

Bird Study Merit Badge Clinic Prerequisites

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.

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.

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 a summer, winter, or year-round resident of your area.

Requirement #11

Identify three career opportunities connected to the study of birds. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss with your counselor if this profession might interest you.