

RAPTOR SCIENCE SUPPORTS CONSERVATION



Organised by Watson Birds, Scottish Natural Heritage, RSPB Scotland, and the Scottish Ornithologists' Club, this is a unique opportunity for experts and the interested public to hear about the very best raptor research in Scotland and further afield.

The event will be held over 22-23 September 2017;
the first day in Edinburgh and the second in St John's Town of Dalry.

Friday 22 September 2017:

Royal Botanic Garden Lecture Theatre, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR

Day One stimulates interest in new raptor research and how it can be used to improve the conservation of raptors and their habitats. Talks and discussions will ensure full audience participation and debate.

Programme

1000 Arrival, registration and refreshments

1030 Welcome and introduction Roger Crofts Director Watson Birds

1040-1230 Session 1. New findings from raptor research

Chair Des Thompson Scottish Natural Heritage

1045-1130 Keynote Ian Newton, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology - Fifty years of raptor research: what have we learnt?

Presentations from recent Watson Raptor Science Winners and Runners-Up:

1130-1200 Xavier Lambin, University of Aberdeen – Intraguild predation

1200-1230 Miguel Ferrer, Doñana Biological Station, Spain – Raptors and wind farms

1230-1255 Audience participation and Panel discussion

1255-1300 Announcement of Watson Raptor Science Prize winner and runner up 2017

1300- 1345 Lunch

1345- 1700 Session 2 Linking bird science with conservation

Chair Colin Galbraith RSPB Committee for Scotland

1350-1420 Amy Challis, BTO Scotland - Developing the Scottish Raptor Monitoring Scheme

1420-1450 Jeremy Wilson RSPB Centre for Conservation Science and Stirling University & Staffan Roos RSPB Centre for Conservation Science - Key recent science for UK raptor conservation

1450-1520 Ian Poxton Scottish Ornithologists' Club - Long-term study of Merlins in the Lammermuirs

1520-1550 Cat Barlow South Scotland Golden Eagle Project – Reinforcing South Scotland's golden eagle population

1550-1620 Phil Whitfield & Alan Fielding Natural Research – The fate and movements of satellite tagged golden eagles

1620-1700 Discussion on raptor conservation and research and management opportunities
Chair Professor Bob Furness MacArthur Green Glasgow University

Art exhibition, picture and book sale

Exhibition of the Watson Bird project owned and loaned pictures with possibility of purchase of paintings and prints, and bird books illustrated or written by Donald Watson.

Saturday 23 September 2017

St John's Town of Dalry Town Hall, The Glenkens, Dumfries & Galloway DG7 3SW

Day Two for the public and bird specialists talks on recent raptor science and bird projects in south west Scotland

Programme

1000-1015 Arrival, registration and refreshments

1015-1020 Welcome and introduction Roger Crofts Director Watson Birds

1020-1300 Session 1. New findings from raptor research

Chair: Roddy Fairley Scottish Natural Heritage

1025-1110 Keynote. Ian Newton, Centre for Ecology & Hydrology - Fifty years of raptor research: what have we learnt?

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1240-1300 Audience participation and panel discussion

1300-1345 Lunch

1400-1700 Session 2. Our local birds – beyond raptors: where to watch them

Chair Chris Miles

1400-1430 Cat Barlow, South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project – Reinforcing South Scotland's golden eagle population

1430-1500 Chris Rollie, RSPB - Some favourite places to see birds in Dumfries & Galloway

1500-1530 Karl Munday, NTS – The Trust and birds in Dumfries & Galloway

1530-1600 Larry Griffin, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Caerlaverock - The Greenland white-fronted geese of Dumfries & Galloway - the enigma of their decline

1600-1630 Andrew Bielinski, RSPB - Bird reserves in south-west Scotland

1630-1700 General discussion on bird watching and bird conservation in south west Scotland

Art exhibition, picture and book sale

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BOOKING FORM

Day 1 Edinburgh

Name: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Contact email address: _____

Contact phone number (mobile preferred): _____

Attendance fee £20 (no concessions) including refreshments and lunch

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Day 2 St John's Town of Dalry

Name: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Contact email address: _____

Contact phone number (mobile preferred): _____

Attendance fee £10 (no concessions) includes refreshments. Sandwich lunch to be paid separately

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