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About

PhD Title: Strategies that minimize the cost of arboreal locomotion: Support use and route planning

Supervisors: Dr Jackie Chappell, Dr Susannah Thorpe

Research PhD student currently studying route planning and support use in primates, particularly the Great Apes. Investigating the cognitive processes involved in support selection and use during canopy locomotion.

Qualifications

BSc. Biological Sciences – Animal Biology (Hons.)
Masters by Research – Conservation Biology (Animal Behaviour)

Biography

Nardie Hanson studied Biology at the University of Birmingham 2005-2008. During her final undergraduate year at Birmingham she began volunteering with for the Locomotor Ecology & Biomechanics Lab, and developed an interest in primate locomotion. She continued to work with the lab as an honorary research associate until the birth of her son in 2009. In 2010 Nardie started a part-time Masters degree by research at Manchester Metropolitan University, which she completed in 2012. She is now a Doctoral Researcher in the Cognitive Adaptations Research Group and the Locomotor Ecology & Biomechanics Lab at the University of Birmingham studying primate behaviour.

Research

Primate cognitive and locomotor behaviour.

Other activities

Nardie Hanson is an enthusiastic primatologist and attends and presents at local and international conferences. She is also particularly interested in ex situ conservation practices and regularly visits and supports zoological collections and parks. In her spare time Nardie works with exotic animal rehoming and rehabilitation organisations in the West Midlands.

Publications

Poster presentation at 'Primates in Our Hands' the European Federation of Primatology conference 2013 in Antwerp.