

BIRDING WITH A NATURALIST: SUMMER & FALL

JUNE 7, 2018

JUNE 21, 2018

AUGUST 30, 2018

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018



Rocky Mountain Conservancy

FIELD INSTITUTE

COURSE LEVEL: II

COURSE #S: S3065, S3066, S3067, S3068

FEE: \$40 PER ADULT

INSTRUCTOR: JEFF MAUGANS

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

TIME: 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Spend the morning discussing the migration, nesting (summer), habitat, conservation, natural history, and ecology of mountain birds. Have fun in the field while learning to identify, enjoy, and appreciate birds. Participants will learn to identify as many species as possible by sight and by songs/calls. By learning to identify birds by sound, you can develop a good sense of what birds are nearby.

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Short-distance walks throughout the day 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. Jeff 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:

7:00 AM-7:30 AM	Welcome/introductions/overview of day's activities/drive to birding site.
7:30 AM-11:30 AM	Birding in the field

WHAT TO BRING:

- Snacks, energy bars, **WATER**

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: It is highly recommended that participants bring binoculars and a field birding guide. A spotting scope would also be nice to have, but not required. Jeff will have a spotting scope and one extra binocular. The day will involve hiking on mostly level terrain. Be prepared for foul weather. Warm, layered clothing, hat, mittens and boots might make this a more pleasant outing. Also bring snacks, plenty of water, sunscreen, sunglasses and hiking shoes.

REMEMBER TO BRING THE 10 ESSENTIALS:

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

- Raingear
- Map and compass
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Sunglasses and sunscreen
- Candles
- Matches or other fire starter
- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit
- Extra layers of clothing
- Snacks and 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.