

Year of Alabama Birding Photography Workshops with Beth Cowan Drake 2023-2024

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Join Beth Cowan Drake from Alabama the Beautiful for a photography workshop designed to teach the field techniques of bird photography. From numerous approaches to photographing different species of bird, she will explain how to control the variables to capture the image of a bird, discuss her personal settings for various images she has captured, and review her Lightroom editing technique. Beth's many years of photography experience helps in understanding composition, balance, and form as she teaches all levels of photographers how to create artistic and beautifully pleasing images. The time in the workshop belongs to you: Beth's guidance will make your experience exceed your expectations.



2023 Birding Photography Workshops:

Alabama State Parks Workshop Fee: \$35 per participant

DeSoto State Park Wild Places, Wildflowers, and Wild Birds!

August 19, 2023 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Brittney Hughes, Park Naturalist (Brittney.hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Gulf State Park in partnership with Alabama Coastal BirdFest 2023

October 7, 2023 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Kelly Reetz, District Naturalist (Kelly.reetz@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Oak Mountain State Park in partnership with the Alabama Wildlife Center

December 2, 2023 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Lauren Massey, Park Naturalist (lauren.muncher@dcnr.alabama.gov)

2024 Birding Photography Workshops:

Lake Guntersville State Park as part of Eagle Awareness Weekends

January 27, 2024 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Indya Guthrie, Park Naturalist (Indya.guthrie@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Cheaha State Park in collaboration with Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Great Backyard Bird Count

February 17, 2024 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Renee Raney, Chief of Interpretation, (Renee.Raney@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Wind Creek State Park Spring migration and lake birds

April 20, 2024 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Dylan Ogle, Park Naturalist (Dylan.ogle@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Lake Point State Park Lake Eufaula: Birds, Gators, and Cypress Swamps (with John Dersham)

May 18, 2024 (Saturday)

For more information contact: Renee Raney, Chief of Interpretation, (Renee.Raney@dcnr.alabama.gov)

Beth Cowan Drake is a Huntsville native, a software engineer, and former Silicon Valley product manager. She launched Alabama The Beautiful Magazine in 2021 and has grown the digital publication to 160K viewers by showcasing the beauty of Alabama and featuring our talented photographers all over the state. She enjoys many genres in photography including landscape, nature, wildlife, cityscape, historical, astro and drone photography. She is an FAA certified drone pilot. Beth created the popular Facebook group Alabama The Beautiful in 2017 and has grown the group to 250K members with a reach of 2M people a month, igniting an interest across the state in both photography and tourism as well as being a catalyst for the Alabama photography community. She speaks and teaches regularly at events around the state. Her work is featured often on social media, on multiple business websites, and on the walls of her followers, including commercial clients. She and her husband Benny live in the Big Cove community of Huntsville. Photo Credit: Beth Cowan Drake