

#BOUasm26

Avian futures: predicting and preparing for the future of avian biodiversity

29 September 2026 | Novotel York Centre, York & Zoom & Bluesky



PROGRAMME

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0930

ARRIVAL

Tea, coffee & refreshments

SESSION 1 – PRESSURES AND FORCES THAT SHAPE BIRD POPULATIONS

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WELCOME

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KEYNOTE

Understanding future biodiversity change to help inform environmental policies and targets: evidence needs and opportunities

Paul Woodcock | JNCC, UK



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Extreme climatic events alter expected spatiotemporal patterns of seasonal migration in European shags

Rebecca Lovell (she/her) | University of Aberdeen, UK |  @rebeccalovell.bsky.social

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Targeted conservation effort is required for Nature Recovery

Jenni Border (she/her) | British Trust for Ornithology, UK

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Microplastics in regurgitated pellets of predatory birds with overlapping diets and habitats in Southern England

Rana Ozturk (she/her) | University of Reading & UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, UK

1110

Using an integrated modelling framework to inform flyway-scale adaptive management strategies for a declining duck species

Julien Terraube (he/him) | French Biodiversity Agency (Office Français de la Biodiversité, OFB), France |  @julienterraube.bsky.social

1115

SESSION CHANGEOVER (5 MINS)

SESSION 2 – PREDICTING SHIFTS (RANGE, ABUNDANCE, PHENOLOGY) OR ORGANISM ADAPTATIONS

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Predicting escape from climate change in wild bird populations

Jane Reid | Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway & University of Aberdeen, UK



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- 1150 **Understanding the recent loss of migratory behaviour in a long-lived bird**
Aldina Franco | University of East Anglia, UK | [@aldinafranco.bsky.social](#)
- 1205 **Vegetation phenology mediates the responses of passerine birds to changes in temperature across Europe**
Celestine Adelmant (she/her) | University of Oxford, UK | [@celestineadelmant](#)
- 1210 **Unlocking the role of environmental cues in tropic asynchrony**
Sienna Rattigan (she/her) | University of Edinburgh, UK | [@siennarattigan.bsky.social](#)
- 1215 **Combined range and phenological shift by passerine migrants in response to climate change**
Mark Eddowes (he/him) | Independent Researcher | [@markeddowes.bsky.social](#)
- 1220 **BOU Godman Salvin Prize presentation**
Recognising distinguished ornithological work

1225 **LUNCH**

- 1225 **Divergent bird community responses to climate change, wildfires, and forest management in boreal forests**
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Junior A. Tremblay (he/him) | Environment and Climate Change Canada | [@tremblay-ecology.bsky.social](#)
- 1235 **How birds navigate congested cities: a simulated approach**
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Gregory Eckhardt (he/him) | University of Birmingham, UK | [@gregoryeckhardt.bsky.social](#)

SESSION 3 – MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES AND ADVANCES

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- 1320 **KEYNOTE**
Automated insights: transforming the future of bird monitoring
Stephen Pringle | University of Kent, UK
- 1350 **Archaeological data reveals fundamental environmental associations of declining UK bird species obscured by anthropogenically-disturbed distributions**
Bethany Pittard (she/her) | University College London, UK
- 1405 **Individual identification of Leach's Storm-petrels from their vocalisations**
Brennig Hughes (he/him) | RSPB, UK



1420 **SESSION CHANGEOVER (5 MINS)**

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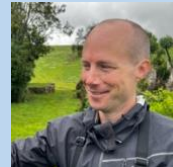
SESSION 4 – HOW CAN WE ADAPT TO A CHANGING WORLD: REWILDING, HABITAT RESTORATION, UNCERTAINTY IN DECISION MAKING

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1425 KEYNOTE

What past surprises tell us about the future of an endangered bird

Robert J. Fletcher | University of Cambridge, UK



1455 The role of land cover change and species traits in shaping avian populations

Ivara Goulden (they/them) | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA |

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1510 Global habitat suitability and conservation priorities for vultures under a changing climate (ONLINE)

Radhika Jha (she/her) | INIBIOMA- CONICET, Argentina | [@bou.org.uk](#)

1525 Integrating climate risk into spatial planning for climate change-resilient bird conservation

Beckie George (she/her) | University of East Anglia, UK

1540 AFTERNOON BREAK

Tea, coffee & refreshments

WORKSHOP

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1615 WORKSHOP

The future of avian research, conservation and management

1730 CONFERENCE CLOSE

1735 DEPARTURE

Delegates are welcome to stay for further networking at the venue bar