

Virtual Bird Identification Workshop

Virtual Workshop Schedule

Virtual Classroom: Welcome!

Course Overview and Schedule

Session 1:

Introduction – Bird ID - Learning to see details & patterns

Session Review & Answers

Session 2:

Features – Silhouettes – Shape – Posture – Flight patterns – Behaviours – Size – Comparing body features – Patterns

Session Review & Answers

Session 3:

Bird Topography, Anatomy & Physiology – Feathers / Feather facts – Feather groups – Wing morphology – Fat & Migration

Session Review & Answers

Session 4

Field marks – Head – Bill shape & colour – Wingbars & Wing patches – Length of wing – Tail – Legs – Colours & Plumage patterns

Session Review & Answers

Session 5

Song – Drawing sounds – Categories of vocalization

Session Review & Answers

Session 6

Habitat – Range & abundance – Time of year – Migration

Session Review & Answers

Session 7

Molt & ageing – Juvenile plumage – Prealternate molt – Delayed plumage maturation – Feather wear

Session Review & Answers

Session 8

Equipment – Selecting and using binoculars & scopes – Recording observations – Checklists & Journals – Sketching birds in the field – Counting birds – Birding techniques

Session 9

Final presentation - Conservation – What you can do to help – Putting your skills to the test – Course certificate presentation

Session 10

Photographic review of local species

