



Bird Numbers 2010

18th Conference of the European Bird Census Council
Spain 2010
22-26 March 2010, Cáceres (Extremadura), Spain

"Monitoring, indicators and targets"



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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Website: www.seo.org/ebcc2010

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Abstract submission deadline: 16 November 2009

Early registration deadline: 20 January 2010



The European Bird Census Council (EBCC) and the Spanish Ornithological Society (SEO/BirdLife) are pleased to invite you to attend the 18th International Conference of the EBCC, which will be held in Cáceres (Extremadura), Spain, from 22 to 26 March 2010.

The official language of the Conference will be English.

LOCATION

The Spanish conference will take place in Cáceres (Spain). This historic city is situated in the west of Spain, in Extremadura.

Extremadura is an autonomous community located in western Spain and includes the provinces of Cáceres and Badajoz. This attractive region borders Portugal to the west, and it is an important area for wildlife.

The climate of Extremadura is Mediterranean; it is characterized by its very hot and dry summers, and it has long and mild winters due to the oceanic influence because of its proximity to the Atlantic coast of Portugal.

The variety of ecosystems and their good conservation status in Extremadura make the region an extremely good bird watching spot. Numerous bird species, about 340, can be observed; of these, 314 are common birds in Spain, where the total record for common bird species is 363.

Details are available on the Conference website: www.seo.org/ebcc2010

The **18th Conference of the European Bird Census Council** will take place in **Complejo Cultural “San Francisco”**, one of the venues of the cultural body *Institución Cultural “El Broncense”*.

www.csi.map.es/csi/tecnimap/tecnimap2000/complejo_cultural.htm

The venue is the building once occupied by the old Monastery of San Francisco El Real, located to the south, just outside the city walls of monumental Cáceres, by the Roman paved road known as The Silver Way (*Ruta de la Plata*). Of late Gothic architecture, the cathedral-like church is outstanding amongst the Monastery building complex; it has a Latin cross layout with three naves, apse and elevated transept, and the Gothic cloister includes splendid facades and chapels' vaults ribs. The history of this location starts back in 1472. From June 1980, this Franciscan building was to become the headquarters of a cultural body (Institución Cultural El Broncense) under the name of Complejo Cultural San Francisco (San Francisco Cultural Complex). Summary details can be found in www.seo.org/ebcc2010.



PLENARY SPEAKERS

The nine plenary speakers are:

Birds as indicators

- Angelika Rubin: The contribution of species/site monitoring to biodiversity and nature conservation in Europe ([title to be confirmed](#)).
- Greg Butcher: US State of the Birds Indicators ([title to be confirmed](#)).

Models, distribution and abundance

- Luis M. Carrascal: “Modelling bird distribution and abundance with different subsets of predictive variables”.
- Mark Kéry: “Hierarchical modeling of distribution and abundance in metapopulation designs”.

Migration

- Ian Newton: “Migration and bird numbers”.

Impact of climate change on bird numbers

- Christiaan Both: Impact of climate change on bird numbers ([title to be confirmed](#)).
- Richard D. Gregory: Climate change indicators; new generation indicators ([title to be confirmed](#)).

Introduced and invasive species

- Daniel Sol: Invasive species "The paradox of invasions in birds".

Steppe habitats monitoring

- Manuel Morales: “Recent trends in steppe bird populations: influence of climate, land use and agriculture intensification”.



ROUND TABLES/WORKSHOPS

- Internet/web-based monitoring platforms.
- A new European Breeding Bird Atlas?
- Developing partnerships between countries to improve breeding bird monitoring schemes in Europe. If you are interested in this session please contact: euromonitoring@birdlife.cz.

TRAINING SESSION

- The use of TRIM and BirdStats. If you are interested in this session please contact: euromonitoring@birdlife.cz.

POSTER SESSION

Posters will be displayed during the whole Conference.



PROGRAMME

Morning and afternoon sessions will start with a plenary speaker. Sessions after coffee breaks will also start with a plenary speaker. This programme, however, could be modified and changes will be included as soon as possible on the Conference website (www.seo.org/ebcc2010).

Day	Date	Timetable	Conference Centre
Monday	22/03/2010	Morning	Arrival and registration at Conference Centre
		19.00 onwards	Presentation (Local authority, Chairman SEO/BirdLife, Chairman EBCC) and welcome reception
Tuesday	23/03/2010	Morning part 1	Plenary 1
			Session 1,2
		Coffee break	
		Morning part 2	Plenary 2
			Session 3,4
		Lunch	
		Afternoon part 1	Plenary 3
			Session 5,6
		Coffee break	
		Afternoon part 2	Session 7,8
Wednesday	24/03/2010	Morning part 1	Plenary 4
			Session 9,10
		Coffee break	
		Morning part 2	Plenary 5
			Session 11,12
		Lunch	
		Afternoon part 1	Plenary 6
			Session 13,14
		Coffee break	
		Afternoon part 2	EBCC Board Meeting
Thursday	25/03/2010	Whole day	EXCURSION
		evening	Conference Banquet
Friday	26/03/2010	Morning part 1	Plenary 7
			Session 15,16
		Coffee break	
		Morning part 2	Plenary 8
			Session 17,18
		Lunch	
		Afternoon part 1	Plenary 9
			Session 19,20
		Coffee break	
		Afternoon part 2	Session 21,22



EBCC Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the European Bird Census Council (EBCC) will take place on 24 March 2010, in the afternoon. Delegates of the EBCC are strongly encouraged to attend in their capacity as country representatives. All Conference participants are cordially invited to attend.

The detailed programme will be updated on the Conference website (www.seo.org/ebcc2010)

REGISTRATION FEES

General

- Early (up to 20 January 2010): **250 €**
- Late (between 21 January 2010 and 15 March 2010): **290 €**
- Desk registration at the Conference: **330 €**
- You are encouraged to donate an extra **25 €** to help support participants from low income countries.
- Reduced fee for low income country participants: **75 €**

Accompanying persons fee (containing total costs for lunches and social events)

- General (up to 20 January 2010): **130 €**
- Late (between 21 January 2010 and 15 March 2010): **150 €**
- Desk registration at the Conference: **170 €**

The registration fee will cover:

- Costs associated with the conference itself.
- Welcome event on 22 March.
- All coffee breaks (AM/PM).
- Lunch during the three full conference days (on 23rd, 24th and 26th March). Please select: normal, vegetarian or vegan in the registration form.
- Conference services.
- The Abstract Book and some conference material.
- One day field trip with packed lunch on 25th March.
- Conference Banquet on 25 April.
- Bus Madrid airport-Cáceres and Cáceres-Madrid airport.

Conference fees should be payable to a bank account or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Maestro).

On www.seo.org/ebcc2010, you can find more details about registration and all instructions for it.

Low income country participants

We are trying to do our best to help as many participants as possible from low income countries by reducing the conference fee to 75 € and providing other help. Please fill in the low income form included in the “Registration” in the Conference website to request assistance. The organizers will contact all applicants to inform them what help is available.



ACCOMMODATION

The organizers are negotiating special rates with certain hotels close to the Conference Centre. This information will be on the conference website around mid-November.

Each participant may also choose to stay elsewhere searching through www.turismoextremadura.com

ABSTRACT BOOK AND PROCEEDINGS

In order for abstracts of oral or poster presentations to be accepted, it is mandatory for at least one of the authors to have registered. Only accepted abstracts of oral or poster presentations will be included in the Abstracts Book.

The deadline for the abstracts has been extended until 16 November 2009.

The instructions for abstract submission are available on the Conference website.

EXCURSION

On March 25, an excursion is scheduled to watch the most representative birds of the main ecosystems in Extremadura: the Mediterranean scrub and the plains.

Each group will be accompanied by a professional English-speaking bird guide, and the visit will include, among other sites, “Monfragüe National Park”, “Sierra de San Pedro” (mountain range), “Llanos de Cáceres” and “Llanos de Brozas” (plains).

A wonderful opportunity to observe some of the most interesting bird fauna, such as the Spanish Imperial Eagle or the Great Bustard, together with others as emblematic as the Black Stork, Black-shouldered Kite, Egyptian, Griffon and Monk Vulture, Spanish Imperial and Bonelli’s Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, Purple Swamp-hen, Great and Little Bustard, Black-bellied and Pin-Tailed Sandgrouse, Great Spotted Cuckoo, European Bee-eaters, Calandra, Thekla and Short-toed Lark, Subalpine, Sardinian and Orphean Warbler, Spanish Sparrow, etc.

There will be several trips, of varying duration, to each of the following areas. All the details to join the various options will be given to each participant with the conference materials.

COLLATERAL EVENTS

During the Conference time some contests about census of birds will take place in the city of Cáceres. There will be also two guided tours to the old city.



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

EBCC: Dr. Richard D. Gregory, Dr. Hans-Günther Bauer, Dr. Anny Anselin, Dr. Ruud Foppen, Dr. Åke Lindström, Dr. Frederic Jiguet, Dr. Alexander Mischenko, Dr. Svetoslav Spasov, Dr. Ian Burfield, Dr. David Noble and Dr. Petr Voříšek.

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