



Capture and identify a stunning array of bats and learn the latest bat research and management techniques during Bat Conservation International's unique field workshop. The 2011 session (May 8-13) in Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains features six days and five nights of unequalled hands-on training designed for professionals and serious amateurs. Space is extremely limited for this exhilarating experience, so sign up now.

BCI is also offering this summer a new Advanced Capture Techniques Workshop and an Acoustic Monitoring Workshop for more experienced wildlife biologists, researchers and consultants. Since 1991, BCI workshops have trained more than 1,500 people, including many of today's conservation leaders, such as BCI Executive Director Nina Fascione.

All three 2011 workshops are based at the American Museum of Natural History's renowned Southwestern Research Station in the Chiricahua Mountains – within easy reach of habitats that range from lowland deserts to coniferous forests and support an amazing diversity of bat species. Participants can expect to catch and release as many as 18 species in a single evening, then return to the lodge and watch endangered long-nosed bats visit hummingbird feeders outside the front door.

The Bat Conservation and Management Workshop, led by veteran bat biologists from BCI and Arizona, features field trips to examine bat habitat, training with mist nets and harp traps, radio-tracking equipment, night-vision observation and acoustic monitoring. Daytime lectures cover habitat assessment, conservation and management challenges, management, conflict resolution and current research findings on White-nose Syndrome. Graduates will return home with a wealth of new knowledge that will prove invaluable almost anywhere in the world.

The Advanced Capture Techniques session (May 14-18) will help professionals develop their own bat-monitoring program, using the most sophisticated monitoring and capture techniques. The workshop explores both capture and non-contact methods for bat inventory and survey programs. Topics include active and passive bat-detector monitoring, video-monitoring and mobile acoustic-transect inventory plans, with the overall goal of developing accurate programs for sampling bat diversity at varied sites.

The BCI Acoustic Monitoring Workshop (May 19-24) offers researchers guided, hands-on experience in recording and analyzing bat-echolocation calls. Participants work directly with AnaBat/AnaLook and SonoBat software developers Chris Corben and Joe Szewczak, respectively, to learn techniques for collecting, recording and analyzing bat calls in the field. The session covers heterodyne, frequency-division, time-expansion and direct-recording detecting using AnaBat, Pettersson and BAT equipment. Participants learn to use their own equipment more effectively and to choose proper protocols and platforms for designing an acoustic-inventory project.

Because of the threat of White-nose Syndrome, participants at all BCI workshops will learn and follow approved decontamination guidelines.

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