

Introduction to Bird Song - Syllabus

A 6-week course, meeting one evening per week, for 90 minutes. 6:00 to 7:30 PM. No prerequisites.

Location: UW-Milwaukee Saukville Field Station, Saukville, WI.

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Please bring a laptop or tablet for Week 1.

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| Week 1 | Resources for learning bird song; Birds of deciduous forest | April 15 |
| Week 2 | Birds of mixed forest Birds of wetland habitats | April 22 |
| Week 3 | Birds of grasslands Where to hear “birds by habitat” in WI | April 29 |
| Week 4 | How bird song functions ecologically Research on bird song | May 6 |
| Week 5 | Some examples of research; aesthetics of birdsong | May 13 |
| Week 6 | Testing what we’ve learned; further refinements | May 20 |

Suggested readings:

Howell, S.N.G. and B. Sullivan. 2018. Peterson Guide to Bird Identification - In 12 Steps.

Kroodsma, D. 2009. Birdsong by the Seasons.