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## Christophe Patterson

A PhD student with a passion for research, exploration and education. Has a keen interest in studying the impacts of humans' actions, including climate change, on biodiversity and species' geographic ranges. Interested in furthering their experience in next generation sequencing, fieldwork, scientific literacy, and communication. Has developed the key skills needed for teamwork and effective organisation across a diverse range of jobs and voluntary work

**PhD** Does interspecific behavioural interference limit the ability of species to range shifts? Research focuses of Rubyspot damselflies, *Hetaerina*, where species engage and experience varying levels of aggressive and reproductive interference. Do the ranges of *Hetaerina* species that experience lower levels of interspecific interference expand more rapidly?

**Rock Pool Project, Director of Science** Director of Science for the rock pool project a not-for-profit community outreach project aiming to educate, engage and conserve rock pool wildlife in the UK.

**Previous research** Attended the University of Exeter (Penryn) for both a BSc in Evolutionary Biology and a two-year Master by Research. Investigated the range expansion of the St Piran's hermit crab, *Clibanarius erythropus*, to the southwest UK using, population size and morphology surveys, population genetics and larval dispersal models.

## Papers

**Patterson C** and Drury J. Interspecific behavioural interference and range dynamics: current insights and future directions *Biological Reviews* 2023

**Patterson C**, Laing C, Early R. The range expansion of *Clibanarius erythropus* to the UK suggests that other range-shifting intertidal species may not follow *Marine Biology* 2022

**Patterson C**, Slater M, Early R, Laing C. The status of *Clibanarius erythropus* after a recent range expansion to Great Britain, with the highest latitude recording of a gravid individual. *Marine Biology Records*. 2020

Sanders D, Frago E, Kehoe R, **Patterson C**, and Gaston KJ. . A meta-analysis of biological impacts of artificial light at night. *Nature Ecology & Evolution* 2021

## Media

**Into the Wild Podcast:** Exploring Rockpools with Ben & Christophe from The Rockpool Project 19/04/2022

**Milkshake! Monkey's amazing adventures** S2:E2 Rock-Pooling Channel 5 in August 2021.

Cornwall's rockpool species 'threatened by climate change' **ITV news** 20/01/2022

Cornwall's rockpool species 'threatened by climate change' **BBC Spotlight** 20/01/22

The week in wildlife **The Guardian** 21/01/22

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