

UNDERSTANDING THE WHITE CROWN PIGEON

COURSE OVERVIEW

This intensive one (1) day course provides a deep dive into the biology, behavior, and conservation of the White-Crowned Pigeon (Patagioenas leucocephala), a species of significant ecological importance in The Bahamas. Participants will learn about its habitat, diet, migratory patterns, and conservation challenges through engaging lectures and hands-on experiences.

Focus Area: Ecology, Behavior, and Conservation of the White-Crowned Pigeon.

Target Audience: Students, bird enthusiasts, conservationists, and ecotourism guides.

Format: Virtual lecture, interactive activities, and field observation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, participants will:

- 1. Identify the White-Crowned Pigeon and understand its ecological
- 2. Recognize the threats to its survival and ongoing conservation efforts.
- 3. Gain practical birdwatching and species monitoring skills.
- 4. Understand how to support and advocate for conservation initiatives.

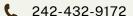
RESOURCES

- · Field guides for Bahamian birds.
- Binoculars and birdwatching equipment.
- Handouts on conservation strategies and local regulations.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- At the end of the course participants are required to have achieved a grade average of 75% and have completed 4 hours of fieldwork in order to pass the course.
- Terms and conditions will apply once participants have enrolled in the course. Please read our terms and conditions and privacy policy before enrolling into the course.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Morning Session: Introduction to the White-Crowned Pigeon



PRE-EXAM -9:00AM-9:45AM

 Participants will be tested on their knowledge of White Crown Pigeon conservation before the first lecture commences



LECTURE_, 1.

THE WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON

 Overview of White-crowned Pigeon Biology, Ecology, and Conservation Challenges



DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH

- Use of Field Equipment
- Distance Sampling methodology

ACTIVITY, 1.

QUIZ AND DISCUSSION

- Interactive quiz: Test your knowledge of the White-Crowned Pigeon.
- Group discussion: Why is the White-Crowned Pigeon important to Bahamian ecosystems?

LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon Session: Field Observation and Conservation Strategies



MONITORING METHODOLOGIES

- Guided birdwatching to observe the White-Crowned Pigeon in its natural habitat.
- Practical tips for identifying behaviors and vocalizations.
- Documentation: Recording sightings and behaviors.
- Training in distance sampling methodology (e.g. point counts and walking transects)



FINAL EXAM - 3:45PM-4:30PM

- On both theory and field work components
- Exam will be distributed via an online form for which participants are given 45 minutes to complete and submit



REVISION AND CLOSING

Certificate Presentation: Acknowledge participants for their commitment to learning about Bahamian wildlife.

Thank you for your participation!