

Will Sowersby

Personal Details

Name: William Geoffrey Sowersby

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Qualifications/Education

PhD, Monash University:

2012-2015

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Bob Wong

Co-Supervisors: Dr. Topi Lehtonen and Dr. David Chapple

Thesis Title: *'Behavioural and morphological variation; cichlid fishes as a model system'*

BSc (Honours), Monash University:

2003-2007

Honours Thesis Title: *'Habitat preference and associations in a newly discovered galaxiid species: interactions with a novel predator'*

Employment History

EMPLOYER: **Stockholm University** 2016- Present

POSITION: **Postdoctoral Researcher**

CONTACT Dr. Björn Rogell bjorn.rogell@zoologi.su.se
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EMPLOYER: **Monash University** 2012- 2015

POSITION: **PhD Candidate**

Teaching Associate (Animal Behaviour and Animal Diversity)

- Demonstrator for undergraduate practical classes
- Supervise undergraduate research projects
- Mark assignments and reports

CONTACT Assoc. Prof. Bob Wong bob.wong@monash.edu
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EMPLOYER: Australian Research Centre for Urban Ecology 2009- 2012
Melbourne University

POSITION: **Research Officer**

- Environmental consulting
- Specialist ecological advice
- Designing and implementing long-term fauna surveys
- Working with government departments
- Extensive field work and report writing
- Expert knowledge on a wide range of Australian wildlife and ecological processes

CONTACT Dr Rodney van der Ree rvdr@unimelb.edu.au
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EMPLOYER: **Parks Victoria** 2007- 2008
French Island National Park, VIC

POSITION: **Park Ranger (Summer contract)**

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Grants and Awards

Postgraduate Publication Award
Australian Postgraduate Award
Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment
Linnean Society of New South Wales Grant
ISBE Travel Grant
Best Poster Award, International Society for Behavioural Ecology, 2014
Monash Science Faculty Award (**Nominated**), 2015

Conferences and Seminars

Visimposio Nacional de Medioambiente y Biologia de la Conservacion, Managua 2013: **Attended**
International Society of Behavioural Ecology Congress, New York 2014: **Poster** (Winner of best poster)
Animal Behaviour Society, Princeton University 2014: **Presentation**
BioInfoSummer 2014, Melbourne 2014: **Attended**
Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Madrid 2014: **Invited Seminar**
University of Basel, Basel 2014: **Invited Seminar**
University of New South Wales, Sydney 2015: **Invited Seminar**
34th International Ethological Conference, Cairns 2015: **Presentation**
Biological Sciences Postgraduate Conference, Monash University 2013: **Organiser**. 2014: **Organiser**. 2015: **Presentation**.
Monash University, Animal Behaviour, 2015: **Guest Lecture**

Training

Basic Wildfire Awareness Certificate 2007
Basic Animal Handling 2007
4WD training and experience 2007-2015
First Aid Level 1 2010
Project Management 2012
Radiation Safety 2013

Professional Memberships

Australasian Society for the Study of Animal Behaviour
The Linnean Society of New South Wales
American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists
The Fisheries Society of the British Isles
International Society for Behavioural Ecology

Volunteer Work

Friends of the Seaford-Edithvale Wetlands (2009-Present)
Phillip Island Penguin Colony (2011)
St Kilda Penguin Colony (2012-2013)
Tutor at the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning (SAIL) Dandenong (2012-2015)
Biology Postgrad Committee Member, School of Biological Sciences (2013-2015)
Postgrad Committee Member, Faculty of Science (2014)

Referees

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