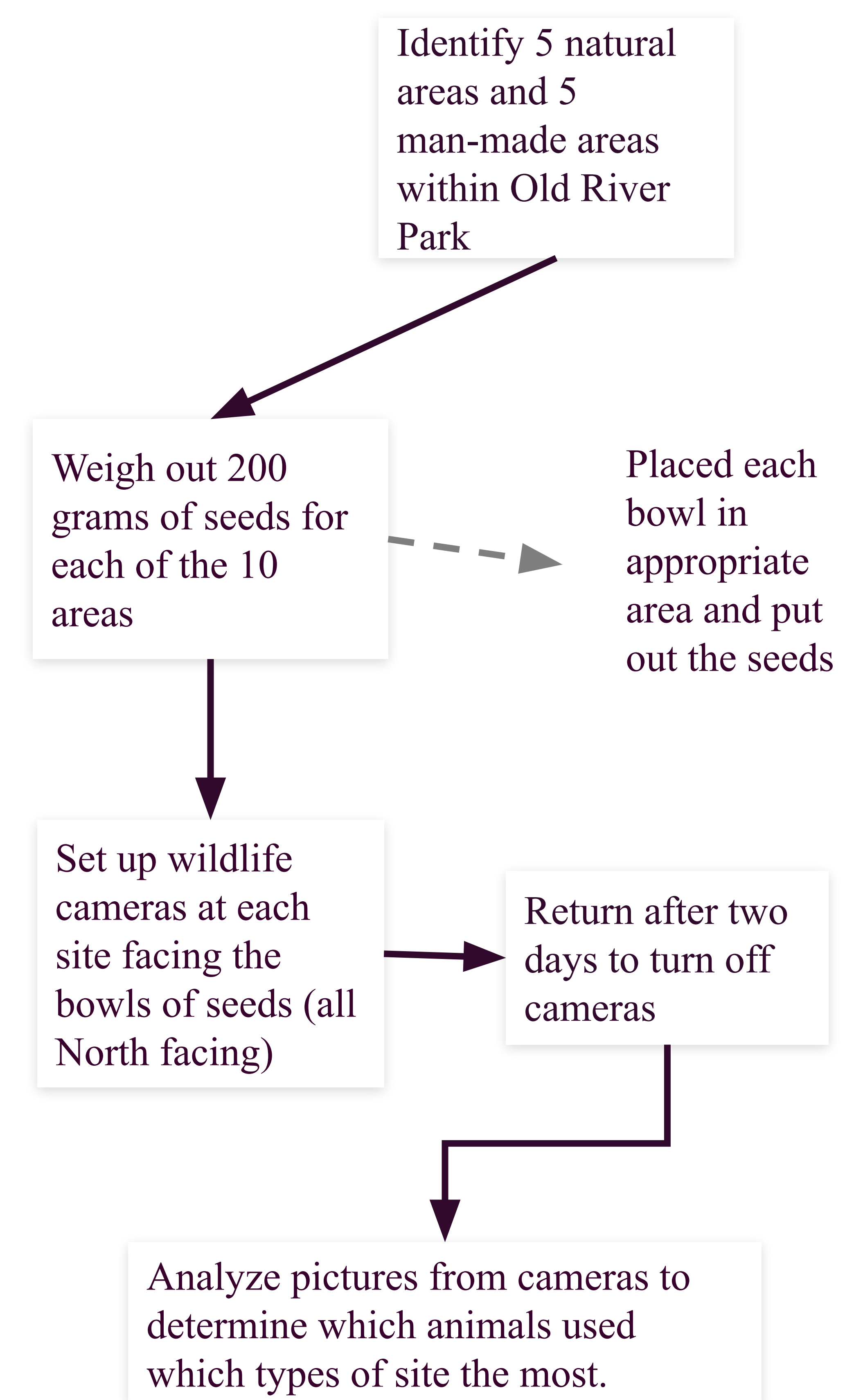


Background

Old River Park is a park located in Dayton, Ohio, an ecosystem supporting many types of life. Within the park, the NCR used to have a recreational area for employees to use, but it is no longer managed and has naturally grown over and been accessible only to certain people. The man-made structures within the NCR park are still there but have been adopted into the natural woodland ecosystem around it. We were curious to see how accustomed to the man-made structures the species living in this area are, and we decided to ask the question of whether seed-eating animals that live in this area have a preference for where they collect or eat their food, and which animals prefer which areas.

Methods



Birds preferred to eat seeds in natural areas compared to man-made areas.

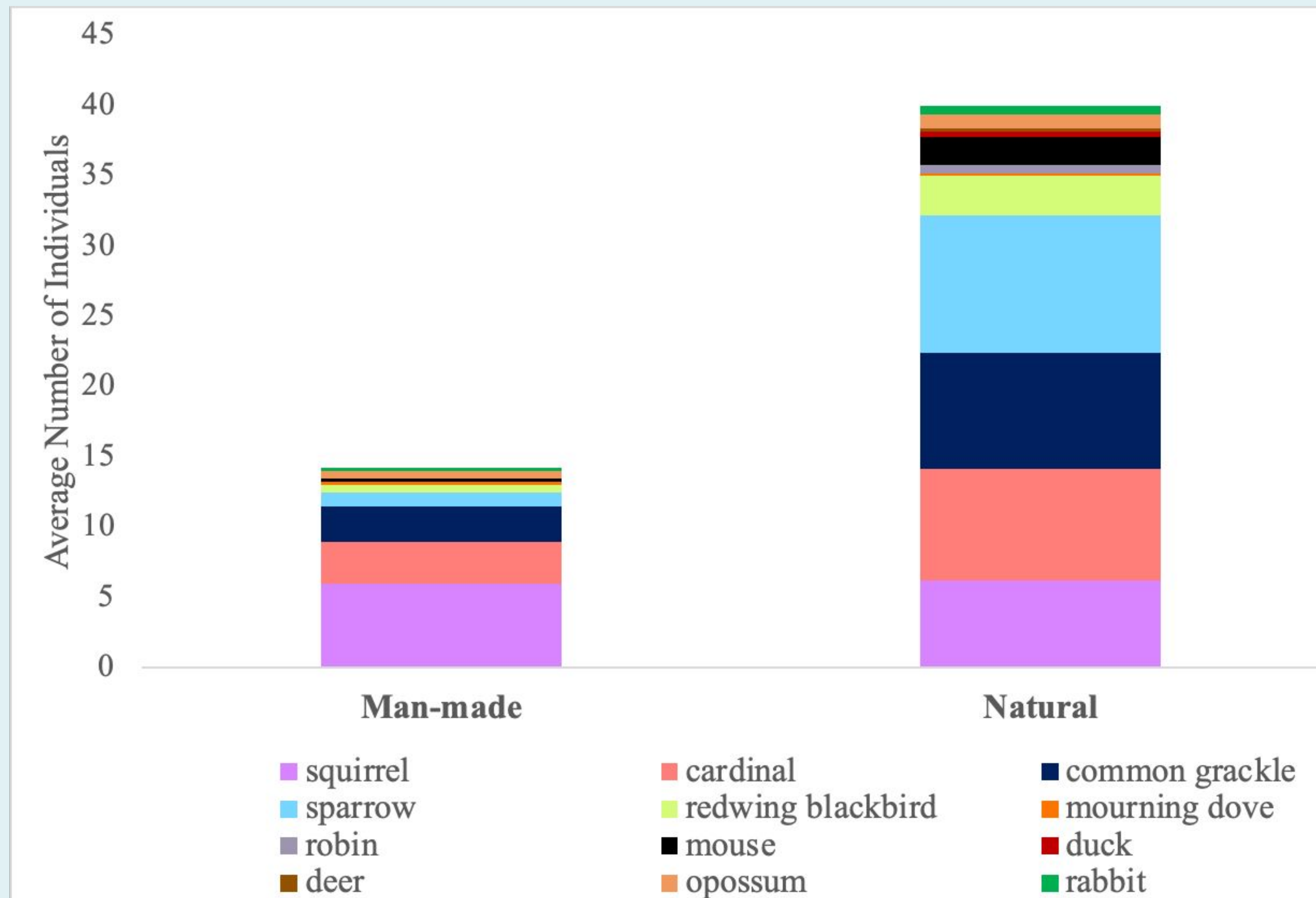


Fig.1 Average number of animals using each site type