

Avocet Lecture Stage

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Friday 12 July

- 0930 Rafael Armada
Photographs and stories of extraordinary birds
Journey behind the scenes of award-winning images and conservation efforts
- 1000 Dan O'Neill
Secret Lives of Snow Leopards
A behind the scenes exploration into snow leopard research and camera-trapping from the Snow Leopard Trust's Explorer in Residence
- 1030 Morven Summers
30 years of surveying Whales and Dolphins in Scotland
Learn what's been discovered about whales and dolphins in Scottish waters and how you can get involved in protecting them.
- 1100 RSPB
- 1130 Carolyn Robertson
Lek It Be? Capercaillie emergency in the Cairngorms
A Capercaillie Emergency Plan launches this year with only 532 capercaillie left in the UK. But what's the plan?
- 1200 Dr Ian Francis
Supporting bird conservation across Africa - 30 years of action
This illustrated ABC lecture will review 30 years of conservation awards and highlight achievements for Africa's charismatic and threatened birds
- 1230 Rick Simpson
Wader Questing Down Under
Searching for endemic & migrant waders in Australia & New Zealand. Nail biting stories, wonderful photographs of very special birds & a good dose of mishaps, in inglorious detail.
- 1300 RSPB
- 1330 Denis Bohm
Herzegovina - Spring Migration Along the Adriatic Flyway
Join us on a journey to Herzegovina region in southern Europe that lies on the Adriatic Flyway migratory route
- 1400 Nick Acheson
Norfolk: Wild Habitats, Wild Species & Wild Adventures
Norfolk native & conservationist takes you on a journey around one of England's most diverse counties for wildlife
- 1430 Dominique Waddoup
Bird-window collisions: How to take action and current solutions
Brief overview why birds collide against glass, how big the issue is and what can be done to mitigate this (including BirdShades).
- 1500 RSPB
- 1530 John Lister-Kaye OBE
Wildlife of the Scottish Highlands
Wildlife encounters and highlights from a lifetime of living at Aigas and working in conservation, specifically wildlife we are fortunate to have on our doorstep
- 1600 Niall Hatch
Seabirds Count
The fourth census of Britain and Ireland's internationally important populations of breeding seabirds. Over 10,000 sites and 25 species were surveyed between 2015 and 2021
- 1630 Avijit Sarkhel
Birds & Mammals of South India & Andamans
A classic endemic mammal and birding tour for bird-watchers & bird-photographers
- 1700 Annarie Seecharan
Birding in your Backyard
Highlighting birding adventures that you can do when visiting Guyana
- 1730 Lizzie Lemon
Nattergal - Boothby Wildland
We are a nature recovery company rewilding areas of the UK, changing landscapes



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- 0930 Jon Mason
A Year in Reserve...
In 2023 I visited every single Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust nature reserve: this is what I discovered...
- 1000 Mark Pearson
Filey International - autumn migration thrills on the Yorkshire coast
Try a tasty, bite-size sampler of lip-smackin' east coast migration goodness!
- 1030 Jakub Kronenberg
From birds as hat ornaments to interspecies justice
What does the feather trade story from the turn of the 20th century tell us about how people value birds?
- 1100
- 1130 YaYa
Why The Gambia is famous for bird watching
Africa's Smallest Mainland Country: Home to 8 different Kingfishers and 9 different Bee-eaters including the big five of bird species and classic birds like Egyptian Plover just to name few.
- 1200 Marcy Summers
Successful community based conservation leads towards recovery of the Maleo
Preventing the extirpation of Sulawesi's mascot, the iconic Maleo. Using a 'Respect for Nature' approach, villagers agreed to end poaching
- 1230 Guy Kirwan
Birds of the World—in-depth life histories of every bird
Learn how this deep, scholarly, online resource supports birding, research, and conservation—and how you can contribute!
- 1300
- 1330 Tony Williams
Birding News from France - and What's Coming Your Way
We'll look at recent changes in population size and distribution of birds in France and those species which might cross the Channel.
- 1400 Dr Sean McCormack
Ealing Beaver Project
Discover more about this urban wildlife project in Ealing, London
- 1430 Bret Charman
Colombia Bird Photography
Famed for the remarkable diversity in its birdlife, Colombia is a dream destination for those with a passion for photographing these avian delights.
- 1500
- 1530 Craig Jones
Fantastic Falkland - The Breath-taking wildlife of the Falkland Islands captured through Craig's lens.
This talk will show the beautiful wildlife this amazing place has to offer, along with the history and much more.
- 1600 Emma Strong
What we feed our wild birds - the true impact!
Working with Environmental Sustainability students from Worcester University, we are taking a deep dive into the array of environmental effects current bird feeders are unwittingly putting upon our wild birds and other wildlife
- 1630 Peter Eeles
British & Irish Butterfly Rarities
Insights into butterfly species that are rare migrants, extinctions and introductions within Britain & Ireland.
- 1700 Craig Fellowes
National Wildlife Crime Unit.
How to fight wildlife crime. Challenges and successes
- 1730 Jon Hall and Charles Foley
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The Golden Age of Mammal watching



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Sunday 14 July

- 0930 David Chandler
An introduction to binoculars and telescopes
What the numbers mean, getting the best out of your optics and what to look for if you're buying. Follow David to the Viking Optical demonstration area after his talk
- 1000 David Zingfa
Overlap between bird conservation and agriculture in Hadejia wetland complex
Overlap between conservation of some endemic species/Palearctic Afro-migrants and agriculture in Hadejia Nguru wetland complex in Nigeria.
- 1030 Lizzie Lemon
Nattergal - High Fen
- 1100 RSPB
- 1130 Carolyn Robertson
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- 1200 Sony
Ambassador Talk
- 1230 Łukasz Mazurek
Białowieża Forest - the last primeval forest of Europe
History, characteristics and current situation of the Białowieża Forest making it one of the most precious nature reserves on Earth
- 1300 RSPB
- 1330 Mark Pearson
The School of Birding - How to Become a Better Birder!
Launched in 2023, the School of Birding is a huge hit with all kinds of birders - find out why here!
- 1400 Dominic Garcia-Hall
"Naked Birding" - how listening and audio recording are transforming birding.
Unable to use binoculars for several years, I developed a way of ear-birding and sound-recording that was transformative.
- 1430 Mary Colwell
What's happening with the Natural History GCSE?
Mary Colwell will provide an update on the status and importance of the Natural History GCSE
- 1500 RSPB
- 1530 Holly Page
Birding the Scottish Highlands & Islands in Autumn
Showcasing birding delights from the Scottish Highlands and Islands in autumn, from rarities to specialities

