

SEMINARS - ANCON CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, September 13, noon seminar speaker will be ELDRIDGE ADAMS, STRI postdoctoral fellow from the University of California at Berkeley.

Deceptive Communication by a Stomatopod Crustacean.

Abstract: Stomatopod crustacea, Gonodactylus bredini, sometimes bluff opponents by producing threat displays when they are too weak to engage in escalated fights. The probability of bluffing depended upon size asymmetries between the fighting animals. Bluffing was most likely to succeed when the recipient of the display was smaller than the signaller. Contrary to many previous claims, I argue that bluffing may be a stable feature of intraspecific threat communication.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, September 20, noon seminar speaker will be JUAN CARLOS NAVARRO, Asociacion Nacional para la Conservacion de la Naturaleza.

Conservation Activities in Panama's National Parks.

ARRIVALS

Arrived last week until September 22, JAMES MORIN, MYRA SHULMAN and VALERIE VANDEVER, U.C.L.A., to continue studies in San Blas.

September 10, RUSSELL GREENBERG, SI National Zoological Park, to continue his population dynamics studies of understory insectivorous birds on BCI.

September 15 - November 30, participants in Katharine Milton's Fall Course from the University of California at Berkeley.

September 15 - December 15, KENNETH JOHNSON, University of Iowa, to conduct environmental variation studies in colony morphology and behavior of the coral, Manicina areolata.

September 15 - December 15, LISA PAPERICK, to work with Allen Herre on nematode parasites of wasps on BCI.

DEPARTURES

September 14 - 22, IRA RUBINOFF, to California and Washington, D.C. on official business.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY STRI STAFF, FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

Roubik, D.W. 1988. An overview of Africanized honey-bee populations: reproduction, diet, and competition. Pages 45-54 IN Africanized Honey Bees and Bee Mites, G.R. Needham et al., eds. England: Ellis Horwood Limited.

Weldon, P.J. and O. Vallarino. 1988. Wounds on the yellow-bellied sea snake (Pelamis platurus) from Panama: Evidence of would-be predators? Biotropica 20(2): 174-176.

PERSONNEL NEWS

ANGEL AGUIRRE is on leave from September 6 - 16 in Washington, D.C., attending an ON-LINE DIALOG Conference, receiving Wordperfect training and on vacation.

ROBERTO BORRELL is the new supply clerk in the STRI Procurement Department. Mr. Borrell is a recent graduate in industrial engineering and has 2 years experience as supply manager in the Mercados de la Carne chain.

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