



# Dr. Willem Bonnaffé

## Postdoctoral data scientist

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## WORK

2021-2022	<b>Postdoctoral Data Scientist</b> Morpho-molecular signature of prostate cancer Image analysis - Multi-instance learning - Segmentation	<b>University of Oxford</b> Big Data Institute
2021 4 months	<b>Research assistant in AI &amp; remote sensing</b> Building ML tools to analyse forest canopy drone imagery Image processing - Image recognition - Classification	<b>University of Oxford</b> Department of Zoology
2020-2022	<b>Director &amp; Lead on AI solutions</b> AI solutions to predict weather disruptions in ports Won 2020 Oxford AI impact hackathon for climate change	<b>Eltanin Maritime Analytics</b> & Oxford University Innovation
2016-2017 10 months	<b>Research assistant in Mathematical Biology</b> <i>Modelling evolution of tropical fish communities</i> Bayesian modelling - MCMCMH/HMC - IBMs	<b>University of Arizona</b> Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Dpt.

## EDUCATION

2017-2021	<b>DPhil in AI &amp; Environmental Sciences</b> <i>Inferring eco-evolutionary feedbacks in nature</i> Expertise in AI analysis of time series data	<b>University of Oxford</b> NERC DTP & Department of Zoology Pr. B. Sheldon & Pr. T. Coulson
2013-2017	<b>Diploma in Socio-Environmental Sciences</b> Expertise in water and fish stock management Policy assessment - Agent-based modelling	<b>Ecole normale supérieure Ulm</b> Environmental Research and Teaching Institute
2013-2016	<b>MSc in Evolutionary Biology</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> /49 written exams - Highest honors Advanced training in stat./mathematical modelling	<b>Ecole normale supérieure Ulm</b> & <b>Université Pierre et Marie Curie</b>
2011-2013	<b>BSc in Life Sciences</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> /505 written exams - High honors General training in Chemistry, Physics, Biology	<b>Université Pierre et Marie Curie</b>

## SKILLS

**I.T.** Vim -  $\text{\LaTeX}$  - Beamer - Word - Excel - Powerpoint

**Programming** R - C/C++ - Bash - Python - NetLogo - MatLab - Julia - Mathematica

**Machine learning** Classification - Time series - NODEs - ResNets - RNNs - CNNs

**Languages** French/English - German (basics) - Dutch (basics)

**Skills** Jazz guitar, performance, composition - Impressionist soft pastel painting - Fly fishing

## CONFERENCES

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2022 Dec.	<b>Human-AI Interaction in Bio-Medicine</b> Co-organizer with Dr. Yang Hu	<b>The Alan Turing Institute</b> Oxford
2021 Dec.	<b>BES meeting</b> Poster ( <i>Fast NODE fitting</i> )	<b>British Ecological Society</b> London
2020 Dec.	<b>Festival of Ecology</b> Speaker ( <i>Eco-evo feedbacks in Darwin's finches</i> )	<b>British Ecological Society</b> London
2020 Oct.	<b>Evol. Demogr. Society's 7th annual meeting</b> Invited speaker ( <i>AI applied to Evol. dynamics</i> )	<b>Norwegian University of Sc. and Tech.</b> Centre for Biodiversity Dynamics
2018 Dec.	<b>NERC grand challenges seminar series</b> Co-organized conference on Science and Politics	<b>University of Oxford</b> NERC DTP & Jesus College
2017 June	<b>Trophic network research showcase</b> Speaker ( <i>Trophic networks and thermal gradients</i> )	<b>Université Pierre et Marie Curie</b> Institute of Ecology and Environmental Sc.
2017 April	<b>Uncertainty Quantification showcase</b> Speaker ( <i>Bayesian analysis of ecological data</i> )	<b>University of Arizona</b> Department of Mathematics

## TEACHING

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2020 2 weeks	<b>Demonstrator in doctoral course</b> Machine learning modules	<b>University of Oxford</b> Doctoral Training Center
2019-2020 6 months	<b>Tutor and demonstrator in undergrad. course</b> Quantitative methods (2nd year BSc in Biology)	<b>University of Oxford</b> Dpt. of Zoology
2018 6 weeks	<b>Demonstrator in doctoral course</b> Quantitative and computational methods	<b>University of Oxford</b> NERC DTP

## EXPERIENCE

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2016 5 months	<b>Internship in System Biology</b> <i>Trophic network topology along thermal gradients</i> Network theory - statistical modelling - bib. review	<b>Université Pierre et Marie Curie</b> Institute of Ecology and Environmental Sciences
2015 4 months	<b>Internship in Computational Biology</b> <i>Fisheries and trout meta-population dynamics</i> Agent-based models $C_{++}$ - numerical simulations	<b>Ecole normale supérieure Ulm</b> Environmental Research and Teaching Institute
2014-2015 6 months	<b>Internship in Functional Ecology</b> <i>Ontogeny of body colouration in lizards</i> Spectrophotometry - statistical modelling	<b>Université Pierre et Marie Curie</b> Institute of Ecology and Environmental Sciences
2014 5 months	<b>Internship in Behavioural Ecology</b> <i>Fitness consequences of sociality</i> Fieldwork - statistical modelling - network theory	<b>University of Oxford</b> Department of Zoology
2013 2 months	<b>Internship in Cognitive Ethology</b> <i>Detection of prosocial behaviour in rodents</i> Supervision of experiments - animal care	<b>Muséum national d'histoire naturelle</b> Laboratoire d'Ethologie Cognitive et Comparée

## PUBLICATIONS

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| 2022 | <i>Morphological signature of cancer evolution in prostate cancer</i><br>W. Bonnaffé et al.  | In prep.  |
| 2022 | <i>Inferring eco-evolutionary feedbacks from time series data</i><br>W. Bonnaffé & T. Coulson  | In prep.  |
| 2022 | <i>Single chain differential evolution Monte-Carlo for self-tuning Bayesian inference</i><br>W. Bonnaffé   | Under review at Environmental and Ecological Statistics |
| 2022 | <i>Fast fitting of neural ordinary differential equations by Bayesian gradient matching to infer ecological interactions from time series data</i><br>W. Bonnaffé & T. Coulson                                   | Under review at Methods in Ecology and Evolution        |
| 2021 | <i>Species richness and network structure jointly drive total biomass and its temporal stability in fish communities</i><br>A. Danet, E.Thebault, W. Bonnaffé, M. Mouchet & O. Collin                            | Ecology Letters   |
| 2021 | <i>Neural Ordinary Differential Equations for Ecological and Evolutionary time series analysis</i><br>W. Bonnaffé, B.C. Sheldon & T. Coulson   | Methods in Ecology and Evolution                        |
| 2021 | <i>Comparison of size-structured and species-level trophic networks reveals antagonistic effects of temperature on species-level response to temperature</i><br>W. Bonnaffé, S. Legendre, A. Danet, & E. Edeline | Oikos   |
| 2018 | <i>Ontogenetic trajectories of body colouration reveal its function as a multicomponent non-senescent signal</i><br>W. Bonnaffé et al.   | Ecology and Evolution                                   |