

ADULT NIGHT CLASSES



Fact Sheet

Bird Watching in the Darwin Area

A bird's life is an extraordinary world of colour, plumage, song and ritual and about half of Australia's 760 bird species have been sighted in the Top End with approximately 250 species noted in and around Darwin.

This course introduces Top End birds with an emphasis on those found in and around Darwin. Topics will cover origin of Australian birds, major groups, identification, habitat, diet and safety for the birdwatcher, eg: how to watch birds in the mangroves and come home in one piece! There will be field trips, general bird watching around Darwin and a visit to a suburban garden.

Week 1

Outline of course, aims, format, excursions

Birding gear, optic, field guides

Intro to ID techniques.

Excursion to East Point

Week 2

Birdcall

Review of last week's excursion

Extension of ED

Field guides - more in-depth

Intro to habitats and birds

Excursion to sewage works

Week 3

Excursion to Howard Springs and Palmerston mangroves

Week 4

Excursion to Buffalo Creek

Week 5

Excursion to Fogg Dam

Week 6

Mostly social - 5pm start to go bird watching at Botanic Gardens and Darwin Harbour areas

Dinner at the wharf

Assessment

This is not a certificate course and there is no formal assessment for this course. Due to the flexible nature of Adult Education classes, parts of the curriculum may be adapted to suit the needs of the class.

A Certificate of Participation may be issued on request.

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Note: All classes need a minimum number of students to go ahead. If your class does not have enough students it will be cancelled and you will be informed.

Term 1 – 2009 commences
week beginning February 9th

Term 2 – 2009 commences
week beginning April 27th

Term 3 – 2009 commences
week beginning August 3rd

Term 4 – 2009 commences
week beginning October 12th