

Fig. 1bANOVA, Tukey-Kramer *post hoc* tests

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value	P-value
$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$				0.99
$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$				0.16
$zf_{BF} - bf_{BF}$	(4, 56)	3.30	0.017	0.92
$bf_{BF} - lf_{BF}$				0.080
$lf_{BF} - lf_{LF}$				0.95
$zf_{BF} - lf_{BF}$				0.065

Fig. 1cNested ANOVAs: syllable copy similarity ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 35)	6.30	0.016
$zf_{BF} - lf_{BF}$	(1, 19)	4.64	0.043
$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 34)	60.06	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$
$zf_{BF} - bf_{BF}$	(1, 12)	10.60	0.0073
$bf_{BF} - lf_{BF}$	(1, 11)	1.54	0.24
$lf_{BF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 20)	1.18	0.29

Fig. 2d

## Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in spike rate (ZF – LF) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 145)	164.43	$1.2 \times 10^{-25}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 165)	25.64	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$
sup.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 176)	63.1	$2.3 \times 10^{-13}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 51)	1.45	0.23
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 278)	112.05	$3.2 \times 10^{-22}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 234)	10.63	0.0013
sec.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 214)	13.58	$2.9 \times 10^{-4}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 196)	46.91	$9.4 \times 10^{-11}$

Nested ANOVAs: selectivity ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	21.58	0.0094
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 3)	24.15	0.0010
deep	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	18.82	0.012
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	59.13	$9.0 \times 10^{-4}$

Fig. 3aRepeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in spike rate ( $ZF - BF$ ) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 146)	15.45	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 70)	8.68	0.0044
sup.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 178)	25.01	$1.4 \times 10^{-6}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 77)	2.76	0.10
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 267)	116.45	$9.1 \times 10^{-23}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 133)	9.17	0.0030
sec.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 194)	18.50	$2.7 \times 10^{-5}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 247)	0.21	0.64

Nested ANOVAs: selectivity ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	1.19	0.32
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.02	0.89
deep	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	10.24	0.016
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	4.80	0.065

Fig. 3bTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $zf_{ZF} > zf_{BF}$  vs.  $zf_{BF} > zf_{ZF}$ )

Comparison		d.f.	t-statistic	P-value
deep	ZF	4	3.45	0.026
	BF	4	-3.94	0.017

Fig. 3cRepeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in spike rate ( $\text{LF} - \text{BF}$ ) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}}$	(1, 161)	16.03	$9.5 \times 10^{-5}$
	$\text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 130)	45.90	$3.9 \times 10^{-10}$
sup.	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}}$	(1, 46)	0.03	0.85
	$\text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 20)	1.85	0.19
deep	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}}$	(1, 221)	15.85	$9.3 \times 10^{-5}$
	$\text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 72)	2.18	0.14
sec.	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}}$	(1, 205)	32.35	$4.4 \times 10^{-8}$
	$\text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 187)	3.88	0.050

Nested ANOVAs: selectivity ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} - \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 4)	2.69	0.17
sup.	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} - \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 3)	5.38	0.023
deep	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} - \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 4)	9.17	0.027
sec.	$\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} - \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 4)	9.51	0.036

Fig. 3dTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} > \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$  vs.  $\text{lf}_{\text{BF}} > \text{lf}_{\text{LF}}$ )

Comparison		d.f.	t-statistic	P-value
deep	LF	4	17.10	$6.9 \times 10^{-5}$
	BF	4	-1.12	0.32

Fig. 4dPearson correlations: one-sided  $P$ -values from randomized permutations

Comparison		d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i> -value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	108	-1.45	-0.14	0.93
	$zf_{BF} - lf_{BF}$	108	8.62	0.64	<0.001
	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	108	3.52	0.32	0.001
	$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	108	6.34	0.52	<0.001
deep	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	108	5.84	0.49	<0.001
	$zf_{BF} - lf_{BF}$	108	25.22	0.92	<0.001
	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	108	14.54	0.81	<0.001
	$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	108	9.03	0.66	<0.001

Fig. 4e

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in spike rate (In – Out) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	<i>F</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 164)	0.03	0.86
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 86)	12.14	$7.8 \times 10^{-4}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 189)	3.31	0.070
	$lf_{BF}$	(1, 159)	0.04	0.84
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 293)	96.86	$6.3 \times 10^{-20}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 183)	9.05	0.0030
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 252)	92.98	$6.3 \times 10^{-19}$
	$lf_{BF}$	(1, 108)	22.08	$7.7 \times 10^{-6}$

Fig. 5d, topANOVA: SMFs evoking different pPSTHs ~ **bird group** + stimulus species

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.   $zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 1)	72.69	$7.0 \times 10^{-16}$

Nested ANOVAs: spike rate ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	1.8 cyc/kHz	(1, 4)	0.00
	1.6	(1, 4)	0.22
	1.4	(1, 4)	0.25
	1.2	(1, 4)	0.16
	1.0	(1, 4)	0.08
	0.8	(1, 4)	0.21
	0.6	(1, 4)	3.54
	0.4	(1, 4)	3.52
	0.2	(1, 4)	0.03
	0	(1, 4)	2.59

Fig. 5d, bottomANOVA: SMFs evoking different pPSTHs ~ **bird group** + stimulus species

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
deep   $zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 1)	41.24	$5.6 \times 10^{-10}$

Nested ANOVAs: spike rate ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
deep	1.8 cyc/kHz	(1, 4)	$9.7 \times 10^{-5}$
	1.6	(1, 4)	$5.1 \times 10^{-4}$
	1.4	(1, 4)	0.0042
	1.2	(1, 4)	0.0097
	1.0	(1, 4)	0.75
	0.8	(1, 4)	$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$
	0.6	(1, 4)	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$
	0.4	(1, 4)	0.0084
	0.2	(1, 4)	0.11
	0	(1, 4)	0.078

Fig. 5e, topANOVA: SMFs evoking different pPSTHs ~ **bird group** + stimulus species

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.   $zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 1)	12.07	$6.9 \times 10^{-4}$

Nested ANOVAs: spike rate ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	P-value
int.	1.8 cyc/kHz	(1, 4)	5.81
	1.6	(1, 4)	5.18
	1.4	(1, 4)	1.71
	1.2	(1, 4)	0.15
	1.0	(1, 4)	0.08
	0.8	(1, 4)	0.13
	0.6	(1, 4)	0.07
	0.4	(1, 4)	0.36
	0.2	(1, 4)	0.60
	0	(1, 4)	1.38

Fig. 5e, bottomANOVA: SMFs evoking different pPSTHs ~ **bird group** + stimulus species

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
deep   $zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 1)	21.75	$7.7 \times 10^{-6}$

Nested ANOVAs: spike rate ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
deep	1.8 cyc/kHz	(1, 4)	3.74
	1.6	(1, 4)	2.32
	1.4	(1, 4)	0.28
	1.2	(1, 4)	0.99
	1.0	(1, 4)	1.53
	0.8	(1, 4)	13.09
	0.6	(1, 4)	18.90
	0.4	(1, 4)	0.03
	0.2	(1, 4)	0.29
	0	(1, 4)	6.44

Fig. 5f, topANOVA: SMFs evoking different pPSTHs ~ **bird group** + stimulus species

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.   $\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} - \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 1)	7.90	0.0054

Nested ANOVAs: spike rate ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	1.8 cyc/kHz	(1, 4)	0.82
	1.6	(1, 4)	1.09
	1.4	(1, 4)	1.52
	1.2	(1, 4)	1.14
	1.0	(1, 4)	0.39
	0.8	(1, 4)	0.12
	0.6	(1, 4)	0.16
	0.4	(1, 4)	1.45
	0.2	(1, 4)	0.64
	0	(1, 4)	0.25

Fig. 5f, bottomANOVA: SMFs evoking different pPSTHs ~ **bird group** + stimulus species

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
deep   $\text{lf}_{\text{LF}} - \text{lf}_{\text{BF}}$	(1, 1)	10.70	0.0013

Nested ANOVAs: spike rate ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
deep	1.8 cyc/kHz	(1, 4)	5.95
	1.6	(1, 4)	5.88
	1.4	(1, 4)	5.06
	1.2	(1, 4)	4.32
	1.0	(1, 4)	1.69
	0.8	(1, 4)	2.78
	0.6	(1, 4)	7.80
	0.4	(1, 4)	11.27
	0.2	(1, 4)	3.81
	0	(1, 4)	2.59

Fig. 6aPearson correlations: two-sided  $P$ -values from randomized permutations

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i> -value
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – LF	108	-6.69	-0.54	<0.001
$lf_{LF}$ : ZF – LF	108	-1.18	-0.11	0.27
ZF: $zf_{ZF}$ – $lf_{LF}$	108	14.86	0.82	<0.001
LF: $zf_{ZF}$ – $lf_{LF}$	108	16.74	0.85	<0.001

Fig. 6bPearson correlations: two-sided  $P$ -values from randomized permutations

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i> -value
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – BF	108	-10.12	-0.70	<0.001
$zf_{BF}$ : ZF – BF	108	-4.27	-0.38	<0.001
ZF: $zf_{ZF}$ – $zf_{BF}$	108	24.90	0.92	<0.001
BF: $zf_{ZF}$ – $zf_{BF}$	108	3.86	0.35	<0.001

Fig. 6cPearson correlations: two-sided  $P$ -values from randomized permutations

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>r</i>	<i>P</i> -value
$lf_{LF}$ : LF – BF	108	-3.67	-0.33	<0.001
$lf_{BF}$ : LF – BF	108	-0.18	-0.02	0.86
LF: $lf_{LF}$ – $lf_{BF}$	108	12.59	0.77	<0.001
BF: $lf_{LF}$ – $lf_{BF}$	108	5.07	0.44	<0.001

Fig. S1d, topNested ANOVAs: syllable pitch ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 28)	0.42	0.52
zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 34)	41.59	$3.9 \times 10^{-7}$
zf <sub>BF</sub> – BF	(1, 14)	2.00	0.18
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 13)	0.06	0.81
lf <sub>BF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 20)	23.72	$5.8 \times 10^{-5}$
lf <sub>LF</sub> – LF	(1, 16)	0.07	0.79

Fig. S1d, bottomRegression: pupil syllable pitch ~ **tutor syllable pitch (X<sub>1</sub>)** + tutor identity (X<sub>2</sub>)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	125	15.02	0.80	$9.2 \times 10^{-30}$
BF – zf <sub>BF</sub>	92	18.96	0.89	$1.6 \times 10^{-33}$
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	66	20.50	0.93	$2.5 \times 10^{-30}$
LF – lf <sub>LF</sub>	46	40.69	0.99	$1.0 \times 10^{-37}$

Fig. S1e, topNested ANOVAs: syllable mean freq. ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 28)	0.14	0.71
zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 34)	0.23	0.64
zf <sub>BF</sub> – BF	(1, 14)	6.42	0.024
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 13)	8.48	0.012
lf <sub>BF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 20)	2.63	0.12
lf <sub>LF</sub> – LF	(1, 16)	0.64	0.43

Fig. S1e, bottomRegression: pupil syllable mean freq. ~ **tutor syllable mean freq. (X<sub>1</sub>)** + tutor identity (X<sub>2</sub>)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	125	15.47	0.81	$8.0 \times 10^{-31}$
BF – zf <sub>BF</sub>	92	8.29	0.65	$9.2 \times 10^{-13}$
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	66	4.05	0.45	$1.4 \times 10^{-4}$
LF – lf <sub>LF</sub>	46	19.30	0.94	$1.1 \times 10^{-23}$

Fig. S1f, topNested ANOVAs: syllable FM ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 28)	0.17	0.68
zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 34)	2.02	0.17
zf <sub>BF</sub> – BF	(1, 14)	10.00	0.010
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 13)	13.08	0.0035
lf <sub>BF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 20)	10.82	0.0029
lf <sub>LF</sub> – LF	(1, 16)	0.09	0.77

Fig. S1f, bottomRegression: pupil syllable FM ~ **tutor syllable FM (X<sub>1</sub>)** + tutor identity (X<sub>2</sub>)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	125	30.82	0.94	$3.0 \times 10^{-60}$
BF – zf <sub>BF</sub>	92	14.04	0.83	$1.3 \times 10^{-24}$
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	66	10.51	0.79	$1.0 \times 10^{-15}$
LF – lf <sub>LF</sub>	46	14.35	0.90	$1.3 \times 10^{-18}$

Fig. S1g, topNested ANOVAs: syllable entropy ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 28)	1.26	0.27
zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 34)	4.72	0.038
zf <sub>BF</sub> – BF	(1, 14)	0.64	0.44
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 13)	16.16	0.0016
lf <sub>BF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 20)	27.62	$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$
lf <sub>LF</sub> – LF	(1, 16)	3.89	0.060

Fig. S1g, bottomRegression: pupil syllable entropy ~ **tutor syllable entropy (X<sub>1</sub>)** + tutor identity (X<sub>2</sub>)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
ZF – zf <sub>ZF</sub>	125	15.48	0.81	$7.5 \times 10^{-31}$
BF – zf <sub>BF</sub>	92	12.41	0.79	$2.4 \times 10^{-21}$
BF – lf <sub>BF</sub>	66	6.97	0.65	$1.8 \times 10^{-9}$
LF – lf <sub>LF</sub>	46	10.47	0.84	$9.4 \times 10^{-14}$

Fig. S4a

See Figs. 2d, 3a, 3c.

Fig. S5a-cRegression: selectivity (non-tutor syl. types) ~ **selectivity (all types)** ( $X_1$ ) + bird identity ( $X_2$ )

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial $r$	P-value
$zf_{ZF}$ (ZF – LF)	822	208.74	0.99	$<4.2 \times 10^{-288}$
$lf_{LF}$ (ZF – LF)	653	233.08	0.99	$<4.2 \times 10^{-288}$
$zf_{ZF}$ (ZF – BF)	794	162.22	0.99	$<4.2 \times 10^{-288}$
$zf_{BF}$ (ZF – BF)	543	134.89	0.99	$<4.2 \times 10^{-288}$
$lf_{LF}$ (LF – BF)	640	190.81	0.99	$<4.2 \times 10^{-288}$
$lf_{BF}$ (LF – BF)	417	96.92	0.98	$4.2 \times 10^{-288}$

Fig. S5d

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: selectivity (all – non-tutor) ~ bird identity

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – LF	(1, 823)	128.69	$8.2 \times 10^{-28}$
$lf_{LF}$ : ZF – LF	(1, 654)	110.64	$5.2 \times 10^{-24}$
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – BF	(1, 795)	99.27	$4.1 \times 10^{-22}$
$zf_{BF}$ : ZF – BF	(1, 544)	53.90	$7.7 \times 10^{-13}$
$lf_{LF}$ : LF – BF	(1, 641)	98.32	$1.2 \times 10^{-21}$
$lf_{LF}$ : LF – BF	(1, 418)	18.83	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$

Fig. S6aRepeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in reliability ( $ZF - LF$ ) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 151)	383.76	$2.6 \times 10^{-43}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 173)	291.90	$5.6 \times 10^{-39}$
sup.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 186)	399.21	$3.6 \times 10^{-48}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 53)	206.00	$6.7 \times 10^{-20}$
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 293)	591.06	$3.1 \times 10^{-72}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 241)	242.35	$2.7 \times 10^{-38}$
sec.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 221)	274.76	$1.2 \times 10^{-40}$
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 209)	130.94	$7.4 \times 10^{-24}$

Nested ANOVAs: reliability ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	10.55	0.030
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 3)	4.62	0.056
deep	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	6.17	0.058
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	2.58	0.17

Fig. S6bRepeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in reliability ( $ZF - BF$ ) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 151)	924.04	$3.1 \times 10^{-66}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 72)	500.57	$3.8 \times 10^{-34}$
sup.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 186)	1590.81	$4.4 \times 10^{-93}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 82)	83.39	$3.9 \times 10^{-14}$
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 293)	2179.92	$9.7 \times 10^{-138}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 145)	435.88	$1.5 \times 10^{-45}$
sec.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 221)	1978.28	$3.1 \times 10^{-112}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 265)	420.05	$1.4 \times 10^{-56}$

Nested ANOVAs: reliability ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.25	0.63
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.20	0.66
deep	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	1.47	0.27
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	1.29	0.29

Fig. S6c

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in reliability (LF – BF) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 173)	143.60	$1.8 \times 10^{-24}$
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 148)	104.42	$7.0 \times 10^{-19}$
sup.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 53)	117.16	$4.9 \times 10^{-15}$
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 24)	13.93	0.0010
deep	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 241)	380.06	$1.9 \times 10^{-51}$
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 87)	51.69	$2.1 \times 10^{-10}$
sec.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 209)	277.12	$3.6 \times 10^{-40}$
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 211)	275.62	$3.8 \times 10^{-40}$

Nested ANOVAs: reliability ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	0.16	0.71
sup.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	0.44	0.51
deep	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	12.29	0.0085
sec.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	0.30	0.61

Fig. S7aRepeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in precision ( $ZF - LF$ ) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 147)	0.23	0.64
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 154)	0.00	0.99
sup.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 173)	0.02	0.88
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 47)	0.15	0.70
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 265)	0.04	0.85
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 200)	3.23	0.074
sec.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 191)	0.55	0.46
	$lf_{LF}$	(1, 128)	2.25	0.14

Nested ANOVAs: precision ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	0.32	0.60
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 3)	1.14	0.30
deep	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	11.22	0.0045
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	2.09	0.21

Fig. S7bRepeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in precision ( $ZF - BF$ ) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 146)	18.35	$3.3 \times 10^{-5}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 66)	2.93	0.092
sup.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 177)	1.74	0.19
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 76)	0.13	0.72
deep	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 266)	9.27	0.0026
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 129)	5.55	0.020
sec.	$zf_{ZF}$	(1, 188)	24.97	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$
	$zf_{BF}$	(1, 225)	8.01	0.0051

Nested ANOVAs: precision ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.74	0.42
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.05	0.83
deep	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	2.76	0.11
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.43	0.52

Fig. S7c

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in precision (LF – BF) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 162)	5.23	0.024
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 134)	3.58	0.061
sup.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 48)	6.71	0.013
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 20)	0.93	0.35
deep	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 213)	0.15	0.69
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 69)	3.84	0.054
sec.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 184)	0.60	0.44
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 178)	4.66	0.032

Nested ANOVAs: precision ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	1.20	0.33
sup.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	0.02	0.89
deep	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	0.75	0.42
sec.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	1.42	0.29

Fig. S8a

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff in. discrimination (ZF – LF) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 110)	31.76	$1.4 \times 10^{-7}$
	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 96)	4.87	0.030
sup.	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 108)	10.21	0.0018
	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 31)	0.81	0.38
deep	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 183)	26.06	$8.3 \times 10^{-7}$
	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 121)	0.11	0.75
sec.	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 137)	11.40	$9.5 \times 10^{-4}$
	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 35)	16.56	$2.6 \times 10^{-4}$

Nested ANOVAs: discrimination ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 3)	0.61	0.49
sup.	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 3)	1.70	0.27
deep	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 3)	22.50	0.016
sec.	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 3)	6.88	0.066

Fig. S8b

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in discrimination (ZF – BF) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 123)	0.19	0.66
	zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 36)	0.49	0.49
sup.	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 114)	1.43	0.23
	zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 47)	0.17	0.68
deep	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 199)	15.92	$9.3 \times 10^{-5}$
	zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 89)	0.10	0.75
sec.	zf <sub>ZF</sub>	(1, 124)	7.81	0.0060
	zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 157)	0.010	0.93

Nested ANOVAs: discrimination ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	0.21	0.66
sup.	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	0	0.98
deep	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	21.10	$4.8 \times 10^{-4}$
sec.	zf <sub>ZF</sub> – zf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	2.08	0.19

Fig. S8c

Repeated-measures ANOVAs: diff. in discrimination (LF – BF) ~ bird identity

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 132)	7.06	0.0089
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 92)	18.09	5.1 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>
sup.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 38)	0.050	0.83
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 12)	4.15	0.064
deep	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 150)	0	0.99
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 39)	12.38	0.0011
sec.	lf <sub>LF</sub>	(1, 117)	6.71	0.011
	lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 119)	5.87	0.017

Nested ANOVAs: discrimination ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
int.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	0.80	0.42
sup.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 3)	4.33	0.066
deep	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	6.49	0.037
sec.	lf <sub>LF</sub> – lf <sub>BF</sub>	(1, 4)	5.42	0.075

Fig. S8dRegression: diff. in discrimination ( $ZF - LF$ ) ~ **selectivity ( $X_1$ ) + bird identity ( $X_2$ )**

Comparison		d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
zf <sub>ZF</sub>	int.	109	2.74	0.25	0.0071
	sup.	107	4.89	0.43	$3.6 \times 10^{-6}$
	deep	182	4.52	0.32	$1.1 \times 10^{-5}$
	sec.	136	9.33	0.62	$2.6 \times 10^{-16}$
lf <sub>LF</sub>	int.	94	8.90	0.68	$4.2 \times 10^{-14}$
	sup.	30	1.21	0.22	0.24
	deep	119	7.67	0.58	$5.1 \times 10^{-12}$
	sec.	35	2.80	0.43	0.0082

Fig. S8eRegression: diff. in discrimination ( $ZF - BF$ ) ~ **selectivity ( $X_1$ ) + bird identity ( $X_2$ )**

Comparison		d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
zf <sub>ZF</sub>	int.	122	3.49	0.30	$6.8 \times 10^{-4}$
	sup.	113	2.53	0.23	0.013
	deep	198	6.93	0.44	$5.8 \times 10^{-11}$
	sec.	123	6.32	0.50	$4.3 \times 10^{-9}$
zf <sub>BF</sub>	int.	35	1.60	0.26	0.12
	sup.	45	4.27	0.54	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
	deep	87	4.88	0.46	$4.8 \times 10^{-6}$
	sec.	156	6.37	0.45	$2.0 \times 10^{-9}$

Fig. S8fRegression: diff. in discrimination ( $LF - BF$ ) ~ **selectivity ( $X_1$ ) + bird identity ( $X_2$ )**

Comparison		d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
lf <sub>LF</sub>	int.	131	7.21	0.53	$3.9 \times 10^{-11}$
	sup.	37	3.88	0.54	$4.2 \times 10^{-4}$
	deep	149	6.98	0.50	$8.9 \times 10^{-11}$
	sec.	116	8.66	0.63	$3.2 \times 10^{-14}$
lf <sub>BF</sub>	int.	91	7.36	0.61	$7.8 \times 10^{-11}$
	sup.	11	0.79	0.23	0.44
	deep	38	2.19	0.33	0.035
	sec.	118	6.20	0.50	$8.5 \times 10^{-9}$

Fig. S9aTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $zf_{ZF} > zf_{BF}$  vs.  $zf_{BF} > zf_{ZF}$ )

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
int.	ZF	4	1.49
	BF	4	-1.29

Fig. S9bTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $lf_{LF} > lf_{BF}$  vs.  $lf_{BF} > lf_{LF}$ )

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
int.	LF	4	5.93
	BF	4	-1.38

Fig. S10aTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $zf_{ZF} > zf_{BF}$  vs.  $zf_{BF} > zf_{ZF}$ )

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
sup.	ZF	4	0.88
	BF	4	-2.27

Fig. S10bTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $lf_{LF} > lf_{BF}$  vs.  $lf_{BF} > lf_{LF}$ )

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
sup.	LF	4	2.95
	BF	4	-1.75

Fig. S11aTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $zf_{ZF} > zf_{BF}$  vs.  $zf_{BF} > zf_{ZF}$ )

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
sec.	ZF	4	1.19
	BF	4	-3.64

Fig. S11bTwo-sided, paired *t*-tests: number of segments ( $lf_{LF} > lf_{BF}$  vs.  $lf_{BF} > lf_{LF}$ )

Comparison	d.f.	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>P</i> -value
sec.	LF	4	3.38
	BF	4	-3.29

Fig. S12c

1-way ANOVA, Tukey-Kramer *post hoc* tests

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value	P-value
int.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(2,129)	36.09	$3.6 \times 10^{-13}$	0.26
	$zf_{ZF} - \times$				$9.6 \times 10^{-10}$
	$zf_{BF} - \times$				$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$
sup.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(2,129)	20.06	$2.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-4}$
	$zf_{ZF} - \times$				$1.8 \times 10^{-9}$
	$zf_{BF} - \times$				0.022
deep	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(2,129)	13.82	$3.6 \times 10^{-6}$	0.79
	$zf_{ZF} - \times$				$3.8 \times 10^{-6}$
	$zf_{BF} - \times$				$8.3 \times 10^{-5}$
sec.	$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(2,129)	9.65	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.047
	$zf_{ZF} - \times$				$3.4 \times 10^{-5}$
	$zf_{BF} - \times$				0.11

1-way ANOVA, Tukey-Kramer *post hoc* tests

Comparison		d.f.	F-statistic	P-value	P-value
int.	$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	(2,114)	21.89	$9.0 \times 10^{-9}$	1
	$lf_{LF} - \times$				$2.1 \times 10^{-7}$
	$lf_{BF} - \times$				$3.0 \times 10^{-7}$
sup.	$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	(2,114)	49.63	$3.1 \times 10^{-16}$	0.48
	$lf_{LF} - \times$				$9.6 \times 10^{-10}$
	$lf_{BF} - \times$				$9.6 \times 10^{-10}$
deep	$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	(2,114)	26.77	$3.0 \times 10^{-10}$	1
	$lf_{LF} - \times$				$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$
	$lf_{BF} - \times$				$1.7 \times 10^{-8}$
sec.	$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	(2,114)	13.55	$5.3 \times 10^{-6}$	0.88
	$lf_{LF} - \times$				$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$
	$lf_{BF} - \times$				$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$

\*Only data from the deep region are plotted in Fig. S10

Fig. S13cNested ANOVAs: best frequency ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	0.58	0.49
$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.28	0.62
$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	1.55	0.28

Regression: spike rate selectivity ~ **best frequency (X<sub>1</sub>)** + bird identity (X<sub>2</sub>)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – LF	774	0.01	0.00	0.99
$lf_{LF}$ : ZF – LF	593	0.13	0.01	0.90
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – BF	747	2.09	0.08	0.04
$zf_{BF}$ : ZF – BF	519	0.39	0.02	0.70
$lf_{LF}$ : LF – BF	585	1.06	0.04	0.29
$lf_{BF}$ : LF – BF	365	-0.48	-0.02	0.63

Fig. S13dNested ANOVAs: bandwidth ~ **bird group** + bird identity(group)

Comparison	d.f.	F-statistic	P-value
$zf_{ZF} - lf_{LF}$	(1, 4)	4.11	0.11
$zf_{ZF} - zf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.01	0.94
$lf_{LF} - lf_{BF}$	(1, 4)	0.73	0.44

Regression: spike rate selectivity ~ **bandwidth (X<sub>1</sub>)** + bird identity (X<sub>2</sub>)

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial r	P-value
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – LF	774	5.89	0.21	$5.7 \times 10^{-9}$
$lf_{LF}$ : ZF – LF	593	2.19	0.09	0.029
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – BF	747	1.24	0.05	0.22
$zf_{BF}$ : ZF – BF	519	-1.13	-0.05	0.26
$lf_{LF}$ : LF – BF	585	-4.94	-0.20	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$
$lf_{BF}$ : LF – BF	365	-4.49	-0.23	$9.7 \times 10^{-6}$

Fig. S14d

Regression: spike rate selectivity ~ **song-tuning overlap ( $X_1$ ) + bird identity ( $X_2$ )**

Comparison	d.f.	t-statistic	partial $r$	P-value
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – LF	731	12.91	0.43	$1.7 \times 10^{-34}$
$lf_{LF}$ : ZF – LF	503	12.77	0.49	$1.5 \times 10^{-32}$
$zf_{ZF}$ : ZF – BF	731	13.30	0.44	$2.6 \times 10^{-36}$
$zf_{BF}$ : ZF – BF	493	19.46	0.66	$5.1 \times 10^{-63}$
$lf_{LF}$ : LF – BF	503	12.91	0.50	$3.9 \times 10^{-33}$
$lf_{BF}$ : LF – BF	361	7.92	0.38	$3.1 \times 10^{-14}$