



Adult Books

Attenborough, David. ***The Life of Birds***. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1998.

Based on the spectacular ten-part program on PBS, *The Life of Birds* by David Attenborough this book presents birds in all their complexity and glory, revealing in clear and elegant prose Attenborough's infectious sense of wonder about the rich variety of life on Earth. The renowned writer and filmmaker treks through rain forests and deserts, through city streets and isolated wilderness, to bring us an illuminating panorama of every aspect of birds' lives--from their songs to their search for food, from their eggs and nests to their mastery of the air.

Beletsky, Les. ***Bird Songs: 250 North American Birds in Songs***. San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2006.

Drawing from the collection of the world-renowned Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, *Bird Songs* presents the most notable North American birds including the rediscovered Ivory-billed Woodpecker in a stunning new format. Renowned bird biologist Les Beletsky provides a succinct description of each of the 250 birds profiled, with an emphasis on their distinctive songs. Lavish full-color illustrations accompany each account, while a sleek, built-in digital audio player holds 250 corresponding songs and calls.

Cokinos, Christopher. ***Hope is the Thing With Feathers: A Personal Chronicle of Vanished Birds***. New York: Putnam, 2000.

Here is a poignant, beautifully written account of the context and circumstances of the extinctions of six North American birds: the passenger pigeon, Carolina parakeet, ivory-billed woodpecker, heath hen, Labrador duck, and great auk. Cokinos, a poet and English professor at Kansas State University, traveled to where these birds lived, sifted through archives and libraries, and interviewed authorities and witnesses. Far from being a sentimental sojourn, his well-researched book takes an engaging, lively look at American history and science as well as the possibility of re-creating vanished creatures through DNA cloning.

Proctor, Noble S. ***Manual of Ornithology: Avian Structure & Function***. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998.

This book--a visual guide to the structure and anatomy of birds--is one of the most heavily illustrated ornithology references ever written. A concise atlas of avian anatomy, it contains more than 200 specially prepared, accurate, and clear drawings that include material never illustrated before. The text is as informative

as the drawings; written at a level appropriate to undergraduate students and to bird lovers in general, it explains why birds look and act the way they do.

Rhodes, Richard. ***John James Audubon: The Making of an American***. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2004.

Richard Rhodes vividly depicts Audubon's life and career: his epic wanderings; his quest to portray birds in a lifelike way; his long, anguished separations from his adored wife; his ambivalent witness to the vanishing of the wilderness. *John James Audubon: The Making of an American* is a magnificent achievement.

Sibley, David. ***The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior***. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2001.

This follow-up to *The Sibley Guide to Birds*, focuses on biology and behavior. With nearly 800 color illustrations by David Sibley and authoritative text by 48 expert birders and biologists the readers will learn about feathers, feet and flight dynamics; food, foraging and courtship; breeding, migration and conservation threats.

Sibley, David. ***The Sibley Guide to Birds***. New York: Random House, 2000.

David Allen Sibley, America's most gifted contemporary painter of birds, is the author and illustrator of this comprehensive guide. His beautifully detailed illustrations—more than 6,600 in all—and descriptions of 810 species and 350 regional populations will enrich every birder's experience. *The Sibley Guide's* innovative design makes it entirely user friendly. The illustrations are arranged to facilitate comparison, yet still capture the unique character of each species.

Tekiela, Stan. ***Birds of Massachusetts Field Guide***. Cambridge, MN: Adventure Publications, 2000.

Learn about and identify birds using Stan Tekiela's state-by-state field guides. The full-page, color photos are incomparable and include insets of winter plumage, color morphs and more. Plus, with the easy-to-use format, you don't need to know a bird's name or classification in order to easily find it in the book. Using this field guide is a real pleasure. It's a great way for anyone to learn about the birds in your state.

Young Adult Books

Boring, Mel. ***Birds, Nests, and Eggs***. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens, 1998.

A guide to identifying fifteen different birds, providing information about the physical characteristics and habits of each, as well as about the nests they build and the eggs they lay.

Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon***. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2004.

John James Audubon was a boy who loved the out-of-doors more than the in. He was a boy who believed in studying birds in nature, not just from books. And, in the fall of 1804, he was a boy determined to learn if the small birds nesting near his Pennsylvania home really would return the following spring. This book reveals how the youthful Audubon pioneered a technique essential to our understanding of birds. Capturing the early passion of America's greatest painter of birds, this story will leave young readers listening intently for the call of birds large and small near their own homes.

DeGezelle, Terri. ***Birds A to Z***. Mankato, MN: Capstone Curriculum Pub., 2000.
Introduces the world of birds through photographs and facts which describe one for each letter of the alphabet.

García, Eulalia. ***Birds: Masters of Flight***. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens Pub., 1997.
Describes the physical characteristics and habits of birds, with an emphasis on how birds fly.

Herkert, Barbara. ***Birds in Your Backyard***. Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 2001.
Describes the physical characteristics, habits, and natural environment of various North American birds and provides tips for observing backyard birds.

James, Simon. ***Birdwatchers***. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2002.
Intrigued by her granddad's stories of what happens when she goes birdwatching, Jess decides to accompany him one day.

Jenkins, Martin. ***The Emperor's Egg***. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 1999.
Describes the parental behavior of Emperor penguins, focusing on how the male keeps the egg warm until it hatches and how the parents care for the chick after it is born.

Kalman, Bobbie. ***Strange Birds***. New York: Crabtree Pub. Co., 1998.
Introduces birds that do strange things, including the eating habits, bills, and homes of such species as the jacana, flamingo, dipper, and hoatzin.

Kenyon, Linda. ***Rainforest Bird Rescue: Changing the Future for Endangered Wildlife***. Buffalo, NY: Firefly Books, 2006.
The *Firefly Animal Rescue* identifies endangered and threatened species and what is being done to protect them. Combining lively, accessible text and stunning color photographs, each book provides a detailed overview of the species, describing its characteristics, behavior, habits, physiology and more.

Koch, Maryjo. ***Bird Egg Feather Nest***. San Francisco, CA: Collins Publishers San Francisco, 1994.
With her enchanting watercolor images and hand-lettered prose, artist and author Maryjo Koch explores, with both authority and humor, everything in the world of birds.

Lasky, Kathryn. ***She's Wearing a Dead Bird on her Head!*** New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 1997.

A fictionalized account of the activities of Harriet Hemenway and Minna Hall, founders of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, a late nineteenth-century Audubon Society that would endure and have impact on the bird-protection movement.

Media

Eyewitness: Bird [DVD & VHS] 35 min. Dorling Kindersley, 35 min.

Bird takes you soaring through the sky and around the world in an exciting journey from the bird's distant dinosaur past to its present astonishing variety. Take an up-close look at the staggering range of sizes, shapes, and habitats of these feathered creatures, and experience the miracle of flight.

GeoKids: Flying, Trying, and Honking Around [VHS] 33 min. Columbia Tristar, 1994.

With help from Uncle Balzac, Sunny and Bobby learn about many different kinds of birds, and soon find out why most birds can fly and others can't. Meanwhile wacky Francisco Flamingo flaps by with Famingo Facts, and introduces young viewers to counting and to phonics. Plus, this episode features GeoKids bonus segments about leaf-cutter ants, elephant trunks, and starfish. Preschool.

The Life of Birds [DVD & VHS] 580 min. BBC Video, 1998.

Colorful, mysterious, noble and intriguing, birds have fascinated us since the dawn of history. David Attenborough, one of the world's foremost naturalists, host an extraordinary exploration into the secret lives of these magnificent creatures.

Ultimate Guide: Birds of Prey [VHS] 50 min. Discovery Channel, 1998.

Birds of prey are born for the hunt - every part of their anatomy, from eyes to talons, works together to create an efficient instrument of pursuit and capture. Take flight with some of nature's most accomplished predators. Narrated by, Will Lyman.

Winged Migration [DVD] 89 min. Sony Picture Classics, 2003.

Witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents.