

## Wetlands – Fieldwork & Symposium

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Thanks to fieldwork volunteers Mark Horne, Jack Ingledew and Jo Zanker the fieldwork for our Darwin Plus funded Wetlands Project was completed swiftly in November and December and included visits to Fitzroy, West Falkland, Lafonia and several farms in North Camp. Highlights included the lovely zebra trout *Aplochiton* sp. at North Arm, stunning scenery at Leicester Creek and diverse invertebrates in unexpected places. The fieldwork also highlighted how ponds and lakes are currently drying out and changing in the Falklands: Mappa Pond harboured minnows *Galaxias maculatus* approximately 20 years ago but during fieldwork had only shallow water with a pH of 2.97 and without any visible life; soon after it had fully dried out.



Zebra Trout *Aplochiton* sp.



Leicester Creek

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Invertebrates at a roadside pond on West Falkland

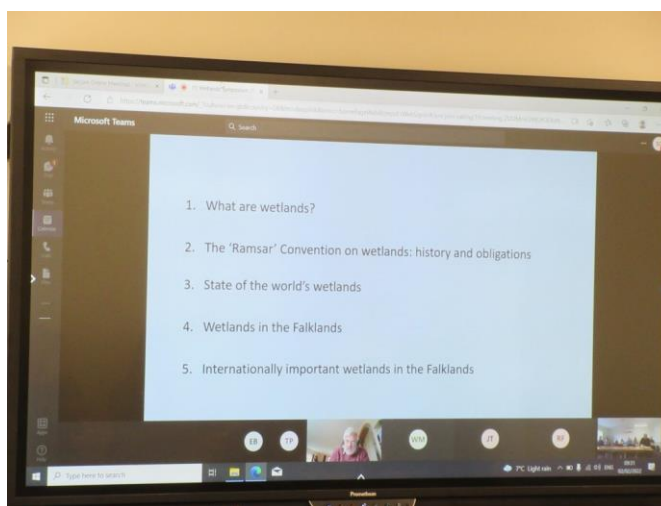


Mappa Pond

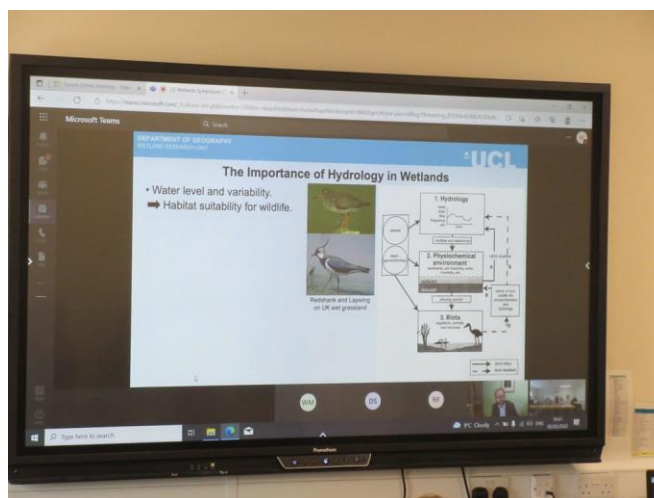
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World Wetlands Day occurs every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to celebrate and raise awareness of our global wetlands. Chris Evans travelled to the Falklands to speak at our Wetlands Symposium, which coincided with World Wetlands Day. The remaining project partners joined online and David Stroud, Julian Thomson and Roger Flower each gave a talk featuring their areas of expertise.

The day concluded with a presentation by Project Manager Steffi Carter about fieldwork findings and a workshop at which the most pressing issues regarding Falklands Wetlands were discussed. The Symposium was well attended with a total of 34 participants (including speakers) in the room as well as online. The presentations are available on the [project website](#).

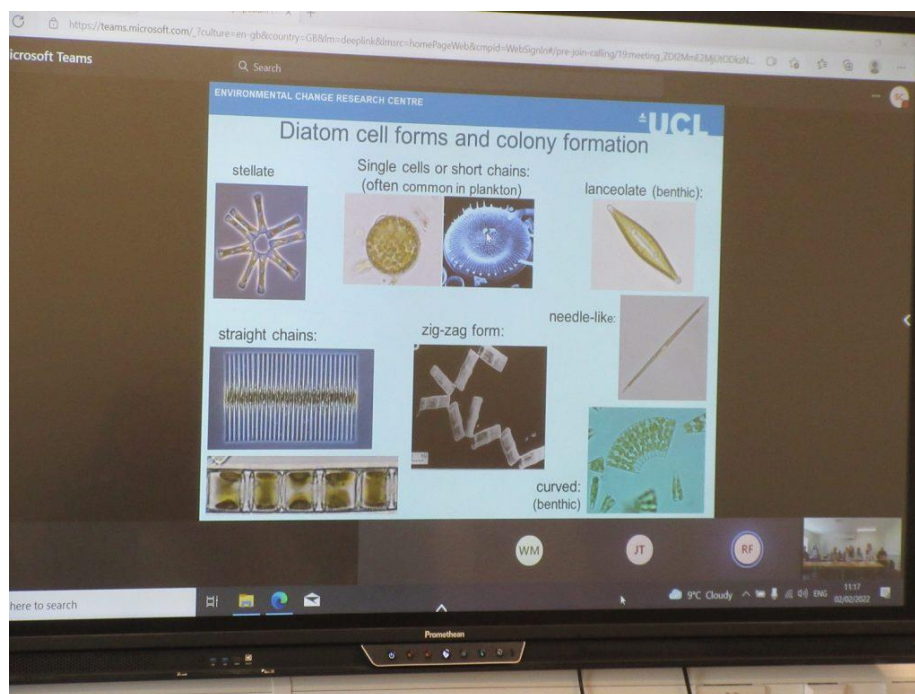


David Stroud presenting on [‘The state of wetlands globally and the international importance of those in the Falklands’](#)



Prof Julian Thompson presenting on [‘Hydrology as driver of wetland ecosystem functioning and change’](#)

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Emeritus Prof Roger Flower presenting on '[Diatom microalgae and environmental change](#)'



Prof Chris Evans presenting on '[Falkland peat in a global context: Why it's a bit weird, and what we might be able to learn from it](#)'

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Dr Steffi Carter presenting on [‘Capturing the diversity of Falklands Wetlands: DPLUS116 fieldwork across two seasons’](#)



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