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Evolutionary Behavioral Ecology 2010-04

evolutionary behavioral ecology presents a comprehensive treatment of the evolutionary and ecological processes shaping behavior across a wide array of organisms and a diverse set of behaviors and is suitable as a graduate level text and as a sourcebook for professional scientists

Primate Behavioral Ecology 2021-07-29

this comprehensive introductory text integrates evolutionary ecological and demographic perspectives with new results from field studies and contemporary noninvasive molecular and hormonal techniques to understand how different primates behave and the significance of these insights for primate conservation each chapter is organized around the major research themes in the field with strier emphasizing the interplay between theory observations and conservation issues examples are drawn from the classic primate field studies as well as more recent studies including many previously neglected species to illustrate the vast behavioral variation that exists across the primate order primate behavioral ecology 6th edition integrates the impacts of anthropogenic activities on primate populations including zoonotic disease and climate change and considers the importance of behavioral flexibility for primate conservation this fully updated new edition brings exciting new methods theoretical perspectives and discoveries together to provide an incomparable overview of the field of primate behavioral ecology and its applications to primate conservation it is considered to be a must read for all students interested in primates

Behavioural Ecology 2009-07-17

intended for graduate and upper level undergraduate courses inbehavioural ecology where students are already familiar with thebasic ideas this book continues to define the subject acompletely new set of contributions has been brought together oncemore to take account of the many exciting new developments in thefield each chapter presents a balanced view of the subject integrating a clear exposition of the theory with a criticaldiscussion of how predictions have been tested by experiments and comparative studies in addition the book points to unreconciledissues and possible future developments edited by two of the mosthighly regarded experts in the field this new volume contains contributions from an international authorship and continues the tradition of clarity and accessibility established by the three previous editions the latest edition of a classic in behavioural ecology divided into three sections mechanisms and individual behaviour from individual behaviour to social systems and lifehistories phylogenies and populations contributions from the world's leading researchers

Ethology and Behavioral Ecology of Odontocetes 2019-08-02

this book concentrates on the marine mammalian group of odontocetes the toothed whales dolphins and porpoises in 23 chapters a total of 40 authors describe general patterns of ethological concepts of odontocetes in their natural environments with a strong bent towards behavioral ecology examples are

given of particularly well studied species and species groups for which enough data exist especially from the past 15 years the aim is to give a modern flavor of present knowledge of ethology and behavior of generally large brained behaviorally flexible mammals that have evolved quite separately from social mammals on land as well the plight of populations and species due to humans is described in multiple chapters with the goal that an understanding of behavior can help to solve or alleviate at least some human made problems

Behavioral Ecology of the Eastern Red-backed Salamander 2016

examines over fifty years of research of the red backed salamander

An Introduction to Behavioural Ecology 2009-07-17

the third edition of this successful textbook looks again at the influence of natural selection on behavior an animal s struggle to survive by exploiting resources avoiding predators and maximizing reproductive success in this edition new examples are introduced throughout many illustrated with full color photographs in addition important new topics are added including the latest techniques of comparative analysis the theory and application of dna fingerprinting techniques extensive new discussion on brood parasite host coevolution the latest ideas on sexual selection in relation to disease resistance and a new section on the intentionality of communication written in the lucid style for which these two authors are renowned the text is enhanced by boxed sections illustrating important concepts and new marginal notes that guide the reader through the text this book will be essential reading for students taking courses in behavioral ecology the leading introductory text from the two most prominent workers in the field second colour in the text new section of four colour plates boxed sections to illustrate difficult and important points new larger format with marginal notes to guide the reader through the text selected further reading at the end of each chapter

Model Systems in Behavioral Ecology 2019-12-31

a key way that behavioral ecologists develop general theories of animal behavior is by studying one species or a closely related group of species model systems over a long period this book brings together some of the field s most respected researchers to describe why they chose their systems how they integrate theoretical conceptual and empirical work lessons for the practice of the discipline and potential avenues of future research their model systems encompass a wide range of animals and behavioral issues from dung flies to sticklebacks dolphins to african wild dogs from foraging to aggression territoriality to reproductive suppression model systems in behavioral ecology offers an unprecedented systems focus and revealing insights into the confluence of personal curiosity and scientific inquiry it will be an invaluable text for behavioral ecology courses and a helpful overview and a preview of coming developments for advanced researchers the twenty five chapters are divided into four sections insects and arachnids amphibians and reptiles birds and mammals in addition to the editor the contributors include geoff a

parker thomas d seeley naomi pierce kern reeve gerald s wilkinson bert hölldobler and flavio roces george w uetz michael j ryan and gil rosenthal judy stamps h carl gerhardt barry sinervo robert warner manfred milinski david f westneat alan c kamil and alan b bond paul sherman jerram I brown anders pape møller marc bekoff richard c connor joan b silk christopher boesch scott creel a h harcourt and tim caro and m j kelly

Behavioral Ecology of Tropical Birds 2022-09-28

behavioral ecology of tropical birds second edition provides the most updated and comprehensive review on the evolution of behavior in tropical landbirds the book reviews gaps in our knowledge that were identified twenty years ago when the first edition was published highlights recent discoveries that have filled those gaps and identifies new areas in urgent need of study it covers key topics including timing of breeding movement ecology life history traits slow vs fast pace of life mating systems mate choice territoriality communication biotic interactions and conservation written by international experts on the behavior of tropical birds the book explores why the tropics is a unique natural laboratory to study the evolution of bird behavior and why temperate zone species are so different a recent surge of studies on tropical birds has helped to reduce the temperate zone bias that arose because most avian model species in behavioral ecology were adapted to northern temperate climates this is an important resource for researchers ecologists and conservationists who want to understand the rich and complex evolutionary history of avian behavior includes examples from around the world provides a historical perspective on new knowledge in the past 20 years identifies knowledge gaps that have been filled along with new gaps that have emerged explores how avian behavior in the tropics is related to conservation

Behavioral Ecology of Neotropical Birds 2019-04-24

this book covers central aspects of behavioral ecology including sexual selection social and genetic mating systems cooperative breeding brood parasitism brood reduction migration personalities and communication over the past several years neotropical bird species from temperate to tropical latitudes of south america have been extensively studied yielding valuable insights into the evolutionary mechanisms that drive their behavioral traits in this book international experts provide a general overview of main behavioral aspects they also present the main findings of their work including experimental approaches to testing the most accepted behavioral theory in their model systems in closing they propose new theoretical frameworks and future research directions as such the book provides a comprehensive and updated guide for all researchers students and professionals whose work involves the study and management of birds across the neotropical region

The Behavioral Ecology of the Family 2021-10-31

the editors present a collection of articles illustrating how evolutionary and ecological theory can inform research on the wide variation of human families seen globally the book promotes human behavioral

ecology as a theoretically driven approach that provides a foundation upon which to make predictions about marriage mating and raising children

Behavioral Ecology of Tropical Animals 2010-11-15

advances in the study of behavior was initiated over 40 years ago to serve the increasing number of scientists engaged in the study of animal behavior that number is still expanding this thematic volume makes another important contribution to the development of the field by bringing together material that aggregates studies conducted on the behavior of tropical animals advances in the study of behavior is now available online at sciencedirect full text online from volume 30 onward

Ethology and Behavioral Ecology of Otariids and the Odobenid 2021-06-02

this book is focused on the marine mammalian groups the otariidae and the odobenidae otherwise known as fur seals sea lions and the walrus in 30 chapters more than 60 authors from 30 institutions and 13 nationalities discuss a broad suite of topics from maternal care and mating behavior through play cognition and personality to adaptation to life in the anthropocene the authors explore the behaviors that have allowed these semi aquatic mammals to thrive in the marine realm many populations have recovered following historical decimation with interesting evolutionary consequences which are explored detailed selected individual species descriptions are also provided showcasing the behavioral diversity of this engaging adaptive and highly successful group of marine mammals

Conservation Behavior 2016-05-03

conservation behavior assists the investigation of species endangerment associated with managing animals impacted by anthropogenic activities it employs a theoretical framework that examines the mechanisms development function and phylogeny of behavior variation in order to develop practical tools for preventing biodiversity loss and extinction developed from a symposium held at the international congress on conservation biology in 2011 this is the first book to offer an in depth logical framework that identifies three vital areas for understanding conservation behavior anthropogenic threats to wildlife conservation and management protocols and indicators of anthropogenic threats bridging the gap between behavioral ecology and conservation biology this volume ascertains key links between the fields explores the theoretical foundations of these linkages and connects them to practical wildlife management tools and concise applicable advice adopting a clear and structured approach throughout this book is a vital resource for graduate students academic researchers and wildlife managers

Carnivore Behavior, Ecology, and Evolution 2019-05-15

the mammalian order carnivora is characterized by an incredible range of morphological ecological and behavioral variation carnivores can be as small as the 100 gram least weasel or as large as the 800 kilogram polar bear their reproductive rate can vary from one offspring every five years as with some black bears to three litters a year as with the dwarf mongoose group sizes can be traced along a wide continuum from the solitary ermine to the monogamous golden jackal to the large extended packs of as many as 80 spotted hyenas until recently the general habits of most wild carnivore species were inadequately understood in the last decade however improved technologies including the use of radiotelemetry and night vision scopes have led to many important discoveries this book is at once a critical summary and an evaluation of current research on carnivores a worthy successor to r f ewer s monumental volume the carnivores cornell university press it is the work of 30 leading carnivore biologists who here assemble comparative data on the basic anatomical behavioral ecological physiological reproductive and evolutionary characteristics of this group after a general introduction to the carnivora the volume is divided in three parts each of which begins with a brief introduction outlining its main themes part i behavior covers acoustic and olfactory communication behavioral development behavioral ecology of canids and hyaenids modes of solitary living and group living in part ii ecology topics include feeding ecology of the giant panda and asiatic black bear adatpations for aquatic living ecological constraints on predation in felids consequences of small size in mustelids rate of basal metabolism and food habits and reproductive output part iii evolution deals with the morphological approaches to phylogeny and the fossil record an appendix presents a complete classification of the carnivora including topics of continuing controversy highlighting recent developments in the study of the carnivora and areas for further research this broad synthesis will be of great value of students and researchers in animal behavior behavioral ecology wildlife ecology mammalogy paleontology systematics and evolution theory it will also encourage realistic conservation programs to manage rapidly diminishing populations and will elucidate particular features of the carnivores for nonspecialist readers

The Ecology of Social Behavior 1988

the chapters in this book discuss and summarize the ecological factors affecting and effecting the formation of animal social groups and thereby address one of the central issues confronting researchers and students in sociobiology the objectives are to review what is known about the impact of ecological factors in the formation and maintenance of social groups numerous examples have been drawn from a variety of phyla

Ethology and Behavioral Ecology of Phocids 2022-03-17

phocid or earless or true seals are ecologically diverse occupying habitats from the tropics to the poles in marine and freshwater and feeding on anything from tiny zooplankton to other marine mammals there are 18 species of phocid seals the smallest species ringed seal is more than 20 times smaller than the largest southern elephant seal with marked sexual dimorphism present in some species this book examines the behavior ecology and physiology that allow phocid seals to inhabit such a wide range of habitats the book is composed of 16 chapters written by 37 authors from 8 countries the book first describes the general patterns of phocid behavior followed by descriptions of what is known about well studied species we have taken a holistic approach focusing not only on the behaviors themselves but also on the factors that constrain the expression of behavior and the proximate mechanisms driving behavior in many cases the chapters represent collaborations between well established researchers and early mid career individuals who bring new perspectives to help carry the field of phocid behavioral ecology well into the future

Behavioral Ecology and Conservation Biology 1998-08-27

in just the last few years behavioral ecologists have begun to address issues in conservation biology this volume is the first attempt to link these disciplines formally here leading researchers explore current topics in conservation biology and discuss how behavioral ecology can contribute to a greater understanding of conservation problems and conservation intervention programs in each chapter the authors identify a conservation issue review the ways it has been addressed review behavioral ecological data related to it including their own evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the behavioral ecological approach and put forward specific conservation recommendations the chapters juxtapose different studies on a wide variety of taxonomic groups a number of common themes emerge including the ways in which animal mating systems affect population persistence the roles of dispersal and inbreeding avoidance for topics such as reserve design and effective population size the key role of humans in conservation issues and the importance of baseline data for conservation monitoring and modeling attempts each chapter sheds new light on conservation problems generates innovative avenues of interdisciplinary research and shows how conservation minded behavioral ecologists can apply their expertise to some of the most important questions we face today

Behavioral Ecology of Insect Parasitoids 2008-04-30

written by a team of leading international specialists behavioral ecology of insect parasitoids examines the optimal behaviors that parasitoids exhibit in order to maximize long term offspring production it is an essential reference for research scientists and students studying these fascinating insects or for anyone involved in using parasitoids in biological control programs reviews topical issues including cutting edge research on parasitoid decision making and the implications for biological control explores applications in other fields provides information on the latest research methods and includes helpful case studies and statistical tools creates a deeper understanding of the link between behavioural strategies and host mortality resulting in more efficient selective pest management programs overall this is a fascinating volume that provides a significant contribution to the literature on parasitoid insects it goes a long way toward providing insights into numerous aspects of parasitoid behavior and will stimulate a diversity of

future projects something that should be the goal of any such text i highly recommend wajnberg et al for all of those working on the biology or evolution of parasitoids palaios 2009

Conceptual Breakthroughs in Ethology and Animal Behavior

2017-01-25

conceptual breakthroughs in ethology and animal behavior highlights through concise summaries the most important discoveries and scientific revolutions in animal behavior these are assessed for their relative impact on the field and their significance to the forward motion of the science of animal behavior eighty short essays capture the moment when a new concept emerged or a publication signaled a paradigm shift how the new understanding came about is explained and any continuing controversy or scientific conversation on the issue is highlighted behavior is a rich and varied field drawing on genetics evolution physiology and ecology to inform its principles and this book embraces the wealth of knowledge that comes from the unification of these fields around the study of animals in motion the chronological organization of the essays makes this an excellent overview of the history of animal behavior ethology and behavioral ecology the work includes such topics as darwin s role in shaping the study of animal behavior the logic of animal contests cognition empathy in animals and animal personalities succinct accounts of new revelations about behavior through scientific investigation and scrutiny reveal the fascinating story of this field similar to dr john avise s contemporary breakthroughs in evolutionary genetics the work is structured into vignettes that describe the conceptual revolution and assess the impact of the conceptual change with a score which ranges from 1 10 providing an assessment of the impact of the new findings on contemporary science features a lively brisk writing style and brief entries to enable easy enjoyable access to this essential information includes topics that cover the range of behavioral biology from mechanism to behavioral ecology can also be used as supplemental material for an undergraduate animal behavior course or as the foundational text for an upper level or graduate discussion course in advanced animal behavior

Perspectives on Environment and Behavior 2013-11-11

the inception of this volume can be traced to a series of environmental psychology colloquia presented at the university of california irvine dur ing the spring of 1974 these colloquia were held in conjunction with social ecology 252 a graduate seminar on man and the environment although the eight colloquia covered a wide range of topics and exemplified a diversity of research techniques they seemed to converge on some common theoretical and methodological assumptions about the na ture of environment behavioral research the apparent continuities among these colloquia suggested the utility of developing a manuscript that would provide a historical overview of research on environment and be havior a representation of its major concerns and an analysis of its concep tual and empirical trends thus expanded versions of the initial presen tations were integrated with a supplemental set of invited manuscripts to yield the present volume of original contributions by leading researchers in the areas of ecological and environmental

psychology

Behavioural Ecology of Teleost Fishes 1999

teleost bony fishes are found in all types of aquatic environment and are extremely diverse behaviorally their evolutionary success is partly due to their striking behavioral plasticity as such they are also extremely useful organisms for the study of mechanistic and functional models of behavior considerable progress has been made over the past decade in understanding how behavior ecology and genetics interact to determine individual survival and reproductive success in fishes and thus the evolution of their behavior behavioural ecology of teleost fishes reviews the latest advances in behavioral adaptations for survival and reproduction in fishes and proposes new directions and approaches for future research the book focuses on habitat selection and space use foraging predator avoidance and evasion and reproduction it also considers how the behaviour of individuals affects ecological processes at population and community levels the book benefits students teachers and researchers interested in the behavior and ecology of fishes as well as those with a general interest in behavioral ecology it is also a valuable reference source for biologists aquaculturists and conservationists

Statistical Methods for Field and Laboratory Studies in Behavioral Ecology 2018-03-05

statistical methods for field and laboratory studies in behavioral ecology focuses on how statistical methods may be used to make sense of behavioral ecology and other data it presents fundamental concepts in statistical inference and intermediate topics such as multiple least squares regression and anova the objective is to teach students to recognize situations where various statistical methods should be used understand the strengths and limitations of the methods and to show how they are implemented in r code examples are based on research described in the literature of behavioral ecology with data sets and analysis code provided features this intermediate to advanced statistical methods text was written with the behavioral ecologist in mind computer programs are provided written in the r language datasets are also provided mostly based at least to some degree on real studies methods and ideas discussed include multiple regression and anova logistic and poisson regression machine learning and model identification time to event modeling time series and stochastic modeling game theoretic modeling multivariate methods study design sample size and what to do when things go wrong it is assumed that the reader has already had exposure to statistics through a first introductory course at least and also has sufficient knowledge of r however some introductory material is included to aid the less initiated reader scott pardo ph d is an accredited professional statistician pstat by the american statistical association michael pardo is a ph d is a candidate in behavioral ecology at cornell university specializing in animal communication and social behavior

Dynamic Modeling in Behavioral Ecology 2019-12-31

this book describes a powerful and flexible technique for the modeling of behavior based on evolutionary principles the technique employs stochastic dynamic programming and permits the analysis of behavioral adaptations wherein organisms respond to changes in their environment and in their own current physiological state models can be constructed to reflect sequential decisions concerned simultaneously with foraging reproduction predator avoidance and other activities the authors show how to construct and use dynamic behavioral models part i covers the mathematical background and computer programming and then uses a paradigm of foraging under risk of predation to exemplify the general modeling technique part ii consists of five applied chapters illustrating the scope of the dynamic modeling approach they treat hunting behavior in lions reproduction in insects migrations of aquatic organisms clutch size and parental care in birds and movement of spiders and raptors advanced topics including the study of dynamic evolutionarily stable strategies are discussed in part iii

Behavioral Ecology and the Transition to Agriculture 2006-01-02

for the newcomer to the literature and logic of human behavioral ecology this book is a flat out bonanza entirely accessible self critical largely free of polemic and above all stimulating beyond measure it s an extraordinary contribution our understanding of the foraging farming dynamic may just have changed forever david hurst thomas american museum of natural history

Evolutionary Ecology of Social and Sexual Systems 2007-09-06

publisher description

Cognitive Ecology 1998-07-06

cognitive ecology lays the foundations for a field of study that integrates theory and data from evolutionary ecology and cognitive science to investigate how animal interactions with natural habitats shape cognitive systems and how constraints imposed on nervous systems limit or bias animal behavior using critical literature reviews and theoretical models the contributors provide new insights and raise novel questions about the adaptive design of specific brain capacities and about optimal behavior subject to the computational capabilities of brains

Evolutionary Ecology and Human Behavior 2017-09-29

à required reading for anyone interested in the economy ecology and demography of human societies american journal of human biology this excellent book can serve both as a text¼book and as a scholarly reference american scientist

Comparative Social Evolution 2017-04-06

a comparative view of the major features of animal social life and the evolution of cooperative group living

A Natural History of Families 2007-01-02

why do baby sharks hyenas and pelicans kill their siblings why do beetles and mice commit infanticide why are twins and birth defects more common in older human mothers a natural history of families concisely examines what behavioral ecologists have discovered about family dynamics and what these insights might tell us about human biology and behavior scott forbes s engaging account describes an uneasy union among family members in which rivalry for resources often has dramatic and even fatal consequences in nature parents invest resources and control the allocation of resources among their offspring to perpetuate their genetic lineage those families sometimes function as cooperative units the nepotistic and loving havens we choose to identify with in the natural world however dysfunctional familial behavior is disarmingly commonplace while explaining why infanticide fratricide and other seemingly antisocial behaviors are necessary forbes also uncovers several surprising applications to humans here the conflict begins in the moments following conception as embryos struggle to wrest control of pregnancy from the mother and to wring more nourishment from her than she can spare thus triggering morning sickness diabetes and high blood pressure mothers in return often spontaneously abort embryos with severe genetic defects allowing for prenatal quality control of offspring using a broad sweep of entertaining examples culled from the world of animals and humans a natural history of families is a lively introduction to the behavioral ecology of the family

The Behavioral Ecology of the Tibetan Macaque 2019-11-18

this open access book summarizes the multi disciplinary results of one of china's main primatological research projects on the endemic tibetan macaque macaca thibetana which had continued for over 30 years but which had never been reported on systematically dedicated to this exceptional old world monkey this book makes the work of chinese primatologists on the social behavior cooperation culture cognition group dynamics and emerging technologies in primate research accessible to the international scientific community one of the most impressive asian monkeys and the largest member of its genus the tibetan macaque deserves to be better known this volume goes a long way towards bringing this species into the spotlight with many excellent behavioral analyses from the field frans de waal professor of psychology emory university usa macaques matter to understand primate patterns and trends and to gain important insight into humanity we need to augment and expand our engagement with the most successful and widespread primate genus aside from homo this volume focuses on the tibetan macaque a fascinating species with much to tell us about social behavior physiology complexity and the macaque knack for interfacing with humans this book is doubly important for primatology in that beyond containing core information on this macaque species it also reflects an effective integrated collaboration between

chinese scholars and a range of international colleagues exactly the type of collaborative engagement primatology needs this volume is a critical contribution to a global primatology agustín fuentes professor of anthropology university of notre dame usa i have many fond memories of my association with mt huangshan research beginning in 1983 when together with professor qishan wang we established this site it is such a beautiful place and i miss it it is gratifying to see how far research has progressed since we began work there becoming more internationalized and very much a collaborative endeavor under the long term direction of professor jin hua li and colleagues this book highlights the increased interest in this species representing a variety of disciplines ranging from macro aspects of behavior cognition and sociality to micro aspects of microbes parasites and disease authored by a group of renowned chinese and international primatologists i applaud their efforts and expect more interesting work to come from this site in the years ahead kazuo wada professor emeritus kyoto university japan

Behavioral Ecology of Primates 2023-09-19

the mammals which belong to the group that includes the lemurs lorises tarsiers monkeys apes and humans are known as primates some of their characteristic features are larger brains relative to body size increased reliance on vision instead of sense of smell and opposable thumbs behavioral ecology refers to the study of the evolutionary basis for animal behavior in response to ecological pressures the behavioral ecology of primates involves studying them from evolutionary ecological and demographic perspectives it also focuses on the behavior of different primates and the importance of these observations for their conservation this book discusses the fundamentals as well as modern perspectives on the behavioral ecology of primates from theories to research to practical applications studies related to all contemporary topics of relevance to this area of study have been included herein the book is appropriate for students seeking detailed information in this area as well as for experts

Field and Laboratory Exercises in Animal Behavior 2007-09-04

field and laboratory exercises in animal behavior is an interactive laboratory manual for students in animal behavior ethology and behavioral ecology it is the first of its kind in this subject area that guides students through the diverse and fascinating fields of behavioral and ethological studies employing a wide array of organisms as model systems for the study of behavior students participate in the development of hypothesis and turn the recording analysis and interpretation of data into an active and engaging process a teacher friendly companion website provides extensive teaching notes on the background to each lab project tips and hints for successful project presentation sources for studying organisms ideas for variations in labs and alternate study organisms this text is recommended for undergraduate courses in animal behavior ethology and behavioral ecology provides fully developed and tested laboraty exercises offers both field and lab experiences adaptable for fall spring or summer courses laboratories emphasize student thought and involvement in experimental design includes an online supplement to the manual for teachers

Evolutionary Behavioral Ecology and Psychopathy 2023-07-19

this book examines the study of psychopathy using behavioral ecological framework it consists of two parts the first describes the science of human behavioral ecology including basic concepts of evolutionary biology evolutionary behavioral sciences evolutionary ecology of family evolutionary tradeoffs life history theory behavioral ecology of personality psychopathy and its current evolution the second part of the book describes empirical research on psychopathy in evolutionary ecological context aiming to explore fertility longevity tradeoffs in psychopathy interacting phenotypes in psychopathy and parental effects associated with psychopathy this part contains the discussion of the study s findings which is based on several theoretical concepts described in part one this volume is ideal for psychopathy researchers hoping to bridge the natural and social sciences in a new and innovative way

Sensory Ecology, Behaviour, and Evolution 2013-02-07

throughout their lives animals must complete many tasks including finding food avoiding predators attracting mates and navigating through a complex and dynamic environment consequently they have evolved a staggering array of sensory organs that are fundamental to survival and reproduction and shape much of their evolution and behaviour sensory ecology deals with how animals acquire process and use information in their lives and the sensory systems involved it investigates the type of information that is gathered by animals how it is used in a range of behaviours and the evolution of such traits it deals with both mechanistic questions e g how sensory receptors capture information from the environment and how the physical attributes of the environment affect information transmission and functional questions e g the adaptive significance of the information used by the animal to make a decision recent research has dealt more explicitly with how sensory systems are involved with and even drive evolutionary change including the formation of new species sensory ecology behaviour and evolution provides a broad introduction to sensory ecology across a wide range of taxonomic groups covering all the various sensory modalities e g sound visual chemical magnetic and electric relating to diverse areas spanning anti predator strategies foraging mate choice navigation and more with the aim being to illustrate key principles and differences this accessible textbook is suitable for senior undergraduates graduate students and professional academics taking courses or conducting research in sensory ecology biology neuroethology behavioural and evolutionary ecology communication and signalling it will also be of relevance and use to psychologists interested in sensory information and behaviour

Behavioral Ecology of Neotropical Birds 2019

this book covers central aspects of behavioral ecology including sexual selection social and genetic mating systems cooperative breeding brood parasitism brood reduction migration personalities and communication over the past several years neotropical bird species from temperate to tropical latitudes of south america have been extensively studied yielding valuable insights into the evolutionary mechanisms

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Developmental Psychobiology and Behavioral Ecology 2012-12-06

the previous volume in this series blass 1986 focused on the interface between developmental psychobiology and developmental neurobiology the volume emphasized that an understanding of central nervous system development and function can be obtained only with reference to the behaviors that it manages and it emphasized how those behaviors in turn shape central development the present volume explores another natural interface of developmental psy chobiology behavioral ecology it documents the progress made by developmental psychobiologists since the mid 1970s in identifying capacities of learning and con ditioning in birds and mammals during the very moments following birth indeed during the antenatal period these breakthroughs in a field that had previously lain dormant reflect the need to meet the infant where it is in order for behavior to emerge accordingly studies have been conducted at nest temperature infants have been rewarded by opportunities to huddle suckle or obtain milk behaviors that are normally engaged in the nest in addition there was rejection of the exces sive deprivation extreme handling and traumatic manipulation studies of the 1950s and 1960s that yielded information on how animals could respond to trauma but did not reveal mechanisms of normal development in their place has arisen a series of analyses of how naturally occurring stimuli and situations gain control over behavior and how specifiable experiences impose limitations on subsequent development constraints were identified on the range of interactions that remained available to developing animals as a result of particular events

Human Behavioral Ecology 2024-02-29

human behavioral ecology hbe applies the principles of evolutionary theory and optimisation to the study of human behavioural and cultural diversity among other things hbe attempts to explain variation in behaviour as adaptive solutions to the competing life history demands of growth development reproduction parental care and mate acquisition this book is a comprehensive introduction to the theoretical orientation and specific findings of hbe it consolidates the insights of evolution and human behaviour into a single volume that reflects the current state and future of the field it brings together leading scholars from across the evolutionary social sciences to provide a comprehensive and thought provoking review of the state of the topic throughout the authors explain the latest developments in theory and highlight critical debates in the literature while also engaging readers with ethnographic insights and field based studies that remain at the core of human behavioral ecology

Analyses in Behavioral Ecology 1988

sea otters and polar bears are carnivorous marine mammals that still resemble their terrestrial ancestors compared with cetacea whales and dolphins sirenia dugongs and manatees and pinnipedia seals sea lions and walrus they are less adapted for an aquatic life and the most recently evolved among marine mammals sea otters are amphibious but seldom come ashore and polar bears primarily occur on sea ice or along the shore when at sea both species spend most of their time swimming at the surface or making short shallow dives when foraging or pursuing prey indeed polar bears rarely pursue seals in water nevertheless polar bears are powerful swimmers and will stalk seals from the water as with many other large carnivores they are solitary hunters although sea otters are gregarious and form aggregations at sea called rafts they are primarily asocial except during mating the principal interaction among sea otters occurs between a female and offspring during the six month dependency period in large carnivores e g wolves and lions that feed on ungulates sociality and cooperation are favored because of the need to capture large prey and defend carcasses polar bears which are the largest terrestrial carnivore are solitary hunters of seals and are neither gregarious nor social males and females briefly associate during courtship and mating during this time males aggressively compete for females at other times males generally avoid each other except for aggregations of males that form while summering on land and females with cubs avoid males which are known for infanticide as with sea otters the interaction of polar bears outside of mating occurs between a female and her offspring during the 2 3 year dependency period this interaction is critically important when altricial cubs are born in the winter den this book provides new insight into the ethology and behavioral ecology of sea otters and polar bears each chapter reviews the discoveries of previous studies and integrates recent research using new techniques and technology the authors also address historic and current anthropogenic challenges for their survival as climate change alters entire marine ecosystems

Ethology and Behavioral Ecology of Sea Otters and Polar Bears 2021-07-03

rev version of author s doctoral dissertation which was completed in 1985

The Behavioral Ecology of Efe Pygmy Men in the Ituri Forest, Zaire 1991-01-01

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