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Northern Ireland Raptor Study Group Conference, 22 February 2025 – booking open

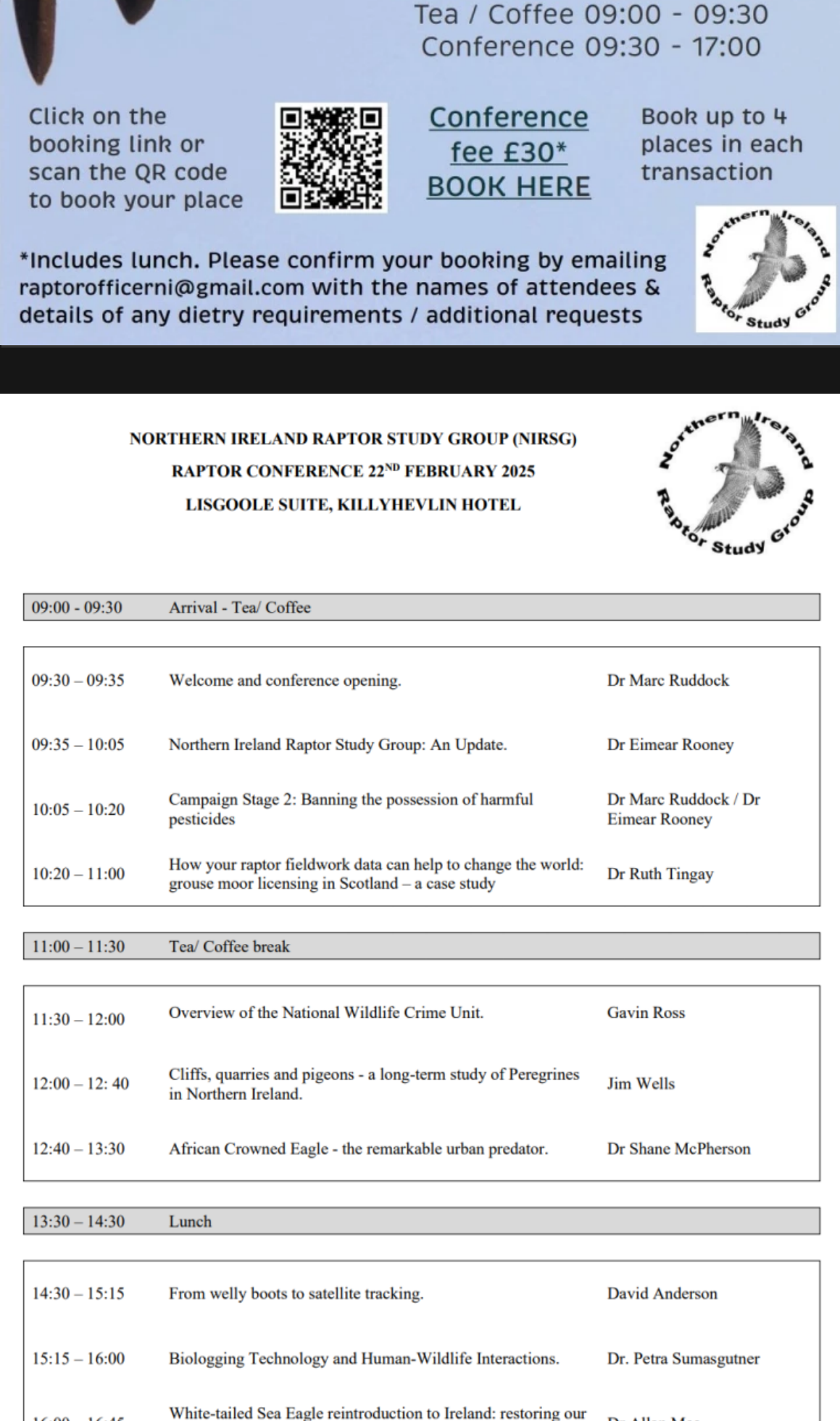
RaptorPersecutionUK
February 18, 2025
2023 persecution incidents, News, Persecution Incidents in Northern Ireland
Bendicarb, poisoning, white-tailed eagle

Booking is open for The Northern Ireland Raptor Study Group (NIRSG) conference taking place this Saturday (22 February 2025) at the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

Booking Now Open!

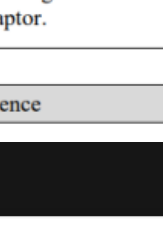
NIRSG Conference 2025

Eagles, Ospreys & more



Saturday 22nd February
Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen
Tea / Coffee 09:00 – 09:30
Conference 09:30 – 17:00

Click on the booking link or scan the QR code to book your place



Conference fee £30* BOOK HERE

Book up to 4 places in each transaction

*Includes lunch. Please confirm your booking by emailing raptorofficerni@gmail.com with the names of attendees & details of any dietary requirements / additional requests

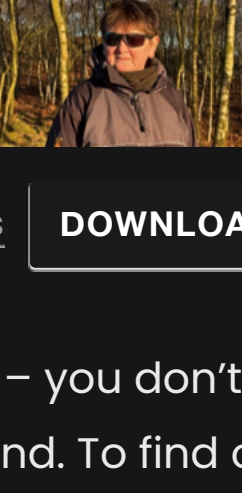


NORTHERN IRELAND RAPTOR STUDY GROUP (NIRSG) RAPTOR CONFERENCE 22 ND FEBRUARY 2025 LINGOLE SETTE, KILLYHEVLIN HOTEL.		
09:00 – 09:30	Arrival – Tea/Coffee	
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome and conference opening:	Dr Marc Rudolock
09:35 – 10:05	Northern Ireland Raptor Study Group: An Update:	Dr Eimear Rooney
10:05 – 10:20	Campaign Stage 2: Banning the possession of harmful pesticides	Dr Marc Rudolock / Dr Eimear Rooney
10:20 – 11:00	How your raptor feedback data can help to change the world: grouse moor burning in Scotland – a case study	Dr Ruth Tingay
11:00 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee break	
11:30 – 12:00	Overview of the National Wildlife Crime Unit.	Gavin Ross
12:00 – 12:40	Cliffs, quarries and pigeons – a long-term study of Pouterings in Northern Ireland.	Jim Wells
12:40 – 13:30	African Crowned Eagle - the remarkable urban predator.	Dr Shane McPherson
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 15:15	From welly boots to satellite tracking	David Anderson
15:15 – 16:00	Biologging Technology and Human-Wildlife Interactions.	Dr Peter Samuigamer
16:00 – 16:45	White-tailed Sea Eagle reintroduction in Ireland: restoring our largest native eagle.	Dr Allan Mee
16:45 – 17:00	Close of conference	

NIRSG Conference 2025 – Meet the Speakers

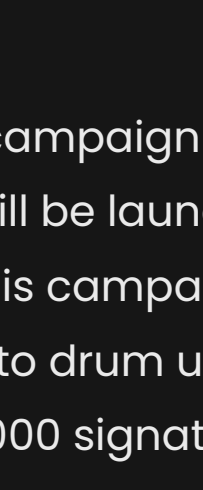
Dr Marc Rudolock

Marc is a raptor biologist who was born in Zimbabwe and grew up in South Africa. A childhood spent in the African continent ignited his passion for wildlife and especially birds of prey. He returned to Northern Ireland where his parents emigrated from for his secondary education and tertiary education. Marc holds an Honours degree in Zoology and a PhD from Queen's University Belfast. His PhD involved researching the peregrine falcon in Northern Ireland and the conflicts with sporting interests. Marc has since his PhD worked as a consultant and ecologist in the private sector and for the Northern Ireland Trust for Nature which he has worked for the reintroduction of red kites and the restoration and conservation of protected species and habitats. Marc has worked on numerous national surveys, including hen harrier, peregrine, red kite and merlin, and has been responsible for developing bird identification and monitoring (citizen science) guidance for a range of raptors, waders, snipe and individual to NISRA, RNI and NPWS. Marc is a volunteer Trustee for the NINROD and is the Raptor Monitoring Officer for the group and helps with impact management, governance, funding and research within the NIRSG.



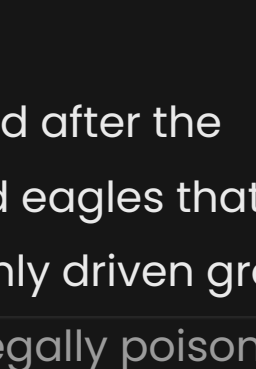
Dr Eimear Rooney

Eimear is an ornithologist and has been Raptor Officer with the Northern Ireland Raptor Study Group for 12 years. She completed her PhD research in Raptor Ecology, focused on the ecology of the Buzzard in Northern Ireland, and has an MSc in Ecological Management and Conservation Biology. Through her work Eimear aims to raise awareness about the threats faced by raptors and improve public understanding and engagement with raptors. Eimear has been heavily involved in Red Kite research and carries out wing-tagging, satellite tagging and monitoring of the species in Northern Ireland. Eimear also represents the NIRSG in the Partnership for Action Against Wildlife Crime (PAAW NI), helping raise awareness of, detecting, understanding and preventing, raptor persecution. She is also working for stronger conservation measures to protect raptors.



Dr Ruth Tingay

Ruth is a conservationist, researcher and campaigner based in the UK. She has over 30 years' fieldwork experience studying raptors in the US, Mexico, Spain, Madagascar, Central Asia, Mongolia and Scotland and was awarded her PhD at Nottingham University for research on the critically endangered Madagascar Fish Eagle. She is a former Director and Past President of the Raptor Research Foundation and is a member of the IACB Species Survival Commission's Eagle Network. She serves on the International Association of the Southern Bittern Study Group and is



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The conference is open to everyone – you don't need to be a member of the NIRSG to attend. To find out more information and details of how to book, please visit the NIRSG website ([here](#)).

You'll see that Phase 2 of the NIRSG's campaign to ban dangerous, raptor-killing pesticides will be launched on Saturday morning. I wrote about this campaign a few days ago ([see here](#)) and wanted to drum up support to help the petition reach 50,000 signatures before this coming Saturday (it had been stubbornly stuck at 46, 206 signatures for a while).

This petition/campaign was initiated after the discovery of two young white-tailed eagles that were found dead on Northern Ireland's only driven grouse moor in 2023 – they'd both been [illegally poisoned](#) by the toxic pesticide Bendicarb.

Many, many thanks to the approx 1,500 of you who have signed in the last few days – the current total is 47,761 signatures. We need a couple more thousand people to pledge their support to reach the target.

Can you help? You don't need to be a resident of Northern Ireland to sign – the petition is open to anyone, anywhere, who cares about the illegal use of these dangerous poisons to kill birds of prey (and any other wildlife that comes into contact with indiscriminately placed poisonous baits).

If you'd like to sign and/or share the petition with others, please [click HERE](#).

Thank you.

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- 11,951,020 hits

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- Our satellite tagged golden eagles (18)
- Persecution Incidents in England (796)
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RECENT COMMENTS

- lesleyamarian on "The Toxic Restaurant" – spoof video highlighting toxic lead ammunition sends BASC into meltdown
- Muirburn and the government failure to implement & Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 – parkswatchscotland on Parliamentary questions lodged on grouse moor licensing shambles in Scotland
- spaghnum morose on BBC rejects Scottish Gamekeepers Association's complaint about programme that linked raptor persecution to land managed for gamebird shooting
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Balmoral Estate

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Bendicarb

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Cabrach Estate

Cairngorms National Park

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Cardross Estate

Cawdor Estate

chloralose

clam trap

Corrybrough Estate

crow trap

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Dinnnet & Kinross Estate

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gamekeeper

Gift of Grouse

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Glen Orchy

Glen turret Estate

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goshawk

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Invercauld Estate

Invermark Estate

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Leadhills Estate

Lochindorb Estate

long-eared owl

Marsh harrier

merlin

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mountain hare

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