

Course: The Art of Natural History Illustration (Online)

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Zoom Meeting Days/Dates: 8 wks, Wednesdays, 2/4/2026 - 3/25/2026

Zoom Meeting Time: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Includes additional asynchronous content on Canvas.

Materials:

- Acrylic inks (I use Daler-Rowney FW brand): Crimson, Process Yellow, Indigo OR Prussian Blue, and Sepia OR Black
- Synthetic brushes for acrylic/watercolor: One Round (size optional); ¼-in. Flat; ½-in. Flat; 1-in. Flat
- Hot press watercolor paper (Enough to complete 8 illustrations of 8 x 10 in. and a few to experiment with; pad or whole sheets cut to size)
- Ceramic palette with wells for inks
- 4 ink pens or nibs (I use Micron .005, 02, and 05, plus 02 chisel)
- Watercolor pencils: Primaries plus optional secondaries
- Drawing compass
- Ruler
- Sketchpad
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Water cup
- Rags

Note on Online Courses: Zoom with Canvas

Thank you for registering for this online course. This course will take place live via Zoom, a free videoconferencing service. You will only need a computer with a high-speed internet connection to participate, as well as a means of photographing your work to upload -- a cell phone camera will suffice. All Zoom meetings take place in Eastern Time.

You will receive instructions* for accessing Zoom videoconferencing sessions in a reminder email two days before the course start date. *Please be sure to check your email junk/spam folder.* We ask that you please take advantage of the Zoom tutorial before the course begins. Basic training sessions for Zoom will be made available at the start of the course as well. Review PAFA's list of [Zoom Technical Requirements](#) for additional information.

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You will also receive an invitation to join Canvas, PAFA's online learning management system, on, or shortly before, the course start date. Your username is the email you registered with, and you will need to set up your password. Canvas is the website where the syllabus, assignments, videos, and feedback will be. You can always sign-in to Canvas and find all of the information you need about your class. For Canvas instructions (following acceptance of the emailed invitation to log in), see PAFA's [Canvas FAQs](#).

Please contact us the any questions at continuinged@pafa.edu.