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Animals & Nature: Unique Traits and Hidden Talents

THURSDAYS | 4:00-4:50 PM | INSTRUCTOR: SHERYL BROOK IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM: SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2025

Did you know that trees can use their root-systems to "communicate"? And that the color of a reindeer's eyes can change seasonally? Taken in person at our studio or via Zoom, this interactive class will offer students the chance to learn about the myriad of ways that animals and nature have uniquely adapted to not just survive but thrive!

From bats' ability to echolocate (and also eavesdrop) to axolotls regenerating, octopus mimicking other creatures, cats changing their shape in order to prey, birds learning languages...this class will explore the adaptive biology and environmental conditions that have promoted these unique abilities and more in nature.

Instructor Sheryl's own unique ability to present the facts and science to students for ideal learning along with her extensive background in caring for animals and nature has grown this class to have a dedicated student following. Sheryl welcomes new students to join her and the class to understand the research, engage in group discussion and enhance their animal and nature-based knowledge.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Thursdays Fall I September-October & Fall II November-December 2025

Fall I: 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30

Fall II: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18,

12/25-CLOSED-Christmas Day, 12/1-CLOSED-New Years Day



PRICING

\$45/Class Hour

REGISTRATION

To register, email: chawkins@buexperience.org
More info at www.abcommunityclasses.org