# Tom R. Booker

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Theoretical and empirical population genetics, biodiversity, evolution, genomics, bioinformatics, statistical analysis

### EDUCATION

## University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

PhD., Evolutionary Genetics, October 2014 - September 2018

- Thesis Title: Understanding patterns of genetic diversity in the house mouse genome
- Supervisors: Professor Peter Keightley and Professor Brian Charlesworth

MSc., Evolutionary Genetics, 2013 - 2014 (Distinction)

- Thesis Title: Searching for balancing selection on a mimicry supergene in the Batesian mimic  $Papilio\ polytes$
- Supervisors: Professor Deborah Charlesworth and Dr Rob W. Ness

## University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland

BSc Hons, Ecology, 2009 - 2013 (First Class)

- Dissertation Title: An investigation into the fitness and distribution of a newly discovered allopolyploid species, *Mimulus peregrinus*
- Supervisor: Dr Mario Vallejo-Marin

# EXPERIENCE & SKILLS

## Population genetics

Including: theory, simulations (both forward-time and coalescent), genome scans, demographic analyses, detecting natural selection

## Bioinformatics:

Including: Handling high-throughput sequence data, read-mapping, variant calling, de novo assembly

Attended "GATK Best practices for variant discovery", Edinburgh, UK (2015).

#### Statistical Analysis:

Including: Linear, non-linear and mixed models, parametric and non-parametric statistics and maximium likelihood estimation.

# Computer skills

Scripting: Highly competent in Python, R and Bash, experience with C and Perl

OS: Ubuntu, Windows, Mac OSX

Miscellaneous: Grid Engine clustering systems, git, emacs, ssh/scp, tmux, Microsoft Office

Science communication: Written and verbal

# ACADEMIC SERVICE

I have reviewed articles for the following journals:

Ecology and Evolution, Molecular Biology and Evolution

I started and organised a journal club on classic population genetic papers at the University of Edinburgh in 2017

#### Published papers

- 1. **Booker, T. R.**, & Keightley, P. D. (*Accepted*). "Understanding the factors that shape patterns of nucleotide diversity in the house mouse genome". *Molecular Biology and Evolution*
- 2. **Booker, T. R.**, Jackson, B. C., & Keightley, P. D. (2017). "Detecting positive selection in the genome." *BMC Biology*, 15:98.
- 3. Booker, T. R., Ness, R. W., & Keightley, P. D. (2017). "The recombination landscape in wild house mice inferred using population genomic data". *Genetics*, 207(1) 297-309
- 4. Keightley, P. D., Campos, J. L., **Booker, T. R.**, & Charlesworth, B. (2016). "Inferring the frequency spectrum of derived variants to quantify adaptive molecular evolution in protein-coding genes of *Drosophila melanogaster*." Genetics, 203(2), 975-984.
- 5. **Booker, T.**, Ness, R. W., & Charlesworth, D. (2015). "Molecular evolution: breakthroughs and mysteries in Batesian mimicry". *Current Biology*, 25(12), R506-R508.

## Papers in Preparation

• Booker, T. R., Jackson, B. Craig, R. Charlesworth, B. & Keightley, P. D. (*In preparation*). "Estimating parameters of strong positive selection from patterns of genetic diversity in house mice"

# ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

$\bullet$ $Runner\ up$ Best student talk at Population Genetics Group 51	2018
• Runner up Best student poster at Population Genetics Group 50	2017
• Environment Yes! Won regional heat - runner up at the final	Sept 2016
• EASTBIO Doctoral Training Partnership Studentship	2014-2018
• Genetics Society, Sir Kenneth Mather Memorial Prize	2013/2014
• University of Edinburgh, Douglas Falconer Award, best MSc dissertation	2013/2014
• Funding for Undergraduate Summer Project:	
Botanic Society of Scotland and the Society of Biology	Summer 2012
• Nominated, Simon Fraser University Student Conservation Prize	May 2012

#### Teaching

#### Supervision:

S-A. Xerri - Master's project - Now PhD student at the Max Planck Institute C. Barata - Master's project - Now PhD student at the University of St. Andrews

B. Lecher - Honour's project - Now MSc student at Universit Claude Bernard

#### Tutoring and Demonstrating

Statistics and Data Analysis, MSc course

2014-2017

Demonstrated in computer practical sessions, ran tutorials on probability theory and statistical analysis and marked term papers

Population and Quantitative Genetics, MSc course Ran tutorial sessions on population genetic theory

2015-2017

Ecology and Evolutionary Genetics, BSc course

2014-2015

Demonstrated in computer practical sessions on evolutionary biology

# SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

January 2018 - Population Genetics Group 51, Bristol, UK (Oral Presentation)

Estimating the parameters of selective sweeps from patterns of diversity around functional elements in wild house mice Mus musculus castaneus

## August 2017 - ESEB 2017, Groningen, Netherlands (Poster)

Selective sweeps and background selection in the genome of wild house mice. Mus musculus castaneus

## January 2017 - Population Genetics Group 50, 2017, Cambridge, UK (Poster)

Selective sweeps and background selection in the genome of wild house mice, Mus musculus castaneus

**July 2016** - SMBE, Gold Coast, Australia (Oral Presentation) *Hill-Robertson Interference in wild mice*, Mus musculus castaneus

**December 2015** - Population Genetics Group 49, Edinburgh, UK (Oral Presentation - Invited) *Hill-Robertson Interference in wild mice*, Mus musculus castaneus

July 2015 - SMBE, 2015, Vienna, Austria (Poster)

Selective sweeps and background selection in the genome of wild house mice, Mus musculus castaneus

May 2015 - Quantitative Genomics, 2015, London, UK (Oral Presentation)

Simulating genome evolution in the house mouse: understanding the contribution of Hill-Robertson interference to patterns of genetic diversity

Interests

Aside from evolutionary biology I have several hobbies that I try and find time for. I enjoy playing guitar, woodworking (particularly woodturning), helping out around my parents' farm and hill-walking.