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Education

1992 BSc, First Class (Honours), Cardiff University.
1996 PhD, Cambridge University (under Prof. N. B. Davies).

Professional appointments

1997: Laos Program Coordinator, Wildlife Conservation Society/IUCN
1998-2004: Senior Research Biologist, BirdLife International
2005-present: Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Zoology, University of Oxford.

Other professional experience

2001-present: Manager and sole author for the "The Birds of Bolivia" field guide project (Princeton University Press).
1997-present: Editor, caption writer, and scientific consultant for the Handbook of the Birds of the World series (Lynx Edicions, Barcelona).

Research interests

Ornithology; Behavioural ecology; Climate change research; Conservation biology; Evolutionary ecology; Phenotypic evolution; Speciation; Public outreach

Grants, Awards and Honours

British Ecological Society Early Career's Grant (2007)
Amazon Conservation Association Seed Grant (2007)
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) research grant (2006)
BirdLife International/FFI research grant (2004)
BBC Nature Writer of the Year Award (2002)
BP Conservation Award (2001)
Bradt Science Writing Award (2001)
Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) research grant (1997)
BirdLife International/FFI Conservation Expedition Awards (1996)
Moisés Bertoni Award for International Contribution to Conservation (1995)
The Whitley Award - Whitley Animal Protection Trust (1995)
Royal Geographical Society (RGS) expedition grant (1994)
Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) studentship (1992)
University of Cardiff award for top marks in final year examinations (1992)
British Ornithologists' Union expedition grant (1991)

Presentations and Seminars

Since 1991 >20 presentations (posters/talks) on evolutionary biology, conservation biology and ornithology.
Since 1995 >15 invited talks or seminars on science and conservation.

Peer-reviewed publications in primary journals

- (1) Seddon, N., Merrill, R. Tobias, J.A. (2008) Sexually selected traits predict patterns of species richness in a diverse clade of suboscine birds. *American Naturalist* 171: 620-631.
- (2) Tobias, J.A., Lebbin, D.J., Aleixo, A., Andersen, M.J., Guilherme, E., Hosner, P.A., Seddon, N. (2008) Distribution, behavior and conservation status of the Rufous Twistwing *Cnipodectes superrufus*. *Wilson Journal of Ornithology* 120: 38-49.
- (3) Tobias, J.A., Bates, J.M., Hackett, S.J., Seddon, N. (2008) Comment on: "The Latitudinal Gradient in Recent Speciation and Extinction Rates of Birds and Mammals". *Science* 319: 901c.
- (4) Tobias, J.A., Brightsmith, D. (2007) Distribution, ecology and conservation status of the Blue-headed Macaw *Primolius couloni*. *Biological Conservation* 139: 126-138.
- (5) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2007) Nine bird species new to Bolivia and notes on other significant records. *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 127: 49-84.
- (6) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2007) Ornithological notes from southern Bolivia. *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 127: 293-300.
- (7) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A. (2007) Population size and habitat associations of the Long-tailed Ground-roller *Uratelornis chimaera*. *Bird Conservation International* 17: 1-13.
- (8) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A. (2007) Song divergence at the edge of Amazonia: an empirical test of the peripatric speciation model. *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society* 90: 173-188.
- (9) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A. (2006) Duets defend mates in a suboscine passerine, the warbling antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*). *Behavioral Ecology* 17: 73-83.
- (10) Seddon, N., Amos, W., Adcock, G.J., Johnson, P., Kraaijeveld, K., Kraaijeveld-Smit, F.J.L., Lee, W., Senapathi, G.D., Mulder, R.A., Tobias, J.A. (2005) Mating system, philopatry, and the role of kinship in the cooperatively breeding subdesert mesite *Monias benschi*. *Molecular Ecology* 14: 3573-3583.
- (11) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2004) Breeding, foraging and vocal behavior in the White-throated Jacamar *Brachygalba albogularis*. *Wilson Bulletin* 115: 237-240.
- (12) Seddon, N., Amos, W., Mulder, R., Tobias, J.A. (2004) Male heterozygosity predicts territory size, song structure and reproductive success in a cooperatively breeding bird. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B* 271: 1823-1829.
- (13) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A. (2003) Communal singing in the cooperatively breeding subdesert mesite *Monias benschi*: evidence for numerical assessment? *Journal of Avian Biology* 34: 72-80.
- (14) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A., Butchart, S.H.M. (2003) Group living, territoriality and breeding behaviour in the Subdesert Mesite *Monias benschi*. *Ibis* 145: 277-294.
- (15) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2003) Vocalization and display in the Long-tailed Ground-roller *Uratelornis chimaera*. *Wilson Bulletin* 115: 193-196.
- (16) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A., Alvarez, A. (2002) Vocal communication in the Pale-winged Trumpeter *Psophia leucoptera*: repertoire, context and functional reference. *Behaviour* 139: 1331-1359.
- (17) Tobias, J.A., Ekstrom, J.M.M. (2002) The New Caledonian Owlet-nightjar *Aegotheles savesi* rediscovered? *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 122: 282-283.
- (18) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2002) Estimating population size in the Subdesert Mesite: new methods and implications for conservation. *Biological Conservation* 108: 199-212.
- (19) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2002) Female begging in European robins: do neighbours eavesdrop for extra-pair copulations? *Behavioral Ecology* 13: 637-642.
- (20) Ekstrom, J.M.M., Jones, J.P.G., Willis, J., Tobias, J.A., Dutton, G., Barré, N. (2002) New information on the distribution, status and conservation of terrestrial bird species in New Caledonia. *Emu* 102: 197-207.
- (21) Clay, R.P., López Lanús, B., Tobias, J.A., Lowen, J.C., Mazar Barnett, J. (2000) The display of the White-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus candicans*. *Journal of Field Ornithology* 71: 619-626.
- (22) Mazar Barnett, M., Kirwan, G.M., Pearman, M., Naka, L.N., Tobias, J.A. (2000) Rediscovery and subsequent observations of Kaempfer's Tody-tyrant *Hemitriccus kaempferi* in Santa Catarina, Brazil, with notes on conservation, life history and plumage. *Bird Conservation International* 10: 371-379.
- (23) Naka, L.N., Mazar Barnett, J., Kirwan, G.M., Tobias, J.A., De Azevedo, M.A.G. (2000) New and noteworthy state records from Santa Catarina state, Brazil. *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 120: 237-250.
- (24) Seddon, N., Tobias, J.A., Yount, J.W., Ramanampamonjy, J.R., Butchart, S.H.M., Randrianizahana, H. (2000) Conservation issues and priorities in the Mikea Forest of south-west Madagascar. *Oryx* 34: 287-304.

- (25) Tobias, J.A., Seddon, N. (2000) Territoriality as a paternity guard in the European robin *Erithacus rubecula*. *Animal Behaviour* 60: 165-173.
- (26) Brooks, T., Tobias, J.A., Balmford, A. (1999) Deforestation and bird extinctions in the Atlantic Forest. *Animal Conservation* 2: 211-222.
- (27) Dabelsteen, T., McGregor, P.K., Holland, J., Tobias, J.A., Pedersen, S.B. (1997) The signal function of overlapping singing in male robins. *Animal Behaviour* 53: 249-256.
- (28) Tobias, J.A. (1997) Asymmetric territorial contests in the European robin: the role of settlement costs. *Animal Behaviour* 54: 9-21.
- (29) Tobias, J.A. (1997) Food availability as a determinant of pairing behaviour in the European robin. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 66: 629-639.
- (30) Lowen, J.C., Clay, R.P., Mazar Barnett, J., Madroño-N., A., Pearman, M., López Lanús, B., Tobias, J.A., Liley, D.C., Brooks, T.M., Esquivel, E.Z., Reid, J.M. (1997) New and noteworthy observations on the Paraguayan avifauna. *Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club* 117: 275-293.
- (31) Tobias, J.A. and Williams, R.S.R. (1996) Notes on the behaviour of the Masked Saltator in southern Ecuador. *Auk* 113: 942-944.

Books, chapters, guides, reports

- (42) Tobias, J.A., Koch, P., Merkord, C. (2008) *Hummingbirds of the Madre de Dios watershed*. The Field Museum, Chicago. <http://www.neomorphus.com/hummingbirds.pdf>
- (43) Fishpool, J., Tobias, J.A. (2005) Family Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls). Pp. 124-250 in del Hoyo *et al.* (eds) *Handbook of the Birds of the World*. Volume 10. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona.
- (44) Tobias, J.A., Bennun, L., Stattersfield, A. (2005) Listening to the birds. Pp. 169-177 in Wildlife Conservation Society (2005) *State of the wild 2006: a global portrait of wildlife, wildlands, and oceans*. Island Press, Washington, DC.
- (45) BirdLife International (2003) *Saving Asia's Threatened Birds: a guide for government and civil society*. BirdLife International, Cambridge, UK. [co-author]
- (46) Tobias, J.A. (2003) Rio Tinto Biodiversity Strategy: conservation opportunities at Rio Tinto operations worldwide. BirdLife International and World Conservation Monitoring Centre, Cambridge, UK.
- (47) Tobias, J.A. (2003) Status of the Blue-throated Macaw *Ara glaucogularis* in the Paraparau region, Dpto. Beni. Asociación Armonía/Loro Parque, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. [50 pp.]
- (48) Tobias, J.A. (2002) Family Galbulidae (Jacamars). Pp. 74-101 in del Hoyo *et al.* (eds) *Handbook of the Birds of the World*, Volume 7. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona.
- (49) Collar, N., Andreev, A.V., Chan, S., Crosby, M.J., Subramanya S., Tobias, J.A. (2001) *Threatened birds of Asia*. BirdLife International, Cambridge, UK. [3038 pp.]
- (50) BirdLife International (2000) *Threatened Birds of the World*. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. [authored all Asian species accounts]
- (51) Isherwood, I.S., Willis, J.D.A., Edwards, T.R.K., Ekstrom, J.M.M., Kuriake, S., Lubis, I.R., Notanubun, H., Putnarubun, J., Robinson-Dean, J.C., Tobias, J.A. (1997) *Biological surveys and conservation priorities in north-east Seram, Maluku, Indonesia*. CSB Conservation Publications, Cambridge, UK.
- (52) Lowen, J.C., Bartrina, T.M., Clay, R.P., Tobias, J.A. (1996) *Biological surveys and conservation priorities in eastern Paraguay*. CSB Conservation Publications, Cambridge, UK. [200 pp.]
- (53) Tobias, J.A. (1997) *Nakai-Nam Theun Social and Environmental Action Plan*. Wildlife Conservation Society/IUCN, Vientiane, Lao PDR. [400 pp.]
- (54) Williams, R.S.R., Tobias, J.A. (1994) *The conservation of southern Ecuador's threatened avifauna*. BirdLife International, Cambridge, UK. [150 pp.]
- (55) Tobias, J.A., Catsis, M.C., Williams, R.S.R. (1993) *Notes on scarce birds of southern and eastern Brazil*. CSB Conservation Publications, Cambridge, UK. [60 pp.]