

**Section: Zoology and Animal Ecology**

15.04.2026. Jelgavas 3 (House of Sciences), Room: 104

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**Time slots:**

- Invited plenary talks – 30 minutes
- Oral report – 15 minutes
- Poster highlights – 1 minute per poster

Session	Type of contribution	Presenter	Title / poster Nr.
<b>Session 1</b> 13:00-14:30	Introduction	A. Auniņš / R. Starka	Opening
	Invited plenary	Cristina G. Sevilleja	Butterfly Monitoring Schemes in Europe (eBMS): From Citizen Science to Nature Conservation Law
	Invited plenary	Petr Voříšek	European breeding bird atlases and their use in research and conservation
	Oral report	Viesturs Ķerus	What is in common for the species driving the decline of Forest Bird Index in Latvia
	Poster highlights	All poster presentation authors	Brief poster highlight presentations
14:30-15:00	<b>Coffee break, Poster session 1</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, atrium)	Laura Ķēniņa	Wildlife diversity in hemiboreal old-growth forest stands: preliminary insights from camera trapping, audio recording, and pollinator sampling / <b>ZM-8-32</b>
		Antons Basovs*	Using geometric morphometrics to assess variations in rodent mandible shape across different habitats / <b>ZM-8-33</b>
		Agrita Žunna	Who's more afraid of the big bad wolf? – An attitudes survey in Baltic states / <b>ZM-8-34</b>
<b>Session 2</b> 15:00-16:30	Oral report	Leyli Purrafee Dizaj	Patterning and structure of cranial dermal bone ornamentation in extant and extinct amphibians: an evolutionary and histomorphological review
	Oral report	Elizabete Anete Briede*	Daily and seasonal vocal activity of chaffinches ( <i>Fringilla coelebs</i> ) during the nesting period using passive acoustic monitoring data
	Oral report	Aleksandra Koliņa*	Diurnal–Nocturnal Activity of <i>Barbitistes constrictus</i> in Ķemeru National park
	Oral report	Dāvis Ūlands	Use of FPV and conventional UAV's for monitoring breeding success of diurnal Birds of Prey and Black Storks
	Oral report	Viesturs Vintulis	What citizen science tells us about changes of hibernation behaviour in migratory species of bats
	Oral report	Mārtiņš Locs*	Insights into the Potential of Passive Acoustic Monitoring to Improve Data on Bird Populations in Latvia
16:30-17:00	<b>Coffee break, Poster session 2</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, atrium)	Rivers Zudrags*	Autumn and winter active ground spiders in the University of Latvia Botanical Garden / <b>ZM-8-35</b>
		Evelīna Aleksejeva*	Bark-dwelling spiders during the autumn and winter period in the University of Latvia Botanical Garden and Viksna parish / <b>ZM-8-36</b>
		Inese Cera	Recent findings on the spider fauna of Latvia / <b>ZM-8-37</b>
<b>Session 3</b> 17:00-18:00	Oral report	Tabita Saukāne*	Relationship between the composition of Oribatid mites (Acari: Oribatida) and Colembola (Hexapoda: Collembola) morphogroups and coprophagia based on their presence in excrements of artiodactyls (Artiodactyla) held in captivity compared to soil samples obtained from three different farms in Latvia
	Oral report	Aleksandra Kokšarova	Ecological factors influencing the abundance of <i>Podisma pedestris</i> (Orthoptera: Acrididae) in Central Latvia
	Oral report	Jekaterīna Butkeviča*	Does the Pollard standard ensure data comparability? Analysing species availability and detection probability: a case study of the Large White ( <i>Pieris brassicae</i> )
	Oral report	Valērijs Aškeļānecs	Apiary Density and Parasite Pressure: Experimental Evidence of Spatial Effects on <i>Bombus terrestris</i> Colony Performance
	<b>Student award announcement</b>		

\* Participation in competition for the best student contribution