

DIURNAL AND SEASONAL CHANGES IN AGGRESSION IN A HONEYEATER COMMUNITY

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Aggression within a honeyeater community was examined on both diurnal and seasonal scales over a period of one year. Aggression was more common in the morning and afternoon than at midday. Honeyeaters were most abundant during the flowering of two banksias. Most aggressive interactions were recorded during these months. It is suggested that the level of aggression may be influenced seasonally, by honeyeater abundance, and diurnally, by changes in nectar availability.