



BOU CONFERENCES

AVIAN REPRODUCTION

12–14 April 2022 | Uni. of Nottingham, UK
In-person and on Twitter

This conference will investigate all aspects of avian reproduction, from pre-natal to post-fledging and across different taxa.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

Dr Ian Hartley | Chair | University of Lancaster
Dr José Alves | University of Aveiro, Portugal & BOU Meetings Committee
Dr Sarah Burthe | UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
Dr Becky Laidlaw | Natural Resources Wales
Dr Rob Robinson | BTO, UK

CITIZEN SCIENCE & BIRDS

10–11 October 2022 | Virtual conference
On Zoom and on Twitter

This conference aims to cover all aspects of the role of citizen science in ornithology.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

Dr Ellie Owen | Chair | RSPB
A/Prof Dr Arjun Amar | FitzPatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Dr Tom Hart | University of Oxford
Dr Joeline Hughes | RSPB & BOU Meetings Committee

EVOLUTIONARY RESPONSES

4–6 April 2023 | Uni. of Nottingham, UK
In-person and on Twitter

This conference will investigate rapid evolutionary and plastic responses of birds to environmental change.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

Amanda Trask | Chair | Zoological Society of London & BOU Meetings Committee
Ferran Sayol | University College London
Emily Simmonds | Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
Jelmer Samplonius | University of Edinburgh
Michela Corsini | University of Warsaw, Poland
María Moirón | Institute of Avian Research, Germany

All event information at [BOU.ORG.UK](https://www.bou.org.uk).

BOU 2022 Annual General Meeting

13 April 2022 | 1800h BST

Humanities Building, University of Nottingham, UK

At the time of going to press, we are planning to hold our first in-person AGM since 2019 at the 2022 annual conference at the University of Nottingham.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes[‡] of the previous Annual General Meeting on 31 March 2021 held virtually on Zoom.
[‡]Minutes are available online via [BOU.ORG.UK/ABOUT-THE-BOU/RULES-ANNUAL-REPORTS-AGM-ITEMS/](https://www.bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/) or from the BOU Office on request.
3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council and Approval of Accounts for 2021.
4. Elections to Council:
Council proposes that **Mark Eaton** be elected as Honorary Secretary to replace Helen Baker; that **Mark Eddowes** and **Catharine Horswill** be elected as an Ordinary Members of Council to replace Emma Cunningham and Mark Eaton.

Any other nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2022 – Rule 17.2 applies*

5. Reappointment of Auditors
6. Any other business.
Any items should be received by the Honorary Secretary (c/o the BOU Office) by 15 February 2022 – Rule 10.3 applies*

*BOU rules are available online via [BOU.ORG.UK/ABOUT-THE-BOU/RULES-ANNUAL-REPORTS-AGM-ITEMS/](https://www.bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/) or from the BOU Office on request.

Notes to the agenda of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union

Item 3 – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2021 will be available on the BOU website ([bou.org.uk](https://www.bou.org.uk)) and from the BOU Office from 21 March 2022.

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Item 4 – Council nominees for election to Council (see agenda item 4, page 15):

MEMBER NEWS



Cliff and Dawn Frith

Australia

Our congratulations to who have been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to conservation and the environment.

Cliff and Dawn have contributed extensively to tropical ornithology. They supported themselves in order to continue extensive fieldwork on their particular species of focus, including in the rainforests of northern Queensland and New Guinea. Our knowledge of the world's bowerbirds and birds-of-paradise would be much more limited were it not for their work.

Cliff and Dawn have also established their own publishing company, Frith and Frith, and through it they produce many exceptional and colourful books about Australia's wildlife that help Australians better appreciate the unique features of their country's wildlife.

Mark Eaton

Nominated for election as Honorary Secretary

Mark's work focuses on monitoring, through surveys and the analysis of biological records, and reporting on the state of biodiversity through the likes of red lists, indicators and 'state of' reports both in the UK and overseas. After two decades at the RSPB Centre for Conservation Science, he now works as Secretary of the Rare Breeding Birds Panel, and is also Chair of the European Bird Census Council. When not working, he's most likely to be found birdwatching along the Northumberland coast. Mark was elected an Ordinary Member of Council in 2021.



Mark Eddowes

Nominated for election as an Ordinary Member

Mark has a formal research training in physical sciences and has worked subsequently in technical consultancy from which he is now semi-retired. He has maintained his childhood interest in ornithology and natural history more widely in a voluntary capacity, primarily with his county ornithological society, the BTO and the BOU. That involvement has stimulated his current primary research interest in the linked themes of long-distance passerine migrant arrival phenology, breeding phenology and range shift in a changing climate. He has further interests in surveying a wider range of species, including breeding waders and Nightjar locally in the Peak District.



Catharine Horswill

Nominated for election as an Ordinary Member

Cat is a Research Fellow with a joint position between University College London and the Institute of Zoology Zoological Society of London. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the University of Cambridge. Cat's research has two principal themes (1) understanding how marine species respond to environmental change and (2) improving species and population assessments. Cat previously served as the BOU Conference Support Officer (2014-2018) and also held positions on the Engagement Committee and Meetings Committee during this time. She has also been an Associate Editor of Ibis since 2016.



Please contribute!

We're delighted that this member newsletter has some news snippets from members. Please share your news and milestones with other BOU members. We want you to contribute, so tell us about your research, your fieldwork mishaps, research adventures and misadventures, what inspired you to work in ornithology, challenges of running projects - especially in another country, how you manage your work/life balance, etc.