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Interspecific Aggression, James Fisher

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Degrees of interspecific aggression are to be observed in practically all the maintenance and breeding activities of birds, particularly those that feed, roost or nest in mixed social groups.

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There is now no argument about the universality of territoriality among birds, most other vertebrate animals, and a formidable galaxy of invertebrates. Intraspecific aggression has been recognised since Aristotelian times: it is now accepted as of such biological

importance that out of a hundred chapters in vertebrate species monographs that I scanned at random, no less than twenty-two were devoted wholly or mainly to it.

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