



**S3 Figure. Experimental setup for assessment of diaspore removal in the field.** A, B - Sampling blocks comprising two tracking stations close to each other, one with diaspore piles accessible to ants and vertebrates (open) and the other accessible exclusively to ants (caged); Wire exclosure cages with seed (C) and fruit piles (D); E - Wire cage structure without mesh for controlling possible effects of wire presence on diaspore removal; F - Simulation of fleshy pulp pecking by birds with the aid of a plier (Note the use of latex gloves to avoid human scent effects on diaspore removal).