

**Field Ornithology: 303-28400**  
**Fall 2004**  
**Dr. John Confer**

**LECTURE AND WRITTEN EXAM SCHEDULE**

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>assignments from F. Gill</u>
	Overview of birds	
	The Diversity of Birds, History and Systematics	Chap. 1-3
	Feathers and flight and molt	Chap. 4 & 5
	Skeleton	From Lab
	Evolution - Reptiles to birds and mammals	Chap. 2
	Modern genetic studies in birds, introduction	Chap. 3
	Physiology and the environment	Chap. 6
	Brain and sensory apparatus, NB eyes	Chap. 8

**23 September:** First written exam on Thursday, during lab period

**14 October:** Due date for outline of Digital Project and 3 representative, original digital images in PowerPoint, at least one with a digiscope. 20% of grade based on this submission with absolute deadline at 5:00 PM.

Behavior and Ecology	
Feeding adaptations	Chap. 7
The Brain and Visual and Vocal Communication	Chap. 8-10
Annual cycles. NB. molt and reproduction	Chap. 11
Migration	Chap. 12
Orientation and Navigation	Chap. 13
Parental care. NB. brood parasitism	Chap. 19
Population regulation	Chap. 21

**4 November:** Second written exam on Thursday, during lab period

Management and human influence on avian populations	
Speciation and hybridization	Chap. 22
Game species	TBA
Land use and management: federal legislation	TBA
Atlantic Puffins	TBA
Ecology of Golden-winged and Blue-winged Warblers	TBA

**15 December:** Final ID and written exams; Wednesday, 7:30–10:00 AM

**17 December:** Final version of Digital Project due by 5:00.

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