

## Ecology of Migratory Birds

Denali National Park and Preserve  
August 24 - 27, 2024

### Course Description

Autumn in Denali is bustling with activity as resident birds are getting ready for the long winter and migratory species are preparing for their amazing journeys that often span continents and even oceans. Join long time resident and naturalist Nan Eagleson to explore ridges, forests and wetlands in the Kantishna region of the park as we search for the many different species of birds that live or migrate through the Denali area. In addition to watching migrating birds in action, we'll learn about bird ecology and conservation of these amazing species.

### Hiking Distances and Physical Fitness

Field courses are active learning experiences and take place off trail in Denali's wilderness. Hiking will be off trail over uneven tundra, forest, and river bar terrains, covering distances of approximately 3-5 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 will meet at Denali Air, located at mile 229.5 George Parks Highway, at 10:30 am. Course will conclude after breakfast in Kantishna on August 27. Participants will then start to fly back to Denali Air four at a time. Exact time depends on weather and flight manifests.

### Lodging and Meals

This course is based out of the Kantishna Roadhouse, located at mile 92 of the Denali Park Road. Two - three participants will share a cabin with two beds, a pullout, and a bathroom. Meals at the Roadhouse will begin with dinner on August 24 and conclude with breakfast on August 27.

### 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. Please see our website for registration directions.

### 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](mailto:courses@akgeo.org) or by calling (907) 683-9632.