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Education

University of Aberdeen **BSc Zoology (2:1)** **2016-2020**

Courses have included environmental physiology, animal population ecology, animal behaviour, aquatic biology conservation.
Gained experience in giving presentations, statistical analysis, biodiversity, literature summaries and teamwork.
Senior Honours Project: Analysis of gene-flow in Cairngorm ptarmigan populations

University of Aberdeen **Access Course** **Summer 2016**

Passes in Preparing for Higher Education, Biology, Chemistry and English (Average mark 17/20)

Aberdeen College **HNC Small Animal Care** **2015-2016**
Bankhead Academy **6 Standard Grades** **2011-2015**

Memberships

Student member of the Society of Biology

Skills

Fieldwork: Developed while undertaking a senior honours project regarding genetic changes in ptarmigan in the Cairngorms as well as while mapping aquatic life in the Ythan Estuary during a placement with Envirocentre. Became skilled at data analysis using Minitab and information presentation to senior colleagues and academics.

I.T. : Competent in Microsoft Office as well as Minitab and R Statistical and ArcGIS

Communication: Experienced in communicating with academics, landowners, ecologists, members of the public and children over a four year period through employment and volunteering.

Project Management: Vital not only to my senior honours dissertation but also when working as a volunteer on Benbecula with very clear project deadlines.

Taxonomy: Gained knowledge of the species identification of bats, breeding birds, deer and fish through voluntary work with the student Wildlife Association, in the Uist Wader project and in internship work on the Ythan estuary. This was enhanced by undertaking an elective course in taxonomy offered by the University of Aberdeen over the winter 2017-18.

Teamwork: Absolutely essential for laboratory practicals during undergraduate studies as well as while volunteering for SNH and in sports activities.

Problem solving: Developed while undertaking fieldwork in isolated and inhospitable areas of the Cairngorms dealing with broken down vehicles, inhospitable terrain and a frequent failure of phone signals.

Work Experience

Envirocentre, Stonehaven

Student intern

Summer 2019

- Undertook a 10 week summer project to analyse the water ecology of the Ythan estuary with a view to creating an environmental impact assessment of recent industrial building projects on the aquatic environment.
- Mapped current levels of aquatic life including diversity of species present before comparing existing levels with previous results utilising statistical analysis.
- Developed an understanding of the stakeholders involved in environmental impact assessment and the need to present information in an accessible format for non-environmentalists.
- Developed knowledge of Scottish environmental legislation and the Scottish Government's strategy for environmental conservation and protection.

Voluntary work

Student Wildlife Association

Volunteer

2016-19

- Undertook monitoring work for local and national organisations such as the Breeding Bird Survey and Grampian Squirrel Group.
- Developed experience in quantitative analysis, habitat surveying, tracking and identifying species.
- Worked closely with countryside rangers on projects such as the tracking of pipistrel bats in Cairnie woods over a six month period.

Uist Wader Project, Western Isles

Volunteer

June 2019

- Engaged in locating and removing hedgehogs from the Island of Benbecula while gaining an insight into traditional farming practices and the importance of wildlife and conservation on the islands.
- Worked in often extreme conditions and at unsociable hours to complete the project.

Natural History Museum, University of Aberdeen

Volunteer

2018-19

- Conducted educational visits for children aged 5-12 years as part of the primary school curriculum.
- Demonstrated various species of animal and fish, describing their habitats and the conservation needs of particular wildlife.

Scotland's Natural Nature Reserves

Volunteer

Summer 2017

- Undertook practical work such as path maintenance, scrub clearance or litter lifts.
- Monitored a variety of habitats and species working with experienced volunteers, including monitoring red deer and squirrels.
- Spent three days assisting in a visitor centre explaining the local habitat and encouraging countryside awareness.

Other Work Experience

2015-19: Various types of part time employment including retail, hospitality and social care to support my studies. Developed communication, tact, diplomacy, teamwork and flexibility.

Interests

Nature: Small animal rearing, conservation of sites of great natural importance and wildlife photography.

Sport: Skiing and hill walking in areas such as the Cairngorms, the Highlands and the Alps. Member of the University of Aberdeen ski team 2018-20.