

# Xingfeng Si

# Curriculum Vitae

## **Basic Information**

Position PhD Student in Ecology

Place of Birth Zhejiang, China

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#### Education

2008 - **PhD Student**, *Ecology*, Zhejiang University, China.

Supervisor: Prof. PING DING.

2012-2013 Visiting Student, Ecology, Duke University, USA.

Adviser: Prof. STUART PIMM

2004-2008 **B. S.**, *Biology*, Zhejiang Normal University, China.

Adviser: Prof. YIXIN BAO

## Awards & Honors

- 2013 Gold Awards of the 9th Kingfisher Forum, China Ornithological Society.
- 2012 State Scholarship Fund, China Scholarship Council.
- 2012 Honorable Awards of the 1st Student Forum, CLS Zhejiang University.
- 2011 Merit Graduated Student in 2010-2011, Zhejiang University.
- 2011 Honors of First-class Scholarship in 2010-2011, Zhejiang University.
- 2011 Gold Awards of the 7th Kingfisher Forum, China Ornithological Society.
- 2009 Silver Awards of the 5th Kingfisher Forum, China Ornithological Society.
- 2008 Ten Outstanding Research & Training Students, Zhejiang Normal University.
- 2005 Excellent Student Cadre in 2004-2005, Zhejiang Normal University.
- 2005 Second-class Scholarship in 2004-2005, Zhejiang Normal University.
- 2005 Excellent League Member in 2004, Zhejiang Normal University.

## Memberships of Organizations

2014 - Member, International Biogeography Society

- 2013 Member, Society for Conservation Biology
- 2013 **Member**, Ecological Society of Zhejiang Province
- 2009 Member, China Ornithological Society
- 2008 **Member**, Zhejiang Zoological Society

# Postgraduate Training

- 2013 **Metapopulation capacity analyses (Mathematica v9)**. GARETH RUSSELL (New Jersey Institute of Technology), 2013.01.28-30, Durham, NC USA.
- 2013 **Survival rate analyses and banding training of the sooty tern** *Onychoprion fuscatus*. STUART PIMM (Duke University), 2013.3.11-14, Dry Tortugas, FL USA.
- 2010 Wildness First Aid. LLOYD FIGGINS (EarthWatch Institute), 2010.10.07-10, Kaihua, China.
- 2009 **Spatial analysis biostatistics**. PIERRE LEGENDRE (Université de Montréal), 2009.10.01-05, Beijing, China.
- 2009 **Linear regression**. PIERRE LEGENDRE (Université de Montréal), 2009.09.10-15, Beijing, China.
- 2009 Mathematical statistics, R programming language and multivariate statistical analyses. Jiangshan Lai, Jinlong Zhang (Institute of Botany, Chinese Academic of Science), Yanping Chen (Renmin University of China), 2009.09.05-09, Beijing, China.

## **Research Interests**

#### Breeding bird turnover on fragmented islands.

The Island Biogeography Theory of MacArthur & Wilson provides important insights into fragmentation because of the proposed similarity of island surrounded by water and habitat 'islands' surrounded by other habitats inhospitable to the species involved. This theory proposes that the species' colonization rates to islands depend on their isolation, while local extinction rates depend on their area. The Thousand Island Lake, eastern China exactly has the landscape to test this theory. I examined the factors that determine the colonization and extinction of breeding birds on island using long-term counts of bird communities.

#### Wildlife monitoring using camera traps.

Camera trapping of wildlife, especially for some elusive and cryptic animals, had been practiced and become an available method to estimate the abundance of animals. I investigate the relationship between the population estimation and trapping rate that can be influenced by a variety of factors, such as species-specific behavior, species size and patterns of habitat use. Then I proposed a minimum trapping effort to ensure that we can detect the wildlife of interest effectively with limited time.

# Teaching Experience

- 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, *Undergraduate Summer Zoology Field Practice*, Tianmushan Biosphere Reserve and Thousand Island Lake, Zhejiang Province, China.
- 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, *Undergraduate Summer Zoology Field Practice*, Tianmushan Biosphere Reserve, Zhejiang Province, China.
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, *Undergraduate Summer Zoology Field Practice*, Tianmushan Biosphere Reserve, Zhejiang Province, China.

# **Research Projects**

### **Directed Projects**

2006-2007 Observation and Study of Reproductive Behavior of Rodents. Laboratory Open Program of **Zhejiang Normal University**. (Project Director, 1/3)

#### **Participated Projects**

- 2013-2017 Effects of food web and its composition on bird and plant communities in subtropical fragmented habitats a case study of land-bridge islands in Thousand Island Lake. National Science Foundation of China. (Core Participant, 4/8)
- 2012-2015 Dynamic and Stability of forest bird community in fragmented habitats of Thousand Island Lake. National Science Foundation of China. (Participant, 6/10)
- 2012-2014 Sensitivity research on habitat fragmentation of birds and reptiles in Thousand Island Lake.

  National Science Foundation of China. (Participant, 5/8)
- 2012-2014 Body size evolution of island population of Takydromus septentrionalis and its responses on life history. National Science Foundation of China. (Participant, 3/7)
- 2012-2012 Conservation project of Leucopsar rothschildi in Indonisia. Ministry of Science and Technology of China. (Participant, 14/23)
- 2010-2012 Biodiversity census in Baishanzu National Nature Reserve (Plants, Mammals and Birds). Baishanzu National Nature Reserve. (Core Participant)
- 2009-2011 The effects of habitat fragmentation on life history traits of birds in Thousand Island Lake.

  National Science Foundation of China. (Participant)
- 2009-2010 Wild Animal Resource Census in Wuxijiang Wetland Park, Zhejiang. Forestry Administration of Qujiang District. (Core Participant)
- 2008-2011 Resource Monitoring Technology and Demonstration of Forest Bird Species. Special Topic of National Key Technology R&D Program of China. (First Participant, 3/5)
  - 2008 Wildlife Resource Census in Hongshuang Nature Reserve, Rui'an. Forestry Administration of Rui'an City. (Core Participant)
- 2007-2009 The effects of habitat fragmentation on diversity and community composition of birds in Thousand Island Lake. **National Science Foundation of China**. (Participant)

#### Publications

#### Peer Reviewed

- [2] **Xingfeng Si**, Roland Kays & Ping Ding. (2014) How long is enough to detect terrestrial animals? Estimate the minimum trapping effort on camera traps. *PeerJ*, accepted.
- [1] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2011) History, status of monitoring land birds in Europe and American and countermeasures of China. *Biodiversity Science*, 19: 303-310. (in Chinese with English abstract).
  - **Xingfeng Si**, Stuart L. Pimm, Gareth J. Russell & Ping Ding. Turnover of breeding bird communities on islands of an inundated lake. *under revision*.
  - Guozhen Shen, Stuart L. Pimm, Chaoyang Feng, Guofang Ren, Yangping Liu, Wenting Xu, Junqing Li, Xingfeng Si, Hongxin Su & Zongqiang Xie. Climate change challenges the static conservation strategy for the giant panda. *under review*.
  - **Xingfeng Si**, et al. Partitioning beta diversity of bird communities on land-bridge islands challenges the conservation strategies in an inundated lake. *in preparation*.

## Non-peer Reviewed

- [9] **Xingfeng Si**, Stuart L. Pimm, Gareth J. Russell & Ping Ding. (2014) Turnover of breeding bird communities on land-bridge islands: testing MacArthur & Wilson's theory. *Proceedings of the 26th International Ornithological Congress*, 2014.08.18-24, pp. ××-×, Tokyo, Japan.
- [8] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2014) Species turnover of bird communities on land-bridge islands in Thousand Island Lake, eastern China. *Proceedings of the 6th EAFES International Congress*, 2014.04.09-11, pp. 187, Haikou, China.
- [7] Xingfeng Si, Stuart L. Pimm, Gareth J. Russell & Ping Ding. (2013) Turnover of breeding communities on land-bridge islands. Proceedings of the 12th China Ornithological Congress and the 10th Cross-strait Ornithological Congress, 2013.11.23-24, pp. 13, Hangzhou, China. (in Chinese)
- [6] **Xingfeng Si**. (2012) A case study of minimum trapping effort using camera traps in eastern China. Talks and Posters of the 13th Student Conference on Conservation Science, 2012.03.20-22, pp. 49, Cambridge, UK.
- [5] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2011) Minimum trapping effort of monitoring ground-activity animals using camera traps: a case study in Gutianshan National Nature Reserve, eastern China. *Proceedings of the 7th National Conference on Wildlife Ecology and Resource Conservation*, 2011.10.28-31, pp. 132, Jinhua, China. (in Chinese)
- [4] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2010) Monitoring ground activity birds using camera trapping in Gutianshan 24-ha plot. *Proceedings of the 9th National Symposium on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in China*, 2010.11.04-06, pp. 99-100, Xiamen, China.
- [3] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2010) Bird monitoring in Gutianshan 24-ha plot: using spot mapping and infrared cameras. *Proceedings of the 2010 International Forum on Biodiversity Monitoring*, 2010.06.20-22, pp. 96, Nanjing, China. (in Chinese)
- [2] Meng Zhang, Ping Ding, Yanping Wang, **Xingfeng Si**, Zhifeng Ding & Jiji Sun. (2009) Effects of habitat fragmentation on the use of nest site resources by great tits in Thousand Island Lake, Zhejiang Province. *Proceedings of the 11th Congress of Zhejiang Zoological Society*, 2009.10.30-11.01, pp. 513, Jinhua, China. (in Chinese)
- [1] Longlong Zhang, Yixin Bao, Huanhuan Li, **Xingfeng Si** & Shuoying Hu. (2008) The functional groups and trophic levels of soil macro-fauna in different vegetation type, Beishan Mountain, Jinhua. *Proceedings of the 8th National Symposium on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in China*, 2008.10.17-19, pp. 257-267, Jinhua, China. (in Chinese with English abstract)

## **Presentations**

#### **Oral Talks**

- [9] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2014) Species turnover of bird communities on land-bridge islands in Thousand Island Lake, eastern China. *The 6th EAFES International Congress*, Haikou, China.
- [8] Xingfeng Si, Stuart L. Pimm, Gareth J. Russell & Ping Ding. (2013) Determinants of colonization-extinction dynamics of breeding bird communities on land-bridge islands. The 12th China Ornithological Congress and the 9th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop, Hangzhou, China.
- [7] **Xingfeng Si**. (2012) Biodiversity research in the Thousand Island Lake region. *The Pimm Group at Duke University*, Durham, NC USA.
- [6] **Xingfeng Si**. (2012) Introduction to camera traps. *Undergraduate Summer Zoology Field Practice*, Thousand Island Lake, China.

- [5] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2011) Minimum trapping effort of monitoring ground-activity animals using camera traps: a case study in Gutianshan National Nature Reserve. *The 7th King-fisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop*, Lanzhou, China.
- [4] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2010) Monitoring ground-activity birds using camera trapping in Gutianshan 24-ha plot. *The 9th National Symposium on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in China*, Xiamen, China.
- [3] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2010) Bird monitoring in Gutianshan 24-ha plot: using spot mapping and infrared cameras. *The 2010 International Forum on Biodiversity Monitoring*, Nanjing, China.
- [2] **Xingfeng Si**, Guochun Shen & Ping Ding. (2009) Basic results of monitoring of bird community in Gutianshan 24-ha plott. *The 3rd Cross-strait Symposium on Forest Dynamic Plots*, Zhaoqing, China.
- [1] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2009) Bird community structures in Gutianshan dynamic monitoring plot. *The 5th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop*, Harbin, China.

#### **Posters**

- [3] Xingfeng Si, Stuart L. Pimm, Gareth J. Russell & Ping Ding. (2014) Turnover of breeding bird communities on land-bridge islands: testing MacArthur & Wilson's theory. *The 26th International Ornithological Congress*, Tokyo, Japan.
- [2] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2012) How long is enough to monitor ground-dwelling animals? A case study of minimum trapping effort in Gutianshan National Nature Reserve, eastern China. *The 1st Student Forum on Sci-Tech Innovation of College of Life Sciences at Zhejiang University*, Hangzhou, China.
- [1] **Xingfeng Si** & Ping Ding. (2012) How long is enough to monitor ground-dwelling animals? A case study of minimum trapping effort in Gutianshan National Nature Reserve, eastern China. *The 13th Student Conference on Conservation Science*, Cambridge, UK.

# Participation in Scientific Conferences & Symposiums

- 2014 The 26th International Ornithological Congress, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2014 The 6th EAFES International Congress, Haikou, China.
- 2013 The 12th China Ornithological Congress and the 10th Cross-strait Ornithological Congress, Hangzhou, China.
- 2013 The 9th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop, Hangzhou, China.
- 2013 The 26th International Congress on Conservation Biology, Baltimore, MD USA.
- 2012 The 1st Student Forum on Sci-Tech Innovation of College of Life Sciences at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China.
- 2012 The 13th Student Conference on Conservation Science, Cambridge, UK.
- 2011 The 7th National Conference on Wildlife Ecology and Resource Conservation, Jinhua, China.
- 2011 The 11th China Ornithological Congress, Lanzhou, China
- 2011 The 7th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop, Lanzhou, China.
- 2011 Symposium for Theoretical Ecology and Biodiversity, Guangzhou, China
- 2010 The 9th National Symposium on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in China, Xiamen, China.
- 2010 The 4th Cross-strait Symposium on Forest Dynamic Plots, Xiamen, China.
- 2010 The 2010 International Forum on Biodiversity Monitoring, Nanjing, China.

- 2009 The 3rd Cross-strait Symposium on Forest Dynamic Plots, Zhaoqing, China.
- 2009 The 11th Congress of Zhejiang Zoological Society, Jinhua, China.
- 2009 The 10th China Ornithological Congress and the 8th Cross-strait Ornithological Congress, Harbin, China.
- 2009 The 5th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop, Harbin, China.
- 2008 The 8th National Symposium on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in China, Jinhua, China.
- 2008 The 4th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop, Beijing, China.

## Miscellaneous Activities

- 2013 **Local Conference Organizer**, *The 9th Kingfisher Forum of Chinese Young Ornithologists Workshop*, Hangzhou, China.
- 2011 **Invited Guest**, *Chuyang Forum of Zhejiang Normal University*, Jinhua, China.
- 2011 **Invited Report**, Swearing Conference for College Entrance Exam of Yiting High School, Yiwu, China.
- 2008 **Laureate**, *Ten Outstanding Research & Training Students of Zhejiang Normal University*, Jinhua, China.
- 2008 **Beijing Olympic Torch Escort**, *Beijing Olympic Torch Relay Center*, Shaoxing, China.
- 2006-2007 **Deputy Director**, *The Secretariat of Student Council*, Chuyang Honors College of Zhejiang Normal University, Jinhua, China.
  - 2004 **Student Representative**, Special talk in the 2004 Graduation Ceremony of Yiting High School, Yiwu, China.

# Computer Skills

Advanced R, MS Office, Photoshop

Intermediate LTFX, OS X iWork, Markdown, EndNote, Google Earth

Basic Mathematica, PHP, WordPress, CANOCO, WinBUGS

## Languages & Other Skills

Chinese Native Fluent
English Intermediate Fluent reading, competent in conversation
Spanish Basic Basic words and phrases only
Field Skill Good Wildness First Aid: Level 2
Running Excellent Full Marathon: 4h51min