

Intro to Birding and Back Yard Bird Feeding
Helpful Notes, Links and Contact Information

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Some Examples of Field Guides:

The Sibley Guide to Birds – Second Edition \$40.00 <https://www.sibleyguides.com/product/the-sibley-guide-to-birds-2/>

The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America: Second Edition \$19.95

<https://www.sibleyguides.com/product/sibley-field-guide-birds-eastern-north-america-second-edition/>

Electronic Field Guides:

The Merlin app : FREE: Available on the AppStore and Google Play store app, or online at <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/> by clicking on Bird ID in the menu

Sibley Birds v2 app: \$19.99 <https://www.sibleyguides.com/product/sibley-birds-v2-app/>

Free Poster of common feeder visitors: <https://feederwatch.org/learn/identifying-birds/download-feederwatch-posters/>

Binocular Information:

The Audubon guide to buying binoculars: <https://www.audubon.org/gear/binocular-guide>

Example of local stores to test and buy the binoculars: Wildbird Junction

<http://www.wildbirdjunction.com/>

Recommendations on bird feeding:

<https://ny.audubon.org/conservation/attracting-birds-your-feeder>

<https://www.audubon.org/news/when-its-okay-or-not-feed-birds>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/types-of-bird-seed-a-quick-guide/>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/how-to-choose-the-right-kind-of-bird-feeder/>

-Keep feeders filled, dry and clean! Provide plants for native food and shelter. Offer a variety of seed through various feeder types.

The National Audubon Native Plants Database to identify local stores to buy native plants:

<https://www.audubon.org/native-plants>

List of the Capital Region Native plants for birds suppliers: Ask Teresa at info@capitalregionaudubon.org

Citizen Science Links:

Why you should participate: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqfS9U8uc2A&feature=youtu.be>

A Few Ways to participate:

Project FeederWatch: <https://feederwatch.org/>

eBird: <https://ebird.org/home>

iNaturalist: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

The Great Backyard Bird Count: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/about-great-backyard-bird-count>