

6th Learn About Birds (LAB) Conference



LAYMAN'S LAB PROGRAMME

Day 1: Wednesday, 24 May 2023

Time	Venue	Detail	Speaker
7:00 – 18:00	Hotel lobby	Registration	
14:00 – 16:00	Protea	PAID WORKSHOP: Forest Birding	Mike Bridgeford & Cassie Carstens
17:00 – 18:30	Protea	Cape Bird Club 75th Anniversary Lecture	Mike Buckham

Day 2: Thursday, 25 May 2023

Time	Venue	Detail	Speaker
07:00 – 18:00	Palm Lobby	Registration/ Networking/ Refreshments	
08:00 – 08:10	Palm	Welcome and conference rules	Dr Melissa Whitecross
08:10 – 08:25	Palm	Welcome address	Mark D. Anderson
08:25 – 09:25	Palm	Science LAB Plenary Lecture: The Science behind a Mouse-Free Marion	Dr Anton Wolvaardt
SESSION 1			
Chair: Andrew de Blocq			
09:30 – 10:10	Protea	Garden Route National Park and the profile of the birds and birding of the Knysna Section of the Park	Christopher Patton
10:10 - 10:30	Protea	Youth birding in the Lakes District of the GardenRoute	Justin Ponder
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea		
SESSION 2			
Chair: Dr Melissa Whitecross			
11:00 – 11:45	Protea	10 Years of the Overberg Renosterveld Conservation Trust	Dr Odette Curtis-Scott
11:45 – 12:30	Protea	Cape Vulture Conservation in the Overberg	Kevin Shaw
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (Loerie Restaurant)		
13:30 – 14:15	Protea	CWAC-ing and Conserving our Western Cape Estuaries	Dr Giselle Murison
SESSION 3			
Chair: Cassie Carstens			
14:30 – 15:00	Protea	African Crowned Eagles of the Garden Route	Melanie de Morney
15:00 - 15:45	Protea	The impacts of the Knysna fires on the local landscape and birds	Willem Matthee
15:45 – 16:15	Afternoon Tea		
SESSION 4			
Chair: Alistair McInnes			
16:15 – 16:45	Protea	Saving the African Penguin from Extinction	Dr Cloverley Lawrence
18:00 – 19:00	Palm	LAB Special Session: Bird Name IQ/QI	Prof Ian Glenn

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Day 3: Friday, 26 May 2023

SESSION 1			
Time	Venue	Details	Speaker
09:00 - 09:10	Palm	Welcome and housekeeping	Dr Melissa Whitecross
09:10 – 09:30	Palm	Conserving birds in a complex world	Dr Hanneline Smit-Robinson
09:30 – 10:30	Palm	Science LAB Plenary Lecture: Pollinators	Dr Anina Coetzee
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea		
SESSION 2			
Chair: Dr Melissa Whitecross			
11:00 – 11:45	Protea	Why ring birds? Trust	Dr Mark Brown
11:45 – 12:30	Protea	Conserving Beach Breeding Birds in a Dynamic Urban Context	Brittany Arendse
12:30 – 13:00	Protea	Long-term changes in the abundance of waterbirds in the Wilderness Lakes Complex	Dr Ian Russell
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch (Loerie Restaurant)		
14:00 – 15:00	Palm	Science LAB Panel Discussion: Advancing African Ornithology	Chair: Chevonne Reynolds Panel: Susie Cunningham, Alan Lee, Martina Scacco, Kamran Safi, Res Altwegg, Shamiso Banda

Saturday, 27 May 2023

Time	Venue	Details
7:00 – 18:00	Palm Lobby	Registration
11:00 – 13:30	Palm	BirdLife South Africa Annual General Meeting
13:30 – 17:00	Loerie Restaurant	AGM Luncheon

Sunday, 28 May 2023

Time	Venue	Detail	Speaker
7:00 – 10:00	Protea Lobby	Registration	
09:00 – 12:00	Protea	PAID WORKSHOP: Canon Photography Workshop	Richard Flack
13:00	<i>End of Flock to the Wilderness 2023</i>		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE 6TH LEARN ABOUT BIRDS CONFERENCE



If you have any questions or needs during the event, please contact the BirdLife South Africa information desk situated at the entrance hall of the hotel or outside of the Palm Conference room.
Enjoy the event!