

Drew Sauve

PhD Candidate

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An experienced researcher in statistical genetics excited to apply to a computational biologist role dedicated to data analysis, literature review, and academic & internal report preparation

Education

Queen's University, Ph.D. Evolutionary Ecology and Quantitative Genetics Exp. Compl. 05/2023

Queen's University, MSc. Evolutionary and Ecological Genetics 2018

Queen's University, B.Sc. (Hons) Biology 2016

Research Skills

Statistics and Bioinformatics

I have used R throughout my academic career and I am comfortable with generalized linear models, mixed models, and non-linear models. I am proficient in basic bioinformatics (filtering and preparing ddRADseq or whole genome data) and comfortable navigating and submitting jobs on a UNIX computer cluster. I have done basic programming in Python and have run non-linear and custom Bayesian models using STAN. I am happy and eager to learn and work with the best statistical software for any given analysis.

Labwork

I am proficient in DNA extraction, PCR, microsatellite analysis, and preparing DNA samples for next-generation sequencing.

Teaching

##Teaching Fellowship

I am currently co-teaching a ~300 student undergraduate course on evolutionary genetics. The course is a required biology course at Queen's University and introduces population genetics, quantitative genetics, and evolutionary genomics.

Teaching Assistanceships

I've helped to teach five biology courses at Queen's University. Topics included introductory genetics, evolutionary genetics, conservation biology, and evolutionary biology. I designed and taught a custom tutorial on quantitative genetics and conservation for an upper-year genetics course.

Guest Lecture

I gave a guest lecture on the evolution of life-history traits for the second year evolutionary genetics course at Queen's University.

Student Supervision

I've helped co-supervise three honours thesis students at Queen's University on effective population size, phenotypic plasticity, and measuring selection in captivity.

Dominique Charland Measuring Unintentional Selection in a Captive Breeding Program for the Eastern Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus migrans*) 2022. Now a JD candidate at the University of Ottawa.

Haley Turcotte Phenotypic plasticity of parental investment in early-life growth traits within black-legged kittiwakes (*Rissa tridactyla*) 2021. Now a MSc student at Carleton University.

Ferris Nowlan Estimation of effective population size from demographic and genomic data for an Arctic seabird (*Cephus grylle*) 2020. [Now a PhD student at the University of Toronto.](#)

Publications

2023

10. **Sauve, D.**, Friesen, V.L., A, Hatch, S.A., Elliott, K.H., Charmantier A. Shifting environmental predictors of phenotypes under climate change: a case study of growth in high latitude seabirds. *Journal of Avian Biology*

9. **Sauve, D.**, Charmantier A, A, Hatch, S.A., Friesen, V.L. Variation in natural selection across time, space, and ontogeny *Evolution Letters*

8. Kerr, K. C., **Sauve, D.**, Winton, S. Thorne, T. J., Chabot, A. A. Examining the representation of locally threatened species in North American zoos. *Animal Conservation*

2022

7. **Sauve, D.**, Hudecki, J., Steiner, J., Wheeler, H., Chabot, A.A. Improving species conservation plans under IUCN's One Plan Approach using quantitative genetic methods. *Peer Community Journal* 2, e50.

6. **Sauve, D.**, Charmantier, A, Hatch, S.A., Friesen V.L. Environmental conditions variably affect growth across the breeding season in a subarctic seabird. *Oecologia* 198, 307-318.

2021

5. **Sauve, D.**, Friesen, V.L., Charmantier, A. 2021. The effects of weather on avian growth and implications in the context of climate change. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution* 9.

4. Friesen, V.L., Brunt, R., Morris-Pocock, J.A., **Sauve, D.**, Baker, A.J., Birt, T.P., Davidson, W.S., Elliott, K.H., Montevecchi, W.A. 2021. A test of mechanisms of population differentiation in gannets (genus *Morus*) using comparative phylogeography and morphometrics. *Marine Ornithology* 49, 275-291.

2020

3. **Sauve, D.**, Dale, C.A., Tigano, A., Ratcliffe, L.M., and Friesen V.L. 2021. Do candidate genes for migration and behaviour explain migratory variation in bluebirds (*Sialia spp.*)? *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* 132, 820-829.

2019

2. **Sauve, D.**, Divoky, G., and Friesen V.L. Phenotypic plasticity or evolutionary change? An examination of the phenological response of an Arctic seabird to climate change. 2019. (*Cepphus grylle mandtii*) *Functional Ecology* 33, 2180-2190.

1. **Sauve, D.**, Patirana, A., Chardine, J., and Friesen V.L. 2019. Mitochondrial DNA reveals genetic structure within Atlantic but not Pacific populations of a holarctic seabird *Marine Ornithology* 47, 199-208.

Presentations

9. **Sauve, D.**, Friesen, V.L., Teplitsky, C., Hatch, S.A., Charmantier, A. 2021. Impacts of fluctuating environmental conditions and experimental feeding on selection of growth in black-legged kittiwakes. *Virtual Evolution*. Presentation.

8. **Sauve, D.**, Friesen V.L., Divoky G.J., Hatch, S.A., Elliott, K.H., Gaston, A.J., Charamantier, A. 2020. Ecological and evolutionary impacts of climate change on the phenology and growth of seabirds. Presentation. *Seminars in Ecology and Evolution*. Presentation. Centre d'Ecologie Fonctionnelle & Evolutive, Montpellier, France.

7. **Sauve, D.**, Chabot, A. The value of quantitative genetics for managing captive breeding populations. 2019. *Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Meeting* Presentation. African Lion Safari, Cambridge, Ontario.

6. **Sauve, D.**, Charmantier, A., Divoky, G., Hatch, S., Elliott, K., Gaston, T., Friesen V. 2019. *Evolution*. Variation in chick growth in response to climate change in three high latitude seabird species. Poster. Providence, Rhode Island.

5. **Sauve, D.**, Divoky, G., and Friesen V. 2018. Queen's University. *Biology Graduate Student Day*. Phenological change in Mandt's Black Guillemot is driven by phenotypic plasticity. Presentation. Kingston, Ontario.

4. **Sauve, D.**, Divoky, G., and Friesen V. 2018. Queen's University. *American Genetics Associations: Quantitative Genetics in the Wild*. Phenological change in Mandt's Black Guillemot is driven by phenotypic plasticity. Presentation. Toronto, Ontario.

3. **Sauve, D.**, Divoky, G., and Friesen V. 2017. Disentangling evolutionary and plastic change in the laying date of an Arctic seabird. *Wild Animal Modelling Biennial Meeting*. Presentation. Saint-Michel-Des-Saints, Quebec.

2. **Sauve, D.**, Divoky, G., and Friesen V. 2017. Phenotypic plasticity drives phenological change in Mandt's Black Guillemot. *ArcticNet*. Poster. Quebec City, Quebec.

1. **Sauve, D.**, Dale, C.A., Tigano, A., Ratcliffe, L.M., and Friesen V.L. An investigation into the genetic basis of partial migration in Western Bluebirds (*Sialia mexicana*) using candidate genes 2016. *North American Ornithological Conference*. Poster. Washington, DC.

Media

Sixty Second Seabird Science Youtube Series <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNLRIqPfNFE>

Spotlight Article in Functional Ecology <https://besjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1365-2435.13430?af=R>

National Geographic Coverage of 2019 Functional Ecology Paper <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2019/08/many-animals-can-adapt-climate-change-just-not-fast-enough/>

Blog post on Proteus (Storytelling for a blue planet). <https://proteussciomm.org/2018/08/15/long-term-data-collection-serves-many/>

Service

Graduate Student Advisor for Creation of an Online Resource Library for Inclusive Science Communication 2021-2022

SciNapse Undergraduate Case Study Judge 2021-2022

OE3C 2017 Organizing Committee 2016-2017

Queen's University Biology Graduate Student Co-Chair 2016-2017

Awards

NSERC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement **\$6,000CAD**

NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral **\$105,000CAD**

Haldane Prize Shortlist - Best Early Career Paper in Functional Ecology 2020

TD Fellowship in Arctic Environmental Issues 2019-2020 **\$30,000CAD**

Northern Studies Training Program. Canadian Polar Commission. 2019. **\$2,343CAD**

Northern Studies Training Program. Canadian Polar Commission. 2018. **\$2,890CAD**

Society for the Study of Evolution Travel Grant. Society for the Study of Evolution. 2018. **\$500USD**

Northern Studies Training Program. Canadian Polar Commission. 2017. **\$2,263CAD**

Canadian Society for the Study of Ecology and Evolution Travel Grant. 2016. **\$750CAD**

Undergraduate Student Research Award. NSERC. 2016. **\$4,500CAD**

North American Bluebird Society Grant. North American Bluebird Society. 2015. **\$1,000USD**

Certifications & Courses

<i>Indigenous Canada Course at University of Alberta</i>	In Progress
<i>Breeding Program Modelling with AlphaSimR</i>	2022
<i>Wilderness First Responder</i>	2022
<i>Basic Life Support Certification/CPR-C</i>	2022
<i>Pleasure Craft Operator Card:18032589508</i>	2016
<i>Canadian Firearms Safety Course</i>	2016