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BTO Annual Conference 7–9 December 2018
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

- 17:00 onwards Registration
18:00–19:00 Swarovski drinks reception
19:00–20:30 Dinner (service until 20:30)

All talks are in the Derbyshire Hall unless otherwise stated

BH = Butterley Hall

MCH = Main Conference Hall

THE FRIDAY EVENING TALK (Chair: Mike Toms)

- 20:30–21:30 **TIM BIRKHEAD**
Long-term monitoring of seabirds: who cares?
21:30–23:00 Nest Record Scheme get together (BH)

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

- 08:30 Breakfast
09:30–09:35 Welcome, by Andy Clements BTO CEO

SESSION 1: A SHARP EYE AND KEEN EAR (Chair: Debbie Lee)

- 09:45–10:15 **JAMES PARRY**
The Lady of the Reeds: The Rediscovery of Bird Photographer Emma Turner
10:15–10:45 **SIMON GILLINGS AND NICK MORAN**
Invisible migration - using audio recording to understand nocturnal bird movements
10:45–11:00 Questions and discussion
11:00–11:45 Tea

SESSION 2: THE WITHERBY MEMORIAL LECTURE (Chair: Jenny Gill)

- 11:45–12:50 **JANE REID**
Ringing, birding, migration ecology and evolution
13:00–14:05 Lunch

SESSION 3: NEW INSIGHTS FROM BTO RESEARCH (Chair: James Pearce-Higgins)

- 14:10–14:30 **HENRIETTA PRINGLE**
Are the distribution and abundance of generalist avian predators related to releases of non-native gamebirds?
14:30–14:50 **MARK WILSON**
Keeping up with the world's fastest bird: charting the rise of lowland Peregrines in the 2014 survey
14:50–15:10 **JENNI BORDER**
Can climate predict non-native bird invasions in the UK?
15:10–15:30 **KATHERINE BOOTH JONES**
Gull tracking in Belfast takes flight: reviewing the data from the first breeding season
15:30–15:40 Questions and discussion
15:40–16:20 Tea (note for those attending Ringers' Meeting, the refreshments will be in the room).

BTO RINGERS' MEETING (MCH) 16:00 onwards / refreshments will be served in the room

OR

SESSION 4: MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS (Chair: Ieuan Evans)

- 16:30–16:50 **BLAISE MARTAY**
What's Under Your Feet?
- 16:50–17:10 **FAYE VOGELY**
Tweets of the future – social media and the BTO
- 17:10–17:45 **DEREK ROBERTSON**
Migrations – a field study of adversity
- 17:45–17:55 Questions and discussion

18:00–19:00 BTO AGM

- 19:30 Annual dinner
- 21:30–23:00 CES and RAS get together (BH)

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER

- 08:00 Short Christian service
- 08:30 Breakfast

SESSION 5: ON THE OCEAN (Chair: Tim Birkhead)

- 09:30–09:55 **IAN CLEASBY**
Utilising seabird tracking to help inform marine conservation
- 09:55–10:20 **SARAH HARRIS**
Chasing skuas
- 10:20–10:45 **NIALL BURTON**
Understanding seabird-wind farm interactions: how multi-colony tracking of gulls is informing the impact
- 10:45–10:50 Questions and discussion
- 10:50–11:30 Tea

SESSION 6: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE (Chair: Josie Hewitt)

- 11:35–11:55 **CHRIS WHEATLEY**
Extinction risks and conservation opportunities for European biodiversity under climate change
- 11:55–12:15 **MIKE TOMS**
Future cities - the built environment and birds
- 12:15–12:35 **ANDY CLEMENTS**
A 25-year plan? – the role of volunteers, citizen science and BTO
- 12:35–12:50 Raffle
- 12:50–13:00 Summing up
- 13:00 Lunch

THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS TO DO AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

CES & RAS GET TOGETHER/NRS GET TOGETHER

Come and meet other volunteers involved in these schemes and hear the latest news. Butterley Hall, Friday and Saturday 21:30–23:00

ART EXHIBITION

There will be paintings and drawings for sale and a chance for you to exhibit your own artwork. Please call Sarah Harris on 01842 750050 or email sarah.harris@bto.org.

NHBS BOOKS

NHBS - Everything for wildlife, science & environment: our distribution agent will have a range of books and other wildlife equipment on offer at the conference. If you are interested in ordering a particular title give them a call on 01803 865913.

SECONDHAND BOOKS

There will be a selection of natural history books available to purchase.

BTO SHOPS

Ringling equipment will be available, as well as a selection of cards, calendars, books and gifts.

DISPLAYS

Please book space for display material in advance by contacting Caroline Foot at BTO HQ.

RAFFLE

Proceeds from this year's raffle will go to support our current 'Secure our Future' campaign. Tickets will be available from staff sellers and the BTO shop from Saturday morning coffee break through to Sunday morning coffee break.

GENERAL INFORMATION – REGISTRATION

You will be welcomed by BTO staff, who will have your welcome pack, including your name badge and details of your accommodation. Your badge will serve as your pass to meals and talks, so please wear it at all times.

SECURITY

All rooms can be locked. Entrance to the buildings in the evenings is via doors with keypads. The number is announced on arrival or can be obtained from Reception.

GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE

The conference runs from 7–9 December at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU, Tel: 01773 526000 Fax: 01773 540841. The grid reference of the venue is SK410527.

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