



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Training Announcement

Connecting People with Nature through Birds

OUT8163

Course Description

Birds make a perfect means for connecting people to nature. Birds are awake and active when we are; they are relatively easy to spot and hear; and, birds are in every backyard. Moreover, research has shown that the ability to identify birds heightens awareness and creates a sense of stewardship among youth and adults. In this course, explore activities that engage people in bird watching. Specifically, participants will learn to teach others basic bird identification, and explore a variety of programs that connect people to nature including citizen science and mist netting birds.



Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Apply various observation skills to identify common bird species by both sight and sound
- Apply planning strategies in developing birding programs for various audiences
- Utilizing banding stations for bird education outreach
- Apply education outreach strategies for engaging under-serve youth in natural resource careers
- Utilize inquiry and citizen science methods and programs as tools for bird education outreach
- Make their visitor facility more birder-friendly

Date

June 5 – 8, 2017

Location

Prairie Wetlands Learning Center,
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Who Should Attend

Educators, outdoor recreation planners, naturalists/interpreters, community outreach specialists, extension agents, resource managers, and others involved in educating people about birds.

Length

4 days

Tuition

Tuition for FWS, NPS, and BLM is prepaid. For participants from other agencies and organizations, there is a tuition charge of \$796.00.

To Register

Register online at <http://training.fws.gov> using DOI Learn, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System. Register by March 27, 2017. After this date, please call for availability.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this class for all participants. Please direct all requests for Sign Language interpreting services, close captioning, or other accommodations needs to the contact list below – TTY 800-877-8339 by close of business March 27, 2017.

Availability

Course is offered once per year.

Contact

Michelle Donlan: 304-876-7685
Michelle_Donlan@fws.gov