



Walter D. Koenig

GRFP Recipient: 1972

Undergraduate Institution:
B.S. 1972, Stanford University

Graduate Institution:
Ph.D. 1978, University of
California, Berkeley

Graduate Field of Study:
Zoology

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Current Position:
Senior Scientist, Cornell Lab of
Ornithology and Department of
Neurobiology and Behavior,
Cornell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS //

Walter D. Koenig's research spans the fields of behavioral ecology and cooperative breeding, population ecology of birds, spatial synchrony of ecological phenomena, and the evolutionary ecology of variable reproduction (mating behavior) in trees.

HOW I BENEFITED FROM THE GRF PROGRAM //

"The GRF program was incredibly valuable for at least two reasons. First, I was embarrassingly naive in my decisions concerning graduate school, and being a GRF recipient allowed me to correct my mistakes in a way that would have been difficult or impossible otherwise. Second, for my Ph.D. project I eventually got involved in a field project that required extensive time away from the university, which the GRFP uniquely gave me the ability to do. The success of that project, to no small extent made possible by the GRFP, is one that sustained me throughout my career."

MY PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE //

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AWARDS/ HONORS //

- Honorary member, Cooper Ornithological Society (2002)
- William Brewster Memorial Award, American Ornithologists' Union (1999)
- Fellow, California Academy of Sciences (1998)
- Visiting researcher, Spatial Ecology Program, University of Helsinki (1998)
- Fellow, American Ornithologists' Union (1988)
- Fulbright Fellowship, Cambridge, UK (1988)
- Elective member, American Ornithologists' Union (1982)
- Annie M. Alexander Fellowship, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (1977)
- NSF Pre-doctoral aid-to-dissertation Grant (1975)

POSITION PROFILE //

- 2008 - Senior scientist, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, Cornell University
- 2008 - Research zoologist emeritus, University of California, Berkeley
- 1982-2008 - Research zoologist, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology; and adjunct professor, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley
- 1981-82 - Assistant professor and curator, Moore Laboratory of Zoology, Occidental College
- 1978-81 - Postdoctoral research zoologist, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley