

# Plover Lecture Stage

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## Friday 12 July

- 0930 Tom Mason  
Why you need a project as a wildlife photographer!  
Join Tom and learn how to advance your wildlife photography through developing projects for creative images and photographic success.
- 1000 Paul Hackett  
Phonescoping - the basics learn how to take pictures with a scope
- 1030 David Lindo  
Urban birding  
Keep looking up!
- 1100 Georgie Dodds - Naturetrek  
Zambia uncovered.  
Journey from South Luangwa to the Victoria Falls with Naturetrek's Georgie Dodds, exploring the awe-inspiring birds and other wildlife from the wild heart of Africa.
- 1130 Chandika Jayaratne  
Sri Lanka's wildlife and conservation in a tourism perspective  
The importance of tourism to the sustainability of the island wildlife and habitats for conservation
- 1200 Luke Paterson  
Birding Adventures in Australia's Northern Territory & beyond  
Discover northern Australia's incredible birdlife, wildlife & biodiverse landscapes with award-winning specialist guide Luke Paterson
- 1230 Mohit Aggarwal  
A mesmerising journey to see the Trans Himalayan bird species  
A breath-taking journey for the birds of Ladakh and Kashmir. Enjoy Tibetan specialties, the avifauna, and the landscapes of Kashmir
- 1300 Aaron Russ  
The Birds and Conservation Success Stories of Heritage Expeditions  
Discover the rare and unique birds you'll see on a Heritage Expeditions voyage and our conservation work to protect them
- 1330 Xavier Amigo  
Darwin and Wolf, two unknown islands of the Galapagos archipelago  
The northernmost and least known islands of the Galapagos and, above all, some of the most surprising
- 1400 Tom Mabbett – Naturetrek  
Brazil – Harpy Eagles to Jaguars  
Join Tom Mabbett for a talk on these apex predators. Tom will update us on the status of the eagles in the state of Mato Grosso and also cover Jaguar watching in the Northern Pantanal.
- 1430 Craig Jones  
No Man's Land - Not far from the Russian / Finnish border  
Some of Europe's rarest mammals carve out a living. Discover this special place and incredible mammals along with work being done to save them from extinction.
- 1500 Laura Gardner, Director of Conservation, Wildwood. In association with Wild Rutland  
Red-billed cough – a model for Species Reintroduction and Increased Biodiversity  
The cough reintroduction in Kent and how it is a model for community engagement and habitat restoration
- 1530 Dominic Garcia-Hall  
Retracing Darwin's Footsteps: The Voyage of The Beagle through birds.  
Following 2 decades guiding trips in Patagonia, this talk unites history with the modern ecology and diversity of Patagonia's birds.
- 1600 Alain Pascua  
Introduction to Philippine Endemic Birds and Philippine Bird Tours  
Presentation of basic information about Endemic Birds of the Philippines, popular birding sites & packages
- 1630 Grant Reed  
Birding in Botswana  
Time of year, species, areas to visit in Northern Botswana and surrounding areas.
- 1700 Dan Brown  
Which Antarctic Expedition Cruise?  
An Expedition Leaders 'All you need to know' about where to visit, when & with whom on an Antarctic cruise
- 1730 Atilla Steiner  
Georgia and Armenia, treasures of the Caucasus  
Countries of exceptional beauty with diverse wildlife, rare, regional endemic birds, ancient history, great food and delicious wine



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## Saturday 13 July

- 0930 Scott Whittle  
Powering up Conservation - using technology to save wildlife  
A short history and current state of technologies used to track and protect wildlife
- 1000 Andrew St Joseph  
The East Atlantic Flyway of Coastal Birds  
50 Years of Exciting Moments in Nature Conservation and Research
- 1030 Richard Parsons  
Biodiversity and Bellavista: Discover the beautiful birds of Northwestern Ecuador  
This lecture explores the special birds of Bellavista Private Protected Area and of the surrounding Piichincha Ecuador UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- 1100 Ben Chapple – Naturetrek  
India's Wild Heart  
Join Naturetrek's Ben Chapple on a journey to the forests of Madhya Pradesh, home to tigers, bears, wild dogs and more!
- 1130 Boris Belchev  
Autumn migration magic at Curonian spit National Park  
Come and discover the biggest passerine bird migration route with millions of birds passing overhead, sometimes a hand away
- 1200 John White  
Getting Started with Birda Birdwatching App  
Overview of the Birda, the community and how to make the most of Birda's features and functionality.
- 1230 Sophie Dingwall  
South Pole Expedition insights to the birding world  
We will have one of our expert birders, that is a specialist in Antarctica and South Georgia to give a lecture on the birds in these areas
- 1300 Claudien Nsabagasani  
Birding and wildlife tourism in East Africa  
Uniqueness of East Africa as a birdwatching, safaris and trekking primate destination. I talk about special birds, unique wildlife and facilities
- 1330 Norby Lopez  
Rediscovering the Biodiverse Amazon of Ecuador  
Showcasing mega biodiversity of Amazonian Ecuador, species of birds, mammals, native cultures, organized travel options, supporting conservation in Ecuador
- 1400 Ben Chapple - Naturetrek  
Mammals of Madagascar  
The remarkable story of the island's unique mammalian inhabitants, and how to see them in the wild. With Ben Chapple from Naturetrek
- 1430 Tobago Birding Representative  
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- 1500 Wild Rutland  
White Storks
- 1530 Peter Waanders  
Australia's amazing outback birding spectacle  
Showcases the boom and bust of outback birdlife throughout wet and dry years
- 1600 Alberto Bosque Coello  
Proposals for fauna and flora observation in the region of Castilla y León (Spain)  
Wolves, birds, flowers... We will introduce you to a vast and varied destination so close to the UK
- 1630 Oliver Wright  
Adventures of a Macro Photographer in Wildlife Rich Bulgaria  
An illustrated talk to showcase the amazing, smaller, wildlife found in Bulgaria, including close-up photography techniques
- 1700 Arjun Sinsinwar  
Voyage across Bhitarkanika National Park, Orissa, & immerse in this unique ecosystem  
Launched for first time in January, new sailings in Bhitarkanika national park showcase hidden gems in India's Orissa state that offers rich & abundant natural & cultural heritage
- 1730 Harry Munt  
Rewilding The Anthropocene  
Wrynecks and bad diets. Shrikes and mental health. Sparrows and urbanization. How rewilding the world, starts with rewilding the human



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## Sunday 14 July

- 0930 Paul Hackett  
Phonescoping - the basics learn how to take pictures with a scope  
Learn top tips from an expert and you can visit Paul on the Kowa stand in Falcon Marquee
- 1000 Vicente Pantoja-Maggi  
Science and community together in Birds Of The World: the case of Chile  
Chilean team updates 15-30 accounts yearly, including scientific and grey literature. We aim to promote accounts updates in other countries.
- 1030 Louis Schopp  
Ranger life - living and working as a Ranger  
From the perspective of a ranger at the start of their career - why become a ranger?
- 1100 Paul Stanbury – Naturetrek  
Costa Rica – Quetzals & Cloudforests  
Naturetrek's Paul Stanbury travels around the forests and wetlands of Costa Rica, a small country in Central America home to over 900 species of bird, including the Resplendent Quetzal, arguably the most beautiful bird in the world!
- 1130 Sara Frost – Naturetrek  
St Kilda  
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- 1200 Hugh Vere Nicoll, CEO, Wild Rutland  
Wild Rutland – The destination for the curious adventurer  
The vision for a new conservation, education and tourism project in the heart of Rutland
- 1230 Steven Stansfield  
Bird Observatories - what are they all about?  
An introduction to the work of the Bird Observatories
- 1300 Mohit Aggarwal  
Saving the threatened avifauna of Gujarat and Rajasthan  
The session will focus on conservation efforts for key species in North-Western India's grasslands, deserts, and wetlands
- 1330 Craig Jones  
Ethical Wildlife Photography - we need to step back, think twice about we're doing  
This talks shows you some simple ways to work with wildlife first and photographs second. Ethics can be a minefield
- 1400 Andy Tucker – Naturetrek  
Galapagos  
Andy Tucker from Naturetrek describes the highlights of a cruise around the fabled Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. Giant Tortoises, boobies, albatrosses, penguins, snorkelling and more!
- 1430 Charles Anderson  
The Wandering Glider Dragonfly – the World's Greatest Migrant  
The Wandering Glider Dragonfly is known to travel great distances. But only recently has research revealed it's quite extraordinary migrations.
- 1500 Eleni Galinou  
Spring/summer 2024 highlights for Lesvos, Greece  
Breeding season and spring migration of birds 2024. Common birds, hotspots and the best tips to visit Lesvos

