

#BOU2025

Frontiers in ornithology

1 – 3 April 2025 | University of Nottingham, UK



PROGRAMME

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 1 APRIL 2025

1400-1700 **ECR WORKSHOPS** | The Exchange (C1 / C4 / C34)

1500-1800 **ACCOMMODATION CHECK-IN** | Jubilee Welcome Point (Newark Hall)

1700-1900 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** | The Exchange

1700-1900 **POSTERS & EXHIBITS** | The Exchange (C3)

1900-2030 **DINNER** | The Atrium

ALFRED NEWTON LECTURE | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#ALFREDNEWTONLECTURE

2030 **WELCOME**

Graeme Buchanan | BOU President & RSPB, UK

ALFRED NEWTON LECTURE

Judy Shamoun-Baranes | University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands



2145-late **BAR** | Newark Hall

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2025

0730-0900 **BREAKFAST** | The Atrium

0830-0900 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** | The Exchange

SESSION 1 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#SESH1

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0905

KEYNOTE

Bird migration through urban landscapes: challenges and opportunities

Benjamin Van Doren | University of Illinois, USA



0935

Community movement ecology in the Wadden Sea: studying multi-species shorebird movement with WATLAS

Allert Bijlveld (he/him/his) | NIOZ Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research, Netherlands

0950

Going through the world's roof? How Black-tailed Godwits negotiate the Himalayas in migratory flight

Delip K. Das (he/him) | University of Groningen, Netherlands & Jagannath University, Bangladesh

1005

Understanding migratory birds' exposure to threats in the Afro-palearctic system

Charlie Russell (he/him) | University of East Anglia, UK

1020

GPS tracking reveals intra- and interspecific differences in habitat use and selection along wader flyways

Tohar Tal (he/him) | University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands & University of Aveiro, Portugal

1035

Speedy Posters

30-second poster elevator pitches | Various presenters

1045-

MORNING BREAK | The Exchange (C3)

1130

Tea, coffee & refreshments | Time to view poster and exhibits

SESSION 2 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#SESH2

1130

KEYNOTE

Advances, opportunities and challenges in acoustic monitoring of birds

Simon Gillings | British Trust for Ornithology, UK



1200

Bioacoustics as a tool to monitor European Storm Petrels

Sophie Bennett (she/her) | British Trust for Ornithology, UK

1215

Quiet and close or loud and far away? Estimating call amplitude and distance in birds

Oliver Metcalf (he/him) | Lancaster University, UK | @ollie333.bsky.social

1230

Linking bird diversity, soundscapes and tour satisfaction in English vineyards

Natalia Zielonka (she/her) | University of East Anglia & University of Kent, UK

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1245-
1415 **LUNCH** | The Exchange (C3)
Time to view poster and exhibits

SESSION 3 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#SESH3

1415 **KEYNOTE**
“Avian anthropologists” and cultural crossroads in lively cities
Nishant Kumar | University of Oxford, UK & Wildlife Institute of India



1445 **TBC**
TBC

1500 **Combining modelling and social science approaches to understand artisanal fisheries bycatch**
Daniel Villar (he/him) | University of Oxford, UK

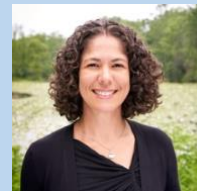
1515 **Using web-sourced images and Convolutional Neural Networks to study raptor diet**
Arjun Amar (he/him) | Fitzpatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa

1530-
1615 **AFTERNOON BREAK** | The Exchange (C3)
Tea, coffee & refreshments | Time to view poster and exhibits

SESSION 4 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#SESH4

1615 **KEYNOTE**
Science to action through partnerships: applications of eBird data to inform avian conservation and management
Viviana Ruiz Gutierrez | Cornell Lab of Ornithology, USA



1645 **Automatic radio-tracking system to monitor conservation translocations of an endangered passerine (Dupont's Lark)**
Helena Navalpotro (she/ella) | Centre de Ciència i Tecnologia Forestal de Catalunya (CTFC), Spain

1700 **Isolating drivers of distributional variation in British birds over 30 years of climate change**
Beckie George (she/her) | University of East Anglia, UK

1715 **Continental-scale capture-recapture datasets to explore how location may influence survival and natal-dispersal of a colonial-waterbird**
Hugo Rafael Soares Ferreira | University of Aveiro, Portugal & Tour du Valat, France

1730 **Using Bayesian mixed models to understand reproductive success in the extinct-in-the-wild sihek (Guam Kingfisher)**
Matthew Mitchell (he/him) | University College London & Institute of Zoology, UK

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- 1800-1830 **BOU AGM** | The Exchange (C.LT2)
All welcome
- 1830-2000 **BOU ECR EVENT** | The Exchange Foyer (Ground Floor)
Roundtable event for ECRs, with free bar
- 1800-late **BAR** | Newark Hall
- 2000-2100 **DINNER** | The Atrium

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2025

- 0730-0900 **BREAKFAST** | The Atrium
- 0830-0900 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** | The Exchange

SESSION 5 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#SESH5

- 0900 **KEYNOTE**
Advances in wild bird disease surveillance within the One Health paradigm
Becki Lawson | Institute of Zoology, London, UK
- 0930 **Differences in the biovectoring role of three waterbird species in a coastal wetland**
Julián Cano-Povedano | Estación Biológica de Doñana – CSIC, Spain
- 0945 **Evaluating whether modern environmental contaminants have the potential to cause eggshell thinning**
Jacob Parkman (he/him) | University of Sheffield, UK
- 1000 **Beyond a cradle-to-grave perspective of the lifespan: prenatality as an observable life-history stage in birds**
Simon Evans (he/him) | University of Exeter, UK
- 1015 **Impacts of river flow changes on the breeding ecology of the White-throated Dipper**
Noelia Alvarez (she/her) | Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University, UK
- 1030-1115 **MORNING BREAK** | The Exchange (C3)
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SESSION 6 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

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1115 **KEYNOTE**

Using DNA metabarcoding to investigate links between diet and reproductive success in rural and urban Blue Tits

Andreanna Welch | Durham University, UK



1145 **Once a specialist always a specialist? Multiple techniques determine consistency of individual specialisation across traits**

Danni Thompson (she/her) | University of Aberdeen, UK

1200 **Morphological and molecular forensics of select Galliformes for species identification**

Bhawani Sabat (she/her) | Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, India

1215 **Track and trace: Using combined techniques to uncover movement and foraging strategies of Alpine Swift**

Alex Brighten (she/her) | University of Aberdeen, UK

1230 **Can riparian habitats buffer populations of the Spotted Flycatcher, a declining, Afro-Palearctic migrant?**

Catrin Eden (she/her) | Lancaster University, UK

1245- **LUNCH** | The Exchange (C3)

1415 Time to view poster and exhibits

SESSION 7 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#SESH7

1415 **Microclimate refugia use and behavioural responses to extreme temperatures by Eurasian Kestrels (*Falco tinnunculus*)**

Karolina Zalewska (she/they) | University of East Anglia, UK

1430 **TBC**

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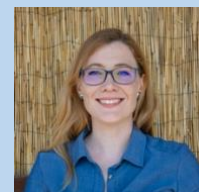
1445 **Does forest cover influence the movements and behaviour of GPS tagged Golden Eagles *Aquila chrysaetos*?**

Charlotte Jennifer Chandler | University of Chester, UK

1500 **KEYNOTE**

Cognition and culture in our urban birds

Lucy Aplin | University of Zurich, Switzerland & Australian National University



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1545-
1615 **AFTERNOON BREAK** | The Exchange (C3)
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1615 **DEPARTURE**