

*Southern Appalachian
Naturalist Certification Program*

Birds of the Smokies

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Friday

3:00-5:00
6:00

**Check-in
Supper**

7:00

Welcome & Introductions

7:30

Introduction to Birds of the Smokies

Physical characteristics, songs, flight, habitat, families, migration, equipment

Saturday

6:00 am

Birders' Breakfast

6:30

Field Identification

Field trip to various areas of the park, focusing on hardwood forests with openings. We'll focus on bird identification using site and sound as well as connecting birds to habitat types and niche preferences.

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:30

Bird Conservation Issues

We'll wrap-up our early day with a discussion about birds, particularly neotropical migrants, and their conservation issues.

2:45 – 3:45

Bird walk

We'll take a relaxing stroll using our ears primarily to ID species in a young cove hardwood forest

4:00 - 5:30

Break - Time to Relax!

5:30-6:30

Supper

7:00

Birds of Prey – Knoxville Zoo

Here's a chance to see some raptors up close!

8:00

Resources and Readings

We will discuss the readings, field guides, buying binoculars, catching the "birding bug"

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Sunday

- 5:30 am **Dawn Chorus**
An early morning foray into the forest in search of the dawn chorus. This wonderful event happens every spring morning as each species of bird begins its day's song at a particular moment in time. We'll listen as the birds warm up and use our ears to better understand them.
- 7:30 **Breakfast**
- 8:00-noon **Bird Watching at Cades Cove**
This field trip will focus on identification of the birds of field and forest edge. We'll discover new species and review a few old friends. We will be in grassy fields and sunny areas. Dress appropriately.
- 12:30 **Lunch at Tremont**
- 1:00 **Wrap-up, Assessment, and Evaluations**

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