

# Southern Appalachian Naturalist Certification Program

## Birds of the Smokies

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### Friday

- 3:00-5:00 **Check-in – Gift store open until 5:00 pm**
- 5:30-5:50 **Optional - Binos, Binos, Binos – come try a pair and see what you like!**
- 6:00 **Supper**
- 7:00 **Welcome & Introductions**
- 7:30 **How to listen to birds and Introduction to Birds of the Smokies**  
*Physical characteristics, songs, flight, habitat, families*

### Saturday

- Sunrise ~ 6:31 am
- 6:30 **Optional Early Birding around campus**
- 8:00 **Breakfast**
- 8:30 **Field Identification in Cades Cove**  
*Hardwood forests with openings. We'll focus on bird ID using sight and sound as well as habitat types and niche preferences.*
- 12:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 **Bird Conservation Issues and the exciting world of eBird**
- 3:00 **Reading the soundscape**  
*Bring your journal*
- 4:00 **Break - Time to Relax or work on species profiles**
- 6:00 **Supper**
- 7:00 **Birds of Prey Program**
- 8:00 **Backyard Birds Program**

### Sunday

- Sunrise ~ 6:30 am
- 5:45 am **Dawn Chorus**  
*This wonderful event happens every spring morning as each bird begins its day with song.*
- 8:00 **Breakfast – Pack Sack lunches**
- 8:30-12:30 **Bird Watching in Cades Cove**  
*This field trip will focus on identification of the birds of fields and forest edges. We will be in grassy fields and sunny areas. Dress appropriately.*
- 12:30 **Sack Lunch in the field**
- 3:00 **Wrap-up, Assessment, and Evaluations**

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