

# Plover Lecture Stage

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## Friday 12 July

- 0930 Tom Mason  
Why you need a project as a wildlife photographer!  
Join Tom and learn how to advance your wildlife photography through developing projects for creative images and photographic success.
- 1000 Paul Hackett  
Phonescoping - the basics learn how to take pictures with a scope
- 1030 David Lindo  
Urban birding  
Keep looking up!
- 1100 Georgie Dodds - Naturetrek  
Zambia uncovered.  
Journey from South Luangwa to the Victoria Falls with Naturetrek's Georgie Dodds, exploring the awe-inspiring birds and other wildlife from the wild heart of Africa.
- 1130 Chandika Jayaratne  
Sri Lanka's wildlife and conservation in a tourism perspective  
The importance of tourism to the sustainability of the island wildlife and habitats for conservation
- 1200 Luke Paterson  
Birding Adventures in Australia's Northern Territory & beyond  
Discover northern Australia's incredible birdlife, wildlife & biodiverse landscapes with award-winning specialist guide Luke Paterson
- 1230 Mohit Aggarwal  
A mesmerising journey to see the Trans Himalayan bird species  
A breath-taking journey for the birds of Ladakh and Kashmir. Enjoy Tibetan specialties, the avifauna, and the landscapes of Kashmir
- 1300 Aaron Russ  
The Birds and Conservation Success Stories of Heritage Expeditions  
Discover the rare and unique birds you'll see on a Heritage Expeditions voyage and our conservation work to protect them
- 1330 Xavier Amigo  
Darwin and Wolf, two unknown islands of the Galapagos archipelago  
The northernmost and least known islands of the Galapagos and, above all, some of the most surprising
- 1400 Tom Mabbett – Naturetrek  
Brazil – Harpy Eagles to Jaguars  
Join Tom Mabbett for a talk on these apex predators. Tom will update us on the status of the eagles in the state of Mato Grosso and also cover Jaguar watching in the Northern Pantanal.
- 1430 Ecuador Travel Representative  
Putting Ecuador on the global wildlife habitat conservation map – preserving landscapes and species
- 1500 Laura Gardner, Director of Conservation, Wildwood. In association with Wild Rutland  
Red-billed cough – a model for Species Reintroduction and Increased Biodiversity  
The cough reintroduction in Kent and how it is a model for community engagement and habitat restoration
- 1530 Dominic Garcia-Hall  
Retracing Darwin's Footsteps: The Voyage of The Beagle through birds.  
Following 2 decades guiding trips in Patagonia, this talk unites history with the modern ecology and diversity of Patagonia's birds.
- 1600 Alain Pascua  
Introduction to Philippine Endemic Birds and Philippine Bird Tours  
Presentation of basic information about Endemic Birds of the Philippines, popular birding sites & packages
- 1630 Grant Reed  
Birding in Botswana  
Time of year, species, areas to visit in Northern Botswana and surrounding areas.
- 1700 Dan Brown  
Which Antarctic Expedition Cruise?  
An Expedition Leaders 'All you need to know' about where to visit, when & with whom on an Antarctic cruise
- 1730 Atila Steiner  
Georgia and Armenia, treasures of the Caucasus  
Countries of exceptional beauty with diverse wildlife, rare, regional endemic birds, ancient history, great food and delicious wine



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Saturday 13 July



- 0930 Scott Whittle  
Powering up Conservation - using technology to save wildlife  
A short history and current state of technologies used to track and protect wildlife
- 1000 Andrew St Joseph  
The East Atlantic Flyway of Coastal Birds  
50 Years of Exciting Moments in Nature Conservation and Research
- 1030 Richard Parsons  
Biodiversity and Bellavista: Discover the beautiful birds of Northwestern Ecuador  
Explore the special birds of Bellavista Private Protected Area & the surrounding Piichincha Ecuador UNESCO Biosphere Reserve
- 1100 Ben Chapple – Naturetrek  
India's Wild Heart  
Join Naturetrek's Ben Chapple on a journey to the forests of Madhya Pradesh, home to tigers, bears, wild dogs and more!
- 1130 Boris Belchev  
Autumn migration magic at Curonian spit National Park  
Come and discover the biggest passerine bird migration route with millions of birds passing overhead, sometimes a hand away
- 1200 John White  
Getting Started with Birda Birdwatching App  
Overview of the Birda, the community and how to make the most of Birda's features and functionality.
- 1230 Paul Copestake  
South Georgia Expedition Micro Cruise: Insights into the birding world  
Journey through the Antarctic region and discover the birds you can see during your visit
- 1300 Sara Frost – Naturetrek  
St Kilda  
Sailing to the Edge of the World
- 1330 Victoria Saravia – Mullin  
Flyway conservation efforts to save Balkan Egyptian vultures  
International work at flyway scale brings hope of recovery for the species
- 1400 Ben Chapple - Naturetrek  
Mammals of Madagascar  
The remarkable story of the island's unique mammalian inhabitants, and how to see them in the wild. With Ben Chapple from Naturetrek
- 1430 Newton George  
Birding on the Island of Tobago  
Discover some amazing birds with some surprises along the way in this Tropical Paradise
- 1500 Laura Vaughan-Hirsch, White Stork Project Officer, Knepp. In association with Wild Rutland  
White storks taking flight: Reconnecting with a wilder Britain  
The lessons from a reintroduction process, and the successful ringing and satellite tagging whilst engaging with communities
- 1530 Peter Waanders  
Australia's amazing outback birding spectacle  
Showcases the boom and bust of outback birdlife throughout wet and dry years
- 1600 Alberto Bosque Coello  
Proposals for fauna and flora observation in the region of Castilla y León (Spain)  
Wolves, birds, flowers... We will introduce you to a vast and varied destination so close to the UK
- 1630 Oliver Wright  
Adventures of a Macro Photographer in Wildlife Rich Bulgaria  
An illustrated talk to showcase the amazing, smaller, wildlife found in Bulgaria, including close-up photography techniques
- 1700 Arjun Sinsinwar  
Voyage across Bhitarkanika National Park, Orissa, & immerse in this unique ecosystem  
Launched for first time in January, new sailings in Bhitarkanika national park showcase hidden gems in India's Orissa state that offers rich & abundant natural & cultural heritage
- 1730 Harry Munt  
Rewilding The Anthropocene  
Wrynecks and bad diets. Shrikes and mental health. Sparrows and urbanization. How rewilding the world, starts with rewilding the human



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## Sunday 14 July

- 0930 Paul Hackett  
Phonescoping - the basics learn how to take pictures with a scope  
Learn top tips from an expert and you can visit Paul on the Kowa stand in Falcon Marquee
- 1000 Vicente Pantoja-Maggi  
Science and community together in Birds of the World: the case of Chile  
A review of the challenges and learnings of directing a Birds of the World Project in Chile.
- 1030 Louis Schopp  
Ranger life - living and working as a Ranger  
From the perspective of a ranger at the start of their career - why become a ranger?
- 1100 Paul Stanbury – Naturetrek  
Costa Rica – Quetzals & Cloudforests  
Naturetrek's Paul Stanbury travels around the forests and wetlands of Costa Rica, a small country in Central America home to over 900 species of bird, including the Resplendent Quetzal, arguably the most beautiful bird in the world!
- 1130 Matthew A Francois  
Birding in St Lucia  
A small volcanic island with a superb collection of birds that makes St Lucia one the most desirable destinations for bird lovers and worlds listers. Let "Willow" share his island home's wildlife with you.
- 1200 Hugh Vere Nicoll, CEO, Wild Rutland  
Wild Rutland – The destination for the curious adventurer  
The vision for a new conservation, education and tourism project in the heart of Rutland
- 1230 Steven Stansfield  
Bird Observatories - what are they all about?  
An introduction to the work of the Bird Observatories
- 1300 Mohit Aggarwal  
Saving the threatened avifauna of Gujarat and Rajasthan  
The session will focus on conservation efforts for key species in North-Western India's grasslands, deserts, and wetlands
- 1330 Oliver Smart  
The Science and Beauty of Birds  
Oliver guides you through some fascinating insights to the science of birds, their adaptations, evolution and physiology
- 1400 Andy Tucker – Naturetrek  
Galapagos  
Andy Tucker from Naturetrek describes the highlights of a cruise around the fabled Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. Giant Tortoises, boobies, albatrosses, penguins, snorkelling and more!
- 1430 Charles Anderson  
The Wandering Glider Dragonfly – the World's Greatest Migrant  
The Wandering Glider Dragonfly is known to travel great distances. But only recently has research revealed it's quite extraordinary migrations.
- 1500 Eleni Galinou  
Spring/summer 2024 highlights for Lesvos, Greece  
Breeding season and spring migration of birds 2024. Common birds, hotspots and the best tips to visit Lesvos
- 1530 John Gale  
Waiting for Alexandra - the largest and one of the rarest butterflies in the world  
John describes his journey to find Queen Alexandra's Birdwing butterfly in Papua New Guinea and talks about the current conservation program to save this incredible species from extinction

