

Date	Talk	Speaker	Information
September			
24 th	Iberian Birds	John Gardner	Spain, one of my favourite places for nature photography, is just such a huge unspoilt country with a great diversity of birds. Some of the key species to photograph were sandgrouse, a bird of the hot dry desert areas, Lammergeier, Griffon vultures, Bonelli's Eagle, golden Eagle, the beautiful orange and black rock thrush and its close cousin the blue rock thrush and many more.

October			
1 st	Seabirds & Marine Conservation	Dr. Jonathan Green	Seabirds are the world's most threatened group of birds, facing challenges to their populations both on land and at sea. The important role of sea birds in marine ecosystems is examined and initiatives reported as to how these challenges are being met. Dr Jonathan Green Seabird Ecology Group, University of Liverpool (SEGUL)
8 th	Burning Bright: Tigers of Ranthambore	Ken Clark	Ranthambore is the fortieth largest national park in northern India, covering 392 km ² . Ranthambore wildlife sanctuary is known for its Bengal tigers and is one of the best places in India to see these animals in their natural jungle habitat. Ken Clark takes us on his trip there.
15 th	Coastal Vulnerability to Sea-Level Rise and Climate Change	Dr. Irene Delgado-Fernandez	Beach-dune evolution is examined and the role of sandy coastlines as protective buffers against sea-level rise and increases in storminess. There are projections of a 2.5 m upper-end sea-level rise by the end of the 21st C. Management decisions affecting our coastlines taken now will ultimately have an extraordinary impact on coastal vulnerability and adaptation over the next few decades.
22 nd	Lancashire Landscapes, Flora & Fauna	Martin Jump	Wildlife photographer Martin Jump, one of our PS members, presents his shots of our beautiful home county, its flora and fauna from the different seasons of the year.
29 th	Raptor Migration and Birding in Southern Spain	Dennis Atherton	Dennis Atherton returns once more to present his wonderful photos taken during his stay in Southern Spain and Gibraltar where he patiently awaited the migration of many birds on their long journey to Africa from the UK and beyond.

November			
5 th	Ardnamurchan – Almost an Island	Mike Roberts	Mike's presentation covers the wildlife of Britain's most westerly part of the mainland and includes a wide variety of birds and other wildlife including otters, dolphins, basking sharks and Scottish Wildcats.
12 th	The Endangered Everglades	Christine & Keith Buxton	Indigenous birds and animals are struggling to survive in the fragile Everglades of Florida. This is the story of its past and hope for the future.
19 th	Members Presentations		This is an opportunity for our members to present images of their own of the wildlife and natural world they have seen in the UK and abroad 5-10mins presentations per member is advised.

26th	Birds & Wildlife of the Languedoc: An Easily Accessible New Destination in the Western Mediterranean	Philippa Benson	Did you know that over 40% of the birds in western Europe can be seen in the Languedoc area of southern France? Resident species, summer visitors, on migration and over-wintering, what attracts them is the Languedoc's unique geographic diversity, which offers some of the best birding in France.
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December			
3rd	The Evolution of Camouflage & Mimicry	Dr. Chris Hassall	From bizarre battleships and beautiful blooms to bad-tempered buzzing, Dr Chris Hassall from the University of Leeds will speak about how animals and plants have evolved remarkable means to deceive one another and us!
10th	All Creatures Great & Small	Peter Smith	Our very own Peter Smith, a recognised naturalist and wildlife photographer, presents his images of birds, animals and wildlife taken through the year on his travels around NW England, the UK and perhaps beyond!

January			
7th	The Wildlife of Humboldt Current & Coastal Chile	Jeff Clarke	This talk explores the Humboldt Current and its amazing diversity of birds and marine mammals as well as the natural influences it has on the coastal landscapes of Chile and Peru. Our journey begins in sub-Antarctic Punta Arenas before travelling thousands of miles north to the arid desert of the Atacama. Along the way we will encounter iconic tubenoses and mighty whales that gather to feast on one the planet's most productive cold currents.
14th	Vietnam 90 Million People: Geography, Population Growth, Environmental Impact	Howard Phillips	Howard Phillips having visited Vietnam take a closer look at its ever increasing population and what impact this will have on the regions environment.
21st	A Shot at Wildlife 2015	Pauline & Ian Greenhalgh	Once again Pauline & John Greenhalgh visit us to present their take on Wildlife in the UK with superb photography from their travels in 2015.
28th	The End – Triassic Mass Extinction: What went Extinct & Why	Dr. Alex Dunhill	What caused mass extinction 200 million years ago during the Triassic period on earth. Volcanic eruptions? Earthquakes? Asteroid strikes? Climate change? Atmospheric changes? Dr. Alex. Dunhill of Leeds University explains all!

February			
4th	Ladakh in Winter: Snow Leopards, Ibisbills & more	Mike Watson	Ladakh in India's northwest Himalayas. Find out what it takes to set eyes on one of the most elusive and enigmatic big cats, the 'Grey Ghost' of the mountains. The Indus Valley also hosts a number of special birds in winter like Ibisbill, Solitary Snipe, Gldenstdt's Redstart and Black-throated Accentor.'
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18th	A Very Different View of an International Airport: Dust, Fingerprints & Particulate Pollution	Sue Jones	Over recent decades, there has been a significant increase in global air travel. This growth coupled with a better understanding of aircraft emission characteristics and their potential impact on health and the environment has become a cause of concern. Dr. Sue Jones explains.
25th Special Event – Harry Shorrock Memorial Event!	How will we End Driven Grouse Shooting & Save the Hen Harrier?	Mark Avery	Mark Avery, scientist, author and environmental campaigner gives us an update on the campaign to protect one of our most wonderful birds that ought to be so much commoner in our local area of the Forest of Bowland.

March			
4th	Rewilding the UK Uplands: What, Where & How	Dr. Alexander Lees	What is Rewilding? Dr Alex. Lees explains “Rewilding” in the UK how it can be done, what plants & wildlife can be brought back and where is it feasible to do so.
11th	Birding in Cumbria, Dumfries & Galloway	John Miles	Situated in the Southern Uplands of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway has three National Scenic Areas and a variety of habitats that support a diverse number of bird and wildlife species. John Miles wildlife photographer & author takes us there.
18th	Winter in Japan, Summer in Southern Africa	Rosamund & John Macfarlane	Let's see Japanese winter wildlife: snow monkeys; Steller's sea eagles and white-tailed sea eagles off the east coast of Hokkaido; foxes and red-crowned cranes. Then off to the sun for some African wildlife!
25th	Wader Watching	Brian Rafferty	A look at Waders around the NW of England including renowned locations such as Rossall Point, Southport, the Wirrall, Morecambe Bay and even inland breeding locations and routes of passage including Pendle & Bowland.