

Visa information (last updated, August 2016)

PLEASE NOTE: Non-US citizens are responsible for ensuring they have the correct visas to enter the US. We don't take responsibility for providing correct information about visas, so please don't assume the information given below is correct! We (The Lab of Ornithology) don't have any visa requirements for you to attend the SAW, but you need to comply with the US government immigration regulations to enter the country.

Here are useful links on the US government page

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html> - Home page

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/visa-wizard.html> - Visa wizard

At the time of writing, this is the information I have:

1. Citizens from countries that are in the Waiver Program

Several countries are in what the US calls a Waiver Program. These citizens don't need a visa, but do need to fill in an ESTA online at least 72hrs in advance, though I'd advise allowing much longer!

Here's a link for which countries are in the Waiver Program:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html>

And here's one for the ESTA application

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html#ESTA>

2. Non-waiver country citizens

I believe you just need a B1/B2 visa (B1=business, B2 = tourist), not any of the student visas (F, M , J).

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html>

B1 includes "attend a scientific, educational, professional or business convention or conference"

B2 includes "enrollment in a short recreational course of study, not for credit toward a degree (for example, a two-day cooking class while on vacation)"

If you need an official letter from us to apply for a visa, please let Liz Rowland know. (edr6@cornell.edu)