

# Plover Lecture Stage

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Friday 10 July



- 1000 **Rob Williams**  
Birds of Peru  
Rob Williams will be giving an overview of the birds of Peru through the eyes of a Rockjumper Tour Leader
- 1030 **Luis Segura**  
Wildlife Journeys and Beyond  
How to choose your ideal wildlife adventure, blending unforgettable encounters with authentic local culture, traditions, and perfectly matched travel experiences
- 1100 **Oliver Smart - Naturetrek**  
Thailand's Birds & Mammals - A Photographer's Paradise  
Join wildlife photographer Oliver Smart on a journey through Thailand, one of the finest countries in East Asia for bird and mammal photography
- 1130 **Boris Belchev**  
Vytautas Pareigis bird observatory legacy and the magic of migration  
A new opportunity to visit this magical place. A chance to see this nature miracle of migration with counting and bird ringing.
- 1200 **Vince Maidens**  
Finding My Authentic Voice: Wildlife, Words, and World Travels  
Wildlife photographer Vince Maidens shares global journeys, lessons, and stories—discovering authenticity through podcasting, blogging, and award-winning image creation.
- 1230 **Sara Frost – Naturetrek**  
British Isles cruise
- 1300 **Flavia Maria Ribeiro Cantal**  
Why visiting the Cerrado, the Brazilian savanna, is a memorable experience?  
Birding and threats in the Cerrado and conservation strategies for endangered species. The conservation of the Brazilian Merganser.
- 1330 **Dr Jamie McKaughan**  
After the crash: Current progress and challenges for Pakistan's vultures  
Decades after catastrophic collapse, Pakistan's vultures remain under severe pressure – an honest look at the realities and conservation efforts today
- 1400 **Laurens Steijn**  
West-Africa Pelagic, the best pelagic birding in the Western Palearctic!  
A pelagic birding trip from Cape Verde Islands, via the West-African coast to Madeira, with pre- and post-tours on both islands.
- 1430 **Raymond Jeffers**  
Finding the endemic birds of Hispaniola  
This Caribbean Island hosts around 33 endemics (including three endemic bird families). It is possible to see them all on an eight-day trip if you know where to go!
- 1500 **Rajan Jolly, Naturetrek**  
Tigers of Central India  
Naturetrek's India expert, Rajan Jolly, describes the wildlife highlights of a Tiger Safari to Kanha, Pench, Satpura and Tadoba National Parks.
- 1530 **Rob Williams**  
The Northern Peru Birding Route  
From the Pacific coast to the heart of the Amazon, the Northern Peru Birding Route is home to over 1500 species including many endemics. New sites, lodges and reserves make this a perfect time to visit.
- 1600 **Chandika Jayaratne**  
Sri Lanka's Feathered Wonders and their Habitats  
A look in to the birdlife of Sri Lanka and their habitats
- 1630 **Javier Elorriaga Navarro**  
Macaronesian Endemics by Land, Sea and Air  
Biogeographical context of Macaronesia, its endemic birds, and practical strategies for observing them across remote Atlantic archipelagos
- 1700 **Yeray Seminario**  
Photographing Raptors in Flight: Techniques and Field Examples  
Learn to capture stunning shots of raptors in flight with simple camera tips, easy tracking tricks, and real examples.



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## Saturday 11 July



- 0930 **Mitch Barry**  
Documenting bird behaviour through video and eBird  
Learn how to capture high-quality video of bird behaviour, and how you can help others learn by contributing your videos to eBird
- 1000 **Richard Parsons**  
Bellavista Tandayapa Protected Area - the Best of Northwestern Ecuador Birding  
An intimate photographic journey through the wondrous birdlife of Bellavista Cloud Forest and surrounding northwestern region of Ecuador, the Andean Choco
- 1030 **Samantha Lee**  
Global Fight to End Illegal Killing and Taking of Birds  
Talk on BirdLife International's efforts to combat illegal killing and taking of birds - progress, challenges and causes for optimism
- 1100 **Ben Chapple - Naturetrek**  
Botswana's Desert & Delta
- 1130 TBC
- 1200 **Peter Waanders**  
Australia's rarest raptors  
A fascinating insight into the lives of some of Australia's rarest birds of prey.
- 1230 **Ben Chapple - Naturetrek**  
Ghana – Picathartes & Pangolins
- 1300 **Marek Borkowski**  
Two handfuls of European Woodpeckers - a garden in NE Poland  
The two hands rule how to tell ten Woodpecker species apart. Their behaviour and sounds, including Three-toed and White-backed
- 1330 **Dirk Hilbers**  
How to Read a Landscape: Making the Crossbill Guide Pyrenees  
A behind-the-scenes journey into turning wild landscapes, ecology & fieldcraft into a Crossbill nature travel guide
- 1400 **Serge Arias**  
Costa Rica - Birding the Hotspots  
Discover the birding hotspots route with Costa Rican Serge Arias. Learn about the best locations for birding the country in 2 weeks and reach between 300-500 species of birds in an easy way
- 1430 **Helen Hutchings Cox**  
Planting for birds - how to feed birds with your garden  
Easy planting schemes for birds in the garden, focusing on plants to provide food in every season
- 1500 **Ben Chapple - Naturetrek**  
Wildlife of Northern Madagascar
- 1530 **Dylan Beckham**  
My Big Wild Year - A British Wildlife Extravaganza  
Lessons & stories from my ongoing challenge to record 2026 species of animal, plant & fungi in a single year.
- 1600 **John Horton**  
Just the beginning': A Bird Observatory rises in the Karoo  
See how and why South Africa's first ever Bird Observatory is underway at the Khoisan Karoo Conservancy,
- 1630 **Tony Thorne**  
The Red Siskin - how it became one of the South Rupununi's most talked about birds  
The South Rupununi Conservation Society was established due to the Red Siskin. Local guides protect this almost extinct in the communities of the South Rupununi savannahs
- 1700 **Dr Jamie McKaughan**  
Illegal trade in large falcons – local losses for global exploitation  
A look into the illegal capture of large falcons from local populations into global trade and its implications



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## Sunday 12 July

- 1000 **Norby Lopez**  
Ecuador: Birding from the Andes to the Amazon  
Ecuador is about the size of UK, half of its territory is in the Amazon, immersed in world-class birding habitats
- 1030 **Stephen Lovell**  
Lincolnshire - A Naturalists Paradise with many hidden secrets.  
Lincolnshire an under watched and unspoilt county for nature.
- 1100 **John Moseley - Naturetrek**  
Birding Southern Morocco
- 1130 **Jack Perks**  
British Rivers Underwater  
Take a look below the flow with wildlife filmed over the past decade from southern chalkstreams to highland burns.
- 1200 **Natalie Kyriacou OAM**  
The joy, wonder and eccentricity of the birdwatcher.  
Birders are changing the world. In this talk, Natalie Kyriacou OAM explores how birders are helping drive conservation, protect ecosystems, build community, and even bridge social divides
- 1230 **Andy Tucker - Naturetrek**  
Peru – Coast, Amazon and Machu Picchu  
Andy Tucker from Naturetrek takes us from the crashing surf of the Pacific and its throngs of seabirds and sealions, to macaw clay licks in the Amazon and to majestic Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas
- 1300 **Mike Thornton**  
Wings Over Scotland - the past, present and future of the Scottish Ornithologists Club.  
The Scottish Ornithologists Club from its origins to the present day. Some of its most important SOC projects to promote the appreciation, study and conservation of birds.
- 1330 **Salarte Representative**  
Land stewardship project in Doñana  
The Guadalquivir-Doñana Alliance Project is an initiative of the NGO SALARTE in cooperation with public and private entities to recover more than 20,000 acres in Doñana
- 1400 **Richard Baines**  
Seabirds And Whales of The Yorkshire Coast  
"Whales in Yorkshire? I don't believe it". You better believe it! A great opportunity to hear these stories first hand.
- 1430 **Tom Mabbett - Naturetrek**



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