

# Avocet Lecture Stage

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## Friday 12 July



0930 Ella Farley

Terning Up for Plovers: Conservation on the Shoreline

Exploring the challenges facing beach-nesting species and current conservation efforts

1000 Rafael Armada

Photographs and stories of extraordinary birds

Journey behind the scenes of award-winning images and conservation efforts

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 Chris Bowden, RSPB

We need friends!

Ups and downs of Vultures across the Globe

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 Richard Winspear

RSPB

A very muddy farm walk

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

Why do birds collide with windows? Current knowledge and mitigation strategies



1500 Ian Barber

RSPB

Beyond Borders: Working together for migratory birds in Africa

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 Peter Damerell

The Caucasus – Communities Collaborating across the region for Conservation

Behind the scenes of how this USAID funded programme will utilise birding tourism to support the foundations of functional conservation programs across the region.

1700 Kenneth Butler

Birding experiences in Guyana

Highlighting birding adventures that you can do when visiting Guyana

1730 Lorraine Whittle

Bringing birds back to Boothby through rewilding

Understanding Boothby Wildland: from biological baselining to bringing in the beavers



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## Saturday 13 July

- 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 Susannah Gold  
RSPB  
Understanding the impacts of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) on UK bird populations
- 1130 Martin Beaton  
Birds of the Falkland Islands (and other stuff)  
A fascinating, unmissable opportunity to view bird life in this unique, unspoilt environment and be entertained at the same time (every lecture given by Martin is a "one-off")!
- 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 Oli Yates  
RSPB  
Turning the tide for albatrosses: a reflection of applied conservation successes and challenges
- 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 James Dunn  
RSPB  
Beneficial Use of Dredged Sediment for Habitat Creation
- 1530 Tom Kerss  
Nine birds amongst the constellations, (including the mythical phoenix!)
- 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 PC Gavin Ross, NWCU (National Wildlife Crime Unit)  
Operation Tantallon, a case study into the theft of wild peregrine falcon checks and eggs.  
Why intelligence and partnership working are key
- 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  
Optics for beginners - Bird Watching magazine/Viking Optical  
A beginner's guide to choosing, using and buying binoculars and telescopes. Follow David to the Viking Optical demonstration area after his talk
- 1000 Elin Priks  
WildEST five senses journey in Estonian Nature.  
Estonian nature program through nature parks, unique wildlife experience, pure forest food and sauna rituals with herbal plants.
- 1030 Matthew Hay  
Peat, peewits and putty chalk: Restoring High Fen  
Nattergal describe the restoration of High Fen Wildland, their site in Norfolk
-  1100 Wynona Legg  
RSPB  
Peril to Progress - Inspiring change for Norfolk's Ringed Plovers
- 1130 Carolyn Robertson  
Lek It Be? Capercaillie emergency in the Cairngorms  
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- 1200 Terry Donnelly  
5 Key Considerations When Photographing Birds.  
Sony European Imaging Ambassador Terry Donnelly shares many of his tips, tricks and setups, including thought processes and techniques for bird photography
- 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 John Mallord  
RSPB  
Survival and movements of GPS tagged White-rumped Vultures in Nepal and implications for conservation
- 1330 Mark Pearson and Simon Pawsey  
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 James Bray  
RSPB's East Midlands Reserves  
Some of the top birding sites in the country
- 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 Zbig Karpowicz  
RSPB  
Getting Wet for Waders: Restoring habitat for migratory waterbirds across northern Europe
-  1530 Guy Anderson  
RSPB  
Operation Turtle Dove - Hope for the sound of summer

