

## Birds of Wonder Lake

Denali National Park and Preserve

June 12 - 15, 2021

### Course Description

June is a great pivot point of the year for birds after enduring another epic journey of migration. Join us for three nights and four days at the beautiful Skyline Lodge in the Kantishna region of Denali. With long-time Denali resident and naturalist Nan Eagleson, we'll enjoy the arrival of Denali's spring migrants who have come to rub shoulders with hardy winter residents. We'll learn how to identify birds by sight and sound, and explore kettle ponds to search for waterfowl in vibrant full-breeding plumage. We'll also discuss avian behavior, habitat selection, food habits and migration ecology.

### Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field courses are active learning experiences and take place off trail in Denali's wilderness. Hiking will be moderately strenuous over uneven tundra, forest, and river bar terrain, covering distances of approximately 5 miles round trip with as much as 1,500 feet of elevation gain. We will likely encounter wet tundra / forest conditions and stream crossings with water levels that are above hiking boots. **Participants must be in good physical condition.** If you are uncertain about your physical ability for this course, please contact us for more information.

### Times and Location

Participants meet at the long term/RV parking lot near the Denali Visitor Center, located at mile 1 of the Park Road. Check-in starts at 12:30pm on Saturday and the group will begin traveling to Kantishna via Alaska Geographic vans by 1:00pm. The group will return to the park entrance area around 4pm on Tuesday.

### Lodging and Meals

We will stay at the beautiful Skyline Lodge located in Kantishna, approximately 90 miles inside Denali National Park and Preserve. All meals will be provided by the Lodge. For more information about Skyline Lodge, please [click here](#).

### Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage offers two professional development credits (level 500) for an additional \$94 fee. The 10% membership discount does not apply to the credit fee.

### Questions?

More detailed information about this course, including Covid mitigation, can be found by opening the other documents in the "course details" tab on the website.

If you have other questions, please contact the Murie Science and Learning Center by email [courses@alaskageographic.org](mailto:courses@alaskageographic.org) or by calling (907) 683-6432.