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2000 Field Study Workshops

" . . . the most intense and productive training course in my experience."

□ *Cristi Baldino, National Park Service*

Join us for one of BCI's field study workshops and gain hands-on experience in bat conservation and research techniques including mist netting, harp trapping, radiotracking, night-vision observation, acoustic monitoring, and habitat assessment. BCI staff and local re-searchers will share their knowledge during classroom and field demonstration activities.

The \$995 cost of the workshop includes all tuition, lodging, fees, and transportation from the local departure city. A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available for federal and state agency biologists, land managers, and others with special needs. For complete itineraries, application forms, and additional information about these events, visit the BCI

web site at <http://www.batcon.org/toptrips.html> or contact:

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Arizona

In Arizona, participants gain especially valuable experience with species identification. Here we will catch and release up to 16 western bat species in a single evening, with additional close-up observations of endangered long-nosed and Mexican long-tongued bats at hummingbird feeders. Our workshop accommodations at the renowned American Museum of Natural History Southwestern Research Station place us in the heart of some of the most diverse habitats in North America. We will capitalize on this diversity as we explore how so many bats use this area for roosting, foraging, migration, and maternity purposes.

Limited to 12 people per session.

Three 5-day sessions beginning

May 16, May 21, or May 26, 2000

Pennsylvania

In central Pennsylvania, participants learn valuable tools for bat conservation in a typical eastern North America habitat. Here we have special opportunities to learn about bat houses and other artificial roosts and how these man-made structures are having an impact on remaining bat populations. Activities include an early morning field trip to an old churchyard, where the dawn return of over 16,000 little brown bats will fill the sky above us, and a daytime trip into a protected limestone mine, where six species of bats, including the endangered Indiana bat, hibernate during the winter months.

Limited to 20 people.

August 19-24, 2000 (tentative dates)

SIDEBOX:

Additional workshops at other venues will be announced later this year.

For advanced notice of these and other training opportunities, please write to Janet Tyburec at the address in the left column.



Above: After recording measurements of the bats they caught, workshop participants come together to compare species. At the end of the night, the bats are released, and the data compiled for regional wildlife agencies.

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