



Ecology of Migratory Birds

Denali National Park and Preserve

August 28 - 31, 2023

Course Description

Late summer is a busy time for birds in interior Alaska. Resident species are preparing for the long subarctic winter and migratory species are preparing for their amazing journeys that often span continents and even oceans. Join Dr. Carol McIntyre, National Park Service wildlife biologist, to search for some of these amazing birds and learn more about their fascinating ecology. Throughout the course, we'll discuss how scientists study migration ecology, highlight some of our study results, and learn about how we are working with others to help protect the resources Denali's birds need to survive.

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 up to 6 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 Murie Science and Learning Center, located at mile 1 of the Denali Park Road. Check-in starts at 6:00pm on Monday. The course begins at 6:30pm and will conclude at the park entrance area around 4pm on Thursday after spending the final day in the Stampede Corridor located north of the park entrance.

Lodging and Meals

This course is based out of the Murie Science and Learning Center Field Camp, located 29 miles inside Denali National Park along the Teklanika River. The Field Camp includes rustic tent cabins and outhouses. Meals are simple and healthy.

Accreditation

The University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) offers one professional development credit (level 500) for an additional \$79 fee. You must register for the credit directly with UAA.

Questions?

More detailed information about this course 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@akgeo.org or by calling (907) 683-6432.

