

43rd All Ireland Bird Conservation Conference

Seabirds: Life on the Edge

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 March 2010, Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club, Sligo, Co. Sligo

BirdWatch Ireland and RSPB Northern Ireland are pleased to announce that their 43rd All Ireland Conference will take place from Friday 26 – Sunday 28 March 2010. BirdWatch Ireland will also be celebrating its 40th anniversary and launching its Forward Strategy.



Whether you have been to our conferences in the past or if you have assumed that they are for experts and not for you, you should consider coming to this one: it will be a conference with a difference, with national and internationally renowned speakers, workshops and field trips. Our keynote speaker is Professor Chris Perrins, world renowned for his study of woodland birds, particularly the Great and Blue Tits [or Paridae family]. However, the topic of his keynote address will be his second fascination in life, the Manx Shearwaters of the Welsh islands of Skomer and Skokholm.

It is an event for people from all backgrounds, both expert ornithologists and armchair birdwatchers alike. The theme will be Seabirds: Life on the Edge. Learn how issues such as climate change are affecting our seabird populations and how seabirds have evolved survival techniques to live on the edge.

The venue will be the Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club on the edge of Sligo town. Guests will enjoy the backdrop of landscaped gardens and mature trees as well as free access to the 4 star leisure centre. A well established favourite, the Sligo Park has a reputation for personal service and quality local produce used in the restaurant and bar.

As well as a fantastic line-up of presentations, talks, workshops and field trips (see programme on the right) we have a host of special features for delegates, including:

- A special conference welcome pack.
- Raffle and competitions with a wide range of prizes on offer.
- Wings Shop, with a range of bird books, feeders, gift items and much more, as well as a special optics section to provide specialised advice on purchasing binoculars and telescopes, including practical demonstrations.
- Project Staff on hand during the three days to answer any questions you may have about our conservation work and Ireland's wild birds.



Programme

Friday 26 March 2010

19.55: Welcome and introduction

20.00: **Dick Coombes**, BirdWatch Ireland: **Between a Rock and a Hard Place**
Dick Coombes shares over thirty years of seawatching anecdotes and experience.

Saturday 27 March 2010

09.05 - 09.15: **John Cromie**, Chairman of BirdWatch Ireland: **Opening Address**

09.15 - 09.55: **Professor Chris M. Perrins**, FRS, Oxford University: **Keynote Address**

09.55 - 10.35: **Dr Stephen Newton**: **BirdWatch Ireland's Actions for Seabirds**

10.35 - 11.00: Tea and coffee break

11.00 - 11.40: **Lorraine Chivers**, Queen's University, Belfast: **Rathlin Island: Tracking The Fortunes of Northern Ireland's Seabirds**

11.40 - 12.20 **Dr Maggie Hall**: **"From Greenland to Galway: little auks and ship-based surveys in the North Atlantic"**

12.30 - 13.00: **Summing Up and Open Forum**

13.00 - 13.45: Lunch

Saturday Field Trips

14.00: Option 1: Lissadell & Ballintemple, Drumcliffe Bay

14.00: Option 2: Mullaghmore and Streedagh Estuary, Mermaid's Cave

14.00: Option 3: Cartron Marsh and Rosses Point

14.00: Option 4: Ballysadare Estuary, Aughris Head

Saturday Evening

19.15 - 20.00: Mulled Wine Reception

20.00: Gala Dinner

Sunday 28 March 2010

10.00: **Getting Involved: How You Can Help**

11.30: **A Blueprint For Bird Conservation**: Launch of BirdWatch Ireland Forward Strategy.

For further details please contact:

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Booking Form

Personal Details

Delegate 1

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (day) _____

Mobile Telephone _____

Email _____

Delegate 2

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (day) _____

Mobile Telephone _____

Email _____

Book the Conference directly with BirdWatch Ireland

Delegate Registration	Cost	Number of Delegates	Total
<i>Please select one only of the following options:</i>			
Full weekend Conference Package (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)	€40		
Friday evening only	€10		
Saturday only (full day)	€25		
Grand Total			€

Field Trips Saturday 27th April 2010

<i>Please select and tick one only of the following options:</i>		
Option 1: Lissadell & Ballintemple	€0	
Option 2: Mullaghmore and Streedagh Estuary	€0	
Option 3: : Cartron Marsh and Rosses Point	€0	
Option 4: : Ballysadare Estuary	€0	
<i>* Please note that the transport to the field trips will be based on car pooling.</i>		
<i>Please tick one only of the following option for transport to the field trips:</i>		
I am willing to car pool		
I require a lift		

Delegate Registration Payment Details

Please note bookings cannot be accepted without payment of conference fees and regrettably, no refunds can be made once payment has been made

I/We wish to pay by:

Euro cheque Postal order
 MasterCard Visa
 Laser card Online through Wings shop (www.birdwatchireland.ie)

For Payment by Credit Card

I authorize you to debit my MasterCard, Visa or Laser Card account with the amount below:

Amount € _____ Name of Cardholder _____

Address of Cardholder _____

Card Details

Card Number CVV No.

Expiry date of card: Month Year Cardholder's Signature _____

Book the Special Conference
Accommodation Package & Gala
Dinner
directly with the Sligo Park Hotel

Special Conference Weekend Package

The Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club has provided a special conference weekend package of 2 nights' bed and breakfast and Gala Dinner for €145 per person sharing, or €195 for a single person.

Special Conference Accommodation Rates

If you are not availing of the special conference weekend package, the special Conference accommodation rates are as follows:

Single room bed and breakfast €80 per night per person

Double room bed and breakfast €110 per night per two people

Gala Dinner


Non-residents can book the Gala Dinner (€35 per person for five-course meal) directly with the Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club.


Booking Accommodation and/or Gala Dinner


To book accommodation and/or the Saturday Gala Dinner please contact the Hotel at:

Sligo Park Hotel & Leisure Club

 Pearse Road, Sligo, Ireland.

 353 71 919 0400

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 www.sligoparkhotel.com

The Hotel can provide details of alternative accommodation in the local area on request.



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