

Irish Raptor Study Group

Grúpa Staidéir Éan Creiche na hÉireann



Irish Raptor Study Group Conference 2018

This is a one day conference that is open to all, you do not have to be a member.

The conference will provide an update on some of the latest Bird of Prey research from within Ireland and the UK. It is a chance to meet other Bird of Prey enthusiasts and get involved.

Saturday 27th January 2018

9.30am—5.00pm

The Green Isle Conference and Leisure Hotel,

(Just off JNCT 9—Red Cow Roundabout, M50)

Naas Rd,

Newlands Cross,

Dublin 22.

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Speakers

Jen Lynch



After returning to Ireland from Denmark in 2015, Jen worked on a range of projects with BirdWatch Ireland (primarily focusing on seabirds and waders) and with the RSPB (monitoring breeding Curlew). In February 2017 she took on the role of Peregrine Survey Coordinator with the IRSG and has recently started a position as Conservation Ranger with the NPWS in Monaghan. Based in Warrenpoint, she also co-ordinates wetland bird counts of Carlingford Lough and is an active ringer with the Belfast and Down Ringing Group.

Chris Rollie

A former science teacher in Ayrshire, Chris has worked with the RSPB for 27 years. He started as a Conservation Officer and has been an Area Manager since 2000. He has actively monitored a variety of Raptor species in SW Scotland for 35 years and has been chairman of the Dumfries and Galloway Raptor Study Group for 25 years. Chris managed the red kite re-introduction project to Galloway and the related Galloway Kite Trail Project, and has been chair of the UK and Ireland Red Kite Co-ordination Group these past five years. He has been studying the honey buzzard since first breeding in Scotland, in France and on migration in Spain and Syria.



John Lusby



John Lusby is a research ecologist with a special and life-long interest in birds of prey and owls. His work is concentrated on trying to achieve a better understanding of the status and ecology of raptor populations in Ireland, and how we can best use raptors as indicators to measure wider biodiversity change and impacts and ultimately to inform conservation policy, with a focus on land-use change including afforestation, the expansion of road networks, as well as pesticide use. John works with BirdWatch Ireland and established the Raptor Conservation Project in 2009 and is also a passionate environmentalist and educator.

Mike Thornton

Mike Thornton currently works for Scottish Natural Heritage and has had an interest in raptors from an early age. He is a member of the Lothian and Borders Raptor Study Group and has worked on a number of species, including sparrowhawks, golden eagles, (national census work), eagle owls, peregrines, merlins and hen harriers. He set up the Edinburgh Hawkwatch project in 2009 and monitored urban sparrowhawks in Edinburgh .Between 2009 and 2015. Mike is particularly interested in the population dynamics, urban ecology and migration ecology of raptors



Cathleen Thomas



Ecologist, Dr.Cathleen Thomas leads the Hen Harrier LIFE+ project, an ambitious five year programme of hen harrier conservation, advocacy and engagement, working cross-border in the UK. The project combines satellite tagging, investigative work, on the ground surveying and monitoring, nest protection, winter roost protection, advocacy and community engagement to help secure the future for one of our most beautiful and threatened birds of prey.

Caroline Sullivan

Dr Caroline Sullivan is the Assistant Manager on the Hen Harrier Project. The project team have been tasked with designing and administering a results-based agri-environment programme across six breeding hen harrier SPAs. She has over 10 years experience working on High Nature Value farmland in Ireland and in Europe.



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Programme 2018

09.30 am		Registration
<i>Morning session chaired by Ryan Wilson-Parr, IRSG</i>		
09.50	Welcome and Introduction	
10.00	Barn Owls and major roads: Understanding the factors which influence risk of collision to inform mitigation solutions for the road ahead.	John Lusby, Birdwatch Ireland
10.45	The Edinburgh Urban Sparrowhawk Study—What we have learnt?	Mike Thornton, Lothian and Borders Raptor Study Group.
11.30—12.00		Tea /Coffee Break
12.00	Hen Harrier LIFE UK	Dr. Cathleen Thomas, RSPB
12.45	The Hen Harrier Project—Europe’s largest conservation focused Environmental Innovative Partnership	Dr. Caroline Sullivan, Hen Harrier project
13.00—14.15		Lunch (not provided)
<i>Afternoon session chaired by Steve Newton, IRSG</i>		
14.15	Honey Buzzards in southwest Scotland, why not Ireland?	Chris Rollie, RSPB
15.00	Status of the Peregrine Falcon population in the Republic of Ireland	Jennifer Lynch, IRSG
15.45	Closing Address	
16.00 IRSG AGM open to all members		

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Booking Form

The conference fee is € 25 per person.

This fee includes Tea/Coffee, but does not include lunch. Please attach a cheque or postal order made payable to the Irish Raptor Study Group and send to address below.

IRSG membership: If you wish to renew your IRSG membership for 2018, please add a further €15 to your cheque or postal order.

Conference fee €25.00

Membership fee €15.00

To book your place, please complete this form and return it to:

Mr. John Lyden, 3 Castle Court, Currabinny Rd, Carrigaline, County Cork.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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Email:.....

Tel. No.

You can also pay at the door on the day, but advance payment will beat the queues at the door!

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