

Avocet Lecture Stage

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Friday 14 July



1000 Mark Nowers
Operation Turtle Dove Project

1030 Richard Peters - Nikon
Back Garden Safari
Learn how you don't need to travel, to take captive wildlife photos



1100 Wenceslas Gatarabirwa - RSPB
Updates from the East Atlantic Flyway
Transformational conservation delivery in the Africa-Eurasia region

1130 Ivan de Klee
Nattergal – the business case for nature recovery
Natural capital and green finance to drive nature recovery – Boothby Wildland, a case study



1200 David Lindo - Tobago
Birding Tobago
David uncovers the birding delights that this small Caribbean island has to offer.



1230 Alick Simmons
Wildlife Persecution in GB: Mostly Legal, Mostly Inhumane



1300 Hannah Bourne-Taylor
The Feather Speech

1330 Rob Williams - Prom Peru
Birds and people of Peru
An exploration of the interaction of birds and people in Peru.



1400 Jeff Knott - RSPB
Why Policy Matters
Politics is just arguing, right? Wrong! It's vital to saving nature.
Come along to hear why.

1430 Manya Russo
Seabirds of the Maltese islands: Threats and Conservation
Tackling biosecurity and bycatch of seabirds in the Maltese archipelago



1500 Mary Davies - RSPB
The Triumphs and Trials of Translocations
The important role that translocations play in conservation, including examples of successes and challenges

1530 Ian Andrews
Fair Isle Bird Observatory



1600 Dr Lee Raye
Early bird records from the Atlas of Early Modern Life



1630 Ryan Chenery
Birds of the Lesser Antilles
The author highlights birds around his home region in his new field guide






1700 Balazs Szigeti
Mammal safari in Europe - up to 40 species of small mammals
Colourful insight to the incredible variety of mammals in Hungary and Slovakia



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Saturday 15 July



- 0930 Dominic Couzens
 Trials and Tribulations of a Nature Writer
Some personal insights into wildlife journalism
- 1000 Grant Reed
Birding in Botswana
An armchair birding and wildlife safari through Botswana's premiere wilderness areas
- 1030 Rebecca Nason
Shetland Seabird Tours - The Noss Boat
Seabirds, cetaceans and photography at 60 degrees North
- 1100 Laura Bambini - RSPB
 Safeguarding the UK's internationally important seabird islands
Seabirds face multiple threats and many are in decline – what can we do to help?
- 1130 Steve Sanchez
Birding in the Southern Route of Perú
More than 1200 species and an amazing cultural legacy waiting for you
- 1200 Lucy Haskell - BirdLife International
State of the World's Birds
- 1230 Mike Dilger
 The very best of British Wildlife
- 1300 Ian Cole - RSPB
 Curlews in Crisis – Saving a Species on the Brink
Hear from the RSPB team working around the UK to help this red-listed wader
- 1330 Tony Thorne
Sustainable travel and birds in Guyana
- 1400 Alice Tribe
Investigating bird killing in Malta
- 1430 Jari Peltomaki
Finnature - 30 years of Finnish Nature
- 1500 James Bray - RSPB
 Hope for Hen Harriers?
Is there hope for the UK species whose population is most affected by crime?
- 1530 Finches Friend
Disease transfer in garden feeders
- 1600 Holly Page
Birding in the Scottish Highlands in Autumn
Showcasing birding delights from the Scottish Highlands and Islands in autumn, from rarities to specialities
- 1630 Tris Allinson – BirdLife International
Energy infrastructure built with birds in mind
- 1700 Robin Fisher
Kingfisher Film with Q&A - 40 minutes



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Sunday 16 July



- 0930 Xavier Amigo
A Birding Journey across a top 4 country; Ecuador
- 1000 Beltran de Ceballos
What's Going On in Donana?
Doñana is at the worst moment in its history - are there solutions for recovery?
- 1030 Peep Rooks
Looking for Lynx in Estonia
Estonia – one of the top destinations to look for the elusive lynx
-  1100 Rhoda Ludford / Will Bevan – RSPB
How volunteers are helping save some of our most threatened species
Across the UK RSPB Volunteers are helping our most threatened species through species recovery projects
- 1130 Dan Brown
Spectacular Shetland Wildlife
Discover the remarkable and diverse summer wildlife of the Shetland Islands
- 1200 Vivek Menon
Indian Mammals; Introduction to the New Edition
The author presents an updated version of the best selling field guide to Indian Mammals
- 1230 Jenna Jones
Operation Seabird
-  1300 Jenny Weston - RSPB
Egyptian Vulture Flyway Conservation
22 Partners, 14 Countries, 1 mission: to save the Egyptian Vulture
- 1330 Joel Ashton
Gardening for Wildlife
- 1400 David Lindo
The Urban Birder Travels
David Lindo talks about some of his urban birding adventures
- 1430 Dr Pam Taylor - BDS Trustee
The Changing Fortunes of our Dragonfly species
The changes in our dragonfly fauna since BDS began 40 years ago
-  1500 Richard Winspear - RSPB
Six steps to guarantee more nature on farmland
A practical, evidence-based approach to nature-friendly farming to benefit birds and all wildlife



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