

Avocet Lecture Stage

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Friday 10 July



- 1000 **James Kimball**
Bocas del Toro: A Living Corridor of Tropical Biodiversity
Bocas del Toro hosts extraordinary tropical biodiversity, linking life zones, endemic species, and migratory corridors through community-supported conservation and protected rainforest habitats.
- 1030 **Anders Gray & Markos Charalambides**
Akrotiri: Cyprus' largest wetland complex in crisis
A vital hub for migratory birds and birdwatching now under threat. What happened and what must change.
- 1100 **Marquinha Martins, BirdLife International São Tomé and Príncipe**
BirdLife International's work for Preventing Island Extinctions. The power of community engagement.
By working directly with local hunters, the project helped shift perceptions about wildlife conservation and sustainable hunting practices
- 1130 **Keith Betton**
Birdwatching in São Tomé and Príncipe
São Tomé and Príncipe are the subject of Global Birdfair's fundraising. They are two amazing islands to visit.
- 1200 **Leonardo de Moura Persi - Embratur Brasil**
Visit Brasil – Your Voyage of Discovery of birds and nature in this amazing country starts here.
Bahia: Lajedo dos Beija-Flores; Rio do Brasil Natural Reserve, Caeté Reserve : Espírito Santo State
- 1230 **Lloyd Scott**
Anti-Poaching work along the Mediterranean's Three Pillars of Migration.
A brief summary of hunting traditions along Mediterranean migration bottlenecks and CABS work to prevent illegal poaching and influence change.
- 1300 **Kevin Newell**
Tackling the Silent Bird Killers
Learn about our campaign to try and regulate or end the silent killer that is bird netting.
- 1330 **Jenny Weston, RSPB**
Steppe Eagle next steps
Find out more about this endangered species and what RSPB and partners are doing to save this amazing migratory bird.
- 1400 **Yann Rouxel or Zoe Jacobs**
Sustainable fisheries and seafood supply chain choices
Methods and results to date from leveraging seafood supply chains to improve sustainable fishery practices
- 1430 **Martin Kelsey**
Birding in Extremadura - a retrospective
Martin gives a personal reflection on changes over the last 21 years of nature guiding and conservation in Extremadura
- 1500 **Marcelo Gavensky**
Hooded Grebe in Austral Winter (May to August)
Why seeing this species on its wintering territory is a top birding experience (and the easiest way to see it)
- 1530 **Gustav Kiburg, Sony**
'Shooting Wildlife Photography with Sony Alpha'
Join Sony Europe Imaging Ambassador, Gustav Kiburg, for an inspiring wildlife photography talk focused on patience, precision, and capturing truly authentic moments in the wild.
- 1600 **Wenyi Zhou**
Bird Ringing as an Opportunity to Study Avian Distress Calls
This presentation explores how bird ringing stations/projects can facilitate distress call research
- 1630 **Dr. Peter Palatitz**
FALCOPOLIS, the Home of One Million migratory Falcons in Angola
Up to 1 million Red-footed falcons from across the World are proven to roost in each March in Falcopolis, Angola.
- 1700 **John Horton**
The Bird Observatories Council
An insight into the work of the Bird observatories of Britian, Ireland & the Crown dependencies



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- 0930 **Toby Carter**
Birds, Beers & Bee-eaters - Lesvos 2026
Exploring Lesvos during the peak of spring migration, over 180 species recorded during a relaxed birding break
- 1000 **David Kinchin-Smith**
How wasps helped prevent the extinction of Tristan's Wilkins' Bunting
How a 4yr project on Tristan da Cunha provided hope for an endemic bird species on the brink of extinction
- 1030 **To be Confirmed**
West Midlands Ringing Group: Pioneers of Thermal Imaging for Bird Ringing
The West Midlands Ringing Group discuss how they have spearheaded the use of Pulsar thermal imaging for bird ringing and surveys.
- 1100 **Tony Thorne**
Discover Guyana's Birding Paradise of rainforests, savannas, coastline and 900 species of birds
Explore rich biodiversity, untouched wilderness and intimate wildlife encounters with minimal impact in the Land of Giants including Harpy Eagles, Giant Anteaters and Jaguars.
- 1130 **Iva Šoštarić**
Bird conservation efforts on Croatian islands
Comprehensive approach to conservation of sea birds (Yelkouan shearwater, Scopoli's shearwater, Aduini's gull) and birds of prey (Griffon vulture, Golden eagle) on Croatian islands.
- 1200 **Leonardo de Moura Persi - Embratur Brasil**
Brazil: The country of birds. Find out how you can see incredible birds and wildlife by region.
Mato Grosso, Birding Pantanal; Cunhataí Porã Ecological Reserve, Mato Grosso do Sul State, São Paulo State
- 1230 **Jon Hall**
Critters, Camaraderie and Conservation. 21 Years of Mammalwatching.Com
Why the rapid growth of mammal watching is having significant conservation and scientific impacts
- 1300 **Kate MacRae – Wildlife Kate**
Tawny Owl Diaries: Drama in the Nest Box
WildlifeKate has spent nearly a decade filming Tawny Owls. Join her for a behind-the-scenes look at tawny owl behaviour, how to create the perfect nest box, and the remarkable stories captured on camera.
- 1330 **Herbert Byaruhanga**
Ecotourism development in Uganda focus on Women youth empowerment
Ecotourism development in Uganda empowering women through conservation, business skills training, sustainable livelihoods, entrepreneurship and community-based tourism initiatives.
- 1400 **Chris Gomersall**
The Last Slender-billed Curlew - witnessing an extinction
My encounter & photographic record of the last slender-billed curlew, at Merja Zerga, Morocco, in February 1995.
- 1430 **Adam Riley**
After Kruger Challenges in South Africa, Adam Riley will outline the upcoming Ranthambore Challenge: Raising funds for critical conservation causes
A fun and unique bird and wildlife adventure covering the highlights of India's premier tiger viewing national park plus the famous bird haven of Bharatpur, the Taj Mahal and other top birding sites around Delhi.
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- 1530 **Łukasz Mazurek**
Can wolves & lynx be easy to see without baiting?
Wild Poland approach to ethical wildlife watching in the Białowieża Forest.
- 1600 **Tonia Cochran**
Australia's endemic and special birds
Lecture explores Australia's endemics and specials (Plains-wanderer, Lyrebird's etc); considering reasons for high endemism and examples of hotspots/regions.
- 1630 **Edward Mayer**
Swifts, Microwaves, Dishwashers, Deodorants - what's the connection?
People buying a house must start asking the question "But has it got a Swift Brick?"
if Swifts are to survive. How do we set about achieving this? The talk sets out some ideas.
- 1700 **Holly Daniels**
Into the Night
Exploring the hidden world of Britain's bats through photography; from conservation to conflict and everything in between.



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Sunday 12 July



- 0930 **Olga Daniilidou**
The Wetlands of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece
The natural wealth of the Region of Central Macedonia, Greece: Protected Wetlands and National Parks.
- 1000 **Krisztina Scheeff**
Photography for Conservation and Education
A picture is worth a thousand words: photography for conservation and education and what you can do to help.
- 1030 **Guatemala** representative
Guatemalan Wildlife
Discover more about the nature of Guatemala
- 1100 **Dr Isla Graham**
Raptor conservation in the Cairngorms
Hear about the latest work to restore healthy and productive raptor populations in the Cairngorms National Park, including Golden eagle, Hen harrier, Merlin and Peregrine.
- 1130 **Will Fox**
A practical, personal guide to planning and experiencing wildlife safaris
Safari advice, drawn from over two decades of first hand guiding safaris in Africa and beyond
- 1200 **Leonardo de Moura Persi - Embratur Brasil**
Brazil: Integrated Amazon Routes
Discover more about amazing birding routes available for your next journey of discovery in Brazil.
Amazon Birdwatching (Rondônia State), Ujara Amazon Resort (Amazon State)
- 1230 **Neil Phillips**
Wildlife of Essex
The amazing wildlife from rare inverts to coastal birds found in this overlooked county
- 1300 **Richard Willis**
Shorebirds of the Northumberland coast - addressing recreational disturbance in all seasons.
From public engagement, disturbance monitoring to beach nesting bird protection. An account of the efforts being made to protect shorebirds.
- 1330 **Jane Smith**
Community. People and Wildlife on the West Coast of Scotland.
Is community action the future of landscape regeneration? A talk beautifully illustrated with artwork from Jane's new book.
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- 1430 **Keith Betton**
Africa's Top 20 Birds
The results of a survey into birders' favourite birds in Africa
- 1500 **Kevin Newell**
Savings Scottish Gulls and Changing the Law
Learn how we changed Scottish policy and licensing, reducing Gull eggs and chicks number from being killed under license.



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