

in neglect actually occurred (Gaston and Powell in press).

We believe that the sharp increase in mass just before the start of incubation, as well as the subsequent decline during incubation, is an adaptive response by Ancient Murrelets to the demands of breeding. However, inter-year variation in mean mass at clutch completion probably reflects the effect of inter-year differences in the availability of food during the period just before the start of incubation.

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ERRATUM

In "Natural incubation, egg neglect, and hatchability in the Ancient Murrelet" by Anthony J. Gaston and David W. Powell (1989, *Auk* 106: 433-438), the degrees of freedom of the Chi-square values on p. 435 should read: " $\chi^2 = 1.01$, $df = 1$, $P > 0.10$ " and " $\chi^2 = 16.4$, $df = 1$, $P < 0.01$."