

Avocet Lecture Stage

Co-Sponsor Embratur Brasil

Friday 11 July



0930 **Nick Skilbeck**

An RSPB Local Group reinvigorated through community and conservation projects.

Introducing our projects: a nature reserve created, playing fields converted to habitat for birds, sand martin boxes.

1000 **Alison Whitfield**

Kavango Zambezi - Rivers of Life

Occupying part of the Kavango and Zambezi River basins, this region encompasses areas within the borders of Angola, Botswana, Namibia Zambia and Zimbabwe, an area rich in wildlife

1030 **Jon Mason – the Early Birder**

Castle Wild Camp: What happens when camping and nature combine?

This is the story of Castle Wild Camp: a wonderful example of what happens when you let nature recover...

1100 **Dr Charles Anderson**

Indonesian seabirds and other marine wildlife

Whales and dolphins, whale sharks and mantas, superb coral reefs, seabirds plus Birds of Paradise and Komodo Dragons. Indonesia's hard to beat!

1130 **Carlos Bethancourt**

Darién: Land of the Harpy Eagle and Birding Wonders

Discover Darién's birding paradise, iconic Harpy Eagles and vibrant culture with Carlos Bethancourt on an unforgettable birding journey!

1200 **Leonardo de Moura Persi, Edson Moroni, Daniela Pereira - Embratur Brasil**

Discover how incredible Brazil is for Birdwatchers, Mato Grosso do Sul, Birdwatching in Mato Grosso

Find out more about our unique resources, birdwatching map, bird species and conservation projects.

1230 **Dan Brown**

Embark on the UK's first Conservation Cruise: Scotland's Wild Isles.

Hear about this exciting voyage sailing in May 2026 and replicating the SOCs voyage 60 years ago.

1300 **Leio De Souza**

Birding in Papua New Guinea: Birds of Paradise and More

The challenging yet exciting birding on offer in Papua New Guinea, with incredible birds-of-paradise and a multitude of endemics.

1330 **Tony Thorne**

Wildlife Journeys with A Positive Impact in Guyana

Discover the key wildlife species in our rainforest and savannahs where community tourism and conservation initiatives really make a difference.

1400 **Anton Wolfaardt**

Saving Marion Island's Seabirds - The Mouse-Free Marion Project.

A conservation initiative aiming to restore the ecological integrity of Marion Island by eradicating an invasive mammalian predator

1430 **Rob Williams - Rockjumper**

Endemic Birds of Peru

Recent taxonomic changes and discoveries have resulted in new endemic and restricted-range species being recognised in Peru

1500 **Luciano Lima**

How many "Amazonias" are in the Brazilian Amazon?

Discover birding destinations in Brazil's "Amazonias," highlighting endemic species, unique interfluvial regions, and key centres of endemism.

1530 **Ron Pudín**

Borneo's Pheasants and Pittas Birding Trails

How to do it in 10 days in Sabah from the rarest endemics to the elusive Pittas

1600 **Rene Montero**

Safe Birding in Colombia and New Species Discoveries

Learn how regenerative tourism ensures safe birding in Colombia, fosters community efforts and leads to exciting new species discoveries.

1630 **Scott Pursner**

Seabird Bycatch Work in East Asia - Tales from Taiwan

An exploration of the history and ongoing efforts of the Taiwan Wild Bird Federation to tackle seabird bycatch as part of an important collaboration with the RSPB on this issue

1700 **Carole Turek**

Magnificent Obsession: The Quest to Photograph Every Hummingbird Species

45-minute presentation with photography and video of my adventures in trying to photograph all hummingbird species in the Americas.



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Saturday 12 July



0930 **Luke Paterson**

Australia's Northern Territory endemics & speciality birds & wildlife

Explore the iconic & most sought-after birds & wildlife in Luke Paterson's big & biodiverse backyard of Darwin, NT.

1000 **Luís Dias & Susanne Strøm**

A soul-touched Arctic wildlife adventure along Norway's 70th parallel.

From Skjervøy to Varanger, incredible marine wildlife and diverse bird species are observed year-round. Each season brings unique experiences

1030 **Claudio F. Vidal**

Quest for Iconic Wildlife in the Islands of Chile

A visual portfolio of our wildlife explorations in three well-known islands of Chile: Tierra del Fuego, Chiloé and the Juan Fernandez Archipelago.

1100 **Stina Remmer**

Weekend Escape into Estonia's Wild – A Family Adventure Beyond Birdwatching

How can the whole family enjoy Estonia's nature when there is a passionate birdwatcher in the family?

1130 **Dr. Arpit Bansal**

Blue Mind, Birdwatching & the Flow Cycle: Nature's Key to Longevity

How birding activates the flow state, heals the nervous system, and promotes emotional resilience, cognitive health, and longevity

1200 **Leonardo de Moura Persi, Giuliano Bernardon, Ester Ramirez-** Embratur Brasil

Brazil: The country of birds, Birding the Pantanal wetlands in Brazil, Lajedo dos Beija-flores

Brazil: 1st place in biodiversity. 18% of the world's bird diversity, 1st in South America in number of endemic birds

1230 **Eleni Galinou**

Year-round birding on the island of Lesvos, Greece

Birding hotspots and birding the year round in Lesvos with highlights of Spring 2025 sightings.

1300 **Yeray Seminario**

Birds of Senegal: The Best Birding Destination in West Africa

Explore Senegal's exceptional birdlife, from abundant migratory species to unique residents, highlighting diverse habitats and its role in conservation.

1330 **Grant Reed**

Birding in Botswana

Affordable mobile tented safaris for birding in Botswana

1400 **QUITO**

1430 **Becky Ingham**

Hookpod - an update on preventing seabird bycatch

A look at Hookpod uptake around the globe, results from recent projects and what's coming next.

1500 **Michal Jezierski**

Studying avian evolution in the Outer Hebrides

A summary of ongoing research exploring the evolution of Wrens and Rock Doves in Scotland's Outer Hebrides

1530 **Gavin McKinnon**

Birding in Western Canada - the next destination in North America

Discover western Canada's top birding hotspots, diverse species, breathtaking landscapes, and unforgettable birdwatching and wildlife experiences.

1600 **Lia Nahomi Kajiki**

An Eastern Amazonian birding extravaganza: 375 birds in 12 days

What birding at the worst time of the year can offer you in the Eastern Amazon

1630 **Serge Arias**

Costa Rica Birding the 7 ecozones

From towering mountains and volcanos to the remote Cocos Island, explore the birdlife of Costa Rica while learning about key hotspots and top ecolodges.

1700 **Nandan Sengupta**

Latpanchor – A Sanctuary for Rare Species – Developed by Local stakeholders

Story of a Himalayan village that created a bird sanctuary, protecting rare bird species and fostering sustainable birding tourism.

1730 **Max Biasioli**

The supreme winter Arctic wish list - amazing photo tours in the Northern Hemisphere

Norwegian killer whales to Svalbard polar bears & walruses. Snowy owls & Big owls in Canada and Stellar's eagles and cranes in Japan.



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Sunday 13 July



- 1000 **Will Fox**
My life with Leopards
25 years working in wildlife conservation. Defined by the individuals Leopards that I have known intimately, each with a story.
- 1030 **Dan Brown**
Spectacular Shetland Wildlife
Discovery the remarkable and diverse wildlife of the Shetland Islands in Summer
- 1100 **Susannah Kerr**
Wildlife of the Scottish Highlands
Aigas Field Centre: A Private Nature Reserve for Beavers, Pine Martens & Red Squirrels
- 1130 **Martin Kelsey**
Extremadura birding off the beaten track
Extremadura is a top birding destination, but you do not need to follow popular routes to find the birds
- 1200 **Leonardo de Moura Persi, Caio Brito, Manoela Bernardy** - Embratur Brasil
Brazil: The country of birds, Birding in Brazil, The South Pantanal
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- 1230 **Quentin Philips**
In Search of Borneo's elusive Clouded Leopard
The best sites, the best guides and how to maximize your Clouded Leopard sightings on a Borneo wildlife safari
- 1300 **Dr Sophie-Lee Williams**
Restoring White-tailed Eagles to Southeast Wales and Severn Estuary
Overview of the WTE reintroduction project in Wales covering the progress, partnership work, challenges and benefits of the project.
- 1330 **Tim Jones**
Migfest, the best birding weekend!
A walk through of the Spurn Migration Festival, the best birding weekend in the UK!
- 1400 **Rebecca Nason**
Shetland Seabird Tours - The Noss Boat
10 years of the Best Visitor Attraction Experience, marine wildlife, seabirds & photography.
- 1430 **The Legendary Panama**
Birds of the neotropics, sustainability, research and conservation
Panama is the living connection of the biotic exchange of the American Neotropics, a pioneer in ornithological research and a benchmark for sustainability, community solidarity and conservation.
- 1500 **Dan Brown**
Islay & Jura in Autumn: The Eagle Islands
Thousands of birds create a dramatic spectacle and features the goose-hunting eagles
- 1530 **Balázs Szigeti**
Eye to Eye with Snow Leopards
Snow Leopard photography in Mongolia, sharing insights, challenges, and experiences from years of successful tours and the new winter photo tour.



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