

Bird Study Merit Badge Clinic Prerequisites

9:00-2:00

Scouts will be able to finish this merit badge during the clinic if they have finished the requirements listed below prior to the clinic day. During the clinic we will hike and identify birds, learn some bird calls, make a bird feeder, learn binocular care and usage, and use bird field guides. Please bring a lunch and water bottle.

Please complete the following requirements before attending the Bird Study Merit Badge Clinic

Requirement #2

Show that you are familiar with the terms used to describe birds by sketching or tracing a perched bird and then labeling 15 different parts of the bird. Sketch or trace an extended wing and label six types of wing feathers – My recommendation would be to complete these on separate sheets of paper. I will leave the creativity to the scouts.

Requirement #5

“Observe and be able to identify at least 20 species of Wild Birds; prepare a **field notebook**, making a separate entry for each species, and record the following information from your field observations and other references”

- a. Note the date and time
- b. Note the location and habitat
- c. Describe the bird’s main feeding habitat and list two types of food that the bird is likely to eat.
- d. Note whether the bird is a migrant or year round resident.