



Chris Lituma is from Fairless Hills, PA. In 2005 he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a concentration in Ecology from Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He designed an undergraduate research thesis under the direction of Dr. David A. Zegers, evaluating the impacts of streamside restoration on passerine communities.

In 2009 he received his Master of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences from Texas A&M University. His thesis research under the direction of Dr. Michael L. Morrison involved a comparison of avian communities between restored native grass fields and Bermuda grass fields in the Blackland Prairie region of east-central Texas. He also evaluated

Dickcissel nesting success between field types. In 2014, he completed a Doctoral degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to continue his lifelong passion of ornithological conservation research under the direction of Dr. David A. Buehler. His research focused on assessing the effects of conservation practices on grassland and early successional bird populations across a 7-state region.

Currently, he is a postdoctoral researcher with the Center for Native Grasslands Management at The University of Tennessee with Dr. Patrick D. Keyser. His research focuses on how patch-burn grazing management for native warm-season grasses and establishment of switchgrass monocultures can impact avian communities and nest success. In the future, he would like to teach ornithology, conservation, and wildlife science at a university, while continuing to conduct research.