**Citizen Science and the Shared Governance of Bird Biodiversity: How non-state actors contribute to avian conservation in the Asia-Pacific**

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**Abstract**

This presentation reveals the results of an analysis into the role of non-state actors in protecting bird biodiversity along the East-Asian Australasian Flyway (EAAF). It covers the state of knowledge about migratory birds in the region, and shows how non-governmental actors (NGOs, universities, private corporations) are intimately involved in key regulatory tasks such as standard-setting, restoration and monitoring. Birds are one of the most well-studied components of biodiversity on the planet, and most, if not all data is being generated by citizens, NGOs and private actors. This presentation links the ‘on the ground’ activities of non-state actors to theories of collaborative governance and co-regulation. It shows how and why non-state actors are a vital part of a functioning regulatory systems in avian conservation including at the transnational scale.