



AEWA EURASIAN CURLEW INTERNATIONAL  
WORKING GROUP



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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Eurasian Curlew International Working Group  
- *N. a. arquata* Breeding Range States –**

4-6 September 2018, Aberlady, Scotland (UK)

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**FACT SHEET**

**Meeting date and venue**

The meeting will be held from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Waterston House, Aberlady, Scotland. Waterston House is the headquarters of the Scottish Ornithologists Club.

Waterston House is located on the western edge of Aberlady, a small coastal village around 15 miles east of Edinburgh. The venue is a short 5-minute walk from the main accommodation for the meeting (see below).

**Meeting Contact Numbers**

In case of any questions or if you require assistance, please contact Nina Mikander from the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat on +49 151 656 11240 (email: [nina.mikander@unep-aewa.org](mailto:nina.mikander@unep-aewa.org)) or Daniel Brown from RSPB on +44 775 293 7281 (email: [Daniel.Brown@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Daniel.Brown@rspb.org.uk)).

**Accommodation**

20 rooms have been provisionally reserved at a local hotel called Duck's Inn. Dan will deal with all the hotel bookings.

**It is important you notify Dan of whether you intend to stay at Duck's Inn or seek accommodation elsewhere as soon as possible. If you do decide to stay at Duck's please also state which nights you need a room.** The small, local hotel are keeping all 20 of their rooms for us and we do not want to reserve them if they are not being used!

**Rooms for funded delegates will automatically be reserved at Duck's.**

The full address is:

Duck's Inn  
High Street  
Aberlady Bay  
East Lothian

The telephone number for the hotel is +44 1875 870682 and they can also be contacted via email at [info@ducks.co.uk](mailto:info@ducks.co.uk). The website is <https://www.ducks.co.uk/>

The cost of bed and breakfast per night at Duck's Inn is £110. We have already secured a 10% discount to get this price. **Please note that all bookings need to be made through Dan in order to receive this discounted price.**



- Go to Edinburgh Waverley Station and get a train to Longniddry. The train takes 20 minutes and costs £5.70 for an off-peak return.
- You will then need to get a taxi from Longniddry Train Station to Aberlady. It is a 7-minute taxi journey.

#### Option 4 – Hire Car or Taxi

- It is 26 miles from Edinburgh Airport to Aberlady – an approximate 35-minute drive. Note that this route goes through the city bypass which can be heavily congested at peak hours so would only be recommended if you arrive outside the hours of 7.00-9.00am and 4.00-6.00 pm.
- City Cabs - +0044 131 228 1211 - charge £78 to drive from the airport to Aberlady.

A link to the timetable for the buses <file:///C:/Users/DanielBrown/Desktop/C.%20CURLEW%20-%20AEWA/1.%20International%20Working%20Group/Sep%20IWG%20Meeting/East%20Coast%20Timetable.pdf>.

Please use this link to view and print a map of St Andrews Square, Waterloo Place and Waverley Bridge <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Waterloo+PI,+Edinburgh+EH1+3BQ/@55.9529122,-3.1914263,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x4887c78ee7207585:0xc4bbebdca98dcaf5!8m2!3d55.9536841!4d-3.1871723>

Please note that depending on flight arrival and departure times of participants at Edinburgh Airport, we will try to arrange for joint transportation from the airport to Aberlady and back. **Please pass on your travel details to Dan as soon as you have booked your flights!**

#### Visas

All registered meeting participants requiring visas have been provided with personal invitation letters as well as verbal notes to support their visa applications. Please note it is absolutely necessary that you obtain your visa before travelling to the UK.

#### Meals

Breakfast is included in the price of the hotel accommodation at the Duck's Inn.

Lunch will be provided free of charge for all meeting participants on the three meeting days. Likewise, complimentary refreshments will be provided during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon coffee breaks.

Dinner will be provided free of charge for all meeting participants on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> we will be dining at 7pm at Craigiellaw Golf Club and then we will eat at Duck's on Wednesday evening, ahead of the evening talk from Mary Colwell.

For participants arriving in Aberlady on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, local dinner options include the above two establishments. In addition, there is a local pub with a real fire ("Old Aberlady Inn" on the map above) and an Indian restaurant next door. There is also a local farm shop café if you would like to sample local farm produce from the area (it is a five minute walk west from the SOC Waterston House, but is not displayed on the above map).

#### Documents and WIFI

All meeting documents will be made available online on the AEWA website, to which a link will be provided via email.

Hard paper copies of the meeting documents will not be distributed before or during the meeting. However, free wireless internet will be available to all participants in the meeting room.

#### Overview of Aberlady and Aberlady Bay

Aberlady is a coastal village with a population of around 1,500 people. Historically, it was an important harbour for fishing, sealing and whaling and prior to that has links with 7<sup>th</sup> century monasteries at Iona and

Lindisfarne, facilitating pilgrim traffic between the two sites. There are several golf courses along the coast, including Muirfield, which is a championship course.

Aberlady Bay became the UK's first Local Nature Reserve in 1952. It is also a Special Protection Area and a Ramsar site. It is managed by wardens who are employed by East Lothian Council.

### **Postal and bank facilities**

There are ATMs in Aberlady and a local post office.