

Program of the EOU Fledglings Meeting 2026

FRIDAY (27 MARCH 2026)

8:00-12:00	EXCURSION	Birdwatching excursion
09:00-13:00	WORKSHOP	Science Communication or Visualization of biological data in RStudio
12:00-13:45	REGISTRATION	Faculty of Biology, University of Gdańsk
13:40-13:55	OPENING	
13:55-14:55	SESSION 1	Population Ecology
– 13:55-14:10	Elia Sartoris	Evaluating the Role of Ecological Focus Areas for Farmland Birds Conservation in the Grosses Moos Region
– 14:10-14:25	Johanne Burmeister	Changes in subarctic bird community composition in an era of climate change
– 14:25-14:40	David Tan	Mangrove Specialisation Drove the Rapid Evolution of Strong Reproductive Isolation in a Phenotypically Cryptic Avian Species Complex
– 14:40-14:55	Basile Marteau	The role of vernal pools and aquatic invertebrates in supporting waterfowl breeding success
14:55-15:25	<i>coffee break</i>	
15:25-16:25	SESSION 2	Human–Wildlife Interactions
– 15:25-15:40	Patrycja Piotrowska	Foraging behavior of breeding Great Tits (<i>Parus major</i>) and nestlings food composition in a gradient of urbanization
– 15:40-15:55	Marta Nartowicz	Dietary Strategies Drive Ingestion of Anthropogenic Particles: A Finch–Tit Comparison
– 15:55-16:10	Aleksandra Syguta	From reflection to protection: UV films and the ecology of bird collisions
– 16:10-16:25	Leonardo Siddi	Assessing the effects of <i>Amorpha fruticosa</i> invasion on avian assemblages: insights for management in riparian ecosystems
16:25-16:45	<i>short break</i>	

16:45-17:45	SESSION 3	Bioacoustics
– 16:45-17:00	S. Sangeeth Sailas	Dominant and competitor species affect calling rate and diel vocal activity patterns in a forest owl guild
– 17:00-17:15	Richard Schnürmacher	Mates and rivals under moonlight shadow: Factors shaping signalling patterns in European Nightjars
– 17:15-17:30	Marcin Winiarek	Long-term changes in the acoustic space use by birds across habitats in Central Europe
– 17:30-17:45	Suhridam Roy	Singing in a changing world: effects of Ecological, Social and Anthropogenic Factors on complex duet vocalisation of non-passerine Sarus Crane
17:45-20:00	<u>POSTER SESSION</u>	with refreshments and pizza

SATURDAY (28 MARCH 2026)

9:00-9:45	PLENARY <u>Jérôme Fort</u>	Sentinels of the marine environment: seabirds under multiple pressures
9:45-10:15	<i>coffee break</i>	
10:15-11:15	SESSION 4	Ecotoxicology & Ecophysiology
– 10:15-10:30	Margot Serrurier-Arabadjieva	Are marine heatwaves affecting mercury contamination in seabirds? A case study of two Procellariiformes species in Bass Strait, southeastern Australia
– 10:30-10:45	Guadalupe Lopez Nava	Pollutant exposure shapes Mitochondrial Bioenergetics in a Wild Seabird
– 10:45-11:00	Leonie Pries	Plumage colour of scops owls exposed to varying levels of anthropogenic pressure
– 11:00-11:15	Valentin Adrian Kiss	Urban alchemy: does darker plumage reflect a detox advantage in feral pigeons?
11:15-11:30	<i>short break</i>	

11:30-12:30	SESSION 5	Dispersal and Reproductive Success
– 11:30-11:45	Thomas Cansse	Weather effects on age-specific chick mass and mortality in common terns
– 11:45-12:00	Hela Boughdiri	Does nest cover matter for incubation? A study on a biparental shorebird nesting in a mild environment
– 12:00-12:15	Karolina Skorb	Impact of incubation temperature on avian developmental patterns and fitness: An experimental study on collared flycatchers
– 12:15-12:30	Adéla Kelnerová	Flycatcher real estate: nest-site selection and dispersal in the collared flycatcher (<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>)
12:30-13:45	LUNCH	<i>Provided by organizers</i>
13:45-14:30	PLENARY Piotr Minias	Host-parasite interactions through the lens of avian immunogenetics: from ecology to macroevolution (35' + 10')
14:30-15:45	SESSION 6	Ecophysiology
– 14:30-14:45	Ákos Őrsi	Microbiota shows major difference in case of two shorebird species with different feeding strategy
– 14:45-15:00	Faina Bikmurzina	Variable temperature promotes vertical take-off flight in zebra finches: birds from less predictable environment fly faster
– 15:00-15:15	Ance Priedniece	Energetic demands of winter murmurations in Starlings
– 15:15-15:30	Jakub Płachta	Modulating hypothermia across the lifespan: age-related trade-offs between energy and oxidative balance in zebra finches during energetic challenge
– 15:30-15:45	Natalia Boroń	Physical activity improves long-term memory in juvenile zebra finches <i>Taeniopygia castanotis</i>
15:45-16:15	<i>coffee break</i>	
16:15-17:00	SESSION 7	Movement Ecology & Morphology
– 16:15-16:30	Jakub Zając	Keeping Up with the Weather? 51 Years of Spring Arrivals in Euro-African Migratory Birds

– 16:30-16:45	Isla Botting	Connecting the knots: the timing, scale and individual drivers of the overwintering season in the islandica red knot
– 16:45-17:00	Elza Zacmane	Using stable isotopes to reveal moult migration in a short-distance migratory passerine
– 17:00-17:15	Martina Darwich	Migrating songbirds, changing morphology - a museum study
– 17:15-17:30	Dániel Popovics	Mallards as key vectors of propagule dispersal in Hungary
17:30-17:45	<i>short break</i>	
17:45-19:00	<u>Q&A ROUND TABLE</u>	Fort, Gruber, Liedvogel, Minias

SUNDAY (29 MARCH 2026)

Please be aware of the time change in the night from Saturday to Sunday!

9:00-9:45	PLENARY <u>Miriam Liedvogel</u>	Blackcap migration - adaptation in time and space
9:45-10:15	<i>coffee break</i>	
10:15-11:15	SESSION 8	Biologging
– 10:15-10:30	Thiemo Karwinkel	Long North Sea crossings of approximately 500 km are the norm, rather than the exception, for many passerine migrants
– 10:30-10:45	Susan Ellen McKinlay	The vertical dimension of bird migration: spatial and temporal variation in flight altitude of migrating Eurasian woodcocks (<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>)
– 10:45-11:00	Giovanna Sandretti da Silva	No significant effect of radio-tagging on the apparent survival of a small migratory songbird
– 11:00-11:15	Ryan Boswarthick	Satellite telemetry helps understand a cryptic and endangered bird species: the corncrake (<i>Crex crex</i>)

– 15:00-11:30	Trevor MacLaurin	Sublethal tag effects on European Storm Petrels
11:30-11:45	<i>coffee break</i>	
11:45-12:45	SESSION 9	Interspecific Relationships & Predation
– 11:45-12:00	Rowan Kuminski	Identifying knowledge gaps and future research directions: a synthesis of mammalian and avian predation on Procellariiformes
– 12:00-12:15	Eliska Kucerova	Methodology for inducing anti-predator behaviour in reintroduced little owls (<i>Athene noctua</i>)
– 12:15-12:30	Johanka Bláhová	Red-backed Shrike vs. Common Cuckoo: Could egg recognition reduce parasitism?
12:30-13:00	CLOSING and DEPARTURE	Thank you for being part of the 5 th EOU Fledglings Meeting!

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