

Mono Basin Tree Identification



Aspens and Jeffrey pines

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

From cottonwoods and willows along creeks to gnarled windswept pines high in the mountains, the Mono Basin and adjacent mountains provide a wonderful gradient to look at trees and tree-like shrubs in their respective plant communities. While the diversity may not be as impressive as the East Coast, there are plenty of trees to learn about and celebrate here in the Eastern Sierra. This one-day seminar will delve into the diversity of trees in the Mono Basin and their identifying traits. We will examine, observe, and even smell the trees to help ingrain the knowledge into our senses.

Nora Livingston is the Mono Lake Committee's Lead Naturalist Guide. She was lucky to study dendrology (the study of trees) in the Appalachian Mountains where there are well over 100 tree species in a small geographic area.

ITINERARY

Friday, September 13 at 9:00am: Meet at the Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore in Lee Vining. After brief introductions, we will spend the day tracking down as many of the Mono Basin tree species as possible and learning how to identify them. This class will return to Lee Vining around 4:00pm.

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.

MEALS

Please bring a bag/picnic lunch, snacks for the day, and plenty of drinking water.

TO BRING

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

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Constantine, Helen. *Plant Communities of the Mono Basin*, Mono Lake Committee Field Guide Series, Kutsavi Press, 1995.
- Lanner, Ronald M. *Conifers of California*, Cachuma Press, 2013.
- Paruk, Jim. *Sierra Nevada Tree Identifier*, Yosemite Conservancy, 2014.



Mono Lake Committee Field Seminars

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