

LONG TERM STUDIES OF BIRDS

British Ornithologists' Union
Annual Spring Conference

hosted jointly with the
Edward Grey Institute
Annual Student Conference

11 – 16 April 2003
The University of Oxford

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- Non-resident** – Sat / Sun / Mon / Tues * each day inc. lunch ... **£25.00**
* Please circle which days you wish to attend and note the day rate to the right
- Non-resident** – Wed – morning sessions only (no lunch)..... **£10.00**
- Conference Dinner** – Saturday evening **£20.00**
- Special Offer** – Fri – Wed inc all lunches & Conference Dinner **£100.00**

Amount enclosed £

Students – please register at <http://egiwcruzool.zoo.ox.ac.uk/EGI/egihome.htm>

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Friday 11 April – evening only

8.00 pm Long term studies of the threatened Marbled Murrelet
Fred Cooke (President, AOU)

Saturday 12 April

9.00 am Welcome to the conference *Professor Ian Newton, OBE, FRS (BOU President)*

9.05 am The Fourth Alfred Newton Lecture
Professor Christopher Perrins FRS (BOU President-Elect)
Great tits at Wytham: the last 50 years

11.00 am Cuckoos versus hosts *Nick Davies (University of Cambridge)*

11.45 am Student speaker

12.05 am Student speaker

1.45 pm Evolution and inheritance in nature: the importance of long-term studies
Ben Sheldon (University of Oxford)

2.30 pm Student speaker

2.50 pm Student speaker

3.45 pm Sexual conflict and parental care *Tamas Szekely (University of Bath)*

4.30 pm Student speaker

4.50 pm Student speaker

5.15 pm BOU Annual General Meeting

8.00 pm BOU Annual Conference Dinner

Sunday 13 April

9.00 am Findings from a long term study of Sparrowhawks
Professor Ian Newton, OBE, FRS (BOU President)

- 9.45 am Student speaker
- 10.05 am Student speaker
- 11.00 am A long-term study to develop a new paradigm: individuals behaviour-based modelling of an oystercatcher population
John Goss-Custard (*Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Dorset*)
- 11.45 am Student speaker
- 12.05 am Student speaker
- 1.45 pm Workshops and Field Trips

Monday 14 April

- 9.00 am Thirty years of Guillemot studies on Skomer Island
Tim Birkhead (*University of Sheffield*)
- 9.45 am Student speaker
- 10.05 am Student speaker
- 11.00 am From foraging and energetics to population biology of Red Knots: progress report on 15 years of research **Theunis Piersma** (*Netherlands Inst. of Sea Research*)
- 11.45 am Student speaker
- 12.05 am Student speaker
- 1.45 pm Demographic responses to conservation management of the Stone-curlew
Rhys Green (*University of Cambridge*)
- 2.30 pm Student speaker
- 2.50 pm Student speaker
- 3.45 pm The BTO: What has 100,000 man-years produced?
Jeremy Greenwood (*British Trust for Ornithology*)
- 4.30 pm Student speaker
- 4.50 pm Student speaker

Tuesday 15 April

- 9.00 am Partridges: more space means less time **Dick Potts** (*Game Conservancy Trust*)
- 9.45 am Student speaker
- 10.05 am Student speaker
- 11.00 am Long term interactions between natural enemies and their avian prey
Peter Hudson (*University of Stirling*)
- 11.45 am Student speaker
- 12.05 am Student speaker
- 1.45 pm Workshops and Field Trips

Wednesday 16 April

- 9.00 am Long term studies on the Isle of May seabirds
Mike Harris & Sarah Wanless (*Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Banchory*)
- 9.45 am Student speaker
- 10.05 am Student speaker
- 11.00 am How efficient are long term studies of birds in answering the important questions
Ian Owens (*Imperial College, London*)
- 11.45 am Student speaker
- 12.05 am Student speaker
- 12.30 pm Close of conference and departure

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The BOU's 2003 Annual Conference will be held jointly with the Edward Grey Institute (EGI) Student Conference at the Zoology Department, University of Oxford. The EGI have moved their meeting from their traditional January week to the Easter break to join up with the BOU. The aim is to provide an exciting and mixed programme (as well as an equally excited and mixed delegation) of experienced ornithological researchers and the up-and-coming researchers of the future. We have secured the participation of some of the top names from the ornithological community whose papers will provide the start of each of the 14 sessions over the five-day conference. A further 28 papers will be presented by students selected from those papers submitted to the EGI. A full programme will be given to delegates on registration and will be available online in advance of the conference weekend on the BOU website (www.bou.org.uk). Poster papers will also play a major part of the presentations at the conference. In addition, we will run parallel workshop sessions and field trips on two of the afternoons.

Delegates can choose which of the five days they wish to attend on a non-residential basis. Oxford city centre boasts guesthouses and hotels and a recently built 'deluxe' Youth Hostel (B&B from only £17.10 per night (based on shared accommodation) if booked via the EGI conference organiser - contact BOU Conference Office for details), so there should be suitable accommodation to suit all pockets.

Workshops and Field Trips

As well as a packed programme of talks, two afternoons will be dedicated to parallel workshop and field trips (to Wytham Wood) sessions. The workshops will be run by the invited speakers and be allow for in depth discussion on their specialist fields. Workshops will include -

Nick Davies	Field Experiments
Ian Newton	How to test for factors limiting bird population densities: The experimental approach
Tim Birkhead	Measuring reproductive success
Rhys Green	Good conservation science needs quick answers, but good science takes as long as it needs to reconcile the time scales of applied and theoretical ornithology
Dick Potts	Identifying farmland habitat requirements and moving to effective conservation policies
Peter Hudson	How to identify when parasites are important to wildlife?

John Goss-Custard	Building behaviour-based models: all the questions you have been afraid to ask
Ian Owens	Making meaningful comparisons between species
Jeremy Greenwood	How you can use BTO data
Tamas Szekely	Using web-based resources to understand evolution and ecology of birds
Theunis Piersma	Integrative and comparative studies of migrant birds: keeping an eye on different levels of biological explanation
Chris Perrins	A guided tour of the long term great tit study site at Wytham

Poster papers and displays

If you would like to present a poster paper or other display at the conference, please contact the BOU Conference Office below.

Accommodation

This is a non-residential conference. Delegates are responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation for the duration of their attendance at the conference.

Details of local accommodation can be obtained from –

The Oxford Information Centre

The Old School, Gloucester Green, Oxford OX1 2DA

Tel +44 (0) 1 865 726871 **Fax** +44 (0) 1 865 240261

Web www.oxfordcity.co.uk/guide/infocent.html

Monday to Saturday, 09.30 – 17.00 h. Sundays and Public Holidays from 10.00 – 13.00 h

Other information, including accommodation, can be obtained at www.oxford.org. For Youth Hostel bookings please contact the BOU Conference Office (below).

Meals

Lunch and refreshments are provided on each conference day (no lunch on Wednesday 16 Apr). Delegates will be responsible for their own meal arrangements each evening. Delegates are invited to attend the **Conference Dinner** and this can be booked using the attached booking form.

Subbuteo Natural History Books

Subbuteo will be present for some (but not all) of the conference days. If there is anything you are particularly keen on looking at, or wish to place your order in advance, please contact sales@wildlifebooks.com or telephone 0870 010 9700.

Please return your completed booking form, with full remittance, to the address at the bottom of the page by 28 March 2003.

Note that refunds cannot be made for cancellations after 28 March 2003.

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