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Career History

2017- Postdoctoral researcher; Supporting Hen harriers in Novel Environments (SHINE)
School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University College Cork, Distillery Field, N Mall, Cork, Ireland
Supervisors: Prof. John O'Halloran, Dr. Sandra Irwin

2017- Visiting Research Fellow
School of Biological Sciences, Queen's University Belfast, Medical Biology Centre, 97 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 7BL

Education

2012 - 2016 PhD conservation biology/invasion ecology, Queen's University Belfast
Quantifying the impact of non-native European hares on the endemic Irish hare
Supervisors: Dr. Neil Reid, Prof. Ian Montgomery

2010 - 2011 MRes Biodiversity and Conservation, University of Leeds

Research projects:

- 1 *Patrilineal inheritance of parasite resistance in leaf-cutter ants (*Acromyrmex* sp.)*. Supervisor: Dr. William Hughes
- 2 *Factors influencing passerine productivity in managed reed beds*. Supervisor: Dr. Tom Cameron

2006 - 2009 BSc Zoology with Conservation (Hons), Bangor University
Thesis: *Dietary and faecal iron levels in captive black-and-white ruffed lemurs*
Supervisor: Dr. Charles Bishop

Research Interests

Conservation biology; urban ecology; invasive species; population & community ecology ; movement & spatial ecology; rare and endangered species; sustainability; rewilding; citizen science

Peer-Reviewed Publications

7 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2017) Management and control of invasive brown hares (*Lepus europaeus*): contrasting attitudes of selected environmental stakeholders and the wider rural community. *Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy: Biology & Environment*. 117B: 1-11. doi: 10.3318/bioe.2017.08

6 Tennant JP, Graziotin D, Jacques DC, Waldner F, Dugan JM, Mietchen D, Elkhatib Y, Collister LB, Pikas CK, Crick T, Masuzzo P, **Caravaggi A**, et al. (2017) A multi-disciplinary perspective on emergent and future innovations in peer review. *F1000Research*. 6:1151. doi: 10.12688/f1000research.12037.1

5 **Caravaggi A**, Banks P, Burton C, Finlay CMV, Hayward M, Haswell, PM, Rowcliffe JM, Wood M (2017) A review of camera trapping for conservation behaviour research. *Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation*. doi: 10.1002/rse2.48

4 **Caravaggi A** (2017) remBoot: An R package for Random Encounter Modelling. *Journal of Open Source Software*. 2(10). doi: 10.21105/joss.00176

3 **Caravaggi A**, Leach K, Santilli F, Rintala J, Helle P, Tiainen J, Bisi F, Martinoli A, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2017) Niche overlap of mountain hare subspecies and the vulnerability of their ranges to invasion by the European hare; the (bad) luck of the Irish. *Biological Invasions*. 19(2): 655-674. doi: 10.1007/s10530-016-1330-z

2 **Caravaggi A**, Zaccaroni M, Riga F, Schai-Braun SC, Dick JTA, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2016) An invasive-native mammalian species replacement process captured by camera trap survey Random Encounter Models. *Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation*. 2: 45-58. doi: 10.1002/rse2.11

1 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N et al. (2015) Range expansion and comparative habitat use of insular, congeneric lagomorphs: invasive European hares *Lepus europaeus* and endemic Irish hares *Lepus timidus hibernicus*. *Biological Invasions*. 17(2): 687-698. doi: 10.1007/s10530-014-0759-1

In review

Caravaggi A, Plowman A, Wright D, Bishop C. The composition of captive ruffed lemur (*Varecia* spp.) diets in UK zoological collections, with reference to the problems of obesity and iron storage disease. *Journal of Zoo Animal Research*

Havlin P, **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI. The diet and abundance of an introduced insular population of Red-Necked Wallabies, *Macropus rufogriseus*. *Canadian Journal of Mammalogy*

In preparation

Caravaggi A, Vallely M-C, Hogg K, Freeman M, Fadaei E, Reid N, Tosh D. Circadian activity, seasonal occurrence, and predator-prey relationships of free-ranging mammals revealed by camera traps. To be submitted to *Hystrix, Italian Journal of Mammalogy*

Caravaggi A, Cuthbert RJ, Ryan RG, Cooper J, Bond AL. The cumulative impacts of introduced house mice on the breeding success of nesting seabirds on Gough Island. To be submitted to *Biological Conservation*

Caravaggi A, Turner D, Cameron T. I've got a bad feeling about this: a study into factors affecting reed-nesting birds. To be submitted to *F1000 Research*

Caravaggi A. McCarthy A, Irwin S, O'Halloran J. Hen harriers in Ireland: a review (working title).

Book contributions

Caravaggi A (*in review*) Lagomorpha Life History. In: *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior*, Vonk J, Shackelford TK (eds.) ISBN 9783319550657

Caravaggi A (*in review*) Lagomorpha Navigation. In: *Encyclopedia of Animal Cognition and Behavior*, Vonk J, Shackelford TK (eds.) ISBN 9783319550657

Grants and Scholarships

2015 Emily Sarah Montgomery Travel Scholarship, £200, Queen's University Belfast

2015 Training and Travel grant, £500, British Ecological Society

2012 Research grant, £2,000, People's Trust for Endangered Species

2012 Northern Ireland Environmental Agency (NIEA) funded PhD studentship, Queen's University Belfast

2010 Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Master's scholarship for outstanding candidates, University of Leeds

Presentations

Invited speaker

2017 **Keynote** The changing face of UK conservation. Mammal Society Student Conference

2016 **Keynote** UK mammals. Mammal Society Student Conference

2014 **Guest lecture** Distribution and differential habitat associations of invasive European and endemic Irish hares. Bangor University

Oral presentations

- 12 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2017) An invasion in progress: Impacts of the non-native European hare on the native Irish hare. International Congress for Conservation Biology
- 11 **Caravaggi A** (2017) Predation of seabirds by mice on Gough Island. World Seabird Twitter Conference
- 10 **Caravaggi A** (2017) University Mammal Challenge: distributed mammal surveys with student scientists. Mammal Society Spring Conference
- 9 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2016) Invasion ecology: quantifying the impact of non-native European hares on the endemic Irish hare. British Ecological Society Annual Meeting, Liverpool
- 8 **Caravaggi A**, Hayward M (2016) People and hedgehogs in Wales. North Wales Mammal Symposium, Bangor
- 7 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2016) Invasion ecology: quantifying the impact of non-native European hares on the endemic Irish hare. Mammal Society Spring Conference, Yarnfield
- 6 **Caravaggi A** 2015 Quantifying endemic uniqueness and ecological equivalency between native and invasive leporids. 7th European Congress of Mammalogy, Stockholm, Sweden
- 5 **Caravaggi A**, Leach K, Santilli F, Rintala J, Helle P, Tiainen J, Bisi F, Martinoli A, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2015) Democratisation of invasive species interventions: assessing attitudes towards lethal control of mammalian invaders. Mammal Society Spring Conference, Lancaster
- 4 **Caravaggi A**, Zaccaroni M, Riga F, Schai-Braun SC, Dick JTA, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2015) Using the Random Encounter Model to estimate spatial patterns in invasive and native hare densities in allopatry and sympatry. Mammal Society Student Conference, Lancaster
- 3 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2014) Using the Random Encounter Model to estimate spatial patterns in invasive and native hare densities in allopatry and sympatry. Mammal Society Spring Conference, Birmingham
- 2 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2013) Distribution and differential habitat associations of invasive European and endemic Irish hares. 11th International Mammal Congress, Belfast
- 1 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2013) Invasion ecology: quantifying the impact of non-native European hares on the endemic Irish hare. Mammal Society Student Conference, Staffordshire

Poster presentations

- 9 **Caravaggi A**, Vally M-C, Hogg K, Freeman M, Fadaei E, Reid N, Tosh D (2017) Activity and temporal relationships of free-ranging mammals revealed by camera traps. Mammal Society Spring Conference
- 8 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2015) The democratisation of conservation: public attitudes towards lethal control of invasive leporids and implications for species management. 7th European Congress of Mammalogy, Stockholm, Sweden
- 7 **Caravaggi A**, Zaccaroni M, Riga F, Schai-Braun SC, Dick JTA, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2015) Optimising camera trap Random Encounter Model survey effort: A case study using an invasive-native species replacement process. Vth International Wildlife Management Congress, Sapporo, Japan
- 6 Beresford NA, Wood MD, Gaschack S, Gulyaichenko EA, **Caravaggi A** (2015) Use of wildlife camera traps to within the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. Mammal Society Spring Conference, Lancaster
- 5 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2013) Estimating hare numbers using camera trapping and the Random Encounter Model. 11th International Mammal Congress, Belfast
- 4 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2012) Invasion ecology: quantifying the impact of non-native European hares on the endemic Irish hare. 2nd All Ireland Mammal Symposium (AIMS), Dublin

3 **Caravaggi A**, Montgomery WI, Reid N (2012) Invasion ecology: quantifying the impact of non-native European hares on the endemic Irish hare. 4th World Lagomorph Conference, BOKU, Vienna

2 **Caravaggi A**, Hughes W (2011) Patrilineal inheritance of grooming behaviour and parasite resistance in leaf-cutting ants (*Acromyrmex* sp.). Postgraduate Student Forum, University of Leeds pdf

1 **Caravaggi A**, Bishop, C (2009) Dietary and faecal iron levels in captive black-and-white ruffed lemurs (*Varecia* spp.). 11th BIAZA Research Symposium, Blackpool Zoo pdf

Teaching

Supervision

Worked with the students to develop research questions and appropriate methodologies, taught relevant statistical techniques and how to implement them in SPSS and R, monitored progress, and gave feedback and advice throughout

2017 BSc research project. *Comparing hen harrer growth across Europe*. University College Cork

2015 MSc research project. *Behaviour and stress in sympatric hare species*. Queen's University, Belfast

2014 MSc research project. *Activity and behaviour of hares in Mid-Ulster*. Queen's University, Belfast

2014 Undergraduate residential field course. Queen's University, Belfast

2013 MSc research project. *Estimating hare population densities*. Queen's University, Belfast

2013 BSc research project. *Resource and habitat partitioning of herbivores*. Queen's University, Belfast

2013 Undergraduate residential field course. Queen's University, Belfast

Module development

2017-18 BL6024 Quantitative skills for biologists using R.

Provided quantitative skills required by postgraduate students to successfully conduct and publish their research, with a focus on data analysis and graphing, statistics, and basic modelling, as generally implemented by zoologists and ecologists. Supported by a new R Peer Group mailing list and pop-up clinics

Instruction and demonstration

2016-17 Course tutor: ornithology, camera traps, social media. Eco-Explore, Cardiff

Developed materials and taught courses on UK bird identification, the use of camera traps in ecology, and social media for scientists

2016 Lecturer and field ornithologist. Operation Wallacea, Ecuador

Co-developed and delivered a 5-part series of lectures focussing on rainforest biodiversity and conservation, and conducted bird ringing studies including demonstrating techniques and training students in biometric data gathering. Also trained an assistant on mist nest extraction and data recording

2015 Otter surveys, MSc, Queen's University Belfast

Trained a Master's student in otter survey techniques and field signs, and advised on camera trap survey methodology

2014 Bird surveys, undergraduate module. Queen's University Belfast

Developed materials and taught a one-off field-based class, including training and supervision of students

2015 Demonstrator: Introduction to GIS, undergraduate module. Queen's University Belfast

2014 Demonstrator: Animal biology, undergraduate module. Queen's University Belfast

Professional Activities

Conference organisation

2017 Biotweeps Twitter Conference, #BTCon17; conception and organisation

2016-17 Mammal Society Student Conference; conception and supervision

2014-15 Mammal Society Student Conference; publicity officer

Peer reviewer

Journal of Zoology; PLOS One; Mammal Research; Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation; Mammal Review; Zoo Biology; Global Change Biology; Journal of Natural History; Invasive Species Compendium

Training and workshops

2017 Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University College Cork
2017 NERC Advanced Training, Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis for Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia
2017 Level 3 Teaching Assistant, E-Training Hub
2017 Public Outreach, Science Made Simple
2016 Mentor Training, British Ecological Society
2016 Conservation Ecology Special Interest Group workshop, British Ecological Society Annual Meeting
2016 Acoustic Analysis, North Wales Mammal Symposium
2014 Using R, Queen's University Belfast
2012 Lagomorph Systematics, 4th World Lagomorph Conference

Licenses and Certifications

2014 ASPA laboratory animal handling license (TSA/47/14)
2014 Emergency first aid
2014 Field first aid
2009 Bird ringing 'C' license holder, British Trust for Ornithology 2008 Marine mammal medic, British Divers Marine Life Rescue
2002 Full manual UK driving license, held without incident or penalty

Memberships

(since)
2015 South Wales Mammal Group, Welsh Ornithological Society
2013 Society of Conservation Biology (SCB)
2012 The Mammal Society, British Ecological Society
2011 Royal Society of Biology
2009 The British Trust for Ornithology

Organisational and Working Groups

2017 SCB Participatory and Citizen Science
2016 Committee member, South Wales Mammal Group
2016 Student Officer, Mammal Society Council
2016 British Ecological Society Review College
2013 SCB Urban Ecology

Additional roles

2016 Community Ecology session chair, British Ecological Society Annual Meeting
2016 Advisor to National Geographic on red fox ecology
2016 Coordinator of The Mammal Society's University Mammal Challenge
2016 British Ecological Society Women in Ecology (WIE) mentor 2016 Mammal (hares) consultant for The Mammal Society
2013 Wildlife consultant, Biological records for the North East of Scotland (NESBReC)
2013-17 UK STEM Ambassador
2012-15 EBEE postgraduate representative, Queen's University Belfast
2012-15 SBS Athena SWAN committee, Queen's University Belfast
2008-09 Undergraduate student representative, Bangor University Biological Sciences
2007-09 Founding committee & publicity officer, Bangor University Zoological Society

Media engagements

Radio

2017 BBC Coventry & Warwickshire, Wallabies in the UK
2017 Invited guest, The Edgar Ortega Radio Show, Invasive species and urban wildlife
2016 SciComm podcast Episodes 7 & 8, with Dr. Mike
2015 BBC Radio Ulster, Hares at Belfast airport
2015 BBC News School Report for St. Pius X, Magherafelt's Biodiversity Club
2015 BBC Radio Ulster, Good Morning Ulster, Invasive species
2013 RTE Radio 1, Mooney Goes Wild, Hares in Ireland

Television

2015 Countryfile, BBC
2013 River Bann, RTE Television

Blog posts

2017 A brief history of an Early Career Researcher, Errant Science
2017 Rejected by the Rainforest, I F-ing Love Conservation
2017 Introducing the University Mammal Challenge, The Mammal Society
2016 Is there intelligent life on Earth? Save our Souls magazine
2016 Camera traps reveal a hare-raising situation. RSEC blog, ZSL
2016 On closer inspection, it looks like a hare transplant. QUBio
2015 Communities and conservation in developing countries. QUBio
2015 Putting wildlife in the frame. QUBio
2015 Dear Alice, the hare might be sane after all. QUBio
2014 Mountain hare and Irish hare. The Mammal Society
2014 A receding hare line and a brown toupee. QUBio

Social media

2017 Co-created @SciCommGames, Environmental and science communication Twitter games
2015 Featured curator, @Biotweeps
2014 Created @Biotweeps, a science communication Twitter project (~12.5k followers)
2013 Created @Ring-ingPlanet, a bird-ringing Twitter aggregator (~2k followers)
2012 Created and managed the NI Hares Facebook page

Outreach

Community/group talks

Schools, natural history groups, student groups and local interest groups in Wales, England, Northern Ireland, Ireland, USA and Canada, in person and via video. Including remote project development, mentoring and advisement.

2017 Contributing scientist, Skype a Scientist
2017 Enquiry Zone scientist, I'm a Scientist, Get Me Out of Here!
2017 Partner scientist, Student Science Partnerships, USA
2016 Invited author, Shropshire Mammal Group newsletter
2016 Correspondent, Letters to a Pre-Scientist
2014 Invited expert, multi-school careers advice and speed-networking event
2013 Volunteer science presenter, ornithology, Techniquet, Cardiff
2013 Bioblitz naturalist, Carmarthen
2013 Conservation group participant, I'm a Scientist, Get Me out of Here
2013 Bird ringing demonstrator, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales
2012 Bird ringing demonstrator, Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales
2011 Bioblitz naturalist, Carmarthen

Skills

Data analysis

R (packages include MuMIn, lme4, ggplot, remBoot, maptools, raster, SDMTools, StatMatch, pdist, glmmulti, metafor), SPSS, Minitab, Distance, MARK

GIS

R, ArcGIS, QGIS

Other software

MaxEnt, MAVIS NVC, Patch Analyst, GeneMapper, Microsoft office, GitHub, RMarkdown, graphics packages (e.g. Photoshop), bespoke software

Statistical

General linear and mixed-effects models, Principal Components Analysis, Species Distribution Modelling, Discriminant Function Analysis, diversity indices, Mahalanobis and Euclidean distance, cross-correlation functions, model averaging, Random Encounter Models, meta-analysis, other parametric and non-parametric tests

Field

Off-road driving (4x4), multi-taxa (mammal, bird, invertebrate, reptile, amphibian; UK coastal, marine and terrestrial) surveys (e.g. mark and recapture, distance sampling, camera traps, quadrats, scan/focal sampling;) and identification, habitat surveys, animal handling (amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates, and small-to-large birds and mammals), orienteering

Laboratory

Multi-taxa dissection (mammal, bird, amphibian, invertebrate), species identification via microscopy, ethological studies, tissue sampling, DNA manipulation, electrophoresis, atomic absorption and colourimetric spectroscopy, specimen preparation, soil chemical and biological analysis

Referees

Dr. Neil Reid

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