



Bird Banding Workshops at Audubon Starr Ranch

Audubon California's 4000-acre Starr Ranch Sanctuary in southeast Orange County invites you to our spring bird banding workshops for adults. Starr Ranch Bird Observatory runs two long-term bird monitoring programs, one in winter and one during breeding season in spring and summer. We operate mist nets throughout the winter in order to examine the over-winter survivorship of migrant and resident bird populations on the Ranch. The MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) breeding season bird banding station is part of an international network of over 500 stations examining breeding bird populations. Because of the specialized nature of these workshops, we are asking that only serious students and potential Starr Ranch bird banding volunteers attend. The workshops will be taught by Starr Ranch ornithologist Kim Geissler, an experienced bander who has worked at multiple banding stations and on various other banding projects. Space is limited.

BEGINNING BIRD BANDING WORKSHOP

This workshop is for those with little or no bird banding experience.

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, March 10 –11 **TIME:** 7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily

Students will learn:

- Operation, set-up and removal of birds from mist nets
- How to hold, take morphological measurements (e.g., wing length) and band birds

Discussions and workshops will cover:

- Bird banding safety and ethics
- Bird identification in the hand

ADVANCED BIRD BANDING WORKSHOP

This workshop is for more experienced banders who want to take their skills to the next level.

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, March 17 – 18 **TIME:** 7:30 am to 3:30 pm daily

Students will learn:

- Advanced ageing & sexing of landbirds in the hand by plumage

Discussions and workshops will cover:

- Detailed analysis of the molt cycle and bird plumage characteristics
- Advanced use of the Pyle guide

COST PER WORKSHOP: \$250 or \$255 with tent camping (BYO lunch & snacks, morning coffee & bagels provided)

RESERVATIONS: Contact Kim at 949-858-0309 or kgeissler@audubon.org

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