

In the early Morning of Saturday, April 20th, 2024, Landmarks' Old Alabama Town was still asleep, Christopher Joe took his first birding group on a stroll through Montgomery's North Hull Historic District. With gigantic camera lenses, binoculars, and a laser pointer at hand, we identified birds while enjoying the morning silence.

TICKETS

Guided Birding Tour with Christopher Joe start at 8:30 am at Loeb Visitors Center, 301 Columbus St. The ticket price (\$25.00) includes a light breakfast in the Old Alabama Town picnic area and coffee. Tickets can be purchased at Old Alabama Town, Lucas Tavern, 310 North Hull St, Downtown Montgomery.

- Tours are free for Landmarks Members. Tickets must be reserved/purchased in advance.
- Tickets will also be available online at landmarksfoundation.com
- Limited availability, based on first come first serve.



Connecting with Birds and Nature

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Jacob van Megen
Horticulturist at Landmarks Foundation

Seven characteristics are helpful to identify birds: size, shape, color, pattern, behaviors, habitat, and sound. It speaks for itself that the size and shape of a bird doesn't change throughout the year. Each family or group of birds has an overall size and shape or silhouette. Different birds have different bill shapes and sizes, head shape and size, tail length, leg length, and foot shape. Understanding the silhouettes of the main bird groups found in Old Alabama Town (OAT) can help you narrow down what bird you're trying to identify. To become aware of their differences, pay attention to the different sizes and shapes of the parts of a bird. When you flip through your bird field guide, you'll quickly see how many colors and patterns birds can have. Especially focus on the head and wing colors, such as the crown of the head, eye markings, wing bars, or other patterns that stand out immediately. Start from the top of the bird's head and work your way around to the eyes, cheeks, and throat. Note the subtleties in color variations. Do the same thing with distinguishing wing colors.

Sounds are probably the toughest identifying factor to learn, because bird sounds are specific to each individual bird. Being able to identify a bird by its sound alone is a skill that takes a lot of patience to learn.

Landmarks Foundation has you covered for that part. Birding at OAT is an additional tour activity to diversify our museum experience.



BIRDING WITH

Christopher Joe

DATES 2024-2025

- Saturday, October 12th, 2024
- Saturday, April 5th, 2025
- Saturday, April 26th, 2025

