



Taku Conservation Program – Equipment List

The following list should contain most of the necessary items for the program. Please keep extra items to a minimum and try to travel as light as possible.

The gear you need for the program should easily fit into one or two pieces of checked luggage. We suggest you bring one large and durable back-packing pack, suitable for transporting 4-7 days of clothing and equipment on your back in the field. You may need a second, smaller duffel bag. You should also carry-on a day-pack (backpack). We suggest that you carry with you a change of clothes and personal items (e.g. toothbrush), in case your bags are delayed.

Please make sure you have the general equipment listed below. Some items below are suggestions, others are mandatory; please realize that your ability to participate in all fieldwork activities, and therefore the quality of your experience and that of others, will depend on the quality of your gear. You may have other needs so please do not forget items particular to yourself. Finally, please feel free to ask us questions about gear.

All questions can be directed to Susie Dain-Owens (susie@roundriver.org, (206) 920-3720).

Field Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars*** | <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottles (i.e. Nalgene; at least 2L total) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pens/pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito head net! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera/film/batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrored compass (i.e. Silva Ranger) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jumpdrive* | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito spray/lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Laptop** |

* Optional

** Please note that every student does not need to bring his or her laptop – this is in fact discouraged. Communicate with your fellow students prior to the program to figure out who will bring laptops (we must have at least one lap top per every two students). Secure storage is available in Atlin.

*** Each student will need a pair of binoculars to conduct fieldwork. High quality binoculars are a very good investment, will not become obsolete, and can last a lifetime. Binoculars should be 7x to 10x power. Visit [Eagle Optics](#) and [B&H Photo](#) for more information.

Camping Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent** | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag (to 32°F) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad (lightweight, i.e. Thermarest) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel pillow* | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp bowl, cup, cutlery | <input type="checkbox"/> Large backpack (to carry gear for 7-10 days) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel mug* | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife* | <input type="checkbox"/> Crazy Creek type chair* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Pack cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing pole* (strong enough for salmon!) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries for headlamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga mat, travel guitar or other instrument* |

*Optional

**You may wish to contact other students and arrange sharing a tent to decrease baggage and cost. Either way you will need to have one! Make sure it is lightweight, durable, and waterproof.

Clothing & Footwear

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 T-shirts (cotton) | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 T-shirts/tank tops (synthetic/wool) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 long-sleeve shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 long-underwear tops (of varying weights) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans (1 pair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear bottoms | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick-dry hiking pants (1 pair) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Down vest* | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain coat (lightweight) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain pants (lightweight) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fleece/primaloft/down jacket | | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable/warm pants (fleece or cotton) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liner socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking socks (thick) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy hiking boots (i.e. leather)** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana | <input type="checkbox"/> Mittens or gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball cap/visor | <input type="checkbox"/> Running shoes/sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandals (i.e. Chacos or Crocs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit* | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight gaiters* (can be useful for bushwhacking) | |

* Optional

** You will wear your hiking boots almost every day on mountainous, rocky, and muddy terrain. Please make sure your boots are sturdy, comfortable, are water resistant, and provide ankle support.

Toiletries & First Aid

We will have comprehensive first aid kits at camp and in the field, but please plan on packing your own personal supplies.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pain reliever | <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mole-skin (for blisters) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block | <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic ointment | <input type="checkbox"/> Band-aids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodegradable camp soap (i.e. Camp Suds or Dr. Bronner's) for washing in the backcountry | | |

Books

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Grinnell Field Journal Kit |
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Round River provides many field guides in Atlin, though you may also wish to bring your own natural history field guides of the area. We recommend:

- [Plants of Northern British Columbia](#), by Pojar and McKinnon
- [The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America](#), by David Allen Sibley.