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Education

- Ph.D. candidate Fall 2008 – present
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
QCA: 4.0
- Bachelor of Arts Fall 2000 – Dec 2003
Warren Wilson College
Major: Environmental Studies
Minor: Business Administration and Economics

Publications

Milenkaya, O., Legge, S., and J.R. Walters. Breeding biology and life history traits of an Australasian tropical granivore, the Crimson Finch *Neochmia phaeton*. Emu. In press.

Maurer, G, Suesser, M., **Milenkaya, O.**, and R. Magrath. Breaking the rules: sex roles and genetic mating system of the pheasant coucal. Oecologia. Under review.

Hall, M.L., Murphy, S.A., Churchwell, R.T., and **O. Milenkaya**. 2010. Interspecific feeding across feeding guilds – male purple-crowned fairy-wren feeds nestling crimson finches. Corella 34: 49–50.

Doody J.S., **Milenkaya, O.**, Rhind, D., Eastley, T., and K. Penrose. 2010. Varanus mitchelli (Mitchell's Water Monitor) diet and foraging behavior. Herpetological Review 41: 233–234.

Presentations

- Variation in avian health parameters across age, sex, year and breeding stage. Feb 2011
O. Milenkaya and J.R. Walters
Poster presentation, Virginia Tech Research Day, Blacksburg, Virginia
- Life history and the evolution of clutch size in a tropical granivore. Aug 2010
O. Milenkaya, S. Legge & J.R. Walters
Poster presentation, International Ornithological Congress, Brazil
- Breeding biology and life history traits of a tropical granivore, the Crimson Finch. Dec 2009
O. Milenkaya, S. Legge & J.R. Walters
Oral presentation, Australasian Ornithological Conference, Australia

Sponsorships and Awards

Postgraduate Student Sponsorship, Birds Australia WA Amount applied for and granted: \$500	2009
Ralph E. Carlson Memorial Scholarship in Ornithology, Virginia Tech Amount granted toward 2009–2010 academic year: \$900	2009
Alton F. Pfaff Cup Award nominee, Warren Wilson College	2004
Community Service Scholarship, Warren Wilson College Amount granted toward 2000–2001 academic year: \$2000	2000

Teaching

Instructor of Ornithology Laboratory	Spring 2011
Instructor of General Biology Laboratory	Fall 2008

Memberships

Cooper Ornithological Society	2005–2007, 2010–present
Biology Graduate Student Association, Virginia Tech	Fall 2008 – present
Social Chair	Fall 2010 – present
American Ornithologists' Union	2010 – present
Warren Wilson College Board of Trustees	2002 – 2003

Professional Experience

<u>Australian Wildlife Conservancy – Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, Australia</u> Field Technician: independent research on health and breeding of the crimson finch (<i>Neochmia phaeton</i>).	Nov 2007 – Jun 2008 Nov 2006 – May 2007
<u>International Wildlife Consultants, Ltd. – Mongolia</u> Field Technician: population monitoring and conservation of the saker falcon (<i>Falco cherrug</i>).	Jun – Aug 2006
<u>Max Planck Institute – Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, Australia</u> Field Technician: behavioral research on the purple-crowned fairy wren (<i>Malurus coronatus</i>).	Mar – May 2006
<u>Australian National University – Northern Territory, Australia</u> Field Assistant: research on the sex-roles of the pheasant coucal (<i>Centropus phasianinus</i>).	Nov 2005 – Mar 2006
<u>U.S. Forest Service – Redwood Sciences Laboratory, CA, USA</u> Research Assistant: constant effort mist-netting focusing on neotropical migrants.	Apr – Oct 2005
<u>National Audubon Society – Seabird Restoration Program, ME, USA</u> Research Assistant: seabird research and restoration on remote off-shore islands.	Jun – Aug 2003