

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Birding Beyond the Program

Birds caught your interest? ...us, too.

Good news - you can keep exploring wherever you are! Birds all around us: in neighborhoods, parks, schoolyards, backyards and sometimes right outside your window!

Whether you want to figure out who you're looking at, what you're hearing, or what those birds are doing, these resources can help you continue your birding adventure!

Identify a Bird

OSA Blog Resources

- A Birdwatcher's Guide to Coyote Valley: <https://tinyurl.com/myj8y5r7>
- Feathered Travelers: A Fall & Winter Guide to Santa Clara Valley's Migratory Birds: <https://tinyurl.com/2vf4wj9f>



Merlin Bird ID

Not sure what bird you're seeing or hearing? Merlin is a free app that can help you identify birds using a few simple questions, a photo, or even their sounds!

[For more information visit: https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/download /](https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/download/)



SWCA In Your Backyard - Birds of the Pacific Northwest

Would you like a guide to some birds you might see around your yard and beyond? This is a free printable guide you can bring with you - there's even space to check off birds once you find them!

Bird identification books

- The Sibley Guide to Birds
- National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America
- Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America



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Keep Track of What You Find



eBird

Create a list of the birds you see, explore which species have been spotted nearby and contribute your observations to a worldwide community-science project.

Learn More About Birds



Santa Clara Valley Bird Alliance

Discover bird species, conservation stories, birding tips and ways to help birds.

<https://scvbirdalliance.org/>



Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Dive deeper into bird behavior, migration, habits, conservation and bird science.

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/>

Go Birding!

You don't need to travel far - or even own binoculars - to bird.

Try:

- Sitting quietly outside for five minutes and counting how many birds you notice.
- Listening for birds before looking for them.
- Watching one bird closely - what is it doing?
- Looking for different beak, foot, wing and body shapes.
- Visiting the same place at different times of day and noticing what changes.
- Keeping a bird journal with drawings, observations, questions or a list of species.



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