



**International
Little Owl
Working Group**

Seventh International Little Owl Symposium

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Programme schedule

Day 1 | 20th March

Afternoon **The Beta Technological Centre**

16:00 Registration process

Opening **The Beta Technological Centre**

18:00 **Jordi Baucells & Hugo Framis**
Welcome
Status of the Little Owl in Catalonia. **(Population trends)**

18:30 **Dries Van Nieuwenhuysse**
25 years of the International Little Owl Working Group (ILOWG). **(Overview)**

19:00 **Arnau Soler**
Slideshow **(Photography)**

20:30 Dinner

Day 2 | 21st March

Morning **The Beta Technological Centre**

09:20 Organizing committee and Chairman

09:30 **Keynote speaker: Martin Gruebler** (Switzerland)
Habitat effects on reproduction, survival and dispersal in little owls.
(Population trends)

10:15 **Friedel Nollet & Dries Van Nieuwenhuysse** (Belgium)
Is Tawny Owl (*Strix aluco*) a major contributing factor to the significant decrease in Little Owl population in South-East-Flanders (Belgium)? **(Population trends)**

10:40 **Martin Šálek & Zuzana Kučerová** (Czech Republic)
The current population status, research and conservation of the Little Owl in the Czech Republic. **(Population trends)**

11:00 Coffee break

11:45 **Iván García, Raquel Sánchez & Raúl Alonso** (Spain)
Characterization of the breeding habitat of the Little Owl in eastern Madrid. **(Habitat selection)**

12:10 **Iker Apraiz Solaguren, Agustina Fernández Álvarez, Paula Parra Ligerero, Ainara Azkona Taranco, Iñigo Zuberogoitia Arroyo & Francisco Javier Zabala Albizua** (Spain)
Distribution and population trends of the Little Owl in Biscay. **(Population trends)**

12:35 **Dries Van Nieuwenhuysse** (Belgium)
Long-term monitoring of Little Owl in Meulebeke (1988-2024) West-Flanders (Belgium). **(Population trends)**

13:00 Lunch break

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Afternoon **The Beta Technological Centre**

14:45 Organizing committee and Chairman

14:50 **Malavika Madhavan, Martin Šálek, Eliška Radová, Lucie Hornátová, Alexandra Průchová & Pavel Linhart** (Czech Republic)
The call of the Little Owl: from individuals to populations. **(Behaviour)**

15:15 **Ronald Van Harxen** (Netherlands)
First time captured on candid camera: in the Netherlands two female little owls shared a nest box and bred together. **(Behaviour)**

15:40 Coffee break

16:25 **Rafael Molina López** (Catalonia)
Natural diseases affecting little owls at the wildlife rehabilitation centre of Torreferrussa, Barcelona, Catalonia. Case reports. **(Diseases)**

16:50 **Pascal Stroeken** (Netherlands)
Brood patch development in little owl females. **(Physiology)**

17:15 **Grzegorz Grzywaczewski** (Poland)
Population changes, densities and habitat selection of the Little Owl in Poland. **(Population trends)**

17:40 **Ronald Van Harxen** (Netherlands)
Insects as prey for nestlings in the Netherlands. **(Diet)**

20:30 Dinner

Day 3 | 22nd March

Morning **The Beta Technological Centre**

09:20 Organizing committee and Chairman

09:30 **Keynote speaker: Lars Bo Jacobsen** (Denmark)
A chicken per day keeps extinction away. **(Population trends)**

10:15 **Bérénice Ambielle** (France)
Impact of weather conditions on the vital rates of the Little Owl: a comparative study. **(Population trends)**

10:40 **Assen Ignatov** (Bulgaria)
Studies of population distribution, number and status of Little Owl in Bulgaria. **(Population trends)**

11:00 Coffee break

11:45 **Enric Badosa, Alba Segura & Santi Poch** (Catalonia)
Assessing the distribution and conservation status of the Little Owl in the Maresme county with a citizen science project, Barcelona, Catalonia. **(Survey and monitoring)**

12:10 **Nat Argullós & Natàlia Pérez-Ruiz** (Catalonia)
Monitoring the Little Owl population in the Agrarian Park of the Llobregat Delta Plain, Barcelona, Catalonia. **(Survey and monitoring)**

12:35 **Jordi Baucells, Elena Roca & Maria Figueras** (Catalonia)
Collective Little Owl census in Baix Penedès county, Catalonia, 2024: results of a scientific activity with a strong educational focus. **(Survey and monitoring)**



Day 3 | 22nd March

13:00 Lunch break

Afternoon **The Beta Technological Centre**

14:45 Organizing committee and Chairman

14:50 **Pablo García Clemente** (Spain)

The Little Owl in the semi-arid ecosystems of the Ebro Valley: A year-long study. **(Survey and monitoring)**

15:15 **Robin Kirchmair** (Austria)

Combined conservation efforts for the Little Owl in Austria: A little success story. **(Conservation and management)**

15:40 Coffee break

16:25 **Roy Leigh** (UK)

Establishing a Little Owl monitoring network in England and Wales. **(Conservation and management)**

16:50 **Jordi Baucells, Carles Martorell & Jordi Faus** (Catalonia)

Estimation of the Little Owl population potentially benefitted from the creation of a private owl reserve in Catalonia. **(Conservation and management)**

17:15 Final remarks

20:30 Dinner

Day 4 23rd March

09:30 Meeting at **Hotel Can Pamplona**

09:40 Visit to the owl reserve

13:00 Lunch

15:00 Bus departure to the airport

Locations

Venue

The Beta Technological Centre of the University of Vic-Central University of Catalonia
Futurlab - Can Baumann
Ctra. de Roda, 70, 08500 Vic
betatechcenter.com/about-us

Location:
maps.app.goo.gl/LpPWLgAx5RzyaWPAA

Accommodations

Alberg Vic Xanascat (Youth hostel)

Avinguda d'Olimpia, 4, 08500 Vic
xanascat.gencat.cat/ca/albergs/albergs/vic-xanascat

Location: maps.app.goo.gl/wKtGJuxGVXtfsU4d8

Hotel Can Pamplona

Carrer Eix Onze de Setembre, 10, 08500 Vic
canpamplona.com/en/

Location:
maps.app.goo.gl/vMQFYLN6SgX4S8xb6

