

HOW TO BIRD ETHICALLY

1

Respect The Environment

Be mindful of your impact on nature.
Be sure to dispose of all trash properly.

2

Watch Your Step

Stay on trail, as walking off-trail may
destroy an animal's shelter.
Respect private property and trail
signs.

3

Limit Use of Recordings

Using recordings of bird sounds to
attract birds may expose them to
unnecessary harm.



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WHERE AND HOW TO FIND

Birds

TIP

 **Look for bodies of water!**



Use your ears!

eBird

**Check out
eBird.org!**

NOTE

Shorelines, ponds, and lakes are great places to find lots of bird species.

A few minutes of silence will allow you to hear many different songs and calls.

The eBird hotspots tab lets you explore hotspots near you.



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ISSUES BIRDS FACE

1. Invasive Species

Invasive plant species may replace birds' important food sources. These can also be toxic to eat. Invasive predators can be damaging to avian populations.

2. Climate Change

Rising temperatures and lack of rain puts great pressure on California's water resources. This makes it harder for birds to find suitable living spaces, as they require access to water in order to survive.

3. Habitat Loss

Marshes, forests, and grasslands are consistently taken over for human development, causing the decline of important ecosystems.

HOW TO HELP

***This list names just a few of the many threats birds encounter!*

1. Turn off Outdoor Lights at Night

Artificial lights at night cause confusion for migrating birds. Turning them off will ensure they get to their destination safely.

2. Garden with Native Plants

This tip helps combat habitat loss birds may face. Plus, it brings the birds right to your back door!

3. Attend SFBBO events

Attending these events will help you educate yourself on the birds and nature you are coexisting with.

4. Volunteer

Volunteering helps support various bird organizations, and gets you more involved in efforts to promote biodiversity.

5. Donate

Donating to SFBBO and other organizations helps them be able to support birds across the country!



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GENERAL BIRDING TIPS



APPS

Free



Merlin Bird ID



eBird



Audubon Bird
Guide



BirdNET Sound ID

Paid



iBird Pro



Collins Bird
Guide



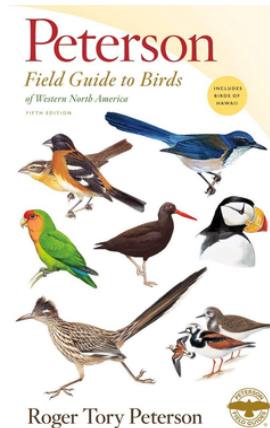
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TOOLS



Camera



Field Guide

Check out The
Birding Tools
podcast to learn
more!



Binoculars and
Scope



An important rule when birding: be patient! It may take a few minutes for a bird to emerge, so be still and silent for as long as you can.



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