

Your speakers



Robert Jeavons is a founding Director and current Chairman of Manx BirdLife. With extensive experience of serving in commercial, public and not-for-profit sectors, Robert is also a trustee of several Isle of Man charities to which he bring expertise in fundraising, recruiting and volunteer relations skills.



Richard Hill is Conservation Officer, East of England Region for RSPB. Working across Europe and West Africa, Richard has a twenty-five year career in biodiversity conservation, marine environmental protection and seabird studies. His work on the Exe Estuary and the INTERREG Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation has been cited as best practice by the EU.



Lara Howe is Marine Officer for Manx Wildlife Trust, prior to which she worked at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science. Lara grew up on the Isle of Man, studying marine biology at Liverpool University while based at the Marine Laboratories in Port Erin for both her degree and PhD.



Dominic Couzens is one of Britain's best known writers on birds and wildlife, having authored more than 30 books, including *Secret Lives of British Birds*, and hundreds of articles in a wide variety of publications. He has been a columnist every month in Bird Watching magazine for nearly 20 years. He is a fanatical patch watcher, enjoying all other wildlife especially mammals.



Charlotte Jense holds a degree in Wildlife Management and recently completed an MSc in Forensic and Conservation Genetics at the University of Central Lancashire, studying Hen Harriers under the supervision of Arati Iyengar. Charlotte has also studied European Wildcat genetics in Germany and has worked as an ecological consultant in the Netherlands where she was born.



Adam Denard graduated with first class honours in Conservation and Land Management. As a consultant ecologist in Lincolnshire, he developed a keen interest in Barn Owls. Adam co-authored *Isle of Man Birds of Conservation Concern 2003-08* and recently set up the Manx Barn Owl Conservation Project.



Joanne Sherwood is Director of RSPB Northern Ireland leading operations and overseeing partnerships with Manx BirdLife and BirdWatch Ireland. With her counterparts in England, Scotland and Wales, she translates RSPB strategy into a coherent programme of action across the UK. Joanne is a former Head of Natural Resources at Natural Resources Wales, having led teams on conservation, biodiversity, fisheries, forestry, agriculture and land management.



Sir Richard Gozney was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man in May 2016. After graduating from St Edmund Hall, Oxford, Sir Richard joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office enjoying a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service. He has many interests including birdwatching and walking.

Programme

1.15pm	Doors open for registration
2.00pm	Chairman’s welcome and opening address Robert A. Jeavons, Chairman, Manx BirdLife
	Seabird stories
	The Isle of Man Seabird Census 2017-18 Richard W. Hill MSc, Conservation Officer, East of England Region, RSPB
	The Manx Puffin Project Dr Lara Howe, Marine Officer, Manx Wildlife Trust
	Migration magic
	KEYNOTE: The Magic and Mysteries of Migration Dominic Couzens, Author
	<i>Q&A session</i>
3.40pm	Refreshments
4.10pm	Birds of Prey
	Population genetics among European and Manx Hen Harriers Charlotte Jense, MSc Student, University of Central Lancashire
	Barn Owls Caught on Camera Adam Denard, Director, Manx Barn Owl Conservation Project
	Celebrating success
	KEYNOTE: Finding Common Ground — Working with Farmers Towards Conservation and Agricultural Success Joanne Sherwood, Director, RSPB NI
	<i>Q&A session</i>
	Closing address: Celebrating Manx birds Sir Richard H. T. Gozney KCMG CVO KStJ, Lieutenant Governor, The Isle of Man
	Chairman’s closing remarks
5.50pm	Close of proceedings

This programme may be subject to change. We’ll do our best to keep any changes to a minimum.

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Save Manx birds. Support Manx BirdLife today!

Manx BirdLife is the conservation charity working to protect the Isle of Man’s wild birds and the habitats on which they depend

Since 1997, we have monitored the Island’s bird populations. We now have more than eight million records documenting the breeding and winter distribution and numbers of wild birds across the Island.

- Did you know?**
- ! Fourteen species of wild bird have been lost as native breeders.
 - ! Twenty more breeding species are now critically at risk.
 - ! A further sixty-two species of breeding and visiting birds are showing worrying long-term declines in their populations.

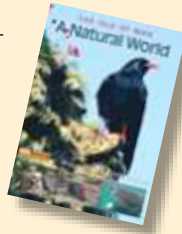
- With your support we can ...**
- ✓ Use our expertise to advise planners, developers and decision makers about the species and vital habitats that need protecting.
 - ✓ Advocate the need for wild, undisturbed spaces where wild birds can safely nest, rest and feed at critical times of their life cycles.
 - ✓ Undertake research to identify the threats and causes of decline, and to find ways to protect and save species and habitats.
 - ✓ Continue to provide education activities for the Island’s children.

Please support Manx BirdLife and help us work towards a brighter future – for birds, for people, for our Island

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An afternoon of discovery

***Celebrating Manx Birds II* offers you an afternoon of gentle science mixed with fascinating discovery in the august surroundings of the Manx Museum lecture theatre.**

Experts from the Isle of Man and overseas will share their insights into the lives and fortunes of some of our favourite wild birds. They'll describe the ground-breaking observations and science that are guiding conservation efforts to protect our most vulnerable species and populations — and their own personal stories of the joys and challenges of working with wildlife.

Cherishing our avian treasures

The Isle of Man is blessed with a diverse and characteristic avifauna. From those heart-stopping moments when you first spy a rare Puffin bobbing about on the sea or a ghostly Barn Owl drifting over golden fields at dusk, to simply marvelling at the magic of migration that brings so many summer songsters and winter waifs to our gardens and countryside, the Island has so much to offer.

Yet as much as we cherish the sheer joy of seeing and hearing the birds around us, we recognise that nature is in trouble. Unrelenting building and development, climate change, pollution, disturbance and unnatural predation all now pose unprecedented levels of threat. As a result, bird life is diminishing and species are disappearing. Already, we have lost native wild birds from the island that might never return.

Working for improvement

Protecting, let alone restoring, the diversity and abundance of bird life for future generations is an increasingly formidable task. While we do still have much to celebrate, we cannot be complacent.

Many ecologists, land owners and managers, volunteers, field staff and researchers are working hard to improve the situation. **The Isle of Man needs a bold vision for the future — with aspirational goals for species and habitats.** We must have the courage to act boldly now in order to ensure future generations can continue to celebrate Manx birds. Without the sight and sound of birds, our seas, coasts, woodlands, farmland and uplands would be very dull places indeed.

Join us to Celebrate Manx Birds!

So please do join us. There are great stories awaiting you. There are fascinating new insights to discover. There are challenges to embrace. **And we promise you'll leave uplifted and better informed about the lives and fortunes of Manx birds — our treasures of land, sea and air.**



Join us to celebrate Manx birds!

Your faculty of speakers from the Island and beyond will reveal new insights into the lives and fortunes of some of our favourite birds. They'll present the science that is saving vulnerable species — and share their personal stories of working with wildlife.

Evening buffet reception

Following the conference, you are cordially invited to join the speakers, organisers and fellow attendees for a 'hot & cold' finger buffet from 6.30pm in the Meadows Pavilion at Douglas Golf Club. Tickets are £15.00 per person including tea and coffee, with a cash bar for drinks.

Book early to guarantee your place

See booking form or email neilgmorris@manxbirdlife.im or call 01624 861130 stating:

- No. of free places requested for the afternoon conference
- No. of tickets for the evening buffet reception @ £15.00 per person
- Full names of all those in your party attending the conference and reception
- Your email address and tel. no. for us to confirm your booking

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Finding the Manx Museum (Afternoon conference)

Full address: Kingswood Grove, Douglas IM1 3LY. Tel. 01624 648000.

The Manx Museum is located at the intersection of Kingswood Grove with Osborne Terrace. The Museum offers a limited number of spaces for disabled parking. Otherwise we suggest parking in the lower levels of Chester Street multi-storey car park, from which take the lift up to Level 8, then walk across the bridge to access the Manx Museum.

Finding Meadows Pavilion/Douglas Golf Club (Evening buffet reception)

Full address: Pulrose Road, Douglas IM2 1AE. Grid ref. SC 366 755. Tel. 01624 675952.

The Meadows Pavilion/Douglas Golf Club can be accessed off the Pulrose Road, taking the driveway opposite the junction with Groves Road. The reception will be held on the first floor.



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Celebrating Manx Birds II

Treasures of land, sea and air



Join us for an afternoon of gentle science and fascinating discovery exploring the lives and fortunes of iconic Manx birds in the company of local and international experts.



Saturday 17th November 2018
The Manx Museum, Douglas
From 1.15pm for 2.00pm start

