

eBird Workshops: Good for You and Good for The Birds!

Have you heard of eBird? Do you think it's just for advanced or experienced birders? Come learn how this user-friendly database from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology can help you keep track of the birds you've seen, help you find the birds you want to see, and how logging the birds you see into eBird contributes to bird research and conservation, whether you are a new birder or a lifelong lister.

Through this series of four workshops you'll learn what eBird can do for you and why you should be using eBird. Each two-hour workshop at the Mason Center will include classroom time as well as field time to practice what we've learned.

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Fee: Tucson Audubon Members \$20/class; Non-members \$30/class

Limited to 12 participants

eBird 101: TRACK THE BIRDS YOU SEE

What to bring: Binoculars, pocket notepad and pen or pencil. Optional - wifi enabled laptop or tablet.

A brief overview of eBird, how to set up your eBird profile, how to log a bird checklist into eBird, including sharing your checklist and adding photos, and why numbers count and how accurate do you need to be. You'll also learn how to view your data to see your County, State, Country, ABA and World lists and hear how eBird data is reviewed and used, making it possible for every level of birder to use eBird. Every checklist counts - you're not just birding anymore, you're doing surveys!

eBird 102: FIND THE BIRDS YOU WANT TO SEE

Prerequisite: Have an active eBird profile. Completion of the eBird 101 workshops, or a *proficient* knowledge of the eBird database, how to enter data, and how the data is reviewed and used.

What to bring: Binoculars; Optional - wifi enabled laptop or tablet.

You'll learn how to find out what birds are being seen near you or anywhere in the world, how to see where a particular species is located, see what species are present at a particular time of year, how to get daily or hourly alerts for rare birds or birds you "need" to see and check out games within eBird to help you learn the birds near you or where you are going.

eBird 201: USE THE eBIRD APP TO SUBMIT CHECKLISTS

Prerequisite: Have an active eBird profile. Completion of the eBird 101 & 102 workshops, or a *proficient* knowledge of the eBird database, how the data is reviewed, and how the data is used.

What to bring: a smartphone with the eBird app downloaded, and logged in with your eBird profile.

You'll learn how the eBird App on your phone differs from the eBird website as well as the basics of using the eBird app: lookups, codes, intuitive count entries, and sharing your checklist with your fellow birders in the field. And discover how using the app increases accuracy and saves time, when and how to create and submit a checklist when you have no cellular coverage, and how to edit a submitted checklist.

eBird 202: eBIRD TRIP REPORTS & OTHER BIRDING APPS

Prerequisite: Be familiar with submitting checklists with the eBird website and/or smartphone app.

What to Bring: a smartphone with the eBird app downloaded, and logged in with your eBird profile. Optional – a wifi enabled laptop or tablet.

You'll learn how to produce and email a Trip Report of multiple eBird checklists from your phone or computer for your Christmas Bird Count, Field Trip or other purposes, how to lighten your load in the field with popular field guide apps and why they don't fully replace a paper guide and why you might want more than one. Also discover apps that can help you find places to bird, or find birds you "need" while on the road.