



Decline in Urban Sparrows *Passer domesticus* – *Passer montanus*.

Programme

Thursday 20th November

From 10.00 Registration and coffee

10.30 -11.00 Welcome and practical information

11.00 – 11.30 House sparrow video

J Denis Summers-Smith

11.30 – 12.00 Analysis of the diet of Eurasian Tree Sparrow nestlings in urban and rural environments by stable isotope analysis.

Satoe Kasahara. *Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan*

12.00 -12.30 Breeding density increases male embryo mortality in Eurasian tree sparrows .

Takahiro Kato. *Grad. Univ. for Adv. Studies, Kanagawa, Japan*

Lunch time

13.30 – 14.00 Genetic connectivity and population structure in contemporary house sparrow populations along an urbanization gradient.

Vangestel Carl. *Terrestrial Ecology Unit, Univ. Ghent, Belgium*

14.00 – 14.30 Where is better to live? Feeding habitats of House Sparrow in rural and urban environment.

Havlíček Jan & Fuchs Roman. *Univ. of South Bohemia, Fac. of Science, Department of Zoology, České Budějovice*

14.00 -15.00 8 years MUS (Monitoring Urban Species), the comeback of the House Sparrow?

Jan Schoppes, *SOVON. Netherlands*

15.00 – 15.30 Citizen Science in action: Evidence for a region-wide House Sparrow decline in Flanders, Belgium.

Jenny De Laet & Greet De Coster, *ABLLOvzw & Terrestrial Ecology Unit, Univ. Ghent, Belgium*

15.30 – 16.00 Tea Time

16.00 – 16.30 **Dispersal, breeding success and survival rate of three ringed populations of house sparrows in different habitat in north of Holland.**

René Oosterhuis, *Birdlife Netherlands*

16.30 – 17.00 **Census of potential communal roosts of the House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). Actual communal roosts of the house sparrow and census of house sparrows that use communal roosts in Amsterdam.**

Liset Karman, *Stichting Witte Mus, Nederland*.

Practical information for the evening Dinner.

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10.00 – 10.30 **Presentation of the House sparrow research in Ghent**

Luc Lens, *Terrestrial Ecology Unit, Univ. Ghent, Belgium*

Tea Time

11.00 – 12.00 **Demonstration of the House sparrow research by a short walk in Ghent**

12.30 End of the meeting