

**Supporting Information.** Occhibove, F., Kenobi, K., Swain, M., Risley, C. An eco-epidemiological modeling approach to investigate dilution effect in two different tick-borne pathosystems. *Ecological Applications*

## **Appendix S1.**

Modelling two tick-borne pathosystems

Appendix S1. Model equations (see Model structure and simulations section and Table 2 for complete notation and parameter values). b: bank vole; w: wood mouse; j: shrew (competitor species); p: weasel (specialist predator); K: carrying capacity; l: larva; n: nymph; a: adult tick.

$$\frac{dN_w}{dt} = r_w N_w \left( 1 - \frac{(N_w - c_{wb} N_b - c_{wj} N_j)}{K_w} \right) - \frac{(g N_w^2)}{(N_w^2 + h^2)} - (\alpha_w N_p N_w) / \left( \Delta_w + N_w + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_b} N_b + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \quad \text{Eq. S1}$$

$$\frac{dN_b}{dt} = r_b N_b \left( 1 - \frac{(N_b - c_{bw} N_w - c_{bj} N_j)}{K_b} \right) - \frac{(g N_b^2)}{(N_b^2 + h^2)} - (\alpha_b N_p N_b) / \left( \Delta_b + N_b + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_w} N_w + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \quad \text{Eq. S2}$$

$$\frac{dN_j}{dt} = (v_j - \rho_j) N_j \left( 1 - \frac{(N_j - c_{jw} N_w - c_{jb} N_b)}{K_j} \right) - \frac{(g N_j^2)}{(N_j^2 + h^2)} - (\alpha_j N_p N_j) / \left( \Delta_j + N_j + \frac{\Delta_j}{\Delta_w} N_w + \frac{\Delta_j}{\Delta_b} N_b \right) \quad \text{Eq. S3}$$

$$\frac{dN_p}{dt} = (v_p - \rho_p) N_p \left( 1 - q N_p / \left( \Delta_w + N_w + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_b} N_b + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \right) \quad \text{Eq. S4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dl}{dt} &= (\beta_7 d_1 N_w a + \beta_7 d_1 N_b a + \beta_8 d_2 N_j a + \beta_9 d_3 N_p a + \beta_9 d_4 N_d a) (num_{egg} - s_v N_v) - \rho_v l \\ &\quad - (\beta_1 N_w l + \beta_1 N_b l + \beta_2 N_j l + \beta_3 N_p l + \beta_3 N_d l) (1 + 1/k) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn}{dt} &= (\beta_1 d_1 N_w l + \beta_1 d_1 N_b l + \beta_2 d_2 N_j l + \beta_3 d_3 N_p l + \beta_3 d_4 N_d l) - \rho_v n \\ &\quad - (\beta_4 N_w n + \beta_4 N_b n + \beta_5 N_j n + \beta_6 N_p n + \beta_6 N_d n) (1 + 1/k) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{da}{dt} &= (\beta_4 d_1 N_w n + \beta_4 d_1 N_b n + \beta_5 d_2 N_j n + \beta_6 d_3 N_p n + \beta_6 d_4 N_d n) - \rho_v a \\ &\quad - (\beta_7 N_w a + \beta_7 N_b a + \beta_8 N_j a + \beta_9 N_p a + \beta_9 N_d a) (1 + 1/k) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS_w}{dt} &= r_w N_w \left( 1 - \frac{(N_w - c_{wb} N_b - c_{wj} N_j)}{K_w} \right) - \beta_4 \tau_v S_w I_n - \beta_7 \tau_v S_w I_a - \frac{(g S_w^2)}{(S_w^2 + h^2)} \\ &\quad - (\alpha_w N_p S_w) / \left( \Delta_w + N_w + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_b} N_b + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_w}{dt} &= \beta_4 \tau_v S_w I_n - \beta_7 \tau_v S_w I_a - \sigma_w I_w - \frac{(g I_w^2)}{(I_w^2 + h^2)} \\ &\quad - (\alpha_w N_p I_w) / \left( \Delta_w + N_w + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_b} N_b + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S9}$$

$$\frac{dR_w}{dt} = \sigma_w I_w - \frac{(g R_w^2)}{(R_w^2 + h^2)} - (\alpha_w N_p R_w) / \left( \Delta_w + N_w + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_b} N_b + \frac{\Delta_w}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \quad \text{Eq. S10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS_b}{dt} &= r_b N_b \left( 1 - \frac{(N_b - c_{bw} N_w - c_{bj} N_j)}{K_b} \right) - \beta_4 \tau_v S_b I_n - \beta_7 \tau_v S_b I_a - \frac{(g S_b^2)}{(S_b^2 + h^2)} \\ &- (\alpha_b N_p S_b) / \left( \Delta_b + N_b + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_w} N_w + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S11}$$

$$\frac{dI_b}{dt} = \beta_4 \tau_v S_b I_n - \beta_7 \tau_v S_b I_a - \sigma_b I_b - \frac{(g I_b^2)}{(I_b^2 + h^2)} - (\alpha_b N_p I_b) / \left( \Delta_b + N_b + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_w} N_w + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \quad \text{Eq. S12}$$

$$\frac{dR_b}{dt} = \sigma_b I_b - \frac{(g R_b^2)}{(R_b^2 + h^2)} - (\alpha_b N_p R_b) / \left( \Delta_b + N_b + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_w} N_w + \frac{\Delta_b}{\Delta_j} N_j \right) \quad \text{Eq. S13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dl}{dt} &= (\beta_7 d_1 N_w + \beta_7 d_1 N_b + \beta_8 d_2 N_j + \beta_9 d_3 N_p + \beta_9 d_4 N_d) (S_a + I_a) (num_{egg} - s_v N_v) - \rho_v l - (\beta_1 N_w l + \beta_1 N_b l + \\ &\beta_2 N_j l + \beta_3 N_p l + \beta_3 N_d l) (1 + 1/k) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S14}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_n}{dt} &= (\beta_1 d_1 I_w \tau_w l + \beta_1 d_1 I_b \tau_b l) (1 + 1/k) - \rho_v I_n - (\beta_4 N_w I_n + \beta_4 N_b I_n + \beta_5 N_j I_n + \beta_6 N_p I_n + \beta_6 N_d I_n) (1 + 1/k) \\ &\quad \text{Eq. S15} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS_n}{dt} &= (\beta_1 d_1 (S_w + R_w) l + \beta_1 d_1 (S_b + R_b) l + \beta_2 d_2 N_j l + \beta_3 d_3 N_p l + \beta_3 d_4 N_d l) - \rho_v S_n \\ &- (\beta_4 N_w S_n + \beta_4 N_b S_n + \beta_5 N_j S_n + \beta_6 N_p S_n + \beta_6 N_d S_n) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S16}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dI_a}{dt} &= (\beta_4 d_1 N_w I_n + \beta_4 d_1 N_b I_n + \beta_5 d_2 N_j I_n + \beta_6 d_3 N_p I_n + \beta_6 d_4 N_d I_n) + (\beta_4 d_1 I_w \tau_w S_n + \beta_4 d_1 I_b \tau_b S_n) (1 + 1/k) \\ &- \rho_v I_a - (\beta_7 N_w I_a + \beta_7 N_b I_a + \beta_8 N_j I_a + \beta_9 N_p I_a + \beta_9 N_d I_a) (1 + 1/k) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S17}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS_a}{dt} &= (\beta_4 d_1 (S_w + R_w) S_n + \beta_4 d_1 (S_b + R_b) S_n + \beta_5 d_2 N_j S_n + \beta_6 d_3 N_p S_n + \beta_6 d_4 N_d S_n) - \rho_v S_a - (\beta_7 N_w S_a + \\ &\beta_7 N_b S_a + \beta_8 N_j S_a + \beta_9 N_p S_a + \beta_9 N_d S_a) \end{aligned} \quad \text{Eq. S18}$$