB), we sampled an estimate of  
345 synchrony change from the observed distribution (step 2) and used the  
346 difference between slope for sppA (step 3a) and synchrony change to  
347 calculate the slope for sppB. To predict dates for sppB, we sampled an  
348 intercept and estimate of variation from sppA (step 1). We used the same  
349 years and length of time series as sppA. We followed the same approach as  
350 step3a to simulate new dates for sppB.
- 351 4. We then estimated phenological change across all years on this simulated data for all  
352 species following methods described in the main text.
- 353 5. Finally, we calculated *simulated* synchrony change for all interactions following  
354 methods described in the main text.
- 355 6. Steps 3-5 were repeated five times.
- 356 7. One null model was then randomly chosen and results from this model were reported.

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358 This approach is likely to capture any phenological change that actually occurred from  
359 1951-1981, though our estimates of synchrony change are simulated based on estimates of  
360 phenological change and not raw data. To explore another null model option, we also simulated  
361 synchrony change directly from the raw data from the pre-recent climate change data. This

362 model predicted smaller synchrony change but also likely underestimates potential phenological  
363 change from 1951-1981.

364 *ii) Synchrony null model- estimates of synchrony change from raw pre-recent climate change*  
365 *data*

366 We estimated synchrony change for 1951-1981 using the ‘pre-recent climate change ‘datasets  
367 (n=16 interactions). To estimate changes in phenology, we used a non-hinge model as described  
368 in the main text. Then to estimate the change in synchrony, we followed the steps we outlined in  
369 the main text for the synchrony models.

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371 *iii) Time series length null model*

372 To explore the effect of time series length on estimates of phenological change without  
373 significant climate change occurring:

- 374 1. We estimated phenological change on the pre-recent climate change datasets  
375 following methods described in the main text.
- 376 2. We then simulated data for all species based on X=5 to 40 (by 5 year increments)  
377 years of data.
- 378 3. For each species, we followed the same approach as used to estimate phenological  
379 change for sppA as described above (Appendix S2.B.b.i.3.a). Briefly, we sampled the  
380 posterior distributions for slope and intercept created in step 1 (Appendix S2.B.b.iii.1)  
381 to predict the date in a given year (ypred). To determine the years of the time series,  
382 we randomly chose X number of years from the full dataset (1951-2013).
- 383 4. We estimated phenological change on this simulated data for all species following  
384 methods described in the main text for each time series increment.

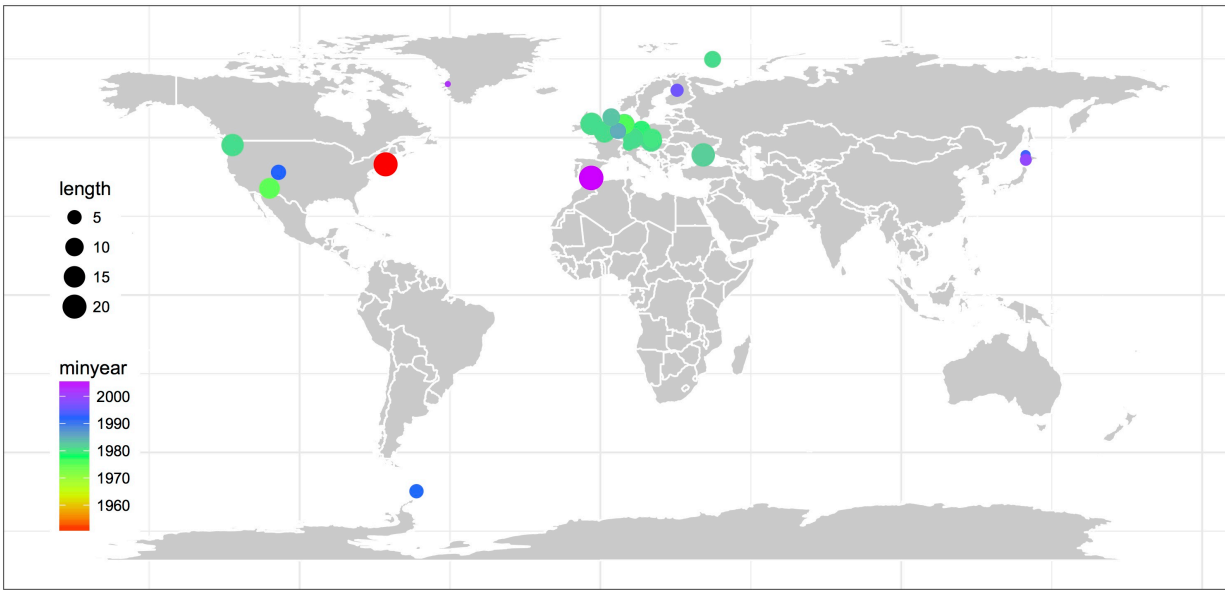
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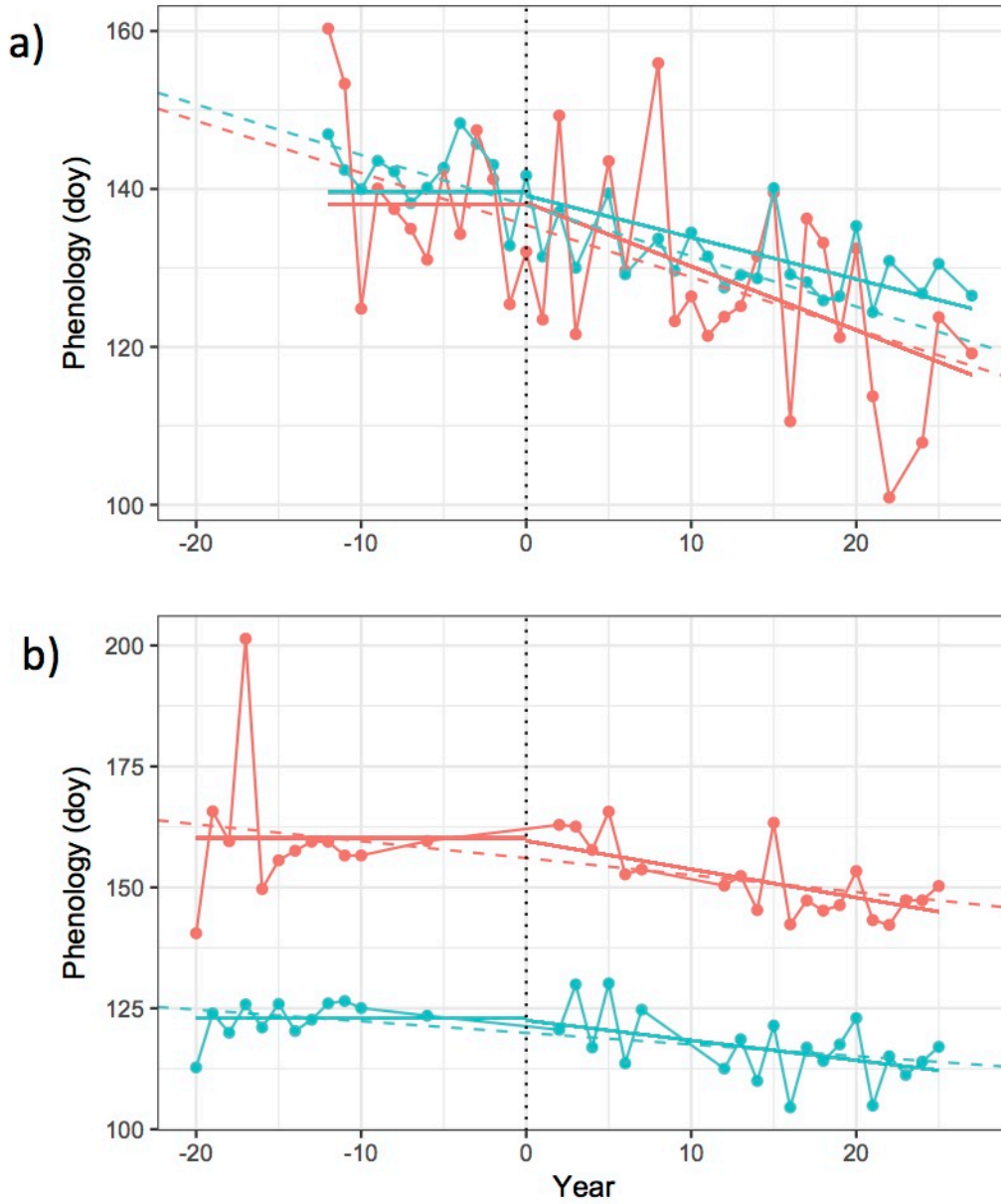
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418 Figure S1. Map of all studies (n=27) included in the analysis.



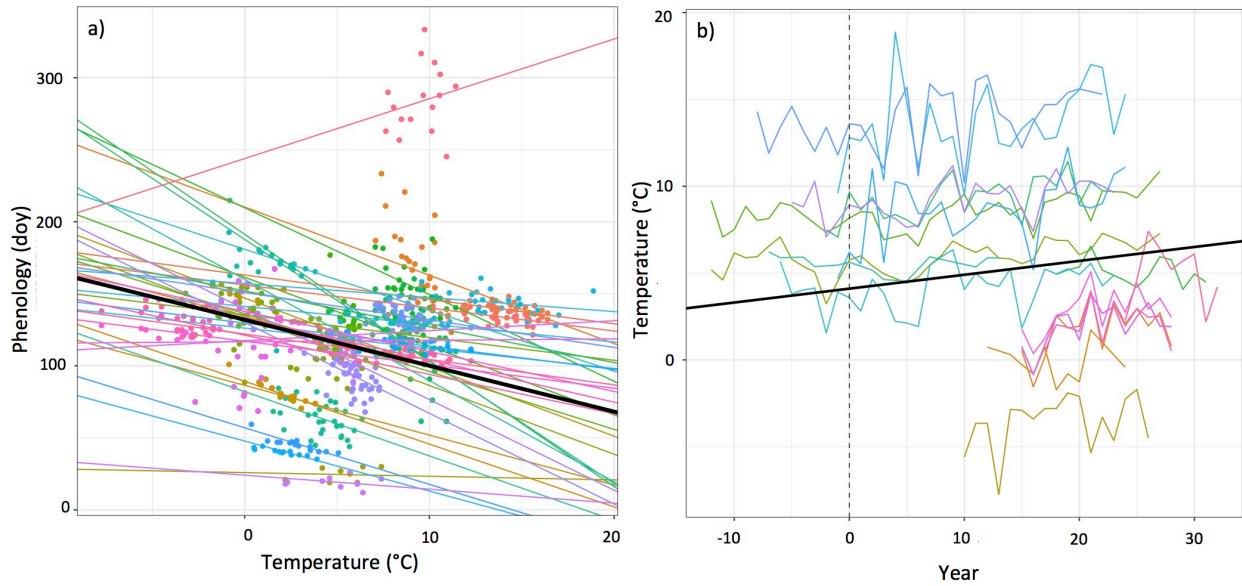
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420 Figure S2. Estimating phenological change (days/year) using a hinge model and linear model for  
421 two interactions. (a) *Daphnia spp.* (in red) and *Perca fluviatilis* (in green) over the years 1969 to  
422 2008 and (b) *Operophtera brumata* (in red) and *Parus major* (in green) over the years 1961 to  
423 2008. Solid lines represent hinge model and dashed lines represent linear model. The dotted  
424 vertical line represents the inflection point of 1981 at year 0.



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426 Figure S3. Phenological sensitivity to temperature (a) and temperature change across datasets  
427 (b). Raw data are shown as points in (a) and as time-series in (b). Colours represent different  
428 species in (a) and unique time-series in (b). Coloured lines in (a) represent estimates of  
429 temperature sensitivity for each species with the global slope in black ( $-4.78 \text{ days}/^\circ\text{C}$ ) and 95%  
430 credible intervals in grey. For (b), the solid line represents the global slope ( $0.077 \text{ days}/\text{year}$ )  
431 with 95% credible intervals in grey and the dotted vertical line represents the inflection point of  
432 1981 at year 0.



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436 Table S1. List of species interactions for which temperature change and sensitivity were estimated (n=13 studies; 37 species).  
 437 Bibliographic information for studies is in Appendix S3.

Type of temperature	Study reference	First species	Second species	Ecosystem type	Temperature metric
air	24	<i>Engraulis japonicus</i>	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>	Aquatic	Mean temperature in March
water	21	<i>Phytoplankton spp.</i>	<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	Aquatic	Monthly mean for April-May
		<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	<i>Perca fluviatillis</i>	Aquatic	Monthly mean for April-May
water	19	<i>Phytoplankton spp.</i>	<i>Cyclops vicinus</i>	Aquatic	April temperature (measured monthly)
water	25	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	<i>Copepod spp.</i>	Aquatic	Monthly mean for January to March
water	18	<i>Copepod spp.</i>	<i>Pleurobrachia pileus</i>	Aquatic	Monthly mean for April-June
		<i>Pleurobrachia pileus</i>	<i>Beroe gracilis</i>	Aquatic	Monthly mean for April-June
air	22	<i>Epirrita autumnata</i>	<i>Poecile montanus</i>	terrestrial	Monthly mean for March-May
air	15	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	<i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in October
		<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in October
		<i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i>	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in October
air	14	<i>Bombus spp.</i>	<i>Corydalis ambigua</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in April
air	1	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	<i>Glis glis</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in May
		<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	<i>Glis glis</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in May
		<i>Parus major</i>	<i>Glis glis</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in May
		<i>Sitta europaea</i>	<i>Glis glis</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in May
air	17	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in May
water	2	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	aquatic	Monthly mean for March-May

		<i>Diatom spp.</i>	<i>Thermocyclops oithonoides</i>		Monthly mean for March-May
air	23	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	<i>Parus major</i>	terrestrial	Monthly mean for March- May
		<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	terrestrial	Monthly mean for March- May
air	3	<i>Pica pica</i>	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	terrestrial	Mean temperature in February



438 Table S2. List of studies with temperature data that came from the same weather station location.  
439 Bibliographic information for studies is in Appendix S3.

Environment	Site	Study reference
Air	Oulu, Finland	22
		23
Water	Helgoland Roads, North Sea	25
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442 Table S3. List of studies with temperature data across multiple sites. Bibliographic information  
443 for studies is in Appendix S4.

Study reference	Number of sites
15	2
21	2
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446 **Appendix S3. Additional analyses**

447 Proof of concept: Comparisons of our approach with original studies

448 To show that our approach was able to recapture estimates of phenological shift and general  
449 changes in synchrony, we included a brief comparison of our findings and the results from the  
450 original studies (Table S4 and Table S5).

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452 Insensitivity of results to alternative inflection points

453 To test the robustness of our synchrony change results, we also used an inflection point of  
454 1976 in our hinge model. As described in more detail in the main text, to estimate changes in  
455 synchrony over time, we used a two-level hierarchical hinge model for those species with greater  
456 than 4 years of data before 1976. Synchrony was estimated as described in the main text.

457 Results were near identical with 1976 as our inflection point (vs. 1981). Overall  
458 synchrony change was 0.51 days/decade (95% CI: -2.2, 1.1, n=54) and the magnitude of change  
459 6.06 days/decade (95%CI: 5.2, 6.9, n=54).

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461 Influence of methodological differences of studies on results

462 To evaluate the influence of key methodological differences across studies, we estimated  
463 the relationship between synchrony change and each of: first year of study, length of time series  
464 and frequency of phenological observation (daily, weekly), using linear models (n=54).

465 Additionally, we evaluated the effect of time series length and first year of study on the  
466 magnitude of synchrony change and temperature, as well as the influence of two early and short  
467 studies from the 1950s on our estimate of the magnitude of synchrony change. Since there is a  
468 strong negative relationship between time series length and first year of study across the dataset  
469 ( $r=-0.55$ ,  $r=-0.86$  if you exclude the time series from the 1950s), we consider the influence of  
470 these factors individually.

471 Overall, we did not find any strong or consistent relationships between time series length,  
472 first year of study and our key response variables. While we did find a negative relationship  
473 between first year of study and the magnitude of synchrony change, this relationship was entirely  
474 driven by the two early studies from the 1950s (Figure S4, Table S6). Without the outliers,  
475 synchrony has shifted in magnitude by 5.9 days/decade (95%CI: 5.1, 6.8). Since the estimate of  
476 synchrony change is near identical with (6.1 days/decade; 95% CI: 5.2,7.0) and without those  
477 two outliers, the results in the main text are based on the full dataset. Finally, synchrony change  
478 was not influenced by the estimated effect of frequency of observation (overall synchrony  
479 change: -0.33 days/6-day change in frequency, 95% CI: -0.7,0.01; magnitude of synchrony  
480 change: 0.06 days/6-day change in frequency, 95% CI: -0.2, 0.3).

481 To evaluate the potential influence of latitudinal patterns in time series length and the  
482 first year of study, we evaluated latitudinal variation in synchrony change, first year of study and  
483 length of time series. We found that studies conducted at higher latitudes started more recently  
484 (Figure S4, Table S7). However, we did not find any latitudinal pattern in synchrony change  
485 (Table S7).

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487 Influence of changes in population size on results

488 Given that phenology was typically measured as the first date of occurrence in our  
489 database, we measured the sensitivity of our results to sampling frequency (see previous sub-

490 section for more details) and potential changes in population size on our estimates of synchrony  
491 change (described here).

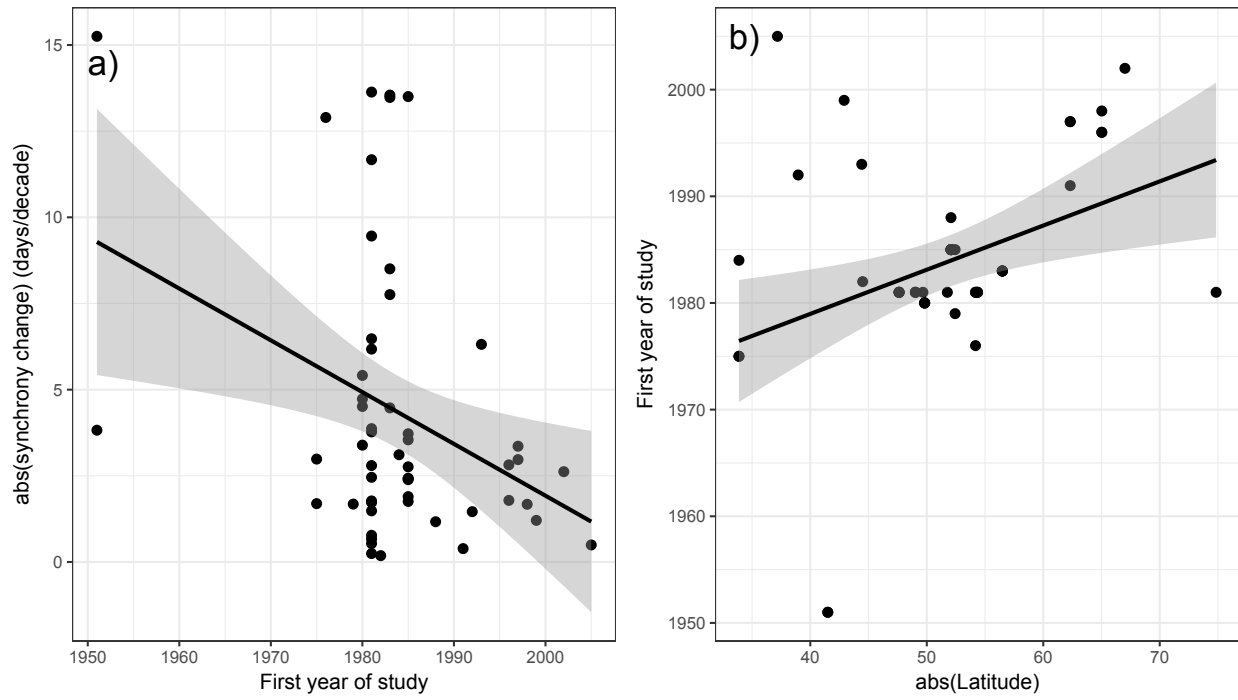
492 To evaluate the potential changes in population size on our estimates of synchrony  
493 change, we excluded studies that (1) explicitly mentioned they detected directional changes in  
494 population estimates (i.e., abundance or density) over time and (2) had used first dates of  
495 occurrences. Four studies consisting of 7 pair-wise interactions in total met these criteria. In  
496 these studies, species experienced either positive or negative changes in population size over  
497 time. Temporal increases in population size can lead to spurious trends towards earlier dates  
498 whereas temporal decreases in population size can lead to biases towards later dates (1)<sup>1</sup>.

499 We found no evidence that such shifts, however, influenced our results. With these  
500 interactions excluded, the estimates of synchrony change were similar to the estimates presented  
501 in the main text. The magnitude of synchrony change was 6.0 days/decade (95%CI: 5.1 to 7.0)  
502 and the overall estimate of synchrony change (including both direction and magnitude) was 0.56  
503 days/decade (95%CI: -2.3 to 1.2). Similar to the results presented in the main text, there was  
504 variation across interactions in the direction of shifts in synchrony: 55% (26/47) of the  
505 interacting species are shifting closer together, whereas 45% (21/47) of the interacting species  
506 are shifting further apart. Therefore, we believe that the use of first dates of occurrences in some  
507 of our studies did not impact our main conclusions.

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508 Figure S4. Relationship between (a) the magnitude of synchrony change and first year of study  
509 ( $\beta=-0.15$  days/decade per year (0.06SE)) and (b) first year of study and latitude ( $\beta=0.41$   
510 year/degree of latitude (0.15SE)). Shown is the predicted slope with a 95% confidence interval.



512 Table S4. A comparison of some phenological shift estimates between our paper and original  
 513 studies. The Bayesian model we used adjusts estimates based on time-series length and variance  
 514 of original data. All estimates are days per decade. Bibliographic information for studies is in  
 515 Appendix S4.

Study reference (location)	Species	Time series	Standard deviation of phenological event dates	Stan estimate (95% credible interval)	Linear model estimate (SE)	Original study
5 (Netherlands)	<i>Parus major</i> *	1985-2005	4.41	-3.8 (-10.8, 3.2)	-3.7 (1.4)	-3.6
	<i>Parus major</i> §	1985-2004	4.37	-3.4 (-10.7, 3.7)	-3.1 (1.6)	-3.6
7 (UK)	<i>Parus major</i>	1961-2007	6.57	-4.3 (-8.5, -0.2)	-4.4 (1.0)	-3.0
4 (Czech Republic)	<i>Parus major</i>	1961-2007	6.28	-3.1 (-7.7, 1.5)	-2.9 (1.3)	-1.7

516 \* Interaction between *Parus major* and caterpillar

517 § Interaction between *Parus major* and *Accipiter nisus*

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520 Table S5. A comparison of some synchrony change estimates between our paper and original  
 521 studies. We chose studies that included a concluding statement about synchrony changes and  
 522 paraphrased the wording. We note that direct comparisons of magnitude of synchrony change  
 523 between our estimates and the original estimates are challenging because studies took different  
 524 approaches in calculating synchrony changes. Moreover, we specifically did not evaluate  
 525 whether synchrony changes for individual interactions were significant. Bibliographic  
 526 information for studies is in Appendix S4.  
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Study reference	Interaction	Study conclusions	Our estimate of synchrony change (95%CI)
5	<i>Parus major</i> -caterpillar	Interval between events got closer by 3.8 days/decade	Events are closer by 2.4 days/decade (2.2, 2.6)
7	<i>Parus major</i> -caterpillar	No change in synchrony (p>0.05)	Events are closer by 1.8 days/year (1.7, 1.9)
4	<i>Parus major</i> -caterpillar	No change is synchrony (p>0.05)	Events are closer by 0.81 days/decade (0.68, 0.93)
23	<i>Parus major</i> -caterpillar	No change in synchrony*	Events are closer by 2.0 days/decade (1.8, 2.3)
21	<i>Daphnia</i> -phytoplankton	Decrease in number of days between events (convergence)	Events are closer by 1.9 days/decade (1.8, 2.0)

528 \*Study compared overlap of events each year. For 8/16 years, there was a good match between  
 529 events. No formal statistics were provided.  
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531 Table S6. Relationship between synchrony and temperature change, and methodological  
 532 differences across studies. Synchrony and temperature change were estimated in days/year and  
 533 °C/year, respectively. Values in bold are slope estimates where the 95% credible interval does  
 534 not include zero.  
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Response	Predictor	Intercept (95%CI)	Slope coefficient (95%CI)	Sigma (95%CI)
Synchrony change	First year of study (n=54)	-0.1 (-0.3, 0.07)	0.02 (-1.3e-05, 0.03)	0.6 (0.5, 0.7)
	First year of study-without outliers (n=52)	-0.05 (-0.3, 0.1)	0.01 (-0.02, 0.03)	0.6 (0.5, 0.7)
	Length of time series (n=54)	-0.2 (-0.6, 0.3)	0.004 (-0.02, 0.03)	0.62 (0.5, 0.8)
Magnitude of synchrony change	First year of study (n=54)	0.5 (0.4, 0.6)	<b>-0.01 (-0.03, -0.003)</b>	0.4 (0.3, 0.5)
	First year of study-without two outliers (n=52)	0.5 (0.4, 0.6)	-0.01 (-0.03, 0.002)	0.4 (0.3, 0.5)
	Length of time series (n=54)	0.4 (0.06, 0.7)	0.002 (-0.01, 0.02)	0.4 (0.35, 0.5)
Magnitude of temperature change	First year of study (n=54)	0.1 (-0.1, 0.4)	-0.00001 (-1e-04, 9e-05)	0.003 (0.002, 0.004)
	Length of time series (n=54)	0.08 (0.075, 0.081)	3.2e-06 (-1.2e-04, 1.3e-04)	3.2e-03 (2.5e-03, 4.1e-03)

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538 Table S7. Relationship between first year of study, length of time series, synchrony change and  
 539 latitude of study. Synchrony change was estimated in days/year and the absolute value of latitude  
 540 was taken. Values in bold are slope estimates where the 95% credible interval does not include  
 541 zero.  
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Response	Predictor	Intercept (95%CI)	Slope coefficient (95%CI)	Sigma (95%CI)
First year of study (n=54)	abs(latitude)	-18.7 (-34.4, - 3.8)	<b>0.42 (0.13, 0.72)</b>	9.04 (7.5, 11.03)
First year of study - Without two outliers (n=52)	abs(latitude)	-8.1 (-20.1, 3.8)	<b>0.23 (0.002, 0.46)</b>	6.9 (5.7, 8.4)
Length of time series (n=54)	abs(latitude)	25.39 (10.7, 40.0)	-0.07 (-0.35, 0.21)	8.61 (7.15, 10.5)
Synchrony change (n=54)	abs(latitude)	-0.39 (-1.5, 0.7)	0.01 (-0.01, 0.03)	0.62 (0.51, 0.75)
Magnitude of synchrony change (n=54)	abs(latitude)	0.35 (-0.38, 1.07)	0.002 (-0.01, 0.02)	0.42 (0.35, 0.52)

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544 **Appendix S4. Study and species information**

545 Table S8. Data-series characteristics for interacting species in the phenology and synchrony  
 546 change analyses. Bibliographic information for studies is in Appendix S4.

Study reference	Consumer	Resource	Interaction type	Habitat	First year of study	Number of years
8	<i>Mnemiopsis leidyi</i>	<i>Acartia tonsa</i>	predation	aquatic	1951	6
12	<i>Tortrix viridana</i>	<i>Quercus spp.</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	1982	7
16	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	<i>Castilleja tenuiflora</i>	pollination	terrestrial	1984	19
	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	<i>Delphinium nuttallianum</i>	pollination	terrestrial	1975	30
	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	<i>Erythronium grandiflorum</i>	pollination	terrestrial	1975	28
22	<i>Poecile montanus</i>	<i>Epirrita autumnata</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	1996	14
24	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>	<i>Engraulis japonicus</i>	predation	aquatic	1993	11
15	<i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i>	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	competition	terrestrial	1997	10
	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	<i>Pygoscelis adeliae</i>	competition	terrestrial	1991	17
	<i>Pygoscelis papua</i>	<i>Pygoscelis antarcticus</i>	competition	terrestrial	1997	10
21	<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	<i>Phytoplankton spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1969	37
	<i>Perca fluviatillis</i>	<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	predation	aquatic	1969	36
14	<i>Corydalis ambigua</i>	<i>Bombus spp.</i>	pollination	terrestrial	1999	14
4	<i>Parus major</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	predation	terrestrial	1961	36
	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	predation	terrestrial	1962	34
	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	<i>Quercus robur</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	1961	34
7	<i>Parus major</i>	<i>Operophtera brumata</i>	predation	terrestrial	1961	32
26	<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1977	25
13	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	<i>Plant spp.</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	2002	10
2	<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1979	25
	<i>Thermocyclops oithonoides</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1985	16
10	<i>Daphnia hyalina-galeata</i>	<i>Asterionella spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1956	26
11	<i>Syrphid spp.</i>	<i>Plant spp.</i>	pollination	terrestrial	1992	19
19	<i>Cyclops vicinus</i>	<i>Phytoplankton spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1974	14
20	<i>Mnemiopsis leidyi</i>	<i>Acartia hudsonica</i>	predation	aquatic	1951	8
25	<i>Copepod spp.</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1975	30
27	<i>Daphnia spp.</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1976	27
	<i>Keratella cochlearis</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1963	32
	<i>Leptodiaptomus</i>	<i>Diatom spp.</i>	herbivory	aquatic	1964	37

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1	<i>Glis glis</i>	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	predation	terrestrial	1980	26
	<i>Glis glis</i>	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	predation	terrestrial	1980	26
	<i>Glis glis</i>	<i>Parus major</i>	predation	terrestrial	1980	26
	<i>Glis glis</i>	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	predation	terrestrial	1980	26
9	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	<i>Guillemots spp.</i>	competition	terrestrial	1973	23
17	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	competition	terrestrial	1973	29
18	<i>Pleurobrachia pileus</i>	<i>Copepod spp.</i>	predation	aquatic	1976	27
	<i>Beroe gracilis</i>	<i>Pleurobrachia pileus</i>	predation	aquatic	1976	27
5	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	16
	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	<i>Parus ater</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	16
	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	16
	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	<i>Parus major</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	16
	<i>Ficedula hypoleuca</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	19
	<i>Parus ater</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	20
	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	20
	<i>Parus major</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	predation	terrestrial	1985	20
	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	<i>Quercus robur</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	1988	17
23	<i>Parus major</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	1996	16
	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	<i>Caterpillar spp.</i>	herbivory	terrestrial	1998	14
3	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	<i>Pica pica</i>	parasitism	terrestrial	2005	9
6	<i>Alca torda</i>	<i>Ammodytes marinus</i>	predation	aquatic	1983	24
	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	<i>Ammodytes marinus</i>	predation	aquatic	1983	24
	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	<i>Ammodytes marinus</i>	predation	aquatic	1983	24
	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	<i>Ammodytes marinus</i>	predation	aquatic	1983	24
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617 **Appendix S5. Stan code**

618 Model 1. Model used to estimate change in phenology, synchrony and temperature, and  
619 temperature sensitivity. We used default priors on all parameters (i.e. unconstrained priors:  
620 uniform(-∞,∞), except parameters declared with a lower bound of zero which were given the  
621 prior: uniform(0,∞)).

```
622 //Two-level partially pooling slope model
623
624 data {
625   int<lower=0> N;           //Level 1: Number of observations
626   int<lower=0> Nspp;       //Level 2: Number of groups (ex: species)
627   int species[N];        //Grouping factor identity (e.g. species)
628
629   vector[N] x;
630   real y[N];
631 }
632
633 parameters {
634   real mu_b;              //overall slope
635   real<lower=0> sigma_y;  //measurement error, noise etc. (overall sd)
636
637   real a[Nspp];          //the intercept for each group
638   real b[Nspp];          //the slope for each group
639   real<lower=0> sigma_b;  //variation of slope among groups; [sd of random effects]
640 }
641
642 transformed parameters {
643   real ypred[N];
644
645   for (i in 1:N) {
646     ypred[i]=a[species[i]]+b[species[i]]*x[i];
647   }
648 }
649
650 model {
651   b~normal(mu_b, sigma_b);
652   y~normal(ypred, sigma_y);
653 }
654
```

655 Model 2. Model used to estimate the overall response in the magnitude of synchrony change. We  
656 used default priors on all parameters (i.e. unconstrained priors:  $\text{uniform}(-\infty, \infty)$ ), except parameters  
657 declared with a lower bound of zero which were given the prior:  $\text{uniform}(0, \infty)$ .  
658

```
659 //Two-level intercepts only model with truncated distribution
660
661 data{
662   int<lower=0> N;      //Level 1: Number of observations
663   int<lower=0> Nint;  //Level 2: Number of groups (e.g. interactions)
664   int species[N];    //Grouping factor identity
665
666   real y[N];
667 }
668
669 parameters{
670   real<lower=0> mu_a;      //overall intercept
671   real<lower=0> sigma_y;  //measurement error, noise etc. (overall sd)
672   real<lower=0> a[Nint];  //the intercept for each interaction
673   real<lower=0> sigma_a;  //variation of intercepts among interactions;
674 }
675
676 transformed parameters{
677   real ypred[N];
678
679   for (i in 1:N){
680     ypred[i]<-a[species[i]];
681   }
682 }
683
684 model{
685   a~normal(mu_a, sigma_a);
686   y~normal(ypred, sigma_y);
687 }
```

688 Model 3. Model used to estimate the relationship between temperature change and change in  
689 phenology across interactions (i.e. covariate models). We used default priors on all parameters  
690 (i.e. unconstrained priors: uniform( $-\infty, \infty$ ), except parameters declared with a lower bound of zero  
691 which were given the prior: uniform( $0, \infty$ )).

```
692 //Two-level partially pooling intercept model where slopes do not vary
693
694
695 data {
696   int<lower=0> N;          //Level 1: Number of observations
697   int<lower=0> Nspp;      //Level 2: Number of groups
698   int species[N];        // Grouping factor identity
699
700   vector[N] x;
701   real y[N];
702 }
703
704 parameters {
705   real mu_a;             //overall intercept
706   real mu_b;             //overall slope
707   real<lower=0> sigma_y; //measurement error, noise etc. (overall sd)
708   real a[Nspp];         //the intercept for each group
709   real<lower=0> sigma_a; //variation of intercept among groups;
710 }
711
712 transformed parameters {
713   //Individual mean
714   real ypred[N];
715
716   //Individual mean
717   for (i in 1:N){
718     ypred[i] <- a[species[i]] + mu_b * x[i];
719   }
720 }
721
722 model {
723   a ~ normal(mu_a, sigma_a);
724   y ~ normal(ypred, sigma_y);
725 }
726
```



727 Model 4. Model used to estimate the relationship between temperature change and change in  
728 synchrony across interactions (i.e. covariate models). We used default priors on all parameters  
729 (i.e. unconstrained priors: uniform( $-\infty, \infty$ ), except parameters declared with a lower bound of zero  
730 which were given the prior: uniform( $0, \infty$ )).

```
731 //Two-level partially pooling intercept model where slopes do not vary
732
733 data{
734   int<lower=0> N;      //Level 1: Number of observations
735   int<lower=0> Nsp;   //Level 2: Grouping factor
736   int species[N];    //Grouping factor identity
737
738   vector[N] x;
739   real y[N];
740 }
741
742 parameters{
743   real<lower=0> mu_a; //overall intercept
744   real mu_b;        //overall slope
745   real<lower=0> sigma_y; //measurement error, noise etc. (overall sd)
746   real<lower=0> a[Nsp]; //the intercept for each group
747   real<lower=0> sigma_a; //variation of intercept among groups; [sd]
748 }
749
750 transformed parameters{
751   real ypred[N];
752
753   for (i in 1:N){
754     ypred[i]<-a[species[i]]+mu_b*x[i];
755   }
756 }
757
758 model{
759   a~normal(mu_a, sigma_a);
760   y~normal(ypred, sigma_y);
761 }
```