



Southeastern Arizona Birding and Nature Trip



Join two Environmental Education Center (EEC) Naturalists on a 9 day journey to one of America's most exotic and extreme nature destinations, Southeastern Arizona! This biologically diverse area is home to nearly half of the bird species in North America and thousands of species of plants, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

Since the focus of the trip is birds, we will visit a variety of birding hot spots from Phoenix to the Chiricahua Mountains! A highlight of the trip is staying four nights at the Southwest Research Station, a station operated by the American Museum of Natural History, which studies the diverse environments and biotas of the Chiricahua Mountains. This will give us the chance to maximize our opportunities to find and observe the local wildlife in this natural hotspot. Top avian attractions of the area include over ten species of hummingbirds, gorgeous warblers such as the Painted Redstart, Olive, and Red-faced Warblers, and possibly eight species of owls in one night! We may even be lucky enough to find the stunning Elegant Trogon.

We will also keep a lookout along the desert trails and roads for a variety of reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Hikes may be on rough terrain and may last all morning or afternoon. This trip is for active seniors and adults ages 18 or older with an interest in bird watching and natural history.

Maximum group size will be ten people. Enrollment is first come, first serve.

Please note: We are staying at the Southwest Research Station in the Chiricahua Mountains for a portion of the trip. Double-occupancy is mandatory at this location. If you do not have a roommate, one will be assigned.



Trip and Contact Information

Trip Departs: Saturday, May 26, 2018 @ 6:30am from the EEC
Trip Returns: Sunday, June 3, 2018 @ 10:00pm to the EEC

Course Code: 54000-01

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Payment Information

\$2,700 per person
\$700 non-refundable deposit due at registration, \$500 Single Supplement

Registration begins 11:00 am on October 4, 2017
Final payment and registration due 5:00 pm on January 16, 2018

Price includes transportation to and from airports, airfare, transportation throughout Arizona, lodging, all meals while at Southwest Research Station, entrance fees, and interpretation. Meals outside the Research Station are the responsibility of each participant. The trip begins and ends at the Environmental Education Center.

The Environmental Education Center welcomes everyone to participate in its programs. If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908 766-2489 ext. 0 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Six weeks notice is required for this trip to ensure that appropriate accommodations can be provided.