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All About Birds

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If you have a yard, chances are you've got birds living on your property. And, if you are a person who can slow down and step away from the television, tablet or cellphone for a few minutes and look outside—you just might see some of these interesting creatures!

Birds are pretty fascinating to watch and listen to. They behave differently at various times of year. Many are gone part of the year—then they return (some of us watch for them), court, mate and rear their offspring, sometimes right outside our living room windows! For those animals that endure our winter outdoors, many of us help them along with feeders and suet when food is scarce—and we get to watch them up close!

To help you enjoy bird watching, and to encourage you to give it a try if you don't, visit the [All About Birds](http://www.allaboutbirds.org) site from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology!

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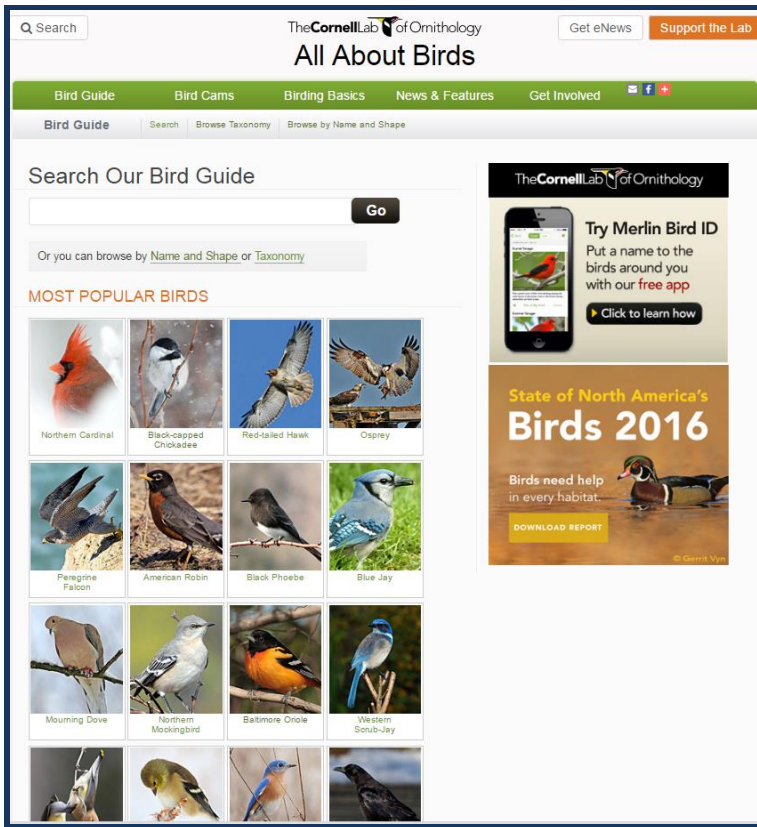
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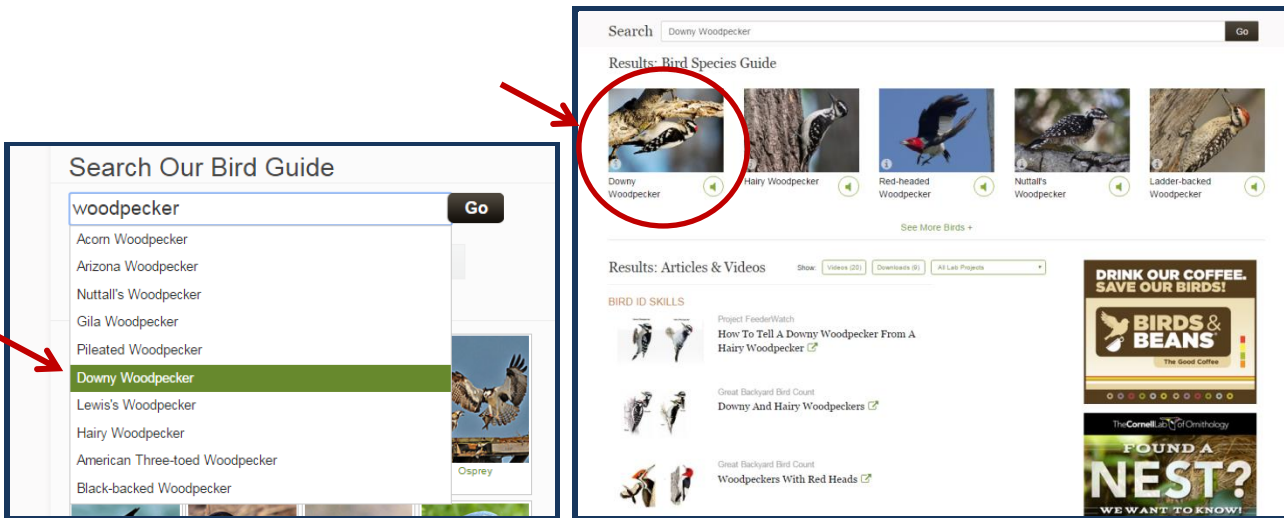
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There is a built-in database that is a Bird Guide. It's like having an interactive field guide!

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search/>



There's also an App "Merlin" -- for your cellphone so you can listen to a bird call and match it with one you hear in field or forest!



You can find your bird of interest, along with related species, and articles with other interesting information to make you a more knowledgeable birder.

A click on the bird you are interested in brings up detailed information on ID characteristics, sounds, behavior, photos showing typical plumage of male and female—and young (often very different looking!) and sometimes there are videos too! Especially helpful are the range maps that also give clues for eliminating similar species that don't inhabit our area.

There are links to "Related Species" and "Similar Species" as well!

Range maps are coded for migratory species so you can tell whether you might see this bird during winter months...

Gallery of Photos to click through...

Another great feature of this site is links to Citizen Science activities—like Project FeederWatch <http://feederwatch.org> , a wintertime birdfeeder monitoring activity for the whole family. Get the kids involved with the nature in their own back yard!

Bird watching can be very rewarding. Why not give it a try?

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