



# BRITISH ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 28 March 2018  
Humanities Building, University of Nottingham, UK  
at 1800 hours

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 29 March 2017 at the University of Warwick  
(online via – <http://www.bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/>)
3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council and Approval of Accounts for 2017 (*see notes overleaf*)
4. Elections to Council:

Council proposes that that **Helen Baker** be re-elected as Honorary Secretary and **Emma Cunningham** be elected as an ordinary members of Council to replace Barbara Helm (*see notes overleaf*)

*Any further nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary by 15 February 2018 — Rule 17.2 applies\**

5. Reappointment of Auditors
6. Any other business (*any items should be received by the Honorary Secretary by 15 February 2018 — Rule 10 (3) applies\**)

\* BOU Rules are available online via <http://www.bou.org.uk/about-the-bou/rules-annual-reports-agm-items/> or from the BOU Office (below).

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## **Notes to the Agenda of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union**

**Item 3** – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2017 will be available at the annual conference ahead of the AGM; they will also be available on the BOU website ([www.bou.org.uk](http://www.bou.org.uk)) and from the BOU Office (address overleaf) from 19 March 2018.

**Item 4** – Council nominees for election to Council (see overleaf)

**Helen Baker** gained her PhD from Dundee University on Crested Tit ecology. She held post-doctorate positions in the USA studying ecology of endemic forest birds and geese in Hawaii, avian malaria in American Samoa, and seabirds on Midway Atoll. Since 1999, she has worked for conservation agencies; both Scottish Natural Heritage and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee advising on bird conservation issues. She has headed up JNCC's Biodiversity Information and Sustainability Advice teams, and is currently Marine Species Team leader, providing managerial oversight for JNCC's seabird monitoring, assessment and research portfolio. Helen served on the BOU Meetings Committee from 2008–12 and was elected a member of Council in 2013, serving as Honorary Secretary and a member of the BOU's Management Group since 2014, and is standing for re-election to the same position.

**Emma Cunningham** gained her BSc in Zoology from the University of Glasgow and her PhD in the breeding ecology of wildfowl from the University of Sheffield. A Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship then took her to Cambridge where she worked on the impact of avian brood parasitism on host reproductive strategies in neotropical birds in Central America. Since 2014 she has been based at the University of Edinburgh, initially supported by a Royal Society University Research Fellowship, where her focus has been on maternal responses to infection in gamebirds and the impact of parasitism in seabird populations. She brings experience of contributing to council in a number of roles for the Association for the study of Animal Behaviour over a number of years and is currently an Associate Editor for the British Ecological Society's *Journal of Animal Ecology*