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ABOUT ME

I'm an IMPRS doctoral student at MPI Animal Behaviour and MPI Evolutionary Anthropology. I'm broadly interested in the evolution of complex cognition and culture. More specifically I focus on the emergence of socially learned vocal behaviours in parrots. I study vocalisations and social behaviour of the monk parakeet, an invasive parrot in many European cities. I also do comparative work trying to link vocal complexity, social complexity, brain size and longevity across parrots. I'm supervised by Dr. Lucy Aplin and Dr. Mary Brooke McElreath.

EDUCATION

Master of Biology 2016-2018
University of Southern Denmark | Odense, Denmark

- Courses in behavior, bio-acoustics, terrestrial ecology, statistics, research projects, Matlab, sound and hearing, marine mammals, biodiversity.
- Thesis topic: "Pinniped cognition: the ability to recall own behaviour on cue"

Bachelor of Biology (minor in Mathematics) 2013-2016
University of Southern Denmark | Odense, Denmark

- Courses in zoology, botany, ecology, ecotoxicology, statistics and mathematics.
- Thesis topic: "Spatial memory in Daubenton's bats"

EXPERIENCE

IMPRS doctoral researcher 2019 - current
Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior and Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology | Radolfzell, Germany

- Parrot vocal and social complexity
- Supervisors: Dr. Mary Brooke McElreath and Dr. Lucy Aplin