

#BOU2026

## Birds and people

31 March – 2 April 2026 | University of Nottingham, UK & Zoom & Bluesky



## PROGRAMME

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### DAY 1: TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026

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

1400-1930 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** | The Exchange

1800-1930 **DINNER** | The Atrium

#### ALFRED NEWTON LECTURE | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

1930 **WELCOME**

Graeme Buchanan | BOU President & RSPB, UK

#### ALFRED NEWTON LECTURE

**The natural history of a human-bird mutualism**

Claire Spottiswoode | FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, South Africa



2030-late **BAR**

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2026

0730-0900 **BREAKFAST** | Jubilee Hotel

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

#### SESSION 1 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#### BIRDS IN CULTURE AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF BIRDS

0900 **WELCOME**

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0905 **KEYNOTE**

**Ethno-ornithology: science and society in dialogue**

Andrew Gosler | University of Oxford, UK



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- 0935 **Traditional honey-hunting and human-honeyguide interactions in Nigeria**  
Ajik Anap Magaji (she/her) | A.P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute (APLORI),  
University of Jos, Nigeria | [@iamanapgrace.bsky.social](#)
- 0950 **Local Ecological Knowledge can shed light on past abundances of birds in understudied regions**  
Daniel Villar (he/him) | Department of Anthropology, Durham University, UK & Ethno-Ornithology  
World Atlas, Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology, University of Oxford, UK |  
[@daniel-a-villar.bsky.social](#)
- 1005 **Hornbills and humans: connections and conservation in North Bengal, India**  
Karishma Pradhan (she/her) | Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), India
- 1020 **The fall of a florican: a contemporary history of studying the Bengal Florican**  
Nisha Bhakat (she/they) | Archives at National Centre for Biological Sciences, India |  
[@nickel-salt.bsky.social](#)
- 1035 **Speedy Posters**  
30-second poster elevator pitches | Various presenters

1045-  
1130 **MORNING BREAK** | The Exchange (C3)  
Tea, coffee & refreshments | Time to view poster and exhibits

### SESSION 2 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2) CONSERVATION THROUGH HUMAN-BIRD CONNECTIONS

- 1130 **KEYNOTE**  
**Getting a wellbeing boost from birds**  
Zoe Davies | University of Kent, UK
- 1200 **Safeguarding hornbills through a Hornbill Nest Adoption Programme: a community-centric initiative**  
Sana Huque | Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF), India
- 1215 **Human-honeyguide mutualism amid socio-economic change in northern Ghana (online)**  
Wiro-Bless W. Kamboe (he/him) | FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of  
Cape Town, South Africa
- 1230 **Human-bird Interactions in urban India: the level of extinction of experience in Kolkata**  
Sarbasis Dutta (he/him/his) | University of Granada, Spain | [@sarbasis](#)



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



**SESSION 3 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)**  
**MODERN THREATS TO BIRDS AND THEIR MITIGATION**

1415 **HOUGHTON TRUST KEYNOTE**  
**Complex interplay between birds, humans and the environment for modern disease threats**

Ian Brown | The Pirbright Institute, UK



1445 **Disease risks and people benefits: considering the complex pros and cons of garden bird feeding**

Joelene Hughes (she/her/hers) | RSPB, UK

1500 **Using bird science to mitigate human-bird conflicts**

Marcus Hagberg | Wild Goose Chase, Inc., USA

1515 **Time for a change? How best to use the law to protect birds**

Matthew Heydon | Natural England, UK | [@mattheydon.bsky.social](#)

1530- **AFTERNOON BREAK** | The Exchange (C3)

1615 Tea, coffee & refreshments | Time to view poster and exhibits

**SESSION 4 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)**  
**HUMAN VALUES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON BIRD CONSERVATION**

1615 **KEYNOTE**  
**The origins, dispersal and evolutionary history of chickens**

Greger Larson | University of Oxford, UK



1645 **Use of anthropogenic landscapes in wild Rock Doves**

Will Smith | University of Nottingham, UK | [@willjsmith.bsky.social](#)

1700 **Using social sciences to inform the development of licensing policy for falconry wild take**

James Hoggett | Natural England, UK

1715 **How are the birds' interests recognised in decision-making? The debate on mandating swift bricks**

Jakub Kronenberg (he/him) | Social-Ecological Systems Analysis Lab, University of Lodz, Poland | [@jakubkronenberg.bsky.social](#)

1730 **Aesthetic values of people both support and degrade bird conservation**

Anna Haukka (she/her) | University of Helsinki, Finland | [@annaha.bsky.social](#)

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- 1800-1830 **BOU AGM** | The Exchange (C.LT2)  
All welcome
- 1800-late **BAR**
- 1830-1930 **BOU ECR EVENT** | The Exchange Foyer (Ground Floor)  
Roundtable event for ECRs, with free bar
- 1930-2030 **DINNER** | The Atrium

### DAY 3: THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2026

- 0730-0900 **BREAKFAST** | Jubilee Hotel
- 0830-0900 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** | The Exchange

#### SESSION 5 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2) BIRD RESPONSES TO HUMAN DISTURBANCE AND RISK

- 0900 **KEYNOTE**  
**Understanding how disturbance affects birds is crucial to their conservation**  
Will Cresswell | University of St Andrews, UK
- 0930 **Antipredator behaviour in birds changes according to urban landscape configuration**  
Anna Ramos Chernenko | University of Granada, Spain
- 0945 **Tweet or retreat? Recreation impacts on passerines in Scotland (online)**  
Amber Cowans (she/her) | University of St Andrews, UK | [@ambercowans](#)
- 1000 **From persecution to protection: tracking Galápagos Short-eared Owls through human-driven change**  
Petra Sumasgutner | Konrad Lorenz Research Center, University of Vienna, Austria | [@pesumas.bsky.social](#)
- 1015 **A predictive model for short-term bird movement to evaluate the probability of bird strikes**  
Graciela de Cuba (she/her) | University of Amsterdam, Netherlands & German Aerospace Center, Germany
- 1030-1115 **MORNING BREAK** | The Exchange (C3)  
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### SESSION 6 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#### URBAN BIRDS: ADAPTATION AND ECOLOGY OF BIRDS AND PEOPLE TO URBANISATION

1115 **KEYNOTE**

**Who gets to see urban birds? Environmental inequality in African cities**

Chevonne Reynolds | University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa



1145 **Landfills as both risk and resource for juvenile White Storks during first migration**

Florian Orgeret (he/him) | La Rochelle Université, France | [@florgeret.bsky.social](#)

1200 **Hot in the city: can human presence modify the effects of high temperatures on urban birds?**

Leslie Fatuma Bayanza (she/her/hers) | FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, University of Cape Town, South Africa

1215 **Parenting in the Anthropocene: sex-specific differences in care in House Sparrows across urban and rural habitats**

Agnes Francila (she/her) | Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal (IISERB), India | [@agnesfrancila.bsky.social](#)

1230 **Breeding around agriculture: the disadvantage of abundance (online)**

Aviad Heifetz | Open University of Israel, Israel

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

1415 Time to view poster and exhibits

### SESSION 7 | THE EXCHANGE (C.LT2)

#### BIRDS, PEOPLE AND DATA: THE POWER OF COMMUNITY SCIENCE

1415 **Tracking the urban ecology of the Australian White Ibis: GPS vs citizen science approaches**

Dominique Potvin (she/her) | University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia |

[@silveryedom.bsky.social](#)

1430 **Nature-culture linkages: co-existence of people with Barn Swallows (*Hirundo rustica*) in the Himalaya**

Amarjeet Kaur (she/her) | Wildlife Institute of India, India | [@amarjeetkaur.bsky.social](#)

1445 **From wetlands to lawns: White Ibis urbanization in Florida through the lens of community science**

Doreen Chaussadas (she/they) | University of Georgia, USA | [@doreenbirds.bsky.social](#)

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1500 **KEYNOTE**

**Is the British love of birds what has made citizen science so great and so problematic?**

Caren Cooper | North Carolina State University, USA



1530 **CONFERENCE CLOSE**

Graeme Buchanan | BOU President & RSPB, UK

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

1615 Tea, coffee & refreshments | Time to view poster and exhibits

1615 **DEPARTURE**