


INVITATION

MEADOW BIRD KNOWLEDGE DAY

 Friday, February 28, 2025

 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

 't Haske Joure (Vegelingsweg 20)

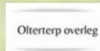


It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Weidevogelkennisdag 2025. This year we have a number of interesting speakers on the program again. Marie Stessens (RUG) and Ondřej Belfin will delve deeper into the world of the black-tailed godwit during the plenary sessions. In addition, there will be inspiring breakout sessions during the day. In short, a day dedicated to sharing knowledge and experiencing knowledge. You are cordially invited!

Program

9.00	Inloop met koffie en thee
9.30	Opening door dagvoorzitter Renate Kuivenhoven
9.35	Gedeputeerde De Vries aan het woord
9.45	Lezing Marie Stessens (RUG): over de meest cruciale fase in het leven van een grutto
10.20	Koffiepauze
11.00	Deelsessie 1
11.50	Deelsessie 2
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Deelsessie 3
14.10	Lezing Ondřej Belfin: de taal van grutto's, de geluiden op en rond een gruttonest
15.00	Bijpraten met een borrel

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PLENARY SESSIONS

MARIE STESENS (BACK)

We delve deeper into the crucial chick phase of the black-tailed godwit; the importance of this period, where chicks do and do not grow up and where black-tailed godwit families like to stay.

ONDREY BELFIN

From his research into the sounds of Black-tailed Godwits Ondřej takes us into the sounds on and around a black-tailed godwit nest, from the laying of the first egg until the hatching of the last egg.

CHOICE OF SUB-SESSIONS

	Subject	Speaker(s)	Explanation
A.	Youth education	Pyke Kroes (IVN) and René van Dam (BFVW)	Involving youth in meadow bird protection is quite a challenge. Each age requires a different approach. In this workshop you will be taken into the world of thought of children and you will receive examples to use in the practical implementation.
B.	Tureluurs... you won't get it of, but yes pointer	Wim Tjisen (RUG)	Based on 25 years of research, Wim Tjisen takes you into the secrets of the Tsjirk. You will gain more insight into successful management and protection for this somewhat mysterious meadow bird. Water and variation in management are important aspects for the redshank in (agricultural) nature management. You will receive hints and tips for inventory and protection by means of search and find tactics for both farmer, contractor and aftercare provider. With practical tips on what works and what doesn't, based on research results and practical experience.
C.	Plan of attack <small>Black-tailed Godwit, LIFE IP GrassBird-Habitats and FPLG</small>	Thera Jellema and Helene de Jong (both Province Friesland)	The Curlew Attack Plan was launched in 2022 with the aim of preserving the Curlew in the Netherlands and Friesland. Thera Jellema will talk about the status of the Curlew Attack Plan in Friesland and the other meadow bird provinces. She will also indicate how the FPLG measures packages are given a place here. Helene de Jong will talk about the European project: LIFE IP GrassBirdHabitats. The aim of this project is to create and connect optimal breeding and non-breeding areas along the East Atlantic Flyway and is in line with the Black-tailed Godwit Attack Plan.
D.	Hidden world of the night: a glimpse of the nocturnal predator community	Rienk Fokkema (BACK)	Large-scale developments in European agricultural areas have led to drastic changes in the food web, including that between meadow birds and their (nest) predators. Mammals are considered the most important nest predators, but our knowledge of predator communities in agricultural landscapes is limited. Using a network of 59 camera traps spread over a study area of 11,500 ha of meadows in Southwest Friesland, the presence of predators was mapped during 3 spring years ('21-'23) in direct combination with the monitoring of nest predation of black-tailed godwit nests.

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E.	Meadow birds: hopeless without management?	Inge van der Zee (BFVW)	Many meadow birds breed in areas of land management organisations and ANLb areas. But a considerable number also breed outside these areas. What opportunities are there for this last group of meadow birds?
F.	Predation management: law and regulations	Aline Jansen (lawyer Province of Friesland)	Effective meadow bird management requires expansion and development of meadow bird areas, but the call to further reduce predation pressure is also becoming increasingly louder. What are the possibilities for this and what is the associated legal framework? This will be an interactive session, drawing on experience in legal cases concerning predation management for the benefit of meadow birds.
G.	Construction of 'smart storm breeding barrier' Warkumerwaard	Ernst van der Burg (IFG)	The Warkumerwaard near Workum is a valuable meadow bird area on the Frisian IJsselmeer coast. Strong winds cause a flood large part of the land outside the dike almost annually, whereby nests and chicks of many species of waders and terns are often lost. It Fryske Gea has constructed a 'smart storm breeding barrier' here, whereby breeding birds are protected, more space has been created for fish and a natural water level dynamic can still be maintained in this beautiful bird paradise!
H.	Let the grassland buzzing – why insects are needed	Anthony Stip (The Butterfly Foundation)	Restoring insect populations in grasslands is one of the key factors for flourishing meadow bird populations. Where does it go wrong? And what is needed for recovery? Anthony Stip of De Vlinderstichting identifies bottlenecks and opportunities and outlines how grasslands can buzz and sing again.

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We hope to see you on February 28th in Joure!

