

Diary dates

The list covers events during December 1984 to December 1985.

11th December BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB. Dr Ian Newton on 'Recent studies of Sparrowhawks'. Central London. Non-members should write (enclosing SAE) at least two weeks before to Hon. Secretary, R. E. F. Peal, 2 Chestnut Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3AR.

12th-21st December SOCIETY OF WILDLIFE ARTISTS' CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION. The Mall Galleries, The Mall, London SW1.

4th-6th January BTO RINGING AND MIGRATION CONFERENCE. Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Applications to BTO, Beech Grove, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 5NR.

15th January BOC. Dr A. G. Knox on 'Crossbills'. Central London. Write to Hon. Sec.

26th-27th January BTO REGIONAL CONFERENCE. Martin Mere, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire. 'Wildfowl to waders.' Applications to BTO.

31st January Closing date for entries for 'Bird Photograph of the Year'.

31st January Closing date for 'Best recent black-and-white bird-photographs'.

15th-18th February SEABIRD GROUP CONFERENCE. Denstone College, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. 'Population studies and population monitoring.' Details from Dr J. P. Croxall, The Seabird Group, c/o RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL.

1st-3rd March ALL-IRELAND CONFERENCE ON BIRD CONSERVATION. Jointly organised by RSPB and Irish Wildbird Conservancy. Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down. 'Surveys and research.' Details from RSPB Northern Ireland Office, Belvoir Park Forest, Belfast BT8 4QT.

14th March Closing date for entries for 'Bird Illustrator of the Year'.

19th March-14th May YOC MIGRATION PHONE-IN. Telephone Sandy (0767) 80551. Tuesdays only, 5 p.m.-7.30 p.m. Records from adults welcomed.

29th-31st March BOU ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM. Jointly with British Ecological Society Tropical Group, FFPS and International Council for Bird Preservation, Pembroke College, Cambridge. 'Tropical forest birds: ecology and conservation.' Further

details from BOU, c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY.

30th March BTO/SCOTTISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' CLUB REGIONAL ONE-DAY CONFERENCE. University of Edinburgh. 'Expeditions.' Details from SOC, 21 Regent Terrace, Edinburgh EH7 5BT.

19th-21st April RSPB MEMBERS' WEEKEND. Exeter University. Details from RSPB Conference Organiser, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL.

6th May YOC NATIONAL SPONSORED BIRD-WATCH.

May (date to be arranged) WILDFOWL TRUST AGM.

2nd July BOC. Dr Brian Wood on 'Waterfowl conservation and wetland management in Tunisia and Algeria'. Central London. Write to Hon. Sec.

4th-17th July SWLA ANNUAL EXHIBITION (including display of winning entries in 'Bird Illustrator of the Year' and 'The Richard Richardson Award' competitions). The Mall Galleries, The Mall, London SW1. Open 10-5 Mon.-Fri., 10-1 Sat. Admission £1.00 (free to SWLA members).

12th-14th July THE 'BRITISH BIRDS' CONFERENCE OF BIRD RECORDERS. Denstone College, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. Details from the conference organisers, Mike Rogers & Gwen Bonham, c/o Flat 4, Pentland Flats, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly TR21 0HY.

2nd-6th September JOINT MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL BIRD CENSUS COMMITTEE AND EUROPEAN ORNITHOLOGICAL ATLAS COMMITTEE. University of Dijon, France. 'The influence of man on forest bird communities.' Further information from Dr B. Frochot, Laboratoire d'Ecologie, Bâtiment Mirande, Université, 21000 Dijon, France.

14th-18th September THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM-MAKERS' SYMPOSIUM. The University, Claverton Down, Bath, Avon. 'Wildlife and the third age of broadcasting'. Details from the British Kinematograph Sound and Television Society, 110-112 Victoria House, Vernon Place, London WC2B 4DJ.

October (date to be arranged) JOINT BTO/LEICESTER POLYTECHNIC/LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ONE-DAY

REGIONAL CONFERENCE. Leicester Polytechnic. 'Seabirds.' Details from BTO.

1st-3rd November SOC ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM. Marine Hotel, North Berwick. Details from Club Secretary, SOC.

2nd-10th November RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM ON THE MANAGEMENT OF BIRDS OF PREY. Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, Sacramento, California. Information from Dr Richard R. Olendorff, US Bureau of Land

Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, USA.

29th November-1st December BTO ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM. Swanwick. Applications to BTO.

6th-8th December (provisional) NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF CAGE AND AVIARY BIRDS. National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Details from Philip Read, Editor, 'Cage and Aviary Birds', Surrey House, 1 Throwley Way, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4QQ.

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