



### **December 1 program: Bird Brains!**

How "mindful" and intelligent are birds? How do we know? Laura will talk about a lot of recent and even brand new research:

- Chickadees selectively allow brain neurons to die to be replaced with new ones so they can forget useless information
- Magpies recognize themselves in a mirror's reflection
- A variety of birds use tools, and some actually know how to make tools
- Some corvids are conscious of what they know and what they don't.

Laura will explain what we're learning, how we're figuring it out, and why it's so hard for people to give up their old ideas about birds operating far more out of instinct than learning and reason.

Patreon (and a few direct contributions from people who don't want to deal with online contributions) is my ONLY source of funding for these programs, my blog, and my podcast. I pay all my expenses for all of this! And to provide these monthly presentations, I have to pay Zoom for both their Pro account (so I don't get cut off after 45 minutes) and for their large meeting account (just in case more than 100 people show up). I can't thank my contributors enough!!

But since I am doing the program, and because my only motivation for my work has always been to promote the love, understanding, and protection of birds, everyone is invited.

Topic: Laura Erickson's December Zoom Presentation: Bird Brains

Time: Dec 1, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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