



Audubon

Hog Island
Audubon Camp

Young Birder Virtual Camp

Pre-camp work and course requirements

- Register via camp link on the program page to attend the virtual camp and pay your registration fee.** After payment a link to the google classroom will be given.
- Please login to [Google classroom](#) with a personal gmail/gsuite account.** Do NOT use your school account to login to Hog Island's google classroom. Classroom code will be given after camp registration.
- Answer the introduction question on Google classroom before the first day of camp.**
- Complete [free eBird online course](#) (if you are new to eBird) and [register for an eBird account](#). Please have your eBird username ready to share on the first day of camp.
- [Create a free Zoom account](#), this will be used for live webinars and videos.
- Read pre-camp information.** This information will help you select your patch for the camp and also provide a few tips to be ready for our two virtual weeks together!
- Fill out pre-camp survey.** (This would ask what binoculars do they have, what computer equipment, camera equipment, etc. Also ask about familiarity with eBird, bird identification, Zoom and Google classroom. Ask about their selected local patch.) The link will be emailed after you register.
- Basic Materials Needed for Course:** Paper, pencil/pen, binoculars, field guide (optional), camera (or camera phone) where you can upload photos online, computer to access google classroom and eBird.

Pre-camp Information:

Each camper will need to select a patch of habitat that they can use in the camp activities and projects. A patch can be a backyard, front yard or a very nearby patch of habitat (within 10 minutes of walking). This patch will be used for many of the camp components and should be a place you can sit without being disturbed. You will need to be able to access it during many different times of the day and with little effort. Make sure you have a comfortable area to sit and work (sketching, taking notes, etc.) Please select a patch that is safe for you to access and maintains local social distancing protocols.

Young Birder Virtual Camp Resources

eBird - FREE online course - must be completed by all participants:

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/>

Sign-up for an account: <https://ebird.org/> - we will use the eBird checklists as a way to share what we are seeing

Bird House Info:

<https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/>

<https://nestwatch.org/learn/all-about-birdhouses/features-of-a-good-birdhouse/>

Bird Behavior:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xBdlscV4OrfrK7ijZjJd1JkdXtZoWiR70k_8C4LbhYQ/edit#slide=id.g74609e9b0d_0_77

Bird Song:

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/features/bird-song-hero/bird-song-hero-tutorial>

Maine Breeding Bird eBird codes: <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/fish-wildlife/maine-bird-atlas/docs/Acceptable%20Breeding%20Codes.pdf>