

ORNITHOLOGY

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

June 1st through July 8th

Required Textbook:

Ornithology by Frank Gill, 3rd edition; 2006

ISBN-10: 0716749831 ISBN-13: 978-0716749837

Optional Field Guide:

The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America by David Sibley; 2003

ISBN-10: 067945120X ISBN-13: 978-0679451204

Course Overview: Students will learn about birds through lecture, laboratory examination, and field observation. Special emphasis will be placed on the diversity of birds and the adaptations that have allowed birds to become geographically, numerically, and ecologically successful. Students will learn to identify birds in the field, in order to gain a better appreciation of the biodiversity present in the United States and New Jersey in particular.

Classroom Conduct: Please make every effort to be on time for class. Quizzes will be given at the beginning of the period; if you are late, you will only have the allotted time available to take the quiz, no extra time will be given. If you are so late as to completely miss the quiz, no make-up quiz will be possible. If you must be late to lecture, please strive to enter quietly and with as little disruption as possible. During lectures, I ask that you refrain from distracting other students with electronic devices. If I notice such distractions occurring during the lecture period, I may ask you to cease using the device. If you need to have your cell phone on for some exceptional circumstance (family emergency or something similar), please just inform me and it will not be a problem.

Academic Honesty: I take academic integrity very seriously. I will make every effort to limit opportunities for dishonesty; however I am well aware that it is not possible to exclude all possibility for cheating. If I detect cheating I will pursue it; please be sure to read Rutgers' "Academic Integrity" document available here:
<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml>

Course Schedule

Month	Day	Activity		Location
June	1 Tues	Lecture		ENR 123
	2 Wed	No Lecture		
	3 Thurs	Lecture		ENR 123
	7 Mon	Lab		BT 012
	8 Tues	Lecture		ENR 123
	9 Wed	Lecture	QUIZ	ENR 123
	10 Thurs	Field Trip	LOCATION TBD	Field
	14 Mon	Lab		BT 012
	15 Tues	Lecture		ENR 123
	16 Wed		TEST	ENR 123
	17 Thurs	Field Trip	LOCATION TBD	Field
	21 Mon	Lab		BT 012
	22 Tues	Lecture		ENR 123
	23 Wed	Lecture		ENR 123
	24 Thurs	Field Trip	LOCATION TBD	Field
	28 Mon	Lab		BT 012
	29 Tues	Lecture	QUIZ	ENR 123
	30 Wed	Review Lab		BT 012
July	1 Thurs	Field Trip	LOCATION TBD	Field
	5 Mon	NO CLASS		
	6 Tues	Lecture	LAB FINAL	ENR 123
	7 Wed	Lecture Review		ENR 123/BT 012
	8 Thurs	FINAL EXAM		ENR 123

ENR = Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences Building; BT = Bartlett Hall

Grading

Quizzes (2 x 10% each)	20%
Test	25%
Lab Practical	20%
Final Exam	25%
Participation	10%
Refers to field trips and labs	

A = 91 – 100%	
B+ = 88 – 90%	B = 81 – 87%
C+ = 78 – 80%	C = 71 – 77%
D = 60-70%	
F = < 59%	