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PERSONALITY IN BIRDS – THERETICAL ASSUMPTIONS, DIRECTIONS AND METHODS OF RESEARCH

Summary

Since 1990s we have observed intense progress in studies on animal personality, especially on birds treated as a model. Up to date many indicators of personality have been described for different species, among which usually there were analysed: manner of environment exploration, singing, aggression level, and also some morphological indicators, e.g. plumage. Still, researchers are facing many problems such as effect of context. There are also attempts to find relationship between personality and sexual selection, or breeding success. Aim of this article is to show the state of art in birds' personality studies, and directions for future research.

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