



## **SYMPOSIUM 'REINTRODUCING MIGRATORY BIRDS'**

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### **Introductory Keynote: The challenges of migratory species reintroductions**

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As the field of conservation translocations matures, reintroduction practitioners are taking on more and more ambitious species restoration projects, particularly those involving species with complex behaviours and life history traits. One area of challenge is restoration of species whose annual cycle of seasonal movements means that populations are not fully resident in one area all year around. The reintroduction of migratory species, particularly long-distance migrants, presents a number of biological, logistic, political, and social problems to overcome. With reference to current and possible future reintroductions of migratory species, I briefly review the challenges facing reintroduction practitioners seeking to re-establish functional populations of migratory species.