## **Supplemental Materials**

**Supplementary Table 1.** Locations, coordinates (Lon/Lat), population names, sample sizes (N), number of samples with *Salmonella* present in the microbiome (Pos), proportion positive, and *Salmonella* read statistics (mean, standard deviation, maximum and minimum reads) for all barn swallows (*Hirundo rustica*, n = 108) sampled in Israel. These data were used in the analyses and to generate the map (Fig. 1). Coordinates are reported for the first location listed in each population.

Location	Lon (°E)	Lat (°N)	Population	N	Pos	Proportion Positive	Mean <i>Sal</i> Reads	Standard Deviation	Max <i>Sal</i> Reads	Min <i>Sal</i> Reads
Beit_ha_shita, Beit_She'an_mall, Tel-Saharon_Alfalfa_Field	35.438	32.551	Beit_shean	38	7	0.18	53.3	68.4	199	2
Levahot_habashan_fish_ponds, Agamon_ringing_station, Rosh_Pina_mall	35.642	33.138	Hula	34	10	0.29	4.7	2.4	8	3
Shafyaim_parking_lot	34.828	32.222	Shefayim	15	8	0.53	1.9	1.5	6	1
Zichron_mall, Ma'agan_Michael_fish_ponds	34.932988	32.569222	Hof_hacarmel	21	3	0.14	3.3	2.3	7	1



**Supplemental Figure 1.** Rarefaction curve showing mean Chao1 estimates of bacterial alpha diversity by 16S rRNA gene sequencing depth in barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) fecal samples collected in Israel. The error bars represent standard deviation.



**Supplemental Figure 2.** Total number of reads in samples absent (black) and present (red) for the presence of *Salmonella* from barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) fecal samples collected in Israel. *Salmonella*-present samples had significantly higher numbers of 16S rRNA gene sequence reads than negative samples (p = 0.002).



**Supplemental Figure S3.** *Salmonella* absolute abundance by sample ID in barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) fecal samples collected in Israel. Abundance was estimated A) before rarefaction, B) after rarefaction at rngseed = 711, C) after rarefaction at rngseed = 33, and D) and after rarefaction at rngseed = 82. Panels B-D provide examples of the stochasticity of detecting *Salmonella* in a sample. Samples marked with an asterisk had abundance levels greater than 15 reads with actual values listed in the bottom right of each panel following the order of the samples.



**Supplementary Figure 4.** The percent of barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) fecal samples collected in Israel with greater than 45,000 reads (N = 18) that are positive for the presence of *Salmonella* after rarefying at different 16S rRNA gene sequencing depths (5,000-45,000). All these samples were *Salmonella*-positive when all reads were considered.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** Bacterial alpha diversity, as estimated by the Chao1 statistic, by *Salmonella* spp. status (absent, present) in barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) fecal samples collected in Israel when using a *Salmonella* detection threshold of two reads. *Salmonella* absent samples had significantly lower diversity than positive samples (Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test, p = 0.003).



**Supplementary Figure 6.** Proportional abundance of the 10 most abundant bacterial phyla (colors), with all other phyla lumped together (white), showing both *Salmonella* absent (left) and present (right) barn swallows (*Hirundo rustica*) collected in Israel for a *Salmonella* detection threshold of A) one and B) two reads.



**Supplementary Figure 7.** Principal coordinate analysis plots showing the bacterial communities in barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) fecal samples with *Salmonella* (present: red dots) and without (absent: black dots) by (**A**) unweighted UniFrac and (**B**) weighted UniFrac metrics for a *Salmonella* detection threshold of two reads. The amount of the variation explained by each axis is in brackets. Bacterial beta diversity significantly differed for both metrics (unweighted: p = 0.002, weighted: p = 0.013) between *Salmonella*-present and -absent birds. The homogeneity of dispersion was significant for both the unweighted (p = 0.001) and the weighted (p = 0.048) UniFrac metrics.