

## Atle Ivar Olsen



**Atle Ivar Olsen** is a dr. ing. in chemistry and biotechnology from NTNU and works as a science teacher at Nord university in Nesna.

Born in 1968, he grew up on the island Herøy in Helgeland, Norway. His interest in birds was sparked at the early age of six, by meeting an eagle owl at dusk. The encounter developed into a lifelong passion for protecting birds and their habitats.

He has contributed to several Norwegian national bird monitoring programmes including [SEAPOP](#), as well as monitoring wetland and seabird reserves.

He is an active bird ringer, and the leader of a local ringing group.

Atle was a founding member of Birdlife Nesna in 2007, where he is still active. He was leader of Birdlife at a county level for 14 years until 2022 and a short period on the board of Birdlife Norway. He has written and co-written articles for local and national birding periodicals, and for the Birdlife website.

In 2023 he was co-author and main editor of the book “Fugler i Nordland” (Birds in Nordland County), which is [still available for sale](#).

Fifty years after seeing that eagle owl, his favourite birds are still the owls.



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