



SCIENCE LAB

LEARN ABOUT BIRDS

An interactive series of lectures, presentations and discussions co-hosted by BirdLife South Africa and the FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology



4th Bi-annual Learn About Birds (LAB) Conference

8 to 9 March 2018

Club Mykonos, Langebaan, Western Cape, South Africa

FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are pleased to announce the first call for abstracts for the 4th bi-annual Scientific LAB Conference which will take place on 8 and 9 March 2018 at Club Mykonos, Langebaan, Western Cape, South Africa.

The LAB organising committee reserves the right to assign either a 15 minute presentation or a five minute speed talk to participants based on the abstracts accepted. Each 15 minute time slot allows 12 minutes for a presentation and 3 minutes for questions. A five minute speed talk will replace the traditional poster session, and involves a quick synopsis of the presenter's research that will encourage discussion or highlight proposed research on which the speaker would like to receive input.

Please complete the attached Presenter Registration Form and return to Melissa Whitecross (flock2018@birdlife.org.za) no later than **30 September 2017**. Delegates will be notified before 31 October 2017 whether their abstracts have been accepted and informed about the type of presentation they have been assigned. The programme will be finalised in January 2018 and circulated to all LAB delegates.

Please note: As a conservation NGO it is important for BirdLife South Africa to bridge the gap between research and conservation. Please make room in your presentation (one slide will do) on how your research could assist in conserving species and/or their habitats.

LAB forms part of BirdLife South Africa's annual general meeting, or Flock on the West Coast, as it will be termed in 2018. Bookings for Flock on the West Coast (featuring LAB) will open on **26 July 2017** and close on **31 January 2018**. Please be on the lookout for future correspondence in this regard and check the website for more info (<http://www.birdlife.org.za/events/flock/flock-on-the-west-coast-2018>).