

Curlew Lecture Stage

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Friday 11 July

- 1000 **Chris Bell**
Colombia: Land of Birds
Let's explore Colombia - the most bird-rich country on earth - on a journey from cloud forests to the Amazon jungle and beyond
- 1030 **Mary Colwell**
Curlews of the World
Looking at the status of Curlew around the world and asking the question "Are we looking after them?"
- 1100 **Vaughan Ashby**
6,000 bird species photographed on travels around the world
The best 1% of the 6,000 bird species photographed around the world from endangered, stunningly beautiful and with incredible adaptations
- 1130 **Susan Morgan**
Unravelling the crisis: the complex challenges facing UK songbirds
Exploring the latest research on UK songbird threats including disease, pollution and infrastructure, alongside what you can do to help.
- 1200 **Mike Dilger**
Papua New Guinea - Dilger in Paradise
Mike Dilger fulfils a life-long dream to visit Papua New Guinea by immersing himself in some of planet earth's most captivating birds - the Birds of Paradise.
- 1230 **Leslie Reynolds**
Where to Watch Birds in Zambia
This talk will bring the latest news on where to find Zambia's most exciting, elusive and charismatic birds
- 1300 **Peter Waanders**
Australia: Land of Parrots
An in-depth look at many of the 50+ species of parrots that live in every habitat found in Australia.
- 1330 **Alejandra Rendón**
Silent Stories of Birds of Colombia
A journey through the untold stories of some of Colombia's most extraordinary birds
- 1400 **Lara Broom**
Birdwatching in São Tomé and Príncipe, the African Galapagos
Why São Tomé and Príncipe should be on everyone's bucket list – dozens of endemic birds, welcoming people and beautiful scenery!
- 1430 **Nick Acheson and Michael Warren**
Wildlife and Nature Writing on the Isle of Islay
Join two naturalist-authors for an unforgettable tour of Islay, combining eagles, harriers, otters, wild geese and creative writing workshops.
- 1500 **Mohit Aggarwal**
Himalayan Birds - Hotspots and Challenges
Discover the diverse Himalayan birding hotspots, and understand the conservation challenges they face
- 1530 **James Kimball**
Western Caribbean Wildlife and Conservation, Bocas del Toro, Panama
Wildlife, regional endemism, geography, natural history, conservation/protection on the Western Caribbean Slope of Bocas Del Toro, Panamá
- 1600 **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.
- 1630 **Chris Bell**
2000 Birds: A Very Big South American Year
Tales of birding adventures from my 2024 South American "Big Year", during which I registered over 2,000 species!
- 1700 **Mary Colwell**
Creating a Nature-Literate Society
Giving an update on the status of the GCSE in Natural History - is it going to happen?
- 1730 **Jonny Hanson**
Snow Leopard Trail – Short Film Screening

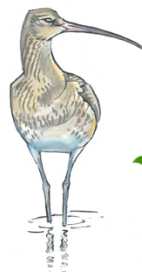
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Saturday 12 July

- 0930 **Tim Jones**
Magic of Spurn
A walk through of a year's birding at Spurn, one of the best places for bird migration in the UK
- 1000 **Amano Samarpan**
Birds in Bhutan: avian wonders in a Himalayan kingdom
This talk discusses some of the major species to be found in Bhutan while reflecting on their environment
- 1030 **Holly Page**
Scottish Islands in Summer - the UK's answer to the Caribbean!
Remote, tranquil, turquoise seas, sweeping white sandy beaches, incredible wildlife! What's not to love?
- 1100 **Prof Martin Perrow**
The Adventures of Tern Boy
Innovative research on the UK's terns plus stories of the personal odyssey to see and understand all the world's species
- 1130 **Rick Simpson**
Wader Questing Down under part 2 - New Zealand
Sequel to last year's talk, we now travel to New Zealand where new waders (and mishaps) await
- 1200 **Helen Bryon**
The Call of the Kalahari
Join Helen as she describes the myriad of marvellous, often rare species, that have adapted to survive in the Kalahari
- 1230 **Annie Shadrake**
Being an autistic birdwatcher: my personal journey
What does birdwatching mean to me as autistic woman? How can nature reserves and bird festivals become more inclusive?
- 1300 **Margaret Williams**
Epic Habitat Restoration at Sea Lion Island
Join us to find out how we are helping native bird species thrive in Sea Lion Islands National Nature Reserve
- 1330 **Mr. Matthew "Willow" Francois**
The Small Six
The 'Small Six' is a groundbreaking wildlife tour that invites visitors to discover and celebrate six rare and endangered species that can only be found in Saint Lucia
- 1400 **Raffaele Di Biase**
The Land of Fire: Birds and Wildlife of the Atacama Desert and the Altiplano
A fantastic voyage from the sea level to 5000 metres discovering the birdlife of the driest desert on earth
- 1430 **Chris Breen**
Baja, the ultimate whale watching destination
Join Chris Breen as he describes one of his 'secret' favourite locations - Baja California - a place that exceeds all wildlife expectations!
- 1500 **Axel Drioli**
The sounds of Western Palearctic birds in Africa
Exploring different vocal behaviours of migratory birds such as Common Nightingales, Common Reed Warbler and other birds found during the recent Sounds Across Continents expedition in West Africa.
- 1530 **Belen Rodriguez**
Nature tourism in Asturias, the North of Spain
Presentation of the Bearded Vulture conservation program in the Cantabrian Mountain range (Spain)
- 1600 **Carolyn Robertson**
A bird positive Scotland by 2030
What does Scotland's goal of becoming nature positive by 2030 mean for birds and how do we get there?
- 1630 **Toby Green**
Sensational South Africa!
Birds and mammals from the Western Cape to Kruger National Park.
- 1700 **Dr Kathryn Cooper**
The complex and beautiful science behind murmurations
Join Kathryn's journey to understanding the fluid-like movement of flocks and why we find their transient, ethereal shapes compelling

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1000 **Naomi Johns**

Understanding *Falco tinnunculus* - the European Kestrel

Unpicking the mystery behind their decline and just how the species is biologically adapted for their unique ecological role.

1030 **James Stevens**

The Hebrides: The UK's Wildest Isles

The wilderness/remoteness of the Inner and Outer Hebrides. Featuring cetaceans and seabird colonies

1100 **Craig Fellowes**

Fighting wildlife crime for over 40yrs and the importance of education.

Representing the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime, Craig has received an MBE for over 40 years services to wildlife protection

1130 **Martin Beaton**

Living with the Falkland Islands Wildlife

A beautifully illustrated, highly entertaining insight into life on the Falkland Islands.

1200 **Helen Bryon**

Brazil – A Tale of Three Biomes

Helen Bryon will regale you with stories from the three biomes she recently visited in Brazil including the little known Cerrado, the verdant Amazon and the incredible Pantanal

1230 **Simon Barnes** – for African Bird Club

Lost in the Bush: Birding and the Baron

A humorous tribute to a pioneer of Zambian birding, the late Bob Stjernstedt with whom Simon spent many fun and dramatic times

1300 **Harry Munt**

Life is the (chalk) pits

How an encounter with a Kestrel and a local chalkpit changed my life

1330 **Chandika Jayaratne**

Sri Lanka's Wildlife in depth and how tourism is driving conservation

The Wildlife of Sri Lanka and how the tourism industry is driving conservation efforts and driving sustainability in the island

1400 **Richard Baines**

The Rarity Garden

The Great White Cape of Flamborough, a story of wild obsession

1430 **Bret Charman**

Australia - Wildlife Down Under

Discover the unique wildlife of Australia as Bret Charman shares his passion for the oddities that call this continent home.

1500 **Belen Rodriguez**

Ecotourist Reserve of Green Spain

Discover the best nature of Green Spain through a great route through protected natural spaces and ecotourism experiences

1530 **John Horton**

Bardsey - the island of twenty thousand saints and shearwaters

Bardsey is home to a world-famous bird observatory and is the 4th largest Manx Shearwater colony on earth.

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