



BIRDING ID RESOURCES

WEB-BASED

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

(allaboutbirds.org)

All About Birds

- Great online guide to birds and bird watching
- In-depth information on 589 North American species

eBird

(ebird.org)

- Powerful citizen science database recording avian biodiversity
- Ability to search for where birds are

Audubon

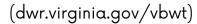
(audubon.org)

- Online field guide to North American birds
- Bird & Conservation news

(virginiabirds.org)



- Resources for birders and a network of clubs/activities to connect with other birders and learn more about birds.
- Official checklist of all species documented in Virginia





Organized trails of the best birding locations in Virginia's Mountain, Piedmont, and Coastal regions





- Code of Birding Ethics
- How to Know the Birds blog
 - Monthly blog that presents new ways to become a better birder



U.S. F&WS Forensics Laboratory

The Feather Atlas

Online resource to identify feathers

APPS



Merlin Bird ID

- Three question bird ID
- Photo and Sound ID
- Ability to filter by region



<u>Audubon Bird Guide</u>

 Field guide with over 800 North American birds



Sibley Birds 2nd Edition (\$)

- Field guide of North American birds
- May be difficult for beginners to navigate



Larkwire (\$\$)

 Visual and audio flashcards for North American birds



iNaturalist

 Take a photo and identify plants and animals!

BOOKS

Field Guides:

- The Sibley Guide to Birds
- Kaufman Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America
- Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern/Central North America
- Birds of Virginia by Stan Tekiela
 - This book is organized by color, rather than taxonomic order

Supplemental Reading:

- Sibley's Birding Basics
- The Warbler Guide
- The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior
- Complete Idiot's Guide to Birdwatching

BIRDING MNEMONICS





A song tends to be more complex, while a call is shorter and more simple $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$

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Northern Cardinal	pew pew pew, purdy-purdy- purdy-purdy	American Goldfinch	potato chip	Carolina Wren	teakettle teakettle teakettle Jimmy-Jimmy- Jimmy
Mourning Dove	whoooo-AA- whoo, coo, coo	Eastern Bluebird	descending "cheer-cheery- cheer"	Tufted Titmouse	peter peter peter
Chipping Sparrow	steady trill	Song Sparrow	Abrupt, evenly- spaced first few notes leads to bouncing trill	Field Sparrow	dropped ping pong ball
Common Yellowthroat	witchety- witchety- witchety	Red-eyed Vireo	here-l-am, look- up-here, see- me, high-in-the- tree, can-you- see-me?	Prairie Warbler	Increasing zee-zee- zee-zee- zeeeee
Eastern Meadowlark	but-I-DO-love- you Seeoo Seeyeer	Red-winged Blackbird	konk-α-reee!	Northern Bobwhite	poorbob- WHITE!
Eastern Towhee	drink-your- teaaa!	Indigo Bunting	sweet, sweet, chew, chew, see-it, see-it	Yellow-breasted Chat	slow, varied song of whistles and harsh notes
Northern Mockingbird	Repeats phrase 2-8 times before next phrase	Gray Catbird	Rambling warble but includes distinct "maaaanh"	Brown Thrasher	Repeats phrase twice before next phrase