



SCOUTMASTER BUCKY

2024 Class Preparation Page - for **IN-PERSON** class only

Bird Study Merit Badge



Expectations

- Read and Review **ALL** requirements prior to the class
Even though a requirement may be identified as one to be done in class, Scouts are still expected to familiarize, review, and prepare for the requirement – **BE PREPARED!**
- Active interaction/participation is expected and mandatory.
- Share in your own words – avoid reading your answers.
- Pay attention to the action verbs.
- Bring proof of completion (even partially completed work)



Things to Remember to Bring

1. Your BSA ID# and /or your Merit Badge Blue Card properly filled out and signed off by your Scout Leader
2. Scout Uniform
3. Notes and Questions from reading the Bird Study Merit Badge Pamphlet
4. **IN-PERSON CLASS:** Appropriate outdoor weather clothing for the forecasted weather conditions (some/all components of the class will take place outdoors)
5. [Scoutmaster Bucky Bird Study Merit Badge Field Notebook](#)
6. Binoculars (preferred, but optional)
7. Supporting documentation or project work pertinent to this merit badge which may also include a Merit Badge Workbook for reference with notes.
8. A positive Scouting focus and attitude

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Requirements Insight

IN-PERSON CLASS: It must be noted that some requirements will take place outdoors and Scouts should attend with outdoor gear appropriate for the time of year, location, and forecasted weather conditions.

Requirements	Expectations
1, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time will be allotted for those Scouts who have prepared to share their work for sign off consideration
2	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be sure to bring your sketches with you to share during the class. Some time will be allotted during the class for this requirement; however, Scouts should not assume class time will be enough to thoroughly complete this requirement. Be Prepared!
3	<p>If you have prepared ahead of time, you will be able to complete this requirement during the class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The class instructor / counselor will supplement the Scouts preparation work ensuring a deeper understanding of binoculars, spotting scopes, and monoculars. Only Scouts who have prepared ahead of time will have the opportunity for sign off consideration.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts are encouraged to prepare by reviewing this requirement ahead of the class and make any notes for use during the class. This requirement will be done as a part of the class.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts are encouraged to download the Scoutmaster Bucky Bird Study Merit Badge Field Notebook for use on this requirement. Scouts are also encouraged to begin documenting observations in their Field Notebook to help ensure they are able to find 20 different species as the requirement states. Scouts will be outdoors working on this requirement as a part of the class, however there are numerous factors that could negatively affect finding 20 species at the class which includes but is not limited to: weather, time of year, location, etc. Dress for being outdoors.
8a and 9a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These requirement options will be done to fulfill Requirement 8 and 9 as a part of the class,

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