

NRM 3202
Wildlife Identification & Natural History
Spring 2014 (Wednesdays, 1 p.m. – 3:50 p.m., RAS 129)

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Recommended Text: (1) The Mammals of Texas, Schmidly, revised Ed.

Required Text: (2) Field Guide to Birds of North America, National Geographic, 6th Ed. **NO GRADES WILL COUNT UNTIL YOU'VE SHOWN ME THAT YOU'VE PURCHASED THIS OR A COMPARABLE FIELD GUIDE.**

Catalog Description: A course that provides fundamental identification skills and an understanding of the life history and habitat requirements of various game and non-game animals.

Course Objectives: To provide the student with an understanding of the fundamental identification skills used in wildlife research and management.

Grading:	Weekly quizzes (11 @ 8% each)	88%
	(We will have 14 of these and drop the lowest 3 grades.)	
	Comprehensive final exam	12%

Scale: 90-100% = A
80-89% = B
70-79% = C
60-69% = D
<60% = F

Extra credit: One point added to your final grade for every four hours of meetings/events attended in any combination of the Society for Conservation Biology, Range & Wildlife Club, Biology Club, Student Senate representing a relevant club, etc. Keep a log and submit it at the end of the semester. Up to 5 points maximum.

Attendance: Poor attendance will affect your final grade. We will have a lab or an activity following each day's lecture. For your quiz grade to count, you must stay and participate in the lab/activity. Sometimes the lab/activity may be for a grade that counts as part of your quiz grade. You will receive a **0** for missed quizzes and for quizzes for which you don't stay for the entire class, unless you have some hardship that requires you to leave early **AND** you talk to me in advance. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes or labs, except for school-related field trips, field activities, research activities, etc. If you need to be absent for illness or other personal reasons, you can use that day for one of your three dropped quiz grades. As always, if you are caught cheating both parties will receive an **F** for that material and expulsion will be sought with a final grade of **F**.

Reasonable accommodation: It is Sul Ross State University Policy to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities. If you would like to request such accommodations because of physical, mental, or learning disability, please contact the ADA Coordinator for Program Accessibility in University Center Building in Room 211 or call 432-837-8178.

Program Learning Outcomes for the B.S. in Natural Resource Management

The graduating student will demonstrate that he/she is able to:

1. Identify species of wildland plants and wildlife common to the western United States and describe their natural history.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the elements of an ecosystem.
3. Communicate about natural resources and conservation both verbally and in writing.
4. Conduct range and wildlife inventories in a team setting.
5. Apply knowledge about elements of an ecosystem into an appropriate conservation management plan.

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NRM 3202 Wildlife Identification & Natural History TENTATIVE Schedule-Spring 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Subject</u>
01/21	1	Syllabus, schedule, introductions, introductory material, Mammals 1
01/28	2	Mammals 2, Quiz 1, (Lab: Newspaper articles)
02/04	3	Mammals 3, Quiz 2 (Lab: Mammals video)
02/11	4	Mammals 4, Quiz 3 (Lab: Pig video)
02/18	5	Mammals 5, Quiz 4 (Lab: Skulls)
02/25	6 (Move to WSB 107)	Mammals 6, Quiz 5 (Lab: Vert. collection)
03/04	7	Birds 1, Quiz 6 (Lab: Birds video)
03/11	8	Birds 2, Quiz 7 (Lab: TBA)
03/18	*	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS
03/25	9	Birds 3, Quiz 8 (Lab: TBA)
04/01	10	Birds 4, Quiz 9 (Lab: Outside)
04/08	11	Birds 5, Quiz 10 (Lab: Outside)
04/15	12	Herps 1, Quiz 11 (Lab: TBA)
04/22	13 (Move to WSB 107)	Herps 2, Quiz 12 (Lab: Vert. collection)
04/29	14	Field Trip to DMSP, counts as Quiz 13
05/06	15	Fish, Quiz 14 (Lab: TBA)
Monday, 05/11	16 (Finals Week)	12:30 p.m.: Comprehensive Final Exam