E&B Seminar Series





Has the timing of autumn bird migration in Hong Kong changed in response to a changing climate?

Date

3rd Dec (Fri.)

Time

16:00 (UTC+8)

Venue

3N01 & Zoom



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Migration is an important period in the life cycle of many bird species. Millions of birds make long distance movements between breeding sites in temperate regions and wintering sites closer to the tropics. Individual birds must time their migration to balance successful reproduction against winter survival, but long-term climate change at breeding and wintering sites could alter the best time for arrival or departure. It is known that some birds have responded to this by adjusting their migration routes and timing, but most previous research has studied the prebreeding (spring) migration of species in Europe and North America, while little is known about whether similar responses are found during postbreeding (autumn) migration or among migrant species in Asia. Our research uses a data from Hong Kong to investigate changes in the timing of migration to see whether autumn populations have also responded to the long-term changes in climate.

All are welcome!



About John Allcock:

I am a PhD student in the Ecology and Biodiversity Division at HKU. Although my current research involves bats, I am also very interested in birds and have been actively involved with bird conservation in Hong Kong for almost 20 years. I am particularly interested in the ways in which wildlife interacts with a human-modified environment and finding solutions to allow people and wildlife to coexist.