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Wildlife Photography Workshop Packing List

Everything below is what I recommend bringing to a Florida wildlife photography workshop, private or group, half-day or full-day. Check items off as you pack, or print this page and keep it with your gear bag the night before.

Camera Body & Lenses

- ☐ DSLR or mirrorless camera body (a second body is a nice-to-have, not required)
- ☐ Telephoto zoom lens: a 200-600mm is the recommended range for Florida wildlife and birds in flight
- ☐ A shorter lens (roughly 24-70mm) for landscapes, group shots, and behind-the-scenes moments
- ☐ Teleconverter (1.4x or 2x), optional, for extra reach in bright light
- ☐ Lens hood, to cut glare and protect the front element
- ☐ Lens cleaning cloth and a blower brush

Power & Storage

- ☐ At least 2-3 fully charged spare batteries
- ☐ Multiple memory cards, formatted and ready, in a card wallet so they stay organized
- ☐ A portable charger or power bank for your phone
- ☐ A small notebook or your phone's notes app, useful for logging settings and spots to revisit

Support & Stability

- ☐ Tripod, monopod, or beanbag, whichever suits your lens and shooting style
- ☐ A camera strap or harness you actually trust for hours of walking
- ☐ A rain cover for your camera and lens

Clothing & Footwear

- ☐ Muted, neutral-toned clothing: greens, browns, khakis, nothing bright or high-contrast
- ☐ Lightweight, breathable layers, Florida mornings can start cool and end hot and humid
- ☐ Comfortable, closed-toe shoes suited to boardwalks or natural trails
- ☐ A wide-brim hat
- ☐ A lightweight rain jacket

Sun & Insect Protection

- ☐ Sunscreen, reapplied through the day
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunglasses (handy off-camera, though not while shooting through the viewfinder)

Personal Essentials & Comfort

- ☐ Plenty of water, more than you think you'll need
- ☐ Snacks for the midday break
- ☐ A fully charged phone, for backups and in case plans change
- ☐ Any personal medication you might need during a multi-hour session
- ☐ Binoculars, optional but genuinely useful for spotting distant activity

Optional But Recommended

- ☐ A small folding stool or portable chair for the midday break
- ☐ A dry bag or waterproof pouch for your phone and wallet near the water
- ☐ A field guide or bird ID app for the region you're visiting

The Night Before: Quick Checklist

- ☐ Charge all batteries
- ☐ Format and pack memory cards
- ☐ Check the weather forecast
- ☐ Confirm your meeting time and location
- ☐ Review this list one more time

What to Leave Behind

- ☐ Bright or white clothing, it stands out to wildlife and can change their behavior
- ☐ Strongly scented lotions, perfumes, or sunscreens where you can help it, scent carries
- ☐ Heavy gear you won't actually use, a lighter kit is easier to carry for hours in the field

These aren't hard rules, just what tends to make for a smoother, more productive day in the field.

Questions before your workshop? Reach out any time at wildlifewithronen@gmail.com or 786-540-9194. See you in the field.

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