

BEGIN BIRDING !

What do I need?



- Binoculars



- Bird Field Guide

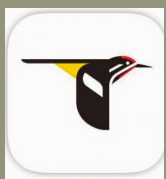


- A friend to go birding with

Why go bird-watching?

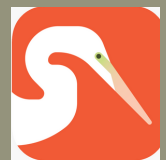
- Birds are ALL around us - in rural and urban habitats, ANY time of the year
- Birding is an economical hobby that gets us outside and connecting with nature
- Learning more about birds promotes understanding and conservation

Apps



Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab

- FREE
- accessible offline
- Identify 6,000 bird species across the world
- Connects to Cornell Lab's eBird citizen science database



Audubon Bird Guide

- FREE
- Identify 800+ bird species across North America
- Keep track of your sightings



BirdNet

- FREE
- Collaboration between Cornell Lab and German Tech. University
- Identify 900+ bird species across North America and Europe BY THEIR CALLS!

RESOURCES

Websites

www.allaboutbirds.org

www.ofo.ca

www.audubon.org

Books & Field Guides

The Sibley Guide to Birds

Peterson Field Guides for
Young Naturalists

Stokes Beginner Guide to Birds

Ontario Hot Spots

Presqu'ile Provincial Park

Point Pelee National Park

Long Point Bird Observatory

TOP 5 TIPS for Beginner Birders

- 1. Birds are hard to spot but easy to hear - close your eyes and listen!**
- 2. Binoculars can be tricky for little people to use - if they're having trouble, have them sit still and watch with their eye for movements in the trees**
- 3. Can't quite find the birds? Look for signs instead! Nests, scat, cracked seeds etc.**
- 4. Play games !**
 - Make a scavenger hunt list of birds to find**
 - Play 'I Spy' to get used to looking through binoculars, looking for more than just birds**
- 5. Learn mnemonics to recognize and remember bird calls**

Show us your learning in-action!



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