

Group name: Bird Photography

Facilitator: Steven Silverman

Group size: 8

Skill level/other requirements: Beginner/intermediate. Must know how to adjust focus settings, metering modes, and frame rates for their camera.

Location: Home of Steve Silverman - 11124 Mountain View Lane, Ijamsville, MD. 21754

Date/time: Saturday, January 6; Noon to 2ish for classroom instruction + optional field work at nearby Black Hills State Park.

Number of sessions: 1

Equipment needed: Lens with an effective focal length of 300mm-600mm – i.e., either directly or by using 1.4x or 2x tele-converters. Participants should bring their camera manuals if not familiar with adjusting the settings through the camera's menu.

Brief description: Participants will learn key techniques in bird photography, including: gear recommendations, camera settings, techniques for photographing birds in flight, and composition.

Black Hills State Park in Boyds is a great place to photograph songbirds and woodpeckers as the park puts out feeders. Those wishing to test out their new skills could join me there after for a little field work.

This instructional workshop is in conjunction with the club's planned field trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area (located in Lancaster and Lebanon counties and which is managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission) in mid/late February. Note the precise date of the field trip to Middle Creek is TBD and is a function of what kind of winter we will have. Details will be provided in the L&E and/or via GordieGram. Participation in this January instructional workshop does not obligate participation in the field trip to Middle Creek. Questions about the Middle Creek field trip should be directed to Jean-Pierre Plé at ple.jpp@gmail.com.