

MONTANA MASTER NATURALIST SYLLABUS 2027

DATE	4:00-7:00 PM CLASS TOPIC	GUEST NATURALIST	NOTES
2/10	Class introduction + Nature Journaling		MNHC
2/17	Bird ID – field marks		Lecture and field: Kim Williams Trail
2/20	Raptor ID	Chadwick Moore <i>Birder</i>	Field: Nine Pipes Saturday 9:00-3:00 p.m.
2/24	Skull ID		Lab: UM Zoological Museum
3/3	Mammal Tracking/Field Notes	Jamie Shultz, <i>Tracker</i> Allison De Jong, <i>MNHC</i> <i>Montana Naturalist Editor</i>	Lecture + lab
3/10	Bird ID, anatomy, physiology	Ryan Mahar <i>Naturalist, MNHC</i>	Field + lab: Greenough Park
3/24	Lichen and Fungi		Lecture + field: Pattee Canyon
3/17	UM Spring Break- no class		UM Spring Break- no class
3/31	Local Geology	Ian Watson <i>Geologist</i>	Field and lab: North Hills Journals (3 entries) due
4/7	Insect Order ID		Lecture + lab
4/10	Angiosperms	Marilyn Marler <i>MNHC ED</i> <i>Botanist</i>	Lab + field: John Toole Native Prairie- Kim Williams
4/14	Angiosperms II	<i>Peter Lesica</i> <i>Botanist</i>	Field: TBA
4/17	Biogeography and Gymnosperms	Greg Peters <i>Missoula College professor</i>	Lecture + field: Bass Creek Saturday, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
4/21	Saunter		In the field: Council Grove State Park TBA Journal (10 entries) + Final Project + Volunteer Hour Due
4/28	Celebration and dinner		MNHC