WINTER/SPRING FIELD COURSES
JANUARY - JUNE 2022
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ONLINE

INTRO TO NATIVE BEES: ECOLOGY, CONSERVATION, & ID
Native bees are amazingly diverse, not just in how they look, but in how they forage, nest, pollinate and so much more. Through sharing personal experiences with bees in the field, ample photos and videos, and scientific research, instructor Brian Dykstra will guide students to recognize and understand this diversity, and then to apply this understanding to larger concepts. Topics covered in this two-part series will include how to identify common native bee groups, bee ecology and floral relationships, endangered bees, invasive bees, global warming, conservation, and policies/protections related to native bees. With Brian Dykstra, M.S.
Dates: Mondays Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 6:30-8:30P
Tuition: $60

SKETCHING SPRING BLOOMS & FOLIAGE
In this course we will explore ways to start or deepen your sketchbook and nature journaling practice. We will experiment with simple media and learn pencil, colored pencils and pen techniques, we will play with ways to sketch and draw in approachable ways, and finally we will consider various compositions and designs for your sketchbooks or nature journal. With Dorota Haber-Lehig, M.A.
Dates: Mondays in March | 6-8P
Tuition: $115 (full 4-week series)

FIELD

BIRDING DEL NORTE: ON THE COAST
This small California county has a surprising diversity of habitats where at least 425 bird species have been recorded! Spend the weekend visiting its best coastal birding locations, learning about the identification and biology of the birds you see and hear. Well over 100 species are expected, including a high diversity of seabirds, waterfowl, gulls, and shorebirds. With Ken Burton.
(Easy: car travel with short stops, up to 1 mile hiking per day)
Tuition: $135

FIELD

RAPTORS & WATERFOWL OF LOWER KLAMATH LAKE
The mighty Klamath Basin teems with bird life in early spring - see Golden Eagles in courtship flight, Great Horned Owls sleeping off the previous night’s hunting activity, or perhaps encounter a flock of Sandhill Cranes. We hope to glimpse eagles, hawks, owls, shorebirds and other migrants as they forage and start to exhibit breeding behaviors. We’ll focus on field identification and natural history during this car-based birding trip, making frequent stops for field observation. With William “Bud” Widdowson, B.S.
(Easy: car travel with short stops, up to 1 mile of hiking)
Date: Mar. 20 | 9A-3P (or longer)
Tuition: $70

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Increase the understanding of, and connection to the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion through education, scientific research, and public engagement.

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MEET THE TREES
OREGON'S GEOLOGY:
CASCADE-SISKIYOU
COASTAL GEOLOGY TOUR

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES OF
THE KLAMATH-SISKIYOU

FIELD

Can you tell a fir from a pine? An ash from a maple? Tree
blindness is a common malady, but this course will cure you!
Visit numerous examples of native Oregon trees, including
some very old, large conifers, at Riverside Park in Grants
Pass. Learn how to use all of your senses to identify trees by their bark,
leaves, flowers and seeds, plus interesting stories about
their history and uses. With Rachel Winters.
(Easy: easy-going walking with frequent stops)
Date: Apr. 10 | 12:30-3:30P
Tuition: $70

FIELD

Learn all about the genus Camassia, an important
contribution of the Klamath-
Siskiyou bioregion to North America. Students will learn all
about this spring flowering
genus, including identification,
anatomy, physiology, natural
history, and current conservation efforts. Includes an
excursion to see local camas blooming, and a
chance to taste prepared camas bulbs. With
Matthew Davis, M.S.
(Moderately difficult: 2-3 miles of hiking and/or
climbs of up to 500 ft, ankle-deep stream crossing)
Date: May 8 | 9A-1P
Tuition: $50

FIELD

The Pacific Northwest is the
youngest part of North America
and Oregon is in the middle of it
all - igneous, metamorphic, and
sedimentary rocks intermingling
and flowing together in a
varied landscape. Where do the
Klamath-Siskiyou and Cascade
volcanic fields fit in this pattern? How
does Oregon hold the key to mammal evolution?
Find out in 2 online classes plus a field
day visiting a variety of rocks and fossils, ending with a
hike to the base of Pilot Rock. With
Chas Rogers, M.S.
(Moderately difficult: ~3 miles of hiking and climbing
of up to 500 ft and over loose rocks)
Dates: June 9-10 | 6-8P (Online)
June 11 | 9:30A-3P (Field)
Tuition: $125 (Full class)
$60 (Online only)

FIELD

IN SEARCH OF SERPENTINE'S SISTER: UNITING INDIGENOUS
AND NATURAL HISTORIES

This overview of the natural
and indigenous history of the
Illinois Valley will aim to provide
an appreciation for the rich
and alluring tales of our
larger world. Via the entangled
reciprocities of serpentine life,
this course will examine how
can unite and blend, informing us what's good to
learn about the natural systems in this
unique landscape, including its geology, botany,
birds, and other wildlife, plus a bit of human
history. With Marty Gilles, M.S. & Joe Metzler.
(Easy: car travel with short stops, approx. 1 mile of
hiking per day, climbing large flight of stairs)
Dates: Apr. 28 | 6:30-8P (Online)
Apr. 30 | 7:30A-4P, & May 1 | 7-11A (Field)
Tuition: $165

FIELD

From ocean beaches to grassy
dunes to estuarine wetlands to
rocky shore, the Mouth of the
Coquille River offers a stunning
variety of natural habitats to
discover. Explore the major
habitats of this area first hand,
from tide-pooling to seeking
for snowly plowers. Along the
way you'll learn about the natural systems in this
unique landscape, including its geology, botany,
birds, and other wildlife, plus a bit of human
history. With John Roth, M.S.
(Moderately difficult: 1-3 miles of hiking and/or
climbs of up to 500 ft)
Date: Apr. 16 | 9A-4:30P
Tuition: $70

FIELD

Over 100 species of butterflies inhabit the Cascade-Siskiyou bioregion - gain an appreciation
for their diversity and the
ability to recognize common
species. After an introduction to butterflies - what they are, what
they do, and the threat to local
species - we'll carpool to the
field daily to seek out the butterflies of the Illinois Valley and Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument,
gaining plenty of hands-on practice observing,
etiquette, and identifying. With Dana Ross, M.S.
(Moderately difficult: 2-3 miles of hiking per day
and/or climbs of up to 500 ft)
Dates: June 14-16 | 8-30A-4:30P
Tuition: $195

FIELD

Go coastal from the OR/CA
border to Gold Beach to learn
about the complex geology of
the Siskiyou, including when
or if they stopped growing, why
they are splitting and moving
north. Find pillow basalts,
debris flows, clastic dikes, kinked
folds, and dirty sandstones in
unformed mist condition. With
John Roth, M.S.
(Moderately difficult: 1-3 miles of hiking and/or
climbs of up to 500 ft)
Date: May 5 | 10:30A-4P
Tuition: $70

FIELD

WATERS, WIND & SAND:
ECOLOGY AT THE MOUTH
OF THE COQUILLE

Explore the extremely diverse
wet habitats and “bizarre” life
forms dwelling along Curry
County’s rugged coast. Meet
many local ocean animals, plants,
environments and issues, and get
to know the physical and
biological and oceanographic processes
that influence their form, function, interactions
and survival. We’ll also discuss uses of these
marine resources by wildlife, coastal tribes and
people throughout time. With
Larry Basch, PhD.
(Easy: up to 1 mile of hiking; the ability to
scramble over and balance on wet, slippery rocks
will be required for observing tidepool life)
Date: June 17 | 7:30A-1P
Tuition: $65

FIELD

Learn all about spring-fruiting
fungi: the edible, non-edible,
and toxic. This course provides
the basics on local species
along with expert field
guidance and identification
from our instructor on a trip to
common fungi fruiting spots.
With Mike Potts.
(Moderately difficult: 2-3 miles of hiking over flat,
but uneven terrain and through forest debris)
Date: May 15 | 10A-3P
Tuition: $75

FIELD

CAMASSIA: A SOUTHERN OREGON GEM

This small California county has a
surprising diversity of habitats
where at least 425 bird species
have been recorded! Spend the
weekend visiting its best coastal
and inland birding locations,
learning about bird biology and
identification, with a strong
emphasis on birding by ear. Well
over 100 species are expected, including a high
diversity of seabirds, waterfowl, shorebirds,
and songbirds. With Ken Burton.
(Moderately difficult: 1-3 miles of hiking per day
and/or climbs of up to 500 ft)
Dates: May 28 | 8A-5P & May 29 | 8A-2P
Tuition: $135

HYBRID

EXPAND YOUR FORAGING SKILLS AND
EXPLORE THE USEFUL FLORA OF THE
ILLINOIS VALLEY

HYBRID

BIRDING DEL NORTE:
COASTAL PLAIN & UPLAND

This field day aims to
introduce butterfly
enthusiasts to the
biodiversity of the Illinois
Valley and provide an
opportunity to see a
diverse array of butterfly
species. With Tiffany
Larsen.
(Date: June 18 | 10A-4P
Tuition: $65

HYBRID

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES OF
THE KLAMATH-SISKIYOU

Gain a familiarity with the
diversity of amphibians and
reptiles in the Klamath-
Siskiyou bioregion. An online
presentation and discussion
will cover evolutionarily unique
species in the region, as well as
the need for broad strategies
to conserve these organisms
and their habitats. Then spend Saturday
gathering and identifying
amphibians and reptiles on the
fields of the Siskiyou National
Monument. With Whitney Sayre,
M.S. & Benjamin Lee.
(Moderately difficult: 2-3 miles of hiking and/or
climbs of up to 500 ft)
Dates: June 3 | 6-7P (Online)
June 4 | 10A-4P (Field)
Tuition: $70 (Full class)
$25 (Online only)

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Dates: June 14-16 | 8-30A-4:30P
Tuition: $195

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SANGRAN MARINE LIFE

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EXPAND YOUR FORAGING SKILLS AND
EXPLORE THE USEFUL FLORA OF THE
ILLINOIS VALLEY

FIELD

EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANTS
OF THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

Select local fruit and wild
plants commonly used as
edible and medicinal
herbs. With Matt Rupp,
M.S. & Colin Howanitz.
(Easy: car travel with short stops, ~1 mile of hiking)
Date: June 18 | 10A-4P
Tuition: $80 (includes $10 materials fee)

Register at: siskiyoufieldinstitute.org/adult-field-courses | SFI members get 10% off tuition!