**S2 Table.** Number of abundant spirotrich (top) and eukaryotic (bottom) species (bands) in each replicate during the top down experiments.

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| Spiro | T0 | Control | ‘Natural’ Predation | ‘High’ predation |
|  |  | a | b | c | **tot** | **All** | **M** | a | b | c | **tot** | **All** | **M** | a | b | c | **tot** | **All** | **M** |
| TD1 | **25** | 14 | 17 | 16 | **19** | 12 | 15.7  | 3 | 6 | 13 | **13** | 3 | 7.3  | 12 | 11 | 10 | **15** | 5 | 11  |
| TD2 | **8** | 5 | 1 | 4 | **5** | 1 | 3.3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | **6** | 3 | 5  | 1 | - | - | **1** | - | - |
| TD3 | **10** | 5 | 2 | 2 | **6** | 1 | 3  | 7 | 5 | 2 | **9** | 1 | 4.7  | 3 | 6 | - | **6** | - | 4.5  |
| Euk | **T0** | **Control** | **‘Natural’ predation** | **‘High’ predation** |
|  |  | a | b | c | **tot** | **All** | **M** | a | b | c | **tot** | **All** | **M** | a | b | c | **tot** | **All** | **M** |
| TD1 | **10** | 4 | 10 | 13 | **16** | 4 | 9  | 3 | 11 | 9 | **12** | 3 | 7.7  | 9 | 8 | 9 | **10** | 8 | 8.7  |
| TD2 | **12** | 11 | 14 | 10 | **15** | 9 | 11.7  | 9 | 9 | 9 | **9** | 9 | 9  | 8 | 8 | - | **9** | - | 5.3  |
| TD3 | **25** | 16 | 7 | 9 | **20** | 4 | 10.7  | 23 | 13 | 13 | **27** | 9 | 16.3  | 16 | 12 | 14 | **21** | 9 | 14  |

a, b, and c represent the replicates, ‘tot’ the total species richness observed for the treatment, ‘All’ the number of species shared across the three replicates and, ‘M’ the average of bands across replicates.