

# Field Guiding (Nature Guiding)

# About this course

# WildlifeCampus proudly offers the industry's first and most comprehensive online Field Guiding (Nature Guiding) course.

This comprehensive online course provides an in-depth introduction to the natural world, ideal for individuals with a passion for wildlife, ecology, or guiding. Covering topics such as botany, animal behaviour, geology, conservation, and biomes, the course explores the relationships between species, ecosystems, and landscapes in a clear and engaging way.

Whether you are a nature enthusiast, an aspiring guide, a conservation volunteer, or someone looking to boost your career with specialised knowledge, this course provides a strong foundation in environmental understanding. It is also ideal for travellers, gap-year students, and anyone preparing for practical field training in Africa or abroad.

The course is entirely theoretical and does not include any in-person or practical components. Instead, it provides you with the knowledge and confidence to pursue further field-based learning, practical training, or personal growth in wildlife and conservation wherever you are in the world.

Spanning more than 3,000 pages of professionally written material, it is ideal for:

- Wildlife and nature enthusiasts
- Students preparing for field guiding theory exams
- Individuals exploring careers in conservation or ecotourism
- International volunteers and travellers
- Anyone looking to strengthen their CV with wildlife or environmental knowledge



Price

R 3,950 (please see our monthly payment plans)





**WildlifeCampus courses are online courses**. You can download the content in **PDF format**, so you do not need to be online to study (you will need to be online to take the tests, though).

Course type There is **one test for each component** of a course. Tests are **multiple choice** and **not written tests**. Students may attempt these tests as often as required until they have passed.

Once a test is passed, it cannot be taken again.



**Average 0-6 months.** There are no deadlines; you may complete courses at your own pace.

Duration



Upon completing the course, you will receive an **industryrecognised digital certificate** demonstrating your commitment to upskilling yourself.

Certification



If you need assistance, please feel free to email us anytime! info@wildlifecampus.com

Help

#### How to get started



\* If you have already registered, skip this step.

Try the free component of this course (You will need to be logged in)

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**Component #1 -** Classification and taxonomy **Component #2 -** Origin of life, evolution and natural selection

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#### Module # 3 - Amphibia

#### **Component #1 -** Introduction to amphibia and frogs

#### Module # 4 - Reptiles

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Module # 5 - Ichthyology

Component #1 - Introduction to fish

#### Module # 6 - Birds

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#### Module **# 7** - Mammals

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Component # 20 - Aardvark and pangolins

#### Module # 8 - Ethology

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Component # 6 - Territorial, agonistic and anti-predator behaviour
Component # 7 - Sexual behaviour and parental care

#### Module #9 - Botany

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 Component # 2 - South African trees and shrubs
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Module 11 - Field guiding skills part A

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Component # 6 - The night skies
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Component # 8 - Environmental sensitivity
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<b>Component # 11 -</b> Sustainable tourism and sustainable utilisation

### Module 12 - Field guiding skills part B

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**Component # 3 -** Game drive vehicle mechanics

**Component # 4 -** Planning game drives and bush walks

**Component # 5 -** Dealing with guests

Component # 6 - Communication and facilitation skills

Component #7 - Working within the industry