

Wk1. Ornithology. Wild Birds

CAU Summer 2026: Week One, July 5 - 11, 2026							
COURSE: Ornithology. Wild Birds: Wild Birds & Human Interactions: Exploring Connections Across Conservation, Culinary Traditions, Public Health, & Art FACULTY: Dr. Keila Dhondt, Senior Lecturer of the Microbiology/Immunology and Biomedical Sciences Departments, Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine LOCATION: College of Veterinary Medicine, Green Room S2-223, Cornell Arboretum, Cornell Lab of Ornithology with some field work					KEY: ~ Balch Residents Only > Open to everyone: Commuters and Balch Residents * Balch Residents and Social Lounge Participants Only		
	Sunday, July 5	Monday, July 6	Tuesday, July 7	Wednesday, July 8	Thursday, July 9	Friday, July 10	Saturday, July 11
6:30-7:30		~ Special Activity	~ Special Activity	~ Special Activity	~ Special Activity	~ Special Activity	
7:30-8:30	Program Closed; Check-in begins at 2:00pm	~ Balch Hall Continental Breakfast	~ Balch Hall Continental Breakfast	~ Balch Hall Continental Breakfast	~ Balch Hall Continental Breakfast	~ Balch Hall Continental Breakfast	Check out 10AM
8:30-9:00		~ Shuttle to class	~ Shuttle to class	~ Shuttle to class	~ Shuttle to class	~ Shuttle to class	
9:00-12:00 <i>Coffee Break 10:30-10:45</i>		In the Company of Birds: A Human Journey. (CVM Green Room: Meet in the lobby - by the yellow sofas)	When Birds Carry More Than Song: Avian Zoonoses (CVM Green Room)	Field Capture Techniques: Bird Trapping for Research and Surveillance. Unique hands-on activities. (CVM Green Room)	Saving Species: A Case Study in Bird Conservation. Tour Vet College (CVM Green Room)	Birds on the Menu: Exploring Global Gastronomy. Hands on the kitchen. (CVM Green Room)	
12:00-1:30		Lunch (on your own)	Lunch (on your own)	~ Shuttle Runs 12:00-12:30pm	Lunch (on your own)	Lunch (on your own)	
1:30-3:30	2:00-3:30pm Dorm Check-in 3:30-5:00pm Commuter Check-in	Feathered Forms: Exploring Birds Through Art. Hands on activities. (CVM Green Room)	Hands on diagnostic tests. A laboratory experience. Tour the Vet College (CVM - Bilinski laboratory Side A)	Spring Break 1:30-3:30pm Wednesday Afternoon Seminars (for those who registered)	The Secret Life of Garden Birds. A field experience. (Cornell lab of O: Meet outside by the main door.)	How should we protect birds? (CVM Green Room)	
3:30-4:00		~ Shuttle to class	~ Shuttle to class	Social Lounge Closed until 7:00pm	~ Shuttle to class	~ Shuttle to class	
4:00-6:00	5:00-6:00pm Orientation	~ Social Lounge Open > Campus Tours (Registration Required)	~ Social Lounge Open > Campus Tours (Registration Required)		~ Social Lounge Open > Campus Tours (Registration Required)	~ Social Lounge Open > Campus Tours (Registration Required)	
6:00-7:00	> Group Dinner (pay-as-you-go)	> Group Dinner (pay-as-you-go)	> Group Dinner (pay-as-you-go)	> Group Dinner (pay-as-you-go)	> Group Dinner (pay-as-you-go)	5:45-6:15pm ~ shuttle available 6:00-6:30pm > Farewell Reception (Statler Hotel Ballroom Foyer)	
7:00-9:30pm	> Social Lounge Open > Special Activity: Ice Cream Social @8:00pm	*Social Lounge Open >7:30pm Special Activity: Keynote Speaker @ Klarman Hall ~7:00pm shuttle	*Social Lounge Open *Special Activity: Pins and Needles Broadway Hits @ 8pm	*Social Lounge Open *Special Activity: Bingo @ 8pm	*Social Lounge Open *Special Activity: Nature Hike @ 7:30pm	6:30-8:00pm > Farewell Banquet (Statler Hotel Ballroom) 7:45-8:15pm ~ shuttle available	
9:30pm	Social Lounge service ends	Social Lounge service ends	Social Lounge service ends	Social Lounge service ends	Social Lounge service ends	Social Lounge service ends	

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 Balch Hall CAU Headquarters - 600 Thurston Ave. Ithaca, NY 14850
 Klarman Hall KG70: Rhodes Rawlings Auditorium - (>Keynote Speaker) 232 Feeney Wy, Ithaca, NY 14850