

Philosophy 3334 Summer 2021  
Reading questions #4  
Due Tue, June 9<sup>th</sup>

1) Read Chapter 7.

What does Wynne-Edwards think is the basic explanation for why animals have the number of offspring that they do? For example, many birds have a typical clutch size (how many eggs they can lay at one time) and this varies across species. Why isn't it more? Or less?

What does David Lack think is the basic explanation underlying the number of offspring that animals typically have?

Who does Dawkins agree with?

2) After reading the chapters, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the chapter forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapter.