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Lecture Series Environment & Biodiversity

Berlin as a Living Laboratory – Co-creating Urban Biodiversity Futures

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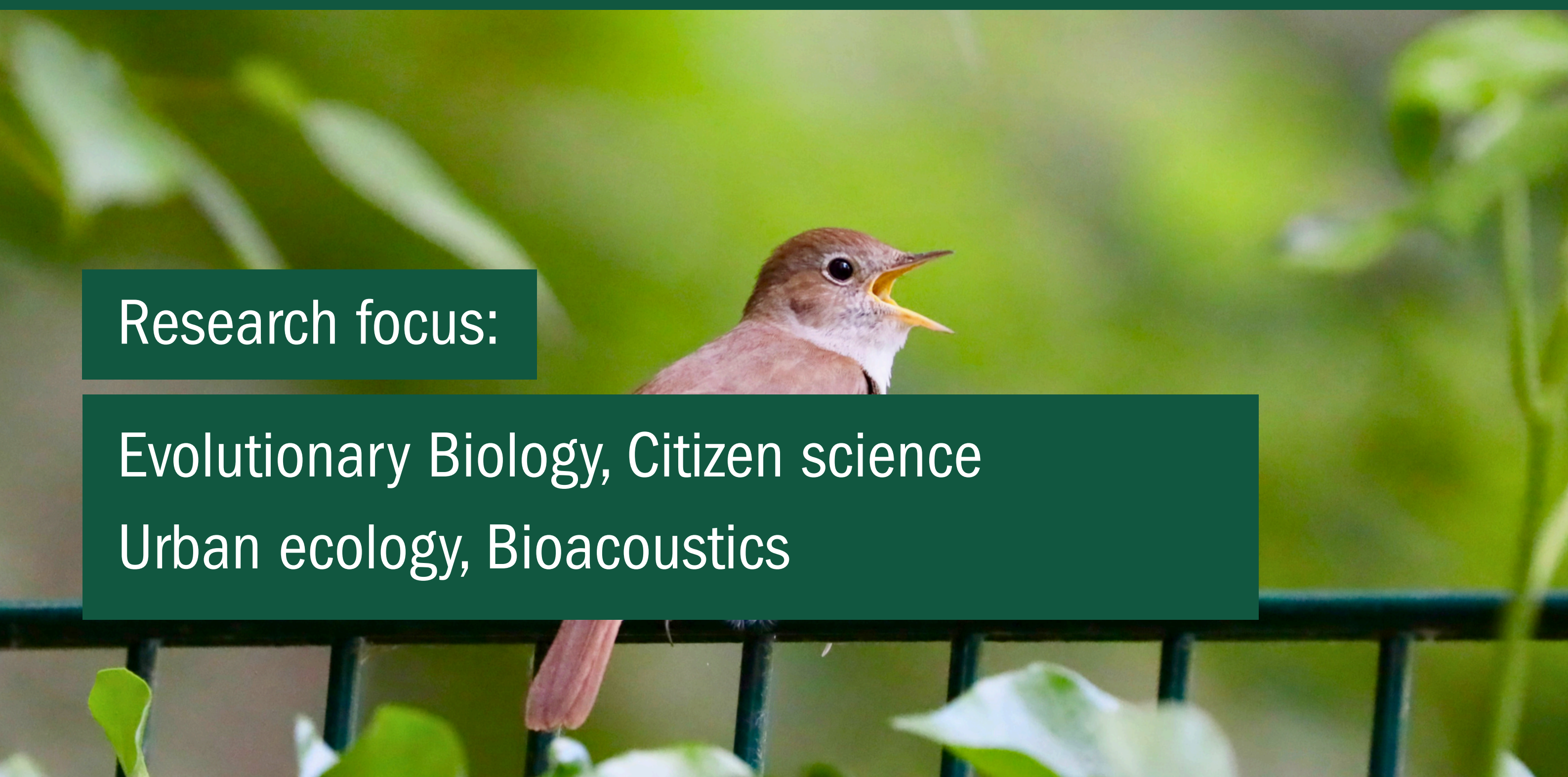
Friday, November 21, 2025, 2:00 PM

NLW-Faculty, Room 413, 1st floor

Research focus:

Evolutionary Biology, Citizen science

Urban ecology, Bioacoustics





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Abstract

Urban biodiversity is increasingly shaped not only by ecology but by the ways people live, learn, and co-create within cities. This talk presents emerging approaches in urban biodiversity research and environmental education that connect science, policy, and civil society through transdisciplinary collaboration. Using Berlin as a case study, I will show how cities can serve as “living laboratories” for exploring and implementing nature-based solutions, biodiversity restoration, and environmental justice. The presentation spans EU-level restoration projects, citizen-science initiatives, and creative educational formats that engage both children and adults. It highlights how biodiversity conservation, social participation, and aesthetic experience can be productively interlinked in urban environments.

