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# CALIFORNIA NATURALIST *In The Desert*

Join Anza-Borrego Foundation to become a certified California Naturalist, with an emphasis on Anza-Borrego!

We've teamed up with University of California Environmental Stewards to offer an in-depth course for adult learners in the natural processes that make California home to more plant and animal species than any other state in the United States.



## **Expert-led Field Trips & Lectures**

We've brought in experts for lectures, discussions, and guided field trips in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Explore the Park through topics such as geology, ecology, water resources, & archaeology.



## **Practice Interpretive Skills**

Become a better communicator of natural history with hands on experience performing service in education & interpretation. The course includes a stewardship project & pathways to become an Education Program Host or gain UC Extension credits.



## **Environmental Stewardship**

Build environmental literacy and stewardship skills through discovery and action in California's largest state park, conducting participatory science and environmental program support.



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### PROGRAM DETAILS



#### **Spring Course Dates & Commitment**

February 13, 2025–April 10, 2025

- Online lectures held most Thursday evenings.
- In-person weekend Field Trips in Anza-Borrego
- Course is ~50 hours, 24 of these in the field.
- Students must spend an additional 8 hours on a stewardship project.



Photo Richard Maxwellli



#### **Course Fees**

\$450 for ABF Members, \$500 for general participants

- Includes nine weeks of online content, expert lectures, & guided field trips.
- Scholarships available for financial hardship - Email [Stacy@theABF.org](mailto:Stacy@theABF.org).

Participants are responsible for purchasing required texts, travel to/from field sites, night time accommodations, & optional UC extension credit fees.



Photo Kelly Laird



#### **Course Projects**

Participants must complete:

- A Stewardship Project individually or as a group, which they present on graduation day,
- Are responsible for at least eight observations to the course iNaturalist Project,
- Must contribute to the class participatory science project.



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