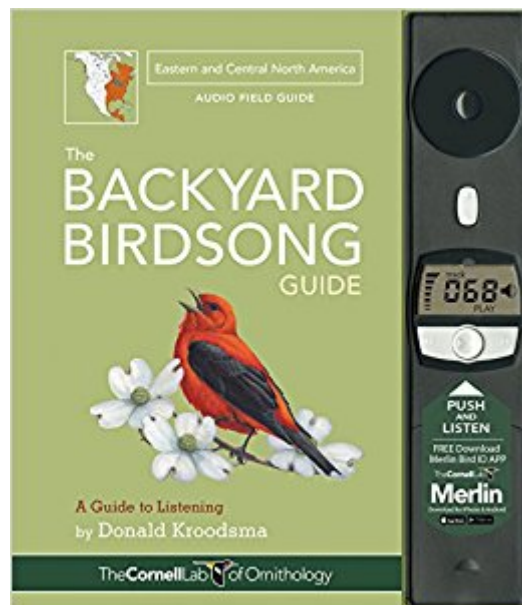




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# The Backyard Birdsong Guide Eastern And Central North America: A Guide To Listening



## Synopsis

Back by popular demand with more than 300,000 copies sold, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is proud to re-release the widely acclaimed and bestselling bird audio field guide series, Backyard Birdsongs, from award-winning Ornithologist and Author, Donald Kroodsma. Backyard Birdsongs is an interactive handbook of birds and their songs for beginning bird-watchers. With a touch-button electronic module housing common vocalizations of 75 species from across Eastern and Central North America, this volume offers a truly sensory way to identify and get to know local birds. Crisply detailed and scientifically accurate illustrations accompany each entry, and up-to-date range maps provide clear geographical reference points. Complete with an introduction to birdsongs that will inspire readers to look out their kitchen windows and venture out in the field, this unique book provides an exciting entryway into the subtle art of birding. This second edition includes a much-requested new Sound Track Index (to help make watching and listening to birds easier), and a free download of the Cornell Lab's own MERLIN Bird ID App (on iTunes and Android stores). And as with all Cornell Lab Publishing Group books, 35% of the net proceeds from the sale of Backyard Birdsongs supports projects at the Cornell Lab, such as children's educational and community programs.

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"Don Kroodsma's passion for birdsong is infectious, and this guide will have any birder (including me) listening to birds with new insight and appreciation after reading it." #151; David

Allen Sibley, author and illustrator of *The Sibley Guide to Birds* "Watching birds is only half the fun&#151; knowing how to listen to them is the other half. This handy audio book teaches you how to listen to birds and to understand who they are and what they are saying to each other. It will double your enjoyment&#151; both outdoors and indoors." &#151; Greg Butcher, National Audubon Society "There is no better guide to the fascinating world of birdsong than Don Kroodsma, who in this handy book shows that even in the average backyard there is drama, mystery, and excitement, all bound up in the song of a bird." &#151; Scott Weidensaul, author of *Living on the Wind* and *Of a Feather* "Don Kroodsma's latest book is a gem. Each page brims with enthusiasm and erudition, the product of countless hours spent in 'deep listening'&#151; applying the attentiveness and aesthetic appreciation of a musician to the songs and calls of birds. Even advanced students of birdsong will find much that is new in these pages&#151; and refreshingly well composed!" &#151; Ned Brinkley, Editor, *North American Birds* "Don Kroodsma once again gives us a reason to listen to birds as individuals. What a gift to all birders to be able to listen to these birds with new ears." &#151; Bill Thompson, III, Editor, *Bird Watcher's Digest* "With his trademark clarity and charm, Donald Kroodsma takes us beyond identification and into the realm of understanding. What are the different functions of the multiple songs given by many birds? How do songs differ among individuals? And what causes those differences? These are cutting-edge scientific questions, and it is to Kroodsma's credit that he provides compelling and easily understood answers." &#151; Ted Floyd, Editor, *Birding*

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I'm so glad this book is back in print! One was given to us years ago and we refer to it often, especially with the kids, who have memorized many of the calls. Funny enough, our male cockatiel has memorized some of the calls too! His imitation of the whip-or-will call is so good you can hardly

tell if it's the book or the bird! Anyway, this book was out of print for a while, but apparently it has been brought back by popular demand. We bought a second copy for my mother in-law, who also loves it.

I purchased this book as a gift for my husband. I tried to purchase this book last year but it was discontinued and the prices were very steep. This book was brought back by popular demand so I was finally able to purchase it and my husband loves it. He has had some of the birds in the backyard respond back to the bird calls from the book.

Got this for a gift for my mom who likes identifying the birds in her backyard. The book is fairly small (there is a larger omnibus volume out there), which she likes because she can carry it around or take it on trips easily and it doesn't contain a lot of erroneous birds from other parts of the country that she won't see nearby. The recordings are a great feature and the main attraction. If you don't want to use a smart phone for whatever reason (too distracting perhaps, or the user is not tech savvy, etc), you have the calls all right there at your finger tips. Nice book overall and my mom loves it.

This book was a gift for my mom, and she loved it. We got it for her because she admired the book I had bought for my husband; that book was *The Bird Song Bible* by Beletsky. *The Bird Song Bible* is awesome, but it is very large and heavy so I thought the smaller *Backyard Birdsong Guide* would be a better size book for her to hold. It was easier for her to hold, but I wish it would have been a bit larger.

The audio player did not work, even after replacing the stock batteries with new batteries, which according to other reviews seems to be a common problem (hence docking this a star in the review). I requested a replacement and it was shipped promptly and worked as it should. This was a gift for my dad who loved it, and said it was fun to hear the bird calls that he recognized but did not know which bird corresponded with the call, and to hear some new calls for birds to keep an eye/ear out for locally. A great book for a bird enthusiast!

This is the best you can get now reissued by Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca with perfect audio playback of Central and Eastern North American birds. Highly Recommended!

Very cool both hard copy and digital. You do have to take some time reading and learning how to use it before you jump in looking for a particular bird or identifying a song.

This book is amazing and has been a lot of fun for both our kids and the grown ups! Lots of great information and easy to search. (I also really recommend the app made by the same people - a great companion.

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