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Beginning Bird Photography class at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge will sponsor a beginning bird photography class in the months of February and March. The course has four sessions: Saturday February 21 and 28 from 9a.m.-11a.m., and Sunday February 22 and March 1 from 8a.m.-10a.m. Each session should be attended.

There will be two hours in the classroom from 9-11 at the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center on Saturdays and two hours on Sundays at the Marsh Trail on the Refuge for hands-on experience.

This course will provide an introduction to some technical aspects involved in bird photography, as well as providing hands-on experience and practice in the field. Photographers who use point-and-shoot or SLR cameras may attend (a tripod is not necessary).

The instructor will be Michael Rosenbaum who has competed successfully in international nature photo competitions and has had numerous bird images published. He has also won numerous Best of Show's and other awards, as well as having received gold medals in both North America and Europe. Michael placed 2nd in the Animal Division of the 2007 Focus on Nature competition in the Palm Beach Post (out of over 1,200 entries), and then came in 1st in the 2008 competition (out of over 1,600 entries).

If you are interested in attending, please email:

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So a space may be reserved (the course is limited to 14 participants).

The refuge is located off U.S. 441/SR 7, two miles south of SR 804 (Boynton Beach Blvd.) and three miles north of SR 806 (Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue). Refuge hours change seasonally and are posted at each entrance. The Visitor Center hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The Visitor Center is closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. An entrance fee of \$5.00 per vehicle or \$1.00 per pedestrian is charged. A variety of annual passes, including a \$12.00 refuge specific annual pass, are available. For additional information, please visit the refuge website at <http://Loxahatchee.fws.gov> or call the Administration Office at (561) 732-3684.

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