

# Computer Lab 6. Analyzing camera trap data.

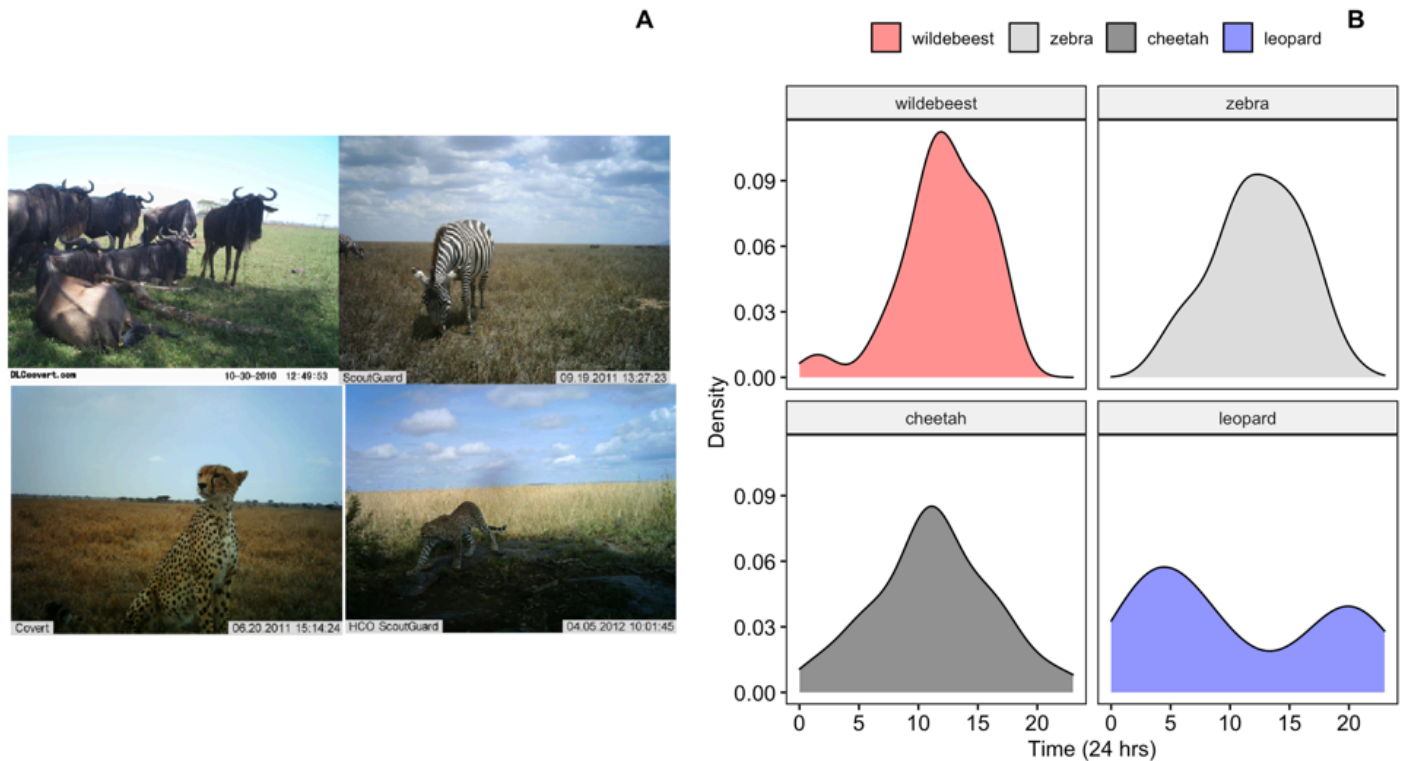


Figure 6: Images of wildebeest, zebra, cheetah and leopard from the Snapshot Serengeti image database (<http://lila.science/datasets/snapshot-serengeti>)

## Background

In this lab we will use actual camera trap data collected in Serengeti National Park to investigate temporal niche partitioning. The camera trap data that we will use for this field lab comes from the 'Snapshot Serengeti' project (<http://lila.science/datasets/snapshot-serengeti>). The scientists set out 225 cameras within a 1,125 km<sup>2</sup> area. The cameras have been deployed continuously since 2010, and the researchers recruited citizen scientists to help with classifying images (<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/zooniverse/snapshot-serengeti>).

## Goals of the exercises

The main goal(s) of today's lab are to:

- 1) Understand the types of behavioral data that scientists can collect from camera trap photos.

- 2) Become familiar with one of the ways scientists can compare differences in activity patterns.
- 3) Think about interspecific interactions of predator-prey and potential competitors in the Serengeti.

### *Getting started*

First we need to load the relevant packages for our data analysis. Packages contain all the functions that are needed for data analysis.

```
library(behaviouR)
library(ggpubr)
```

## Part 1: Collect Serengeti camera trap data

The original dataset includes over 2.65M sequences of camera trap images (totaling 7.1M images) from ten field seasons. As you can imagine that is a lot of data! For this lab we will focus on a subset of the data collected over the course of a few seasons.

We will be taking random subsets of the camera trap photos (the current default is 5 per season which you should change for your actual study), and we use 'set.seed' to make sure that our results are reproducible.

```
set.seed(2210)
```

We can use the following code to query the database by season to see which photos are available. The available seasons are 1-4, 6-8,10,11. This function will return a table with all of the available camera trap photos for a particular season. With camera trap data often times photos will be taken in a sequence (e.g. if the animal is moving in front of the camera for a long time). The values in the table below include all photos in a sequence, but the code we use to download the photos only takes the first photo in a sequence. Therefore the sample sizes indicated in this table and the actual sample size may be different.

```
CameraTrapAnnotations(season = 1)
```

##					
##	aardvark	aardwolf	baboon	batearedfox	buffalo
##	143	88	348	315	1455
##	bushbuck	caracal	cheetah	civet	dikdik
##	36	57	575	27	728
##	eland	elephant	gazellegrants	gazellethomsons	genet
##	113	1687	4967	29705	28
##	giraffe	guineafowl	hare	hartebeest	hippopotamus
##	1923	3217	327	2139	340
##	honeybadger	hyenaspotted	hyenastriped	impala	jackal
##	42	2752	112	691	304
##	koribustard	leopard	lionfemale	lionmale	mongoose
##	591	38	1519	665	290
##	monkeyvervet	ostrich	otherbird	porcupine	reedbuck
##	64	211	2322	114	946
##	reptiles	rhinoceros	rodents	secretarybird	serval
##	357	6	129	198	174
##	topi	warthog	waterbuck	wildcat	wildebeest
##	428	2685	25	48	689
##	zebra	zorilla			
##	5592	9			

For this lab you are going to choose two animals from the camera trap dataset. It could be a pair of animals that are predator and prey or two potential competitors. Once you decide on the two animals you want to compare you will make some predictions about how you think they will differ in their activity patterns.

Now we will use another function to download the camera trap photos and save them locally to our computer. You can change the season by changing the values for season (remember the available seasons are 1-4, 6-8,10,11). You can change the focal animal by changing the 'AnimalID'; make sure that the spelling and case is exactly the same as in the table above. You can change the number of photos per season that you download (the default is 5). When 'create.dir' is true this will create a folder in your current working directory. For this example the folder is called 'CameraTrapPhotoszebra'. If create.dir='FALSE' all the photos will be downloaded directly to your working directory. To find the directory type 'getwd()' into your R console.

```
CombinedAnimalDF <- CameraTrapDataAccess(urlpath = "https://lilablobssc.blob.core.w
season = list(1, 2), AnimalID = "zebra", NumPhotos = 5, create.dir = TRUE)
```

Here we isolate only the columns from the dataframe that we need.

```
CombinedAnimalDF <- CombinedAnimalDF[, c("category_id", "season", "location", "file
head(CombinedAnimalDF)
```

##	category_id	season	location	filename
## 1975	zebra	S1	C03	CameraTrapPhotoszebra/zebra_S1_C03.JPG
## 4742	zebra	S1	C06	CameraTrapPhotoszebra/zebra_S1_C06.JPG
## 292	zebra	S1	B05	CameraTrapPhotoszebra/zebra_S1_B05.JPG
## 7513	zebra	S1	D05	CameraTrapPhotoszebra/zebra_S1_D05.JPG
## 4582	zebra	S1	C06	CameraTrapPhotoszebra/zebra_S1_C06.JPG
## 45467	zebra	S2	E02	CameraTrapPhotoszebra/zebra_S2_E02.JPG

The function below will allow you to enter data and look through each photo included in the 'CombinedAnimalDF' spreadsheet and enter the time that the photo was taken. You can change option='Plot' to option='Viewer' to load the photos more quickly, but you will have to expand the photo to see the whole thing. The input file should be the dataframe created using the 'CameraTrapDataAccess' function. You can break out of the function at any time by typing 'break'. It will print out which row of the dataframe you were on when you stopped the function. If you would like to resume where you left off you must change 'rowstart=1' to the row number indicated, and change 'dataframe.cont = FALSE' to 'dataframe.cont = TRUE'.

Here is the function to view photos and annotate data.

```
CombinedAnimalDF_TimeAdded <- CameraTrapDataCollection(inputfile = CombinedAnimalDF
rowstart = 1, dataframe.cont = FALSE, option = "Viewer")
```

Now you may want to save your datasheet locally

```
write.csv(CombinedAnimalDF_TimeAdded, "CombinedAnimalDF_TimeAdded.csv", row.names =
```

## Part 2: Analyze your Serengeti camera trap data

First we load your data sheet with the times added. NOTE: Make sure that your updated datasheet has the exact same name as the file indicated below.

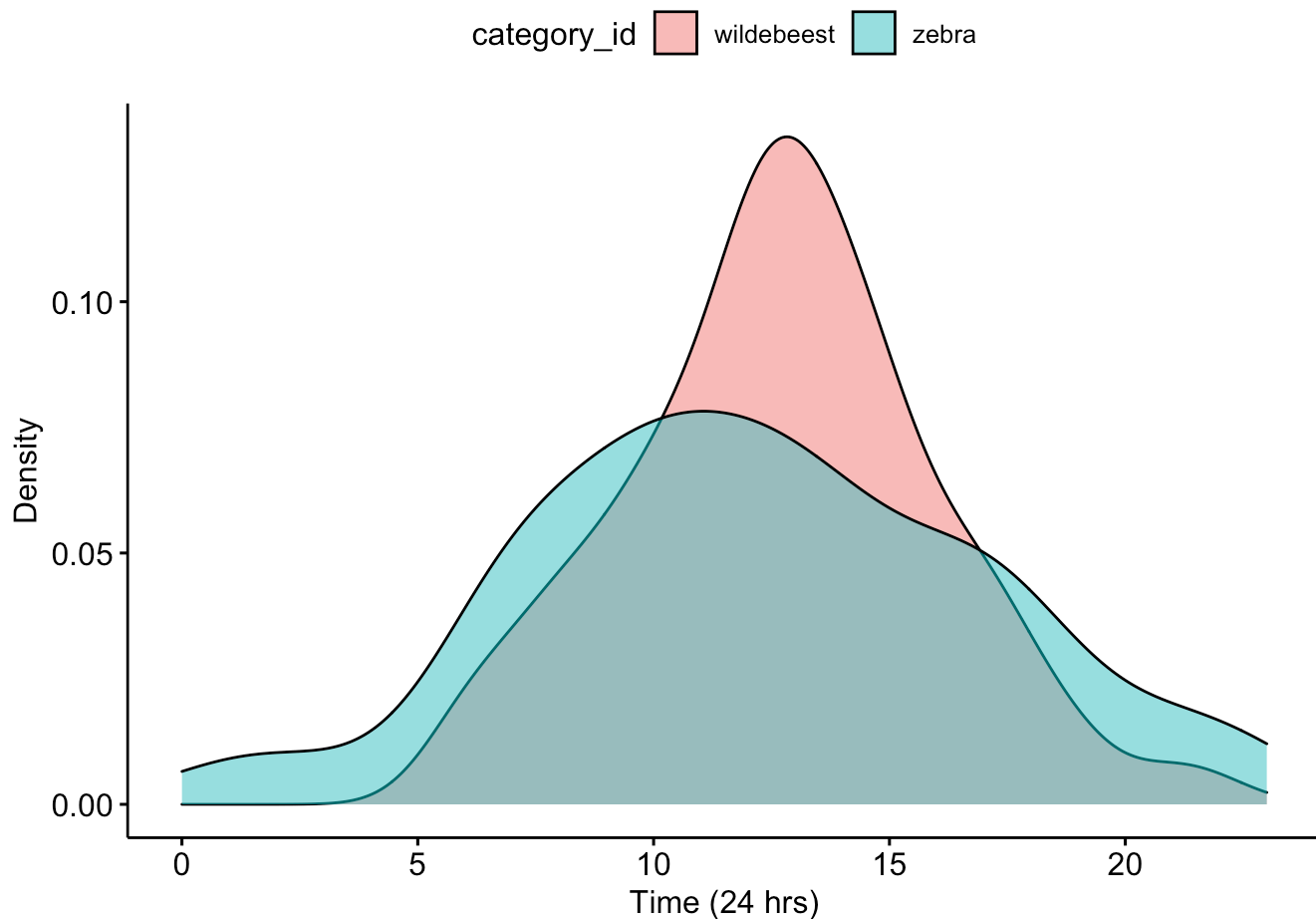
```
# You can read in your datasheet that you saved  
CombinedDFTimes <- read.csv("CombinedAnimalDF_TimeAdded.csv")
```

Then we can check the structure

```
head(CombinedDFTimes)
```

Now we can make a density plot that will show the distribution of camera trap photos that were taken over 24-hours. We add the fill = 'category\_id' so that we show different distributions for each animal.

```
ggpubr::ggdensity(data = CombinedDFTimes, x = "Time", fill = "category_id") + xlab(  
  ylab("Density")
```



**Question 1.** What do you notice about the overlap of the two density curves? Does it look like there is temporal niche partitioning?

Now we can calculate an overlap coefficient which can be used to investigate potential competitive and interaction possibilities between species. The value ranges from 0 (no overlap) to 1 (complete overlap).

First we subset our data to focus on the first animal in our dataset

```
FirstAnimal <- subset(CombinedDFTimes, category_id == "zebra")
```

Then we subset our data to focus on the second animal in our dataset

```
SecondAnimal <- subset(CombinedDFTimes, category_id == "wildebeest")
```

Now we use the overlap function to calculate the overlap coefficient

```
bayestestR::overlap(FirstAnimal$Time, SecondAnimal$Time)
```

```
## # Overlap
```

```
##
```

```
## 0.81
```

**Question 2.** How do you interpret the overlap coefficient for your data?

## Part 3: Focus on your partner's Serengeti camera trap data

Now we will read in our partners data.

NOTE: Make sure that your updated datasheet has the exact same name as the file indicated below.

```
CombinedPartnerDFTimes <- read.csv("CombinedAnimalDF_TimeAddedPartner.csv")
```

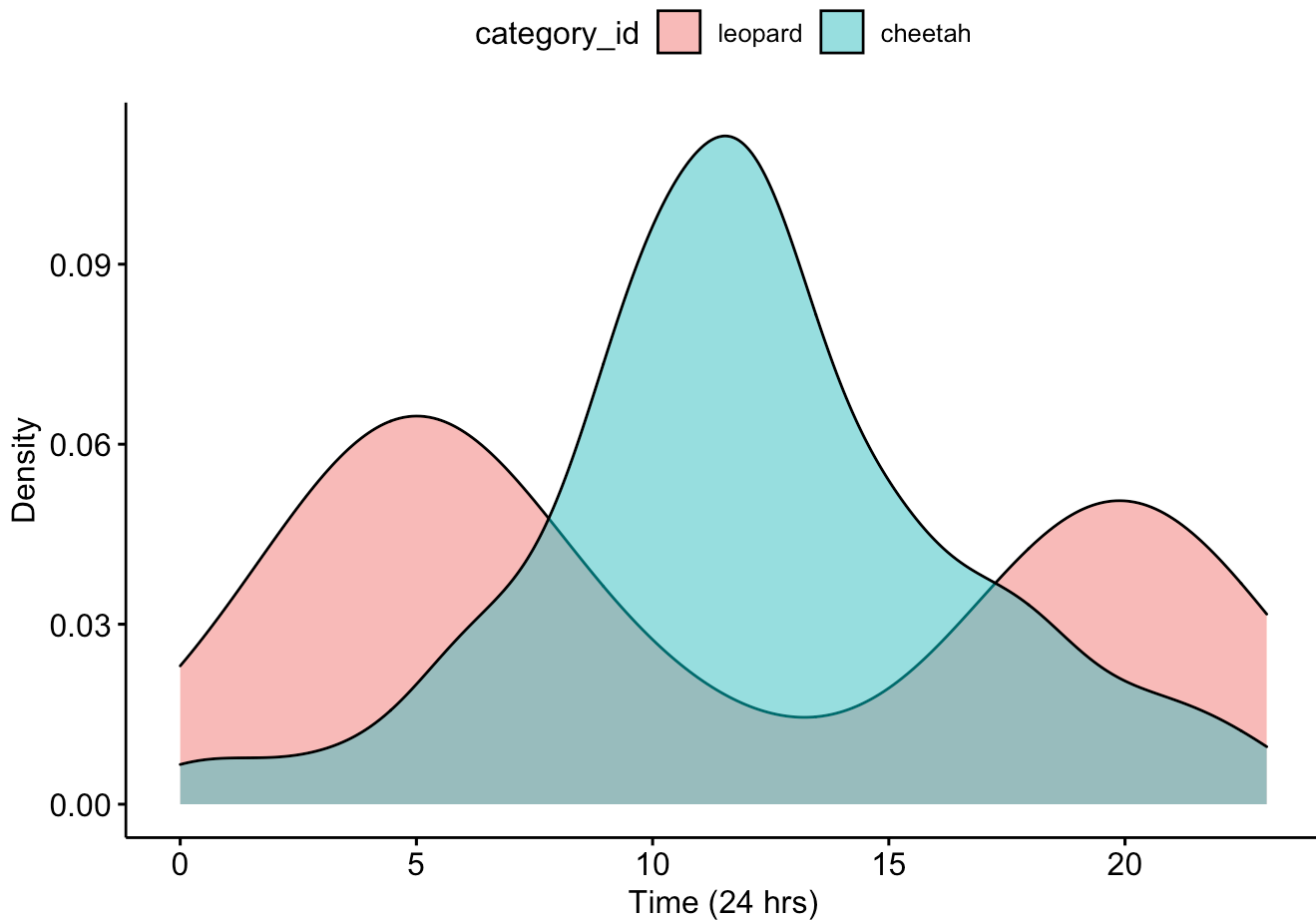
Let's check the structure

```
head(CombinedPartnerDFTimes)
```

##	category_id	season	location	filename	Time
## 1	leopard	S1	B06	CameraTrapPhotosleopard/leopard_S1_B06.JPG	4
## 2	leopard	S1	D06	CameraTrapPhotosleopard/leopard_S1_D06.JPG	20
## 3	leopard	S1	D06	CameraTrapPhotosleopard/leopard_S1_D06.JPG	20
## 4	leopard	S1	D06	CameraTrapPhotosleopard/leopard_S1_D06.JPG	20
## 5	leopard	S1	E06	CameraTrapPhotosleopard/leopard_S1_E06.JPG	4
## 6	leopard	S1	E06	CameraTrapPhotosleopard/leopard_S1_E06.JPG	4

Now we can make a density plot for our partner's data.

```
ggpubr::ggdensity(data = CombinedPartnerDFTimes, x = "Time", fill = "category_id") +
  xlab("Time (24 hrs)") + ylab("Density")
```



**Question 3.** What do you notice about the overlap of the two density curves for your partner's data? Does it look like there is temporal niche partitioning?

Now we can calculate an overlap coefficient which can be used to investigate potential competitive and interaction possibilities between species. The value ranges from 0 (no overlap) to 1 (complete overlap).

First we subset our data to focus on the first animal in your partner's data set

```
FirstAnimalPartner <- subset(CombinedPartnerDFTimes, category_id == "cheetah")
```

Then we subset our data to focus on the second animal in our dataset

```
SecondAnimalPartner <- subset(CombinedPartnerDFTimes, category_id == "leopard")
```



Now we use the overlap function to calculate the overlap coefficient

```
bayestestR::overlap(FirstAnimalPartner$Time, SecondAnimalPartner$Time)
```

```
## # Overlap
```

```
##
```

```
## 0.44
```

**Question 4.** What is the overlap coefficient for your partner's data? How do you interpret this?

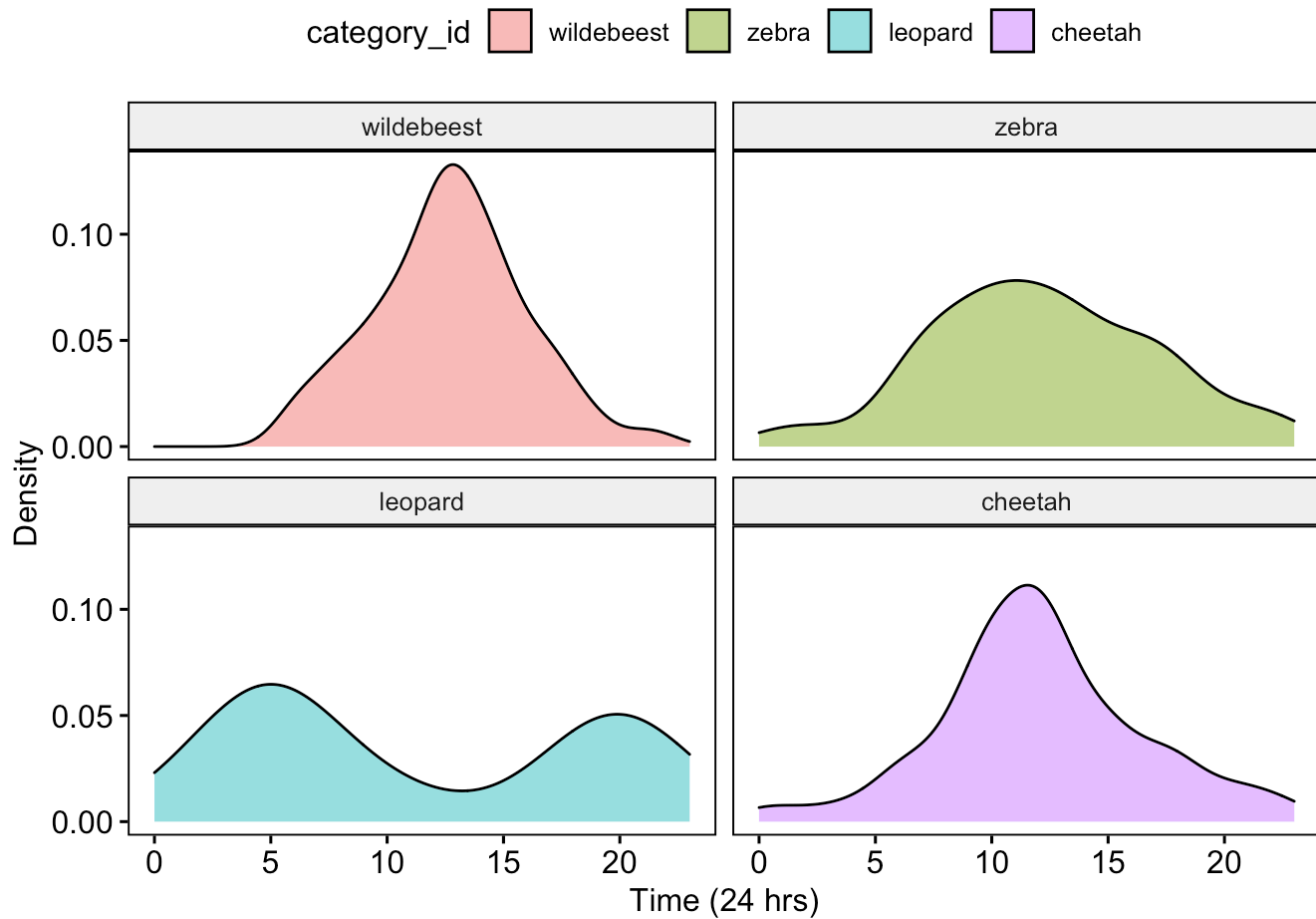
## Part 4. Investigating temporal niche partitioning in four different animals

First we combine both datasets

```
AllDataCombined <- rbind.data.frame(CombinedDFTimes, CombinedPartnerDFTimes)
```

Then we plot the diel activity patterns for all four species

```
ggpubr::ggdensity(data = AllDataCombined, x = "Time", fill = "category_id", facet.b  
  xlab("Time (24 hrs)") + ylab("Density")
```



**Question 5.** Based on the activity patterns and your understanding of the Serengeti food web how do you interpret these results? Is there evidence of temporal niche partitioning among potential competitors? What about interactions between potential predators and prey?