

BIRDS AT TWILIGHT

MAY 21, 2020

COURSE LEVEL: II COURSE #: S3017
FEE: \$40 PER ADULT AGES 16 AND OLDER

INSTRUCTOR: JEFF MAUGANS



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FIELD INSTITUTE

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LOCATION: Rocky Mountain Conservancy – Field Institute & Conference Center
1895 Fall River Road, Estes Park, Colorado

TIME: 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Twilight is the time of day when nocturnal birds begin to awaken. While many daytime species can still be located, Wilson's snipes, owls, common nighthawks and common poorwills start their nightshift hunting at twilight. We will explore the haunts of these birds, seeking both to see and hear these mysterious creatures. We will discuss natural history and ecology as we visit, search and listen for these birds.

COURSE LEVEL: II

Short-distance walks throughout the evening on primarily level terrain.

BRIEF INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY (additional information available at www.RMConservancy.org):

Jeff worked as a park naturalist for the National Park Service from 1977 to 2009. His special area of interest is birds. He is a Pennsylvania native and has a degree in outdoor education and natural science from Pennsylvania State University. He has worked at Mammoth Cave National Park, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Edison National Historic Site, Gateway National Park, Redwood National Park, and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. He came to Rocky Mountain National Park in 1990.

EXPECTATIONS: Professional conduct will be expected from participants at all times. Individual ideas will be respected. Except during course breaks, cellular phones, pagers, and personal entertainment devices are strictly prohibited in the classroom and during field sessions.

CAR-POOLING: Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute courses utilize car-pooling to limit vehicles traveling into the park. Car-pooling makes it easier to keep the group together, reduces transit time, and allows courses greater access because fewer parking spaces are required at destinations. In addition, it provides an opportunity for participants to discuss course material in small groups during transit. Typically, a few participants from each course volunteer the use of their vehicles for car-pooling to course locations.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Introductions and class overview
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Travel/field
9:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Return to Field Institute for wrap-up and departure

WHAT TO BRING:

- Snacks, energy bars, **WATER**
- Binocular
- Your choice of field guide (optional)
- Wear comfortable, natural-colored clothing
- Notebook
- Pen/pencil
- Camera (optional)
- Light field stool/mat (optional)

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

Rocky Mountain National Park recommends that hikers always carry the 10 essentials in their daypacks.

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| ▪ Raingear | ▪ Map and compass | ▪ Flashlight or headlamp |
| ▪ Sunglasses and sunscreen | ▪ Candles | ▪ Matches or other fire starter |
| ▪ Pocketknife | ▪ First-aid kit | ▪ Extra layers of clothing |
| ▪ Sack lunch, snacks, water | | |

Note: Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute recommends that participants for all courses dress in layers and wear comfortable, sturdy hiking boots/shoes. Participants should be prepared for sudden changes in temperature and weather conditions.

REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations received at least 14 days prior to the start of a class will qualify for a refund minus a cancellation fee of \$25 per participant for a one-day class, \$50 for a multi-day class, \$5 per kid's class and \$15 per half-day class or bus tour seat. Registration money transferred to another class will be subject to a \$10 switch fee. Cancellations received less than 14 days prior to the start of a class or bus tour will not generate a refund. If the Field Institute cancels a class, every effort will be made to place the participant in another class; otherwise, a full refund will be given.