



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Conserving the Nature of America

OUT8163 - Connecting People with Nature Through Birds

Course Code	OUT8163
Course Title	Connecting People with Nature Through Birds
Description	<p>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 tried and true activities that engage people in bird watching. Even if you are not a birder you will find these activities easy to implement. Specifically, participants will learn to teach others basic bird identification; explore resources including citizen science and bird mist netting programs; discuss current bird conservation issues; and discover the possibilities of inspiring interest in birds through festivals.</p> <p>Objectives: Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach others basic bird identification using a wide array of classroom and field techniques and activities. • Apply group management techniques and skills to bird identification programs in the field. • Describe the inquiry process and existing Citizen Science programs that are available. • Identify ways to attract formal educators and Latino audiences to your programs. • Identify tools needed to plan a successful bird festival. • Access resources and integrate mist netting safely into your education program. • Exchange ideas and gain new skills from fellow educators. • Articulate bird conservation issues. <p>Target Audience: Educators, outdoor recreation planners, naturalists/interpreters, community outreach specialists, extension agents, resource managers, and others involved in educating people about birds and their conservation.</p> <p>Tuition Fees: Please refer to the 'Class Cost to Learner' displayed in the Class Details for the specific class session you wish to attend.</p>
Delivery Method	Instructor Led
Non-FWS Fee	\$597.00
Instructional Hours	21
Credits/CEUs	2.0
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Curriculum Category	Visitor Services
Registration Link	Register in DOI Talent
DOI Talent Course Type	ILT
College Credit Name	Semester Hours
College Credit Value	1

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Start	End	Session Information	Location	Session Contact
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