

Introduction to Avian Futures Workshop

Workshop aims

To answer the question: **what do we (conference participants) see as the future for avian research, conservation, and management?** Focussing on identifying the gaps in knowledge, practice, and policy, and community priorities over the next 30 years.

Main outputs:

1. To allow in-depth networking, sharing of ideas, and finding shared ground.
2. To get a list of our top priorities for research, conservation, and management in the next 30 years.
3. To identify key barriers and possible solutions.

Important: Discussion during the workshop could be turned into a forum paper in IBIS. If you want to contribute to this, please see author statement below. **Please do not share any ideas you are not happy to be included in a potential manuscript.**

Authorship statement

For any publication arising from the workshop, we will follow standard journal authorship criteria. Inclusion as an author requires substantial contribution to the ideas and involvement in writing/revising the manuscript.

The initial author team will be the Scientific Programme Committee, keynote speakers, and conference facilitators/organisers.

After the workshop, we will give all participants the chance to opt in to help write specific sections. Only those who actively contribute to drafting/revisions will be added as co-authors.

We will acknowledge all other participants in the manuscript, even those who do not wish to become authors, and possibly list them by name/affiliation in supplementary materials.

Workshop instructions

Welcome to the Avian Futures workshop. These instructions cover how to contribute before, during, and after the workshop session.

Important: We will be a diverse group of participants from varying backgrounds. **Please always be polite and respectful.** We want to ensure that all participants feel comfortable to share their views and contribute regardless of their background or career stage. Therefore, we foster a welcoming, supportive, and respectful environment. We welcome different views on the topics discussed but we do not tolerate harassment, bullying, or discrimination of any kind. If you have any concerns, please raise with a facilitator or member of BOU committees.

Pre-workshop

At this stage, we want to gather ideas, questions, and comments from the conference participants. **Reminder:** the outputs of this workshop might inform a manuscript, please do not share anything you don't want included.

To contribute, we have set up a Padlet [HERE](#) (password required – the BOU will email this to you one week before the conference) where you can add your ideas, questions, and comments. Help with using Padlet is available [HERE](#).

We have set up five themed questions and we are specifically looking for top research, conservation, and management priorities in those areas, any barriers to progress, and possible solutions.

Requested action: add to Padlet before workshop.

During

Requested action: contribute to the workshop.

On the day, we will host an interactive workshop online and in person. We will facilitate discussions around the topics listed in the Padlet and using the contributed posts we will try and reach a consensus on top priorities and key barriers.

In the aims of creating a welcoming environment so all can contribute, we will have multiple modes of contribution. If you feel comfortable to share your views verbally, please do, we welcome everyone. But if this is a big barrier, we will also have ways to contribute non-verbally via paper or on the Padlet.

Post-workshop

Requested action: follow up with any extra ideas/thoughts, sign up to the manuscript if interested.

Workshop resources

[Padlet](#): this is where we will store and share all ideas and comments brought up in the workshop.

[Google Slides](#): here is where we will fill in the consensus – it also includes workshop intro and wrap-up.

[Padlet help doc](#): Document with help on how to use Padlet.

[Google folder](#): Where we store documents such as this one.

[Google form](#): sign-up to be an author on any resulting manuscript.

Workshop help

If you need any help during the workshop, please reach out to one of the facilitators.