



Dr. Lisha Berzins is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Saskatchewan. Lisha completed her PhD at the University of British Columbia in 2016 on the determinants of mating success in female Tree Swallows. She co-chairs the Aerial Insectivore Research Network, and to-date has led (first-authored) 11 peer-reviewed publications, including 8 on aerial insectivores, and was a trusted and enthusiastic collaborator on 8 other publications. Most notably her research as a postdoctoral fellow demonstrated the importance of wetlands to the population stability of tree swallows in the Prairies. Her PhD research, for which she obtained a NSERC Alexander Grahame Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship, focused on the evolution of female ornamentation (plumage color and sex steroids), and showed through experimental manipulation of plumage that dull females had high social status, retaining their nest sites and having higher quality nestlings.