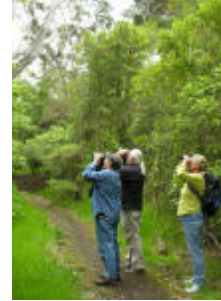


Hawai`i Volcanoes Institute 2009

Basic Birding Techniques with Nick Shema

May 9, Saturday, 8 AM – 4 PM

This program is designed for people who have very little or no experience with field recognition of birds. We will spend the day in the forests throughout Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park and perhaps (if permission is obtained) on the adjacent Keauhou Ranch, where two species of endangered birds might be found. The focus of the class is on spotting birds in the trees and trying to identify them visually with the use of binoculars. We will also work on auditory bird identification by listening to songs and calls.



Your Leader:

Nick Shema has been an avid birder for over 25 years. He started his birding career while he was a Park ranger at the Olympic national Park in Washington and has been at it since. He has worked as an ornithological technician for the Biological Resources Discipline of the U.S. Geological Survey on numerous avian research projects that have taken him throughout the Hawaiian Islands and islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

Seminar agenda:

At 8 AM the group gathers and signs in front of the Kilauea Visitor Center. From there we will carpool and travel up Mauna Loa Strip road and work our way back to the Visitor Center by 4 PM



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Who should attend?:

This is a class for people who would like to be able to find and identify birds, but who have little experience or success in doing so. Anyone who has tried birding knows it isn't as easy as one might first suppose. It takes instruction and practice which this seminar provides.

Level of physical difficulty:

This program will require a **moderate** amount of walking, sometimes on uneven and rough terrain.

What to bring?:

Lunch, binoculars, Audubon Bird Guide (which will be available for purchase) rain gear, sun protection, good hiking shoes or boots, snacks, plenty of water.

Transportation:

Plan on carpooling from the Visitor Center

Tuition: Friends' members - \$40 Non-members - \$50

Timeline for payment/cancellation:

Registration and payment is due May 1. Deadline for full refund is also May 1.

To register:

Call the Friends' office at (808) 985-7373. The office is staffed part-time, so leave a message and your call will be returned. Or e-mail your enrollment information to ainahou2@aol.com.

