

# Twilight Birding & Owling



Great Horned Owl

Nora Livingston

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\$60 per person / \$50 for Mono Lake Committee members  
enrollment limited to 15 participants

Evening in the Mono Basin is spectacular—clouds light up with vivid orange and pink shades, the fading light turns the landscape an inky blue, and unique wildlife emerges. Spend the twilight hours with a naturalist while the sun sets. First we will look for songbirds as the light fades, we will search for twilight specialists like Wilson's Snipe and Common Nighthawk, and we will scan the trees for owls and scour the back roads for Common Poorwills.

This seminar will involve easy hiking at about 7,000 feet elevation. We will hike 1–2 miles over the course of the evening, mostly on level terrain.

Nora Livingston is our very own Lead Naturalist Guide. She has spent nine years birding the Basin and is an expert on Mono Basin birding locations. Before moving to Lee Vining permanently, she bounced around California for eight years as a field biologist, studying birds on the Channel Islands, the Farallon Islands, and in the Eastern Sierra.

### ITINERARY

**Thursday, June 22 at 7:00pm:** Meet at the Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore in Lee Vining. After brief introductions, we will carpool to our first birding location. Possible locations include Lee Vining Canyon, Mono Lake County Park, DeChambeau Ponds and Ranch, and a few lesser known patches. Itinerary may vary with bird activity, weather, or the instructor's whims. This class will end around 10:00pm.

***Altitude and Dehydration Cautions:*** Remember to bring (and drink!) lots of water because your body loses more water at the higher altitudes of the Mono Basin. Experts recommend that you begin drinking extra water as you drive to higher elevation in order to prevent dehydration and headaches. Also, the sun is rather fierce at high elevations, capable of burning even on cool and cloudy days, so be sure to protect yourself thoroughly using sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat.

## **TO BRING**

- binoculars and/or spotting scope
- headlamp
- field guide(s)
- sturdy footwear
- day pack
- rain jacket, hat
- plenty of drinking water



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