



TENTATIVE—SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FWMT 1060 Ornithology COURSE SYLLABUS Fall Semester 2020

COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/3000

Class Location: Building (Bldg.) 6 Room #6110

Class Meets: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am-10:50 am

Course Reference Number (CRN): 20375

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INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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Phone: Office 478-289-2303, Cell 912-682-2376 (Text me prior to calling on my, please do not abuse)

Fax Number: 478-289-2328

Tutoring Hours: By appointment only

Professional Bio: I received my B.S. and M.S. in Biology from Georgia Southern University, with an emphasis in Ecology. I am an Ecologist, Conservationist, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Environmental Educator.

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S (STC) CATALOG AND HANDBOOK

Students are responsible for all policies and procedures and all other information included in Southeastern Technical College's [Catalog and Handbook](http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php) (<http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php>).

REQUIRED TEXT

Any field guide for the Birds of North America

I will supply any related handouts, articles, and lab materials.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE

Pencils, paper, highlighter, field manual, boots, snake boots, muck boots, sunglasses, change of clothes, binoculars, etc... Access to computer with MS word. Requires student to be proficient in the use of Blackboard. This is a web enhanced course. Copies of PowerPoint presentations (PPTs) will be placed on Blackboard. Students are expected to access Blackboard on a regular basis. I will supply binoculars, you may bring your own if you like.

Students should not share login credentials with others and should change passwords periodically to maintain security.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a course involved in the study of birds and bird species found in Georgia. Basic bird anatomy & physiology, structure, characteristics, lifestyle, & identification will be emphasized. We will focus on common species, game & waterfowl species, and species of high priority in the state.

MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES

1. Identification of Species
2. Migration
3. Courtship
4. Nesting, Growth, and Molting
5. Feeding
6. Populations
7. Habitat Management

PREREQUISITE(S)

None

COURSE OUTLINE

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GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

Southeastern Technical College has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for policies and procedures included in the Catalog and Handbook. FWMT students are responsible for keeping clean, weather appropriate, dry clothing with them at all times. Failure to have appropriate accessories (waders, boots) does not excuse any student from participating in all field labs. Students are expected to attend all labs. Students are expected to turn in all assignments, and take exams on the date given.

Note: The schedule is subject to change. The weather may influence our labs. If we cannot go out in the field, we will use time wisely in class or the computer lab for assignments or research. We will have field trips, I will let you know as soon as I know these dates. Field trip are required, if you cannot attend a field trip, you need to discuss it with me as soon as possible.

Labs are a large percentage of this course. You need to attend all labs. Your grade will be impacted if you miss

labs. Cell phone should not be out unless we are using them for class. Do not have cell phones out if we are working with equipment in the field. Bring a bag to collect leaf samples and a notebook for recording notes. You need to be prepared when you go in the field. Wear appropriate field clothes as well.

COVID-19 MASK REQUIREMENT

Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times while on the campus of Southeastern Technical College. This measure is being implemented to reduce COVID-19 related health risks for everyone engaged in the educational process. Masks or face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A student's refusal to wear a mask or face covering will be considered a classroom disruption and the student may be asked to leave campus and/or receive further discipline.

COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

We encourage individuals to monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming on campus.

If you have experienced the symptoms listed below or have a body temperature 100.4°F or higher, we encourage you to self-quarantine at home and contact a primary care physician's office, local urgent care facility, or health department for further direction. Please notify your instructor(s) by email and do not come on campus for any reason.

COVID-19 Key Symptoms
Fever or felt feverish
Cough: new or worsening, not attributed to another health condition
Shortness of breath, not attributed to another health condition
New loss of taste or smell
Chills; Repeated shaking with chills
Sore throat, not attributed to another health condition
Muscle pain, not attributed to another health condition or exercise
Headache, not attributed to another health condition
Diarrhea (unless due to known cause)
In the past 14 days, if you:
Have had close contact with or are caring for an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 at home (not in healthcare setting), please do not come on campus and contact your instructor (s).

COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Students, who test positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person, are required to self-report using the [COVID 19 Health Reporting Form](#). Report all positive cases of COVID-19 to your instructor and [Stephannie Waters](#), Exposure Control Coordinator, swaters@southeasterntech.edu, 912-538-3195.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Class attendance is a very important aspect of a student's success. Being absent from class prevents students from receiving the full benefit of a course and interrupts the learning process. Southeastern Technical College

considers both tardiness and leaving early as types of absenteeism. Responsibility for class attendance rests with the student. Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes is required for student success. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Instructors have the right to give unannounced quizzes/assignments. Students who miss an unannounced quiz or assignment will receive a grade of 0. Students who stop attending class, but do not formally withdraw, may receive a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) and face financial aid repercussions in upcoming semesters.

Instructors are responsible for determining whether missed work may be made up and the content and dates for makeup work is at the discretion of the instructor.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an "F" in a course.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact the appropriate campus coordinator to request services.

Swainsboro Campus: [Macy Gay \(mgay@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:mgay@southeasterntech.edu), 478-289-2274, Building 1, Room 1210.

Vidalia Campus: [Helen Thomas \(hthomas@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu), 912-538-3126, Building A, Room 165.

SPECIFIC ABSENCES

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty, court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

PREGNANCY

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please make arrangements with the appropriate campus coordinator.

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It is strongly encouraged that requests for consideration be made **PRIOR** to delivery and early enough in the pregnancy to ensure that all the required documentation is secured before the absence occurs. Requests made after delivery MAY NOT be accommodated. The coordinator will contact your instructor to discuss accommodations when all required documentation has been received. The instructor will then discuss a plan with you to make up missed assignments.

Withdrawal Procedure

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% point of the term in which student is enrolled (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" (Withdrawn) is assigned for the course(s) when the student completes the withdrawal form.

Important – Student-initiated withdrawals are not allowed after the 65% point. After the 65% point of the

term in which the student is enrolled, the student has earned the right to a letter grade and will receive a grade for the course. Please note: Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) being assigned.

Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course, does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must also speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. A grade of "W" will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

EXIT EXAM

There is no exit exam with this course.

WORK ETHICS

There is no work ethic component in this course

MAKEUP GUIDELINES (Tests, quizzes, homework, projects, etc.)

Tests, assignments, and lab summaries will only be allowed to be made up with a written excuse, approved by the instructor. No labs will be made up and no alternative assignment given, only in special circumstances determined by instructor. If you miss the lab day, then you will receive no credit for the lab. If you miss an assignment given during class or lab time, it cannot be made up as well. There will be a 10% deduction per week for all late work turned in. There will be one make-up lab day offered at the end of the semester. This will replace any zero you may have for a lab.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

The Southeastern Technical College Academic Dishonesty Policy states that all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the Southeastern Technical College Catalog and Handbook.

PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

1. First Offense

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

2. Second Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

3. Third Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of third offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all technical college-administered programs, federally financed programs, educational programs and activities involving admissions, scholarships and loans, student life, and athletics. It also applies to the recruitment and employment of personnel and contracting for goods and services.

All work and campus environments shall be free from unlawful forms of discrimination, harassment and retaliation as outlined under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, Executive Order 11246, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Equal Pay Act, Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the Georgia Fair Employment Act of 1978, as amended, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and other related mandates under TCSG Policy, federal or state statutes.

The Technical College System and Technical Colleges shall promote the realization of equal opportunity through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer
Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 165 Phone: 912-538-3126 Email: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu	Lanie Jonas, Director of Human Resources Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3230 Email: Lanie Jonas ljonas@southeasterntech.edu

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Southeastern Technical College is committed to making course content accessible to individuals to comply with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you find a problem that prevents access, please contact the course instructor.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on Southeastern Technical College's website.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [Southeastern Technical College \(STC\) Website \(www.southeasterntech.edu\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu).

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.

GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Assignments	20%
Exams 3	30%
Final Exam	20%
Labs	30%
Total	100%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

**FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
FWMT 1060 Ornithology
Fall Semester 2020 Lesson Plan**

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 1 Week of August 17-21 First day of class-August 17	Introduction to Ornithology What is Ornithology? What is a bird? General characteristics Bird anatomy	Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the week 1 folder Study the diagram, labeled Anatomy of Pigeon-skeleton diagram , under the week 1 folder in Blackboard, and the bird characteristics sheet. I will also supply copies in class No lab this week	1 a, b, c,

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<p>Week 2</p> <p>Week of August 24-27</p>	<p>Bird Anatomy internal</p> <p>Origin & evolution of birds</p> <p>Taxonomy Darwin's Finches</p> <p>How to identify a bird</p> <p>What is waterfowl?</p> <p>What is a game bird?</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 2 folder</p> <p>Study the bird skeleton, external & internal parts of a bird diagram</p> <p>Lab 1 Pigeon dissection external & internal parts</p> <p>Assignment 1, Bird rookery</p>	<p>1 a, b, c</p>
<p>Week 3</p> <p>Week of August 31- September 3</p>	<p>Bird Physiology</p> <p>How is a bird different from other animal groups?</p> <p>What makes a bird adapted for flight?</p> <p>Migration</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 3 folder</p> <p>Review for exam 1</p> <p>Exam 1</p> <p>Assignment 1, Bird Rookery due</p> <p>Lab summary 1 due</p> <p>Lab 2 Wings, Feather structure & function, and egg development</p>	<p>1,2 a, b, c</p>

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<p>Week 4</p> <p>Week of September 7-10</p> <p>September 7- Labor Day Holiday</p>	<p>Migration & birds that migrate</p> <p>Flyways of North America</p> <p>Migratory bird species</p> <p>Some native species of birds in Georgia</p> <p>Variation in birds- how they differ</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 4 folder</p> <p>Assignment 2, A Waterfowl species in Georgia</p> <p>Research a water bird species article, due next week</p> <p>Lab summary 2 Due</p> <p>Lab 3- Commonly found species in your backyard and around town</p>	<p>1,2 a, b, c,</p>
<p>Week 5</p> <p>Week of September 14-17</p>	<p>Bird Vocalization</p> <p>Variation in bird calls</p> <p>Reproduction</p> <p>Courtship</p> <p>Mate Selection</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 5 folder</p> <p>Article on a common water bird species due</p> <p>Assignment 2 due on waterfowl</p> <p>Lab summary 3 due</p> <p>Lab 4 Waterfowl species GSU Waterfowl Impoundment @ the Wildlife Center</p>	<p>3,4 a, b, c,</p>

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<p>Week 6</p> <p>Week of September 21-24</p>	<p>Nesting</p> <p>Nest & Eggs</p> <p>Caring for young</p> <p>Feeding young</p> <p>Bird Populations</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 6 folder</p> <p>Assignment 3, A game species in Georgia</p> <p>Lab 5 Edge species</p> <p>Lab summary 4 due</p> <p>Review for exam 2</p>	<p>4,5,6 a, b, c,</p>
<p>Week 7</p> <p>Week of September 28-October 1</p>	<p>Bird Populations continues</p> <p>Brood parasitism</p> <p>Bird Diseases</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 7 folder</p> <p>Research article on the Bachman's Sparrow due</p> <p>Assignment 3 due, a game species</p> <p>Lab 6 Species at bird bait stations</p> <p>Exam 2</p> <p>Lab summary 5 due</p>	<p>5,6 a, b, c,</p>

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<p>Week 8</p> <p>Week of October 5-8</p>	<p>An array of Bird Diseases</p> <p>Management of species and diseases</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 8 folder</p> <p>Assignment 4, on a Bird Diseases</p> <p>Lab summary 6 due</p> <p>Lab 7 Phinizey Swamp</p>	<p>6,7 a, b, c</p>
<p>Week 9</p> <p>Week of October 12-15</p>	<p>Specific species Game species Bob White Quail & others in DNR Hunter's Guide</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 9 folder</p> <p>Assignment 4 (bird disease) due</p> <p>Lab summary 7 due</p> <p>Lab 8 The Nature Conservancy site</p>	<p>1,6,7 a, b, c,</p>
<p>Week 10</p> <p>Week of October 19-22</p>	<p>Specific species in DNR Game Guide 2020</p> <p>GA Waterfowl species</p>	<p>Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 10 folder</p> <p>Lab summary 8 due</p> <p>Lab 9 Savannah Wildlife Refuge</p>	<p>1,6,7 a, b, c</p>

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Week 11 Week of October 26-29 October 27- last day to formally withdraw without academic penalty	Habitat Management tactics used for bird species Georgia State Action Plan	Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 11 folder Assignment 5 (Species of concern, a management plan) Lab summary 9 due Lab 10 Species at bait stations	1,6,7 a, b, c
Week 12 Week of November 2-5	Habitat Management tactics used for bird species Georgia State Action Plan	Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 12 folder Assignment 5 due Assignment 6 Bachman's Sparrow Lab 11 Ochopee Dunes Lab summary 10 due Review for Exam 3	1,7 a, b, c
Week 13 Week of November 9-12	Conservation of bird species Rare & endangered bird species Species of concern	Review & study Power Points, readings, and videos under the Week 13 folder Bachman's Sparrow assignment 6 due Lab summary 11 due Lab 12 Pine Forest species Exam 3	1,6,7 a, b, c

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Week 14 November 16-19	Game species & waterfowl species in Georgia DNR Management plans	Read the article on BWQ in the Week 14 folder Lab 12 summary due Study for final exam	1 ,6,7 a, b, c
Week 15 Week of November 23-24 November 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday	More game species in Georgia- DNR Management tactics for many species	Review the Georgia Wildlife Action Plan Bird species in this area, pdf in Week 15 folder Review game species	1,6,7 a, b, c
Week 16 Week of November 30- December 3	Georgia waterfowl & more water bird species in Georgia Review for Final	All late work due by this week Review for final	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 a, b, c

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Week 17 Finals- December 7 & 8	Finals	Finals	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 a, b, c

COMPETENCY AREAS:

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 - PowerPoint presentations will be placed on Blackboard. Students are responsible for studying these PowerPoints. Notifications and announcements will be placed on Blackboard. **Students are responsible for checking Blackboard daily.**
 - **LESSON PLAN SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT INSTRUCTOR'S DISCRETION**