

Mono Basin Big Day Birding



Clark's Nutcracker taking off

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\$140 per person / \$130 for Mono Lake Committee members
enrollment limited to 9 participants

This fast-paced birding seminar will attempt to record as many bird species as possible in the Mono Basin in one day. The Mono Basin has a great diversity of habitats that host dozens of species of birds—it's the perfect location for a Big Day. Over 300 species have been recorded in Mono County, with over 150 species occurring regularly in the summer.

Throughout the day, we will visit a variety of lakes, streams, ponds, forests, and fields to build our list. Though the primary goal is identifying a large number of species, your guide will make sure to help each person get a good view of as many bird species as possible, and will share natural history knowledge about the birds as we go. We will also learn how to plan and complete a proper Big Day using American Birding Association rules. Get ready for a fun and exciting day of birding!

Nora Livingston is the Mono Lake Committee's Lead Naturalist Guide. She holds the Mono County Big Day record after seeing 153 species on July 26, 2011. Her bird knowledge of the Eastside is exceptional and she leads birding trips all summer long.

ITINERARY

Saturday, July 6 at 6:30am: Meet at the Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore. After brief introductions, we will travel to carefully-planned locations within the Mono Basin watershed in an attempt to see as many species as possible. We will return to the Mono Lake Committee by 4:30pm.

Altitude and Dehydration Cautions: Remember to bring (and drink!) lots of water because your body loses more water at the higher elevations 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.

MEALS

Please bring a bag/picnic lunch, plus plenty of snacks and drinking water.

TO BRING

- binoculars and/or spotting scope
- notebook and pen/pencil
- appropriate field clothing: hat, sunglasses, warm layers, rain gear
- day pack including **plenty of water**, sunscreen, insect repellent, etc.
- packed lunch and snacks
- field guide of your choice (optional)
- camera (optional)



Mono Lake Committee Field Seminars

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