

Plover Lecture Stage

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Friday 11 July



1000 **Toby Carter**

Conservation through the lens

Find out how ZEISS products are helping to conserve wildlife & the next generation of nature enthusiasts.

1030 **Marek Borkowski**

Great European Wilderness - the external source of British power

From longbows to Corncrakes. How the nature of NE Poland powered Britain since mediaeval times

1100 **Andy Tucker, Naturetrek**

Ecuador – from Amazon to Andes

Cock of the Rock, condors, myriad hummingbirds and tanagers, mountain toucans....and more!

1130 **Dr Jamie McKaughan**

Safe flight! Migration of endangered Egyptian Vultures from Central Asia

A fascinating look at migration routes and the threats faced by Egyptian Vultures in Central Asia

1200 **Stephen Moss**

Lo-tech to hi-tech: how technology has transformed birding.

In my lifetime, technology has changed our lives - and also transformed birding. But has that been for better or worse?

1230 **Sara Frost, Naturetrek**

Mexico's Baja California and Sea of Cortez

Rich with whales, seabirds and desert wildlife, the Baja peninsula is a naturalist's paradise and not to be missed!

1300 **Rachel Bigsby**

The Art of Seabird Photography

Join award-winning wildlife photographer, Nikon Creator and RSPB Ambassador Rachel Bigsby as she shares with you her approach to capturing the natural artistry of seabirds.

1330 **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.

1400 **Guy Anderson**

Can we Stop Spoon-billed Sandpiper joining Slender-billed Curlew?

Update on SBS conservation and new international action plan. Personal thoughts about seeing Spoonies and where best to see them

1430 **Dr Sean McCormack**

Urban bird conservation: challenges & successes from Ealing Wildlife Group

Putting community collaboration at the heart of urban conservation, Peregrines, Barn Owls, Hobbies & more are thriving in London.

1500 **Kerrie Porteous, Naturetrek**

A tour operator's approach to the biodiversity crisis

Kerrie talks through Naturetrek conservation initiatives in Italy and Ecuador with some exciting camera trap images along the way.

1530 **Yeray Seminario**

Rivers of Raptors: Exploring Global Raptor Migration Hotspots

We'll explore the world's most important raptor migration sites, their ecological significance, and the best times to experience them.

1600 **Dr Tonia Cochran**

The world's only migratory parrots: Three beautiful, endangered Australian birds

Orange-bellied Parrots, Blue-winged Parrots and Swift Parrots migrate from Mainland Australia to Tasmania. Discover their incredible behaviours and numerous challenges.

1630 **Marija Perkovic**

Birds of Livanjsko Polje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Presenting the ornithofauna of Livanjsko Polje, the largest karst field in the world

1700 **Rafael Armada**

The Smallest European Seabird: The Story of Mediterranean Storm Petrels

The conservation status, and ongoing scientific mysteries of the European Storm Petrels of the western Mediterranean.

1730 **Nick Wilcox-Brown**

Wildlife photography around the Grant Arms Hotel in Scotland's Highlands

Set within the world-famous Cairngorms National Park, the Grant Arms Hotel is a renowned centre for wildlife enthusiasts.

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1000 **Drew Lyness**

Scarcities & Swallowtails: Celebrating 50 years of RSPB Strumpshaw Fen

Celebrate and discover RSPB Strumpshaw Fen in its 50th year from the perspective of its most addicted patch-birder!

1030 **Ya Ya Barry**

Why The Gambia is famous for Birdwatching in West Africa

The Gambia is one of the smallest countries on mainland Africa. Home to the big five of bird species Giant Kingfisher, Goliath Heron, Northern Carmine Bee-eater, Abyssinian Ground Hornbill and Verreaux's Eagle Owl

1100 **Tim Melling, Naturetrek**

Birding in Costa Rica

Nearly 1000 species of birds are recorded in this Central American country that is roughly twice the size of Wales

1130 **Sue Morgan and Nicola Oakey**

Creating a Bird-Friendly Garden: Expert Tips & Insights

Advice on natural provisioning by an RHS Chelsea garden designer plus exploring the pros and cons of supplementary bird feeding.

1200 **Jack Perks**

Britain's Hidden Fishes

Unique look at the fish species that call Britain's rivers, lakes and ponds home.

1230 **Tim Melling, Naturetrek**

A Voyage to Antarctica

A trip of a lifetime to the Antarctic peninsula, the Falklands and South Georgia for whales, seabirds and penguins.

1300 **Chris Eley**

Capturing Conservation: Birds on the Brink

Bird Photographer of the Year Conservation Award Winner 2024 showcases award-winning images capturing the urgent fight to save the Vulnerable Cape vulture.

1330 **Nigel Collar**

The Vietnam Pheasant Recovery Programme: reintroducing a species

Establishing a conservation breeding programme for the Vietnam pheasant in the proposed reintroduction site at Khe Nuoc Trong Nature Reserve

1400 **Graeme Buchanan and Nicola Crockford, RSPB**

What can we learn from the extinction of the slender-billed curlew

The talk will describe what we know about the decline and extinction of slender-billed curlew, and consider what lessons can be learnt to conserve other waders

1430 **Peter Cowdrey**

Planet Birdsong in Africa-gathering data through extreme citizen science

Hunter gatherers, wildlife guides, schoolchildren: our mission to inspire Africans to contribute to local and global databases

1500 **Tim Melling, Naturetrek**

Svalbard (Spitsbergen)

The stunning wildlife of this Arctic Archipelago with Polar Bears, Walruses, King Eiders, Ivory Gulls and more.

1530 **John Horton**

Bird Observatories - what are they all about?

Highlight the work of the 20 British and Irish Bird Observatories

1600 **Luis Urena**

Saving Panama's Great Green Macaws: A Fight Against Extinction

Discover Panama Wildlife Conservation's efforts to protect great green macaws through habitat restoration, community engagement, and sustainable conservation strategies.

1630 **Howard Boyer**

Reviving the Falklands: A Tale of Conservation and Hope

Lecture on Falklands Conservation work, focusing on how our New Island Restoration Programme is reviving the ecosystem

1700 **WMRG: Pioneers of Thermal Imaging for Bird Ringing**

The West Midlands Ringing Group (WMRG) have spearheaded the use of thermal imaging technology for bird ringing and surveying. Join them as they discuss their experience with thermal and the surprising results it can glean

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Sunday 13 July



0930 **Paul Hackett**

Join legendary Kowa digiscoper Paul Hackett for an engaging lecture on smartphone digiscoping. Ideal for all skill levels, Paul shares practical tips, gear advice, and creative techniques to help you get great results.

1000 **Natalie Clements**

Can Dalmatian Pelicans save people? Can eco-tourism open up opportunities to birds and people? BIG WINGS; A short film that explores the potential benefits of eco-tourism in rural Greece whilst supporting conservation efforts of the Dalmatian Pelican.

1030 **Victoria Woolley**

Art For Wildlife

How art can reconnect us with nature and help to raise awareness of projects by bringing people together.

1100 **Rajan Jolly, Naturetrek**

Tigers of Central India

A talk on Tigers of Central India covering some popular national parks - Tadoba, Pench and Kanha and Satpura, India's finest.

1130 **Harriet Mead and Nick Acheson**

Wild Heath, Wild Art

The Society of Wildlife Artist's 2025-26 residency at Massingham Heath landscape restoration in Norfolk.

1200 **Łukasz Mazurek**

Bison, birds and dead wood - birdwatching in Białowieża Forest

Why it is so easy to find Europe's rarest woodpeckers, flycatchers and warblers in the primeval landscape of Białowieża Forest

1230 **Oliver Smart, Naturetrek**

The Gambia, an introduction to birding in Africa

A talk about why Africa's smallest mainland country is the perfect destination for a birding holiday

1300 **Jon Mason**

Night at the Reserve: Wild Stays at Welney

Welney is a special place. This is what happens when you go to bed and wake up on the reserve

1330 **Alberto Bosque Coello**

Castilla y León, a great destination for natural life lovers.

Castilla y León is the biggest region in Europe. These areas are home to a variety of species, including the Iberian wolf, Spanish imperial eagle

1400 **Tony Williams**

In a French country garden

Look at wildlife in 4 French gardens, covering France from north to south with main species of interest

1430 **Richard Parsons**

Bellavista and Northwestern Ecuador - Amazing Avian Beauties plus Spectacled Bear!

Crisp photos lead us through the deep diversity of birds at Bellavista & northwestern region of Ecuador. Spectacled Bears too!

1500 **Paul Stanbury, Naturetrek**

Tanzania's Wildlife Highlights

On safari in East Africa – the birds and mammals of northern Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park and other wildlife hotspots.



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