



NZ BIRD CONFERENCE & BIRDS NZ AGM

Nelson, 1 to 3 JUNE 2024

The Trafalgar Centre, Nelson



Conference Programme

Friday 31 May	18:00 – 19:30	Registration	Tides Hotel
Saturday 1 June	08:00 – 08:30	Registration	Trafalgar Centre
	08:30 – 09:00	Opening ceremony	Trafalgar Centre
	09:00 – 17:00	Scientific programme day one	Trafalgar Centre
	17:00 – 19:00	Workshops, Posters, Demos, Drinks	Tides Hotel
	19:00	Informal Dinner	Trafalgar Centre
Sunday 2 June	08:00 – 08:30	Registration	Trafalgar Centre
	08:30 – 15:00	Scientific programme day two	Trafalgar Centre
	15:30 – 17:00	AGM and Awards	Trafalgar Centre
	19:00	Conference Dinner	Trafalgar Centre
Monday 3 June	Field trips		

NOTE: the programme of scientific talks is subject to change

Saturday 1 June

08:00-08:30	Registration	
08:30-09:00	Welcome	
09:00-09:30	Graeme Elliot	33 years of monitoring wandering albatrosses on Antipodes and Adams Islands. The sorrows and joys of a long-term study.
09:30-09:45	Richard Holdaway	Would the real pipiwharuroa please stand up? A comparison of morphometric patterns and intraspecific taxonomy of the shining cuckoo
09:45-10:00	Kevin Parker	Using count data and estimates of connectivity to quantify and predict the success of popokatea/whitehead translocations
10:00-10:15	Lawson Davey	47 years of Monitoring the Central New Zealand Black Swan Population
10:15-10:30	Rob Schuckard	Fine-tuning the ageing of juvenile, subadult and adult South Island Pied Oystercatchers
10:30-11:00	Morning tea	
11:00-11:15	James Braund	Ornithological results of the Austrian Novara expedition's visit to Auckland in 1858-1859
11:15-11:30	Emma Williams	Birds beyond borders – Shorebirds that are connecting places and people to maximise New Zealand's national conservation efforts
11:30-11:45	Kath Walker	Comparative analysis of plumage, morphology and biology of Antipodean and Gibson's wandering albatrosses
11:45-12:00	Biz Bell	Towards understanding tākoketai/black petrel recruitment on Aotea/Great Barrier Island
12:00-12:15	Johannes Chambon	Survival modelling of the Critically Endangered Chatham Island tāiko
12:15-12:30	Hiltrun Ratz	New Zealand Penguin Initiative: what's up with Kororā?
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-13:45	Caitlin Lavery	Observations on the Pīhoihoi (New Zealand pipit) on the Te Ahu a Turanga Highway project
13:45-14:00	Brian Gill	Gorging on insects: diet of the shining cuckoo in New Zealand
14:00-14:15	Dan Burgin	New Zealand Bird Atlas summary and what lies ahead
14:15-14:30	Inka Pleiss	Negligible Impact of Tape- and Harness-Mounted GPS Data Loggers on Adult Sooty Shearwaters and their Chicks
14:30-14:45	Robin Toy	Post-translocation roroa great spotted kiwi monitoring, how much is enough?
14:45-15:00	Katherine Chamberlain	Volunteer-based five-minute bird counts and their usefulness for assessing bird activity over time
15:00-15:45	Afternoon tea; Poster session	
15:45-16:00	Bruce McKinlay	High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza in wild birds and potential implications for New Zealand
16:00-16:15	Alan Tennyson	Recent advances in New Zealand prion research
16:15-16:30	Viktorija Povilionytė	Behavioral database from camera traps in North Atlantic burrow-nesting seabirds
16:30-16:45	Sabrina Leucht	Impact of climate change impacts on seabirds and the importance of wildlife hospitals as a conservation tool in a biodiversity crisis
16:45-17:00	Soapbox session	
17:30-18:30	Tides Hotel: Banding Gathering & Atlas Workshop	
19:00-21:30	Informal dinner	

Sunday 2 June

08:00-08:30	Registration	
08:30-09:00	Natalie Forsdick	An overview of current applications of genetic/genomic data for avian conservation in Aotearoa New Zealand
09:00-09:15	Yvonne Taura	Taonga manu: Exploring the significance of local manu through a hapū lens with primary school students
09:15-09:30	Oscar Thomas	On the brink: status, movements and variation of the tūturiwhatu southern New Zealand dotterel
09:30-09:45	Maia Gerard	Bird counts of a fragmented forest landscape in Banks Peninsula
09:45-10:00	Philippa Agnew	Comparing the use of flipper bands vs PIT tags for marking kororā at Ōamaru
10:00-10:15	Claudia Mischler	Black-billed gull national census – a follow-up to the 2016/17 census
10:15-10:30	Georgia Thomson-Laing	Using environmental DNA in lake sediment cores to detect historical changes in bird communities
10:30-11:00	Morning tea	
11:00-11:15	Jonathan Rutter	Immersion regularity predicts vessel following by albatrosses
11:15-11:30	Imogen Foote	Whole-genome analyses reveal genetic structure in the highly threatened Antipodean and Gibson's albatrosses
11:30-11:45	Neil Fitzgerald	Movement and feeding behaviour of North Island kākā wintering in rural Waikato
11:45-12:00	Todd Landers	An overview of Auckland Council's regional bird surveys in forest, wetlands and dunes with key findings over its first decade
12:00-12:15	Jodanne Aitken	Over the hills and far away: how to best utilise GPS technology to answer kea movement ecology questions?
12:15-12:30	Brenda Greene	Little birds, big data
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-13:45	Michelle Hawinkels	Why are there so many feral pigeons in a predator-free ecosanctuary?
13:45-14:00	Matt Rayner	Bird counts reveal changing structure of the terrestrial bird community on Rangitāhua/Raoul Island, 1967 – 2023
14:00-14:15	Georgia Gwatkin	A place to call home: investigating the terrestrial habitat selection of kororā at Pōhatu/Flea Bay
14:15-14:30	Colin Miskelly	Every Last Bird – Atlassing the Te Araroa Trail
14:30-14:45	Soapbox session	
14:45-15:00	Closing ceremony	
15:00-15:30	Afternoon tea	
15:30-17:00	AGM and awards	
19:00-21:30	Conference dinner	

Field trips

Abel Tasman National Park

Kahurangi National Park: Mt Arthur/Flora or Wangapeka

The Brook Waimārama Sanctuary, Nelson

Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant

Taipare Bay, Marlborough Sounds

Details are available [here](#)

Note:

All field trips are weather dependent and may be cancelled at short notice.

Wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Participants need to bring their own lunch – there is no packed lunch available.

There is a Countdown supermarket a few minutes walk from the Trafalgar Centre.