

# Advanced Bird Banding Class

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, September, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Environmental Studies on the Piedmont  
& The Institute for Bird Populations

Thank you for your interest in our Advanced Bird Banding Class instructed by the Institute for Bird Populations and hosted by Clifton Institute - Environmental Studies on the Piedmont (ES). ES is located five miles from Warrenton, Virginia in the rolling hills of the Northern Piedmont. Our field station combines rich habitat diversity with easy accessibility and comfortable accommodations.

Our banding class will be held from **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please plan to arrive before 2 pm so we may start promptly.**

The **four-day advanced class will be taught by Danielle Kaschube of the Institute for Bird Populations, Point Reyes, CA.** The course is designed for experienced banders who wish to improve their sexing and ageing skills. The class will focus on understanding and identifying the differences between specific adult age classes using the Identification Guide to North American Birds by Peter Pyle. We will also spend some time, as needed, addressing other advanced skills, such as skulling, refining the scoring of various characteristics, and interpreting these characteristics for age and sex determinations. Costs include accommodation and training materials.

## Prerequisites for the advanced classes

### Participants in the advanced classes should...

- Have completed the IBP Beginner Banding class or equivalent
- be able to handle and set up mist nets,
- be able to extract birds from mist nets, and
- have basic familiarity with ageing hatch-year versus after-hatch-year birds.

Participants must also bring their own copy of the Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part 1, by Peter Pyle, published in 1997 by Slate Creek Press.

## What to expect

The advance class begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and ends after banding, around noon on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Class starts at sunrise every morning with 5-6 morning hours spent in the field. There is a 30-60 minute lunch break and then 2-3 hours of classroom instruction (There is usually after class 'homework'). Visit the Institute for Bird Populations website, [www.birdpop.org](http://www.birdpop.org), for more details on the course work and materials.

The weather in September is generally very favorable for banding. Expect mild weather (lows in the 50-60's and highs in the 60-70's) with showers or thunderstorms always a possibility. Insects are usually not bad this time of year, but expect ticks. Poison ivy is present on the field station. Appropriate field attire is required, including waterproof footwear!

## Facilities and Lodging

Morning banding activities will be held in the field, followed by instructional time held in our historic farmhouse. Comfortable on-site lodging is provided in the historic farmhouse. We have four dormitory style bedrooms, with three single beds in each room and a shared hallway bath. We are happy to offer a package rate including programming, four nights lodging (Sun-Wed) and three family-style meals each day (to include dinner Sunday through breakfast on Thursday.) Students interested in staying offsite will need to make their own arrangements. The nearest hotels are in Warrenton, VA.

### **Registering for the class**

To register for the class please complete and mail a copy of the registration form with deposit or full payment to Environmental Studies on the Piedmont, Attn: Tom Wood, 6712 Blantyre Road Warrenton, VA 20187.

Make checks payable to Environmental Studies on the Piedmont. We are not able to accept credit card payment.

- A 50% deposit is required to reserve a seat in the class.
- Full payment is due September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Payments are non-refundable unless we can fill your spot in the class.
- **Before making plane reservations, please confirm your place in the class.**

For additional information, contact Tom Wood at 703-963-0866 or [twood@gmu.edu](mailto:twood@gmu.edu)

**Environmental Studies on the Piedmont**  
**Advanced Bird Banding Class**  
**2017 Registration Form**  
Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> –Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> , 2017

Advanced Class: \$1060. 50% deposit due with registration

NAME/JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us what you hope to gain by taking this class: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us what your previous bird banding and mist netting experience has been: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any special needs or conditions that the instructor or staff needs to be aware of:

***Please note: We have bees and other stinging insects on the field station – if you have any allergies, please come prepared.***

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Lodging and Payment: Lodging is available at the field station. We operate out of a restored farmhouse and offer dorm-style accommodations. We usually offer 2-3 guests per room with shared bathroom facilities.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Class Fee (\$1060) includes lodging and meals at our facilities

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (50% Deposit)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Payment)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check/Money Order enclosed (Payable to Environmental Studies on the Piedmont). Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments.

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