

Griffin's Biography

I completed an Undergraduate Degree in Biology at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland in 1994. After studying Animal Behaviour at the University of Zurich, where I worked on foraging behaviour of Japanese macaques with Drs Charles Menzel and Lorenz Gygax, I went on to complete a MSc (1998) at the University of Geneva, working with Prof Etienne on the integration of path integration and visual landmark information in the golden hamster. I then moved Downunder to work on learning of predator avoidance behaviour in tammar wallabies, a native Australian marsupial and completed a PhD at Macquarie University under the supervision of Prof Chris Evans in 2002. As a Swiss National Science Foundation fellow, I then moved to McGill University, Canada, to work with Prof Louis Lefebvre on learning and cognition in carib grackles and zenaida doves in Barbados, a line of research I have continued since returning Downunder as a Australian Research Council funded postdoctoral fellow in 2006. Since then, in addition to having had two wonderful daughters in 2004 and 2007, I have established a well-resourced research facility for work on Indian mynahs. In addition to my own research questions and those of my students, I have collaborated with Dr Dani Sol from the Autonomous University of Barcelona on the role of cognition in the invasive success of Indian mynahs, and more recently, with Prof Charles Watson (Curtin University) and Dr Chris Dayas (University of Newcastle) on neural correlates of cognition in mynahs. In 2009, I finally packed away my suitcase and took up a lectureship in Psychology at the University of Newcastle, where I teach Animal Behaviour and Advanced Level Learning. http://www.newcastle.edu.au/staff/research-profile/Andrea_Griffin/
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