

BTO South-west conference



Focusing on the birdlife of Avon, Gloucestershire, Somerset & Wiltshire

Sunday 18th March 2018, 09:30 – 17:00, Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 1DZ

Tickets £20.00 per person, including refreshments and a buffet lunch.

Book online at www.bto.org/news-events/events , phone 01842 750050, or ask your local bird club for a form.

Chair **Stephen Moss**, naturalist, writer, TV producer and broadcaster

Kate Risely (BTO) - Garden bird feeding; why do we do it and what impact does it have?

Kate leads the BTO's garden ecology team. The Garden BirdWatch scheme has enabled researchers to find out more about some of our common birds than might ever have been imagined.

Amy King (former senior aviculturist, WWT) - Cranes and Herons on the Somerset Levels

A summary of current progress of the Great Crane Project, and the new colonising species on the Somerset Levels and Moors.

Bob Medland - The ringing year at Chew Valley Ringing Station

A summary of a typical year's activities at the ringing station which has been operating for 50+years.



Peter Rock - Oh No! Urban Gulls!

The number of their colonies has more than doubled since 2000, but urban gulls are not popular and are not well studied – except by Peter.



Paul Castle - Birds of Salisbury Plain

Paul will illustrate the special birds of this ancient landscape and the projects that monitor and conserve them.

Edward Mayer - Swift Conservation

Edward runs "Swift Conservation", a web-based advice service, helping to save Swifts and their habitats.



Ian Henderson (BTO) - Migration and the Whinchats of Salisbury Plain

Ian is a senior research ecologist at BTO. This local Whinchat population has been well studied using traditional and modern tracking methods. What do we know about this migrant?

Gavin Siriwardena (BTO)

Farmland birds: problem solved after 15 years of agri-environment?

Gavin leads the BTO's land-use research team. Farmland birds have suffered steep declines, which have been well-documented by the BTO's programme of regular bird surveying. What have we learned?