



# ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERATION OF OKLAHOMA

## Sheila Bird



Sheila Bird is Cherokee and a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma. She is the descendant of the Keetoowah Nighthawks and belongs to the Paint Clan.

Born and raised in Chewey, OK, she would attend Sequoyah Indian Boarding School, and eventually make her home in Tahlequah where she and her husband raised three children.

Sheila would go on to attend Northeastern State University as a non-traditional student, then transfer to the University of Oklahoma to garner the larger part of her education in their Native Studies Program with an emphasis on Federal Indian Laws.

Now living in Norman, OK, Sheila is a former THPO for both the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the former Environmental/THPO and NAGPRA Director for the United Keetoowah Band (UKB) before committing fulltime to being the owner operator of Kituwah Nighthawk, LLC, where Nighthawk Consulting has consulted with tribes, federal agencies and various entities related to Tribal Consultation, TCNS, NAGPRA and overall Tribal Perspectives.

Sheila is also the creator of THPO Talk, an Indigenous Podcast that talks about everything important to both cultural and natural resources. Now in the second season, THPO Talk can be heard on all major platforms and has been heard in over 11 different countries.