Introductory Raptor Field Techniques Workshop

September 2-7, 2018

Workshop Cost: The five-day workshop fee is $700. Register early - enrollment is limited to 8 people.

How to register: Please fill out the registration form available from http://ibo.boisestate.edu/what-we-do/training. Return the form by mail with your check (payable to Boise State University). If the class minimum is not met, the workshop may be cancelled. Cancellation Policy - Cancellation policy is 30 days for a full refund. If cancelled less than 30 days, there is no refund.

Send registrations forms and checks payable to Boise State University to:

Attn: Jessica Pollock - Intermountain Bird Observatory
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The Intermountain Bird Observatory is a 501 c (3) non-profit research unit of Boise State University. Proceeds from this workshop will be used as a donation to contribute towards our mission of conserving migratory landbirds through cooperative research, education, and public involvement.

For further questions regarding workshop details, contact Jessica Pollock at jessicapollock@boisestate.edu

Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

Day 1
8:00 a.m.- noon: Meet at IBO office in Boise….introductions, paperwork, begin classroom sessions on terminology, types of traps, techniques, species behavior, ID tips, molt, etc. in preparation for field sessions.

12:00 pm: lunch on the go- pack up, load vehicles, drive to field station.

1:30pm-5:00pm: join hawkwatch for the afternoon (practice field ID using flight styles and shape), and any hawks trapped in the station will be brought to us for practice of handling live raptors (how to hold safely, what not to do, etc.)

Evening - Dinner on your own in camp. Optional owl banding (NSWO and FLOW) at night for those able to stay awake. Not part of the official workshop, but it’s fun!

**Day 2**

Early morning – on your own (observe songbird banding if you want, OR sleep in)

10:00 am – proper care and consideration of lure birds (appropriate housing, food, water, schedule rotation to give birds plenty of rest)

10:30 a.m. – set-up raptor trapping station – learn how to deploy bow nets, dho gazas, and mist nets, how to set the banding blind up for operation, responsibilities, appropriate behavior, etc.

11:00 a.m. to late afternoon/early evening - raptor trapping at our Lucky Peak field station. Learn about trapping techniques and strategies, observe and participate in capture, handling and banding techniques. Learn how to take down the station for the night.
Evening - Dinner on your own in camp. Optional owl banding at night for those able to stay awake.

**Day 3**

Early morning – on your own (observe songbird banding if you want, OR sleep in)

**Half day**: Tree climbing demonstration; briefly touch on accessing raptor nests  
**Other half day**: Road-trapping techniques (may move to another morning)

Evening - Dinner on your own in camp. Optional owl banding at night for those able to stay awake.

**Days 4-5**

Early morning – on your own (observe songbird banding if you want, OR sleep in)

10:30 a.m. – set-up raptor trapping station (participants set up on their own under watchful eye of certified trainer)

11:00 a.m. to late afternoon - raptor trapping at Lucky Peak. Increasing roles and responsibilities for each participant (handling, removing from traps, banding).

Late afternoon - pack up camp and depart for Lucky Peak field station

Participants can leave anytime in the afternoon if their flights require it (van provided), or else they are welcome to spend the night at Lucky Peak and depart in the morning (drive on your own).

Workshop ends.

Please note, our raptor blind is very small and we will need to be in close quarters with each other throughout the workshop. Please be
considerate of others in the blind – wear deodorant and keep farts to a minimum. Mostly I’m joking, but am also a little bit serious.

Transportation, Food, and Lodging

Transportation will be provided to and from the field site from the IBO office in Boise at workshop start and end (not each day). You are also welcome to drive your own vehicle. You are responsible for your own food, camping gear, cooking materials, etc. Free camping at the field station is available. If you prefer to stay in a hotel (your cost) please know that the field site is one hour from town. If you camp, the field station is 3,000 feet HIGHER than Boise, so be prepared for much colder temperatures than the Boise forecast. Lows could be as cold as the 30s at night, or may be as warm as the 80s during the day….be prepared for all temperatures.

If you have your own vehicle you’d like to bring (vehicles with good clearance and 4WD are recommended) space is limited so please coordinate with me to ensure there is space for your vehicle to park up there. NOTE- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VEHICLE, WE WILL NOT BE DRIVING UP AND DOWN THE MOUNTAIN EVERY DAY. PLEASE COME WITH ENOUGH SUPPLIES (FOOD AND WATER) TO LAST FOR THE ENTIRE WORKSHOP. Our full time research crew will be utilizing this site during this time also, so please be respectful of their space.

IBO Office Location

2225 University Drive, located on the southeast corner of Capitol Blvd. and University Drive in the Capitol Village. At the intersection of Capitol Blvd. and University Dr., turn east on University Dr., The IBO office is the first one you will see on the south side of the road. Look for the office with bird decals on the doors and windows.

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