



Universiteit
Leiden
The Netherlands

Song and the city : a comparison between urban and forest blackbirds

Ripmeester, E.A.P.

Citation

Ripmeester, E. A. P. (2009, December 15). *Song and the city : a comparison between urban and forest blackbirds*. Leiden. Retrieved from <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/14556>

Version: Corrected Publisher's Version

License: [Licence agreement concerning inclusion of doctoral thesis in the Institutional Repository of the University of Leiden](#)

Downloaded from: <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/14556>

Note: To cite this publication please use the final published version (if applicable).

Curriculum vitae & publications

1980 Born 10th of March in Breda.

1992 - 1998 VWO, Thomas Moore College, Oudenbosch.

1998 - 2004 MSc Biology, Leiden University.

Specialisation: Ecology.

Supplement: Medical biology.

MSc research project on male coloration and female mate choice in Lake Victoria cichlids, supervised by Martine Maan (Department of Animal Ecology, Leiden University). The project included molecular work and behavioural experiments at Leiden University. In addition, I worked together with Dr. Martin Taylor at the Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Conservation at the University of East Anglia (England).

MSc research project with Prof. Dr. Michael Taborsky (Department of Behavioural Ecology, University of Bern, Switzerland) on alternative male reproductive tactics in a shell-brooding cichlid. I conducted fieldwork in Lake Tanganyika (Zambia) and analysed the data in Bern (Switzerland).

2004 - 2005 Administrative employee Zilveren Kruis Achmea, Haarlem.

2005 - 2009 PhD research, Department of Behavioural Biology, Institute Biology Leiden, Leiden University.

Project title: Song and the city: a comparison between urban and forest blackbirds.

Supervisors: Dr. Hans Slabbekoorn and Prof. Dr. Carel ten Cate.

During the project, I conducted fieldwork in several cities and forests in the Netherlands. Molecular lab work and data analyses were done in Leiden. I presented results of my PhD-research at the following scientific conferences (NVG meetings between 2005 and 2007 in The Netherlands, ASAB Winter Meeting 2005 in England, ISBE 2006 in France, IBAC 2007 in Italy and Vocal communication in birds and mammals conference 2008 in Scotland). I supervised several BSc- and MSc student projects and assisted in various theoretical and practical courses.

Published

- Ripmeester, E.A.P., Kok, J.S., Van Rijssel, J.C. and Slabbekoorn, H. 2009. Habitat-related birdsong divergence: a multi-level study on the influence of territory density and ambient noise in European blackbirds. *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, online.
- Schütz, D., Pachler, G., Ripmeester, E., Goffinet, O. and Taborsky, M. 2009. Reproductive investment of giants and dwarfs: specialized tactics in a cichlid fish with alternative male morphs. *Functional Ecology*, online.
- Slabbekoorn, H. and Ripmeester, E.A.P. 2008. Birdsong and anthropogenic noise: implications and applications for conservation. *Molecular Ecology*, 17: 72-83.
- Ripmeester, E.A.P., de Vries, A.M. and Slabbekoorn, H. 2007. Do blackbirds signal motivation to fight with their song? *Ethology*, 113: 1021-1028.
- Maan, M.E., Seehausen, O., Söderberg, L., Johnson, L., Ripmeester, E.A.P., Mrosso, H.D.J., Taylor, M.I., Van Dooren, T.J.M., Van Alphen, J.J.M. 2004. Intraspecific sexual selection on a speciation trait, male coloration, in the Lake Victoria cichlid *Pundamilia nyererei*. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London, Series B: Biological Sciences*, 271: 2445-2452.

Submitted

- Ripmeester, E.A.P., Mulder, M. and Slabbekoorn, H. Habitat-dependent acoustic divergence affects playback response in urban and forest blackbirds.
- Verzijden, M.N., Ripmeester, E.A.P., Snelderwaard, P., Slabbekoorn, H. Immediate spectral flexibility in singing chiffchaffs during experimental exposure to highway noise.

