

Holly Mynott

Curriculum Vitae

Highly organised conservation biologist with project and team management, data analysis, report-writing and collaboration skills developed through roles at Butterfly Conservation, United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), and Bristol Zoological Society. Proactive approach, good communication and teamwork skills demonstrated throughout all roles.

Key Skills

Research • Data Analysis • Project Management • Report Writing • Teamwork • Communication • GIS • R • Collaboration • Microsoft Office • Adobe Photoshop

Key Achievements

Project Management

- Managed a bird survey project in the Philippine rainforest. Organised expedition logistics, schedules, budget and supplies, and line managed 5 staff in 2 teams. Liaised closely with local authorities and overcame challenges such as the onset of Covid-19. Successfully met stretch target of surveying 24 rainforest grid squares, above original target of 18.
- Managing HabiMap Programme at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust – undertaking UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) surveys, arranging and running volunteer training courses and events, and creating maps and reports for landowners.
- Designed data collection plan and co-ordinated schedule for collaboration project to build a global butterfly index. Obtained data from 90% of countries with known data sets and report currently submitted for publication.

Data Analysis

- Analysed bird survey field data to produce population size, habitat preference, and species distribution modelling analyses in R, Distance, ArcGIS and MaxEnt.
- Analysed wildlife trade data using R and Excel to create reports for management authorities; for example, on potential contraventions of the EU Wildlife Trade regulations, and reviews of long-standing CITES trade suspensions.

Research & report writing

- At UNEP-WCMC, wrote chapters in reports to policy makers and scientific authorities at CITES and the EU to inform management decisions. Topics included assessments of impacts of potential regulations on species conservation status, and transgressions of EU Wildlife Trade regulations.
- Led research project on habitat preference of the Critically Endangered Negros Bleeding-heart Dove in the Philippine rainforest; designed methodology, undertook survey, analysed data and wrote manuscript for publication.
- Lead author of 2 scientific papers on Philippine bird species (*Avian Research*, 2021; *Bird Conservation International*, 2020). Contributing author in Lee *et al.* (2024) *Avian Conservation & Ecology*.
- Assistant Editor for Top 25 Most Endangered Primates 2018 – 2020 publication, responsible for co-ordinating article submissions and proof reading and editing articles.

Communication

- Represented Butterfly Conservation Europe at discussions with the EU Biodiversity Platform and EU Commission, advocating for inclusion of the grassland butterfly index as an indicator for biodiversity in the EU Nature Restoration Law; this has now come into force in Article 11.

- Chaired symposium “Butterfly monitoring, trends and indicators: towards a global network” at the Biology of Butterflies Conference 2023.
- Presented MSc research project results at UWE-Bristol Zoo Partnership conference, Bristol Zoo 11th Annual Symposium, and UWE Student Conference.

Career History

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust HabiMap Programme Officer	2025 – present
Butterfly Conservation International Officer	2022 – 2025
United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre Associate Programme Officer	2021 – 2022
Bristol Zoological Society Field Survey Lead Assistant Editor (Top 25 Most Endangered Primates 2018 – 2020) IUCN Red List Submissions Coordinator (African Primates)	2018 – 2020
Keystone Environmental Ltd & Thomson Environmental Consultants Seasonal Ecologist (freelance, 2 seasons)	2019 – 2020
Other relevant experience Habitat Surveyor, Operation Wallacea Indonesia	2019
Survey and Enquiries Assistant, Bristol Regional Environmental Records Centre	2018

Education

MSc Advanced Wildlife Conservation in Practice University of the West of England <i>Grade: Distinction</i> <i>Thesis:</i> Habitat preference, species distribution modelling and gap analysis of the Negros bleeding-heart dove <i>Gallicolumba keayi</i> , Philippines. <i>Award:</i> Bristol Zoological Society Postgraduate Conservationist of the Future.	2018 – 2019
BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Environmental Biology) University of Birmingham <i>Grade: First class</i>	2014 – 2017
A-Levels & GCSEs Katharine Lady Berkeley’s School, Wotton-Under-Edge A-Levels: Biology (A*), Graphic Art (A*), Geography (A), Chemistry (B). AS: General Studies (A) A* grade in 11 subjects at GCSE including English Language and Maths.	2010 – 2014
Professional training & other qualifications Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Climate Change and Environmental Awareness Project Management for Wildlife Conservation, WildTeam UK Grant Writing for Wildlife Conservation, WildTeam UK	2025 2022 2022

Associations

Member of IUCN SSC for Pigeons & Doves, and Butterflies & Moths. Regional Coordinator for Europe, IUCN Young Professionals Task Force. Committee member of Corfu Butterfly Conservation.