

Biology Seminar



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Special Seminar

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Biographical Sketch

Priscilla is a 2014-2020 Rutherford Discovery Fellow with interests in biocultural diversity and stable isotope ecology. She completed degrees in Zoology and Animal Ecology, before finishing her PhD in 2006 at the University of Waikato on traditional resource management of harakeke by M ori. Since then she has worked as a research officer in the Centre for Biodiversity and Ecology Research (CBER) at the University of Waikato, a FRST postdoctoral fellow in Massey University's Ecology Group, and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Sustainability (CSAFE) at the University of Otago, while also parenting three children. Cilla currently focuses on aspects of human-nature relationships, including past, present and future indigenous resource management, and socio-ecological relationships with introduced species that challenge native ecosystems. She has also worked on insect ecology and behaviour for a number of years, focusing on the sexually dimorphic New Zealand tree weta genus *Hemideina* spp. There are seven species in this polygynadrous genus, distributed from alpine to lowland forest environments, and a range of behaviours and diets to suit.

