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Cambridgeshire Bird Club Conference

RAPTORS: CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY

Saturday 29th September 2012 0930–1700 at Cottenham Village College
Sunday 30th September 2012 RSPB reserves in Cambridgeshire

The conference, organised by Cambridgeshire Bird Club in collaboration with the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), will provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about raptors in the UK and the challenges they face. On Saturday, there will be a programme of lectures (each followed by time for discussion), displays and stalls. On Sunday there will be an opportunity to visit RSPB reserves in the county and hear about their management with particular attention to raptors.

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The programme will present overviews of changing raptor populations, important issues in conservation and the impact of raptors on other bird population, and then focus on several species of contrasting fortunes.

On a wing and a prayer: conservation of the UK's raptors *Jeff Knott (RSPB)*

A 40-year overview of raptor status *Simon Gilling (BTO)*

What does the published scientific research tell us about the impact of predation on bird populations in the UK? *Malcolm Nicoll (University of Reading)*

Buzzards in north Somerset *Robin Prytherch*

Urban-dwelling Peregrines: what have we learnt so far? *Ed Drewitt*

Why are our Kestrel populations declining? *Staffan Roos (RSPB)*

The Marsh Harrier *Nigel Middleton & Phil Littler
(Hawk and Owl Trust)*

State of the UK's Hen Harriers: national survey 2010 *Daniel Hayhow (RSPB)*

Tickets must be booked in advance: £20.00 per person (includes coffee, lunch and tea)

For further details or enquiries check the Club's website (www.cambridgeshirebirdclub.org.uk) or contact Vicki Harley (Tel.: 01954 250340; email: vicki.harley@care4free.net).

EVERYONE WELCOME: TURN OVER FOR BOOKING FORMS

Booking form for CBC raptors conference

Send your completed booking form to: Vicki Harley, 30 Margett St, Cottenham, Cambridge, CB24 8QY

Tel.: 01954 250340; email: vicki.harley@care4free.net

Bookings must be received at latest by Saturday 22nd September, but early booking is advisable.

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Please send me.....tickets @ £20.00 a ticket. I enclose a cheque/PO made payable to 'Cambridgeshire Bird Club' and a **stamped addressed envelope (SAE)**.

Please delete/fill in as appropriate:

1 I/We require directions to the venue YES/NO

2 I/We have special dietary requirements as follows (vegetarian choice available)

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Full address.....

Tel:..... Email:.....

Signed..... Date.....

Please write below in BLOCK CAPITALS your **name(s) as you would like it to appear on your participant's badge** and any other information you would like to be included, e.g. Cambridgeshire Bird Club, BTO, RSPB, etc.

Sunday 30th September – field visits

Visits commence at 10:00 or 14:00. There will be guided walks lasting 1½ to 2 hours at each venue and the opportunity to learn about how the land is managed. Details of the sites can be found on the RSPB's website, or by contacting Vicki Harley (phone and email above)..

Please indicate your first, second and third choice, as numbers will be limited at both venues.

Please check details of meeting points etc. which will be sent with confirmation of your booking.

Information about any changes will be available at the conference.

Venue	No of people booking	Choice
RSPB Nene Washes, 10:00		
RSPB Ouse Fen, near Over, 10:00		
RSPB Ouse Fen, near Over, 14:00		

NB: The afternoon visit will run only if the morning visit is fully booked.

REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE YOUR SAE

NB: Bookings may not be acknowledged until early September. If you wish to check your booking has been received, please contact Vicki Harley (phone and email above).

Check the Club's website for conference updates: www.cambridgeshirebirdclub.org.uk