



6th – 8th September 2024

Festival/Events Programme

FRIDAY

- 6.45pm** Event Opening by Rob Adams & Adam Friers, with guest video appearances from our friends at fellow Bird Observatories (Lecture Marquee)
- 7.15pm** BBC Carl Zeiss Award presentation (Lecture Marquee)
- 7.30pm** '70 years in ornithology – still the same adventure!' by Lars Svensson (Lecture Marquee)
- 8.45pm** Bat Walk with WildSpace (Meeting Point 1. 1 hour)

SATURDAY

- 6.00am** Migration Watch & Seawatching (Warren, drop in until 12noon)
Beginners Migration Watch & Seawatching (Sandy Beaches watchpoint, drop in until 12noon)
- 6.30am** Ringing Demonstrations: Church Field & the Warren (Drop in throughout the day)
- 7.30am** Migration Walk: Beacon Lane & Kinsea Wetlands (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
BTO Migration Walk: Sammy's Point (Meeting Point 4. 2 hours)
Migration Walk: Triangle (Meeting Point 2. 2 hours)
- 8.00am** Migration Walk: Spurn Peninsula – full (or one-way)* peninsula walk (Meeting Point 3. 5 hours. 6 miles)
The Yellow Skip Tour:
Easington Migration Walk (Meeting Point 1. 1.5 hours)
- 8.30am** Moth Trapping (Meeting Point 4. 1 hour, drop in)
YWT Wild Walk family event (Meeting Point 3. 2 hours)
New &/or solo-traveller introduction to Spurn & Migfest walk (Meeting Point 1. 1 hour)
- 9.45am** Photography Workshop with Martin Standley (Book in advance at Reception. 1.5 hours)
Outdoor Art Class with Darren Woodhead (Book in advance at Reception. 1.5 hours)
- 10.00am** Yorkshire Coast Nature & Start Birding Wader ID for beginners (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
- 10.30am** 'Clinging to the Edge', a book reading & discussion about Spurn's Little Terns with Richard Boon (Little Tern stand, Exhibitor Marquee)
- 11.00am** Meet the BTO Youth team (BTO stand, Exhibitor Marquee)
- 11.30am** Book signing with Lars Svensson (SBOT stand, Exhibitor Marquee)
- 12noon** Migfest lunchtime lectures start (Sandy Beaches Clubhouse)
- 2.45pm** Migration Walk: Sammy's Point (Meeting Point 4. 2 hours)
Migration Walk: Beacon Lane & Kinsea Wetlands (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)

- 2.45pm** BTO Migration Walk: Clockwise Triangle walk (Meeting Point 2. 2 hours)
- 3.00pm** BTO Young Birders Walk: Anticlockwise Triangle walk (Meeting Point 2. 2 hours. Under 25s & 9–18s must bring their consent form)
The Yellow Skip Tour:
Easington Migration Walk (Meeting Point 1. 1.5 hours)
Insect Walk: Triangle (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
Plant Walk (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
Moth Trap course: Kit & Set-up (Meeting Point 4. 1 hour)
- 4.00pm** Lighting the BBQ: North Field
Want a break from the birding? Meet the speakers & enjoy light entertainment (North Field)
- 6.15pm** Join us for the Migfest Quiz (North Field, all welcome)
- 7.15pm** 'Martin Garner Spurn Young Birder' awards ceremony (Lecture Marquee)
- 7.30pm** 'Tales of my Birdwatching Adventures' by Nigel Marven (Lecture Marquee)
- 8.45pm** Prize Draw (Lecture Marquee)
- 9.00pm** First full day of Migfest comes to a close.

SUNDAY

- 6.00am** Migration Watch & Seawatching (Warren, drop in until 12noon)
Beginners Migration Watch & Seawatching (Sandy Beaches watchpoint, drop in until 12noon)
- 6.30am** Ringing Demonstrations: Church Field & the Warren (Drop in throughout the day)
- 7.30am** BTO Young Birders Walk: Beacon Lane & Kinsea Wetlands (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours. Under 25s & 9–18s must bring their consent form)
Migration Walk: Kinsea Wetlands & Beacon Lane (Meeting Point 4. 2 hours)
BTO Migration Walk: Sammy's Point (Meeting Point 4. 2 hours)
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- 9.45am** Photography Workshop with Martin Standley (Book in advance at Reception. 1.5 hours)
Outdoor Art Class with Darren Woodhead (Book in advance at Reception. 1.5 hours)
Official opening of Schipper's Field (Meeting Point 1. 1 hour)

- 10.30am** Start Birding & Wader Quest Wader ID for beginners (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
Meet Spurn's residential volunteers & find out about their work with SBOT (SBOT stand, Exhibitors Marquee)
- 11.00am** Find out more about conservation careers (Bishop Burton college stand, Exhibitors Marquee)
YWT Shark Egg Hunt family event (Meeting Point 3. 1.5 hours)
- 12noon** Migfest lunchtime lectures start including two talks, followed by 'Migged-off' – a battle to identify the top visible migration hotspot! (Sandy Beaches Clubhouse)
- 1.00pm** YWT Fossil Fun family event (Meeting Point 3. 1.5 hours)
- 2.15pm** BTO Migration Walk & an introduction to the Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS): Beacon Lane & Kinsea Wetlands (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours.)
BTO Migration Walk: Sammy's Point (Meeting Point 4. 2 hours)
Migration Walk: Triangle (Meeting Point 2. 2 hours)
Insect Walk: Triangle (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
Plant Walk (Meeting Point 1. 2 hours)
- 4.30pm** The Festival Closes.

Book YWT Unimog Trips to the Point at Reception, with trips running on both Saturday and Sunday at the cost of £6 return journey.
* You can book a one-way Unimog transfer for the Peninsula Walks on Saturday and Sunday.

Young Photographer Competition Under 25 and taking photos of this event over the weekend? Want a chance to win a pair of Zeiss binoculars? Find out how to take part in the Young Photographer Competition at Reception in North Field.

The Big Sit We're running a sponsored bird count for the Beacon Ponds Little Tern Protection Project – head to the Warren watchpoint to find out more.

Spurn Explorer Bus Service A bus service is running to and from Hull during the Migfest weekend. See the timetable poster at Reception in North Field.

Time Times:
Friday 6th:
Low Tide: 2:07am & 2:27pm
High Tides: 8:11am & 8:37pm
Saturday 7th:
Low Tide: 2:36am & 2:57pm
High Tides: 8:38am & 9:01pm
Sunday 8th:
Low Tides: 3:06am & 3:27pm
High Tides: 9:06am & 9:26pm
Meeting Points:
1. North Field
2. Sykes Field
3. YWT Discovery Centre
4. SBOT Bird Observatory car park

Thank you to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT) for allowing access onto the peninsula for the Festival, Sandy Beaches caravan park for use of their facilities, Yorkshire Coast Nature for sponsorship of the Lecture Marquee, and Westmere Farm for their continued support and the premium camping!



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Festival Talks Programme

Evening Lectures: Friday & Saturday nights

'70 years in ornithology – still the same adventure!' by Lars Svensson and 'Tales of my Birdwatching Adventures (while being chased by dinosaurs, filming with Attenborough and finding deadly snakes)' by Nigel Marven

This year's Friday evening lecture, hosted by the RSPB and British Birds journal, will be given by Lars Svensson. A Swedish ornithologist, specialising in the identification of passerines, Lars needs little introduction. Author of three iconic books, the *Identification Guide to European Passerines*, the *Collins Bird Guide* and the *Handbook of Western Palearctic Birds*, Lars will entertain us with his life story, turning a passion for birds into a career in ornithology.



The Andy Roadhouse Memorial Lecture will be given by Nigel Marven on Saturday evening. Nigel is an enthusiastic naturalist and conservationist, while also being a daring wildlife TV presenter, best known for some of his TV series; *Chased by Dinosaurs*, *Sea Monsters* and *Prehistoric Park*. He will tell us about his top birding experiences, ranging from Ground Jays to Giant Petrels, Philippines Eagles to Pittas on his filming expeditions around the globe.



Lunchtime talks will last around 20 minutes, with a 10 minute interval. Evening lectures last one hour. Thank you to Sandy Beaches for access to their facilities and to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for allowing access onto the peninsula for Migfest.

During the weekend there will be the following talks:

FRIDAY

- 7.30pm** [RSPB/British Birds Lecture](#) '70 years in ornithology – still the same adventure!' by Lars Svensson



SATURDAY

- 12noon** 'Curlew conservation' by Ellen Bradley, Curlew Action
- 12.45pm** 'Extraordinary birds with extraordinary journeys' by Samuel Levy, BTO
- 1.30pm** 'Predicting trans-Saharan migrations in a changing world' by Steve Willis, University of Durham
- 7.30pm** [Andy Roadhouse Memorial Lecture](#) 'Tales of my Birdwatching Adventures (while being chased by dinosaurs, filming with Attenborough and finding deadly snakes)' by Nigel Marven

SUNDAY

- 12noon** 'Hilbre Bird Observatory since 1957' by Chris Williams, Hilbre Bird Observatory
- 12.30pm** 'The Humber and the East Atlantic flyway – world class wetlands' by Mike Pilsworth, RSPB
- 1.15pm** 'Migged-off: the battle for the best visible migration hotspot!' featuring our keenest visible migration enthusiasts competing for your vote!



Daytime talks will take place in Sandy Beaches Clubhouse and the evening lectures will be held in the North Field Lecture Marquee, kindly sponsored by Yorkshire Coast Nature.