

Uploading to eBird

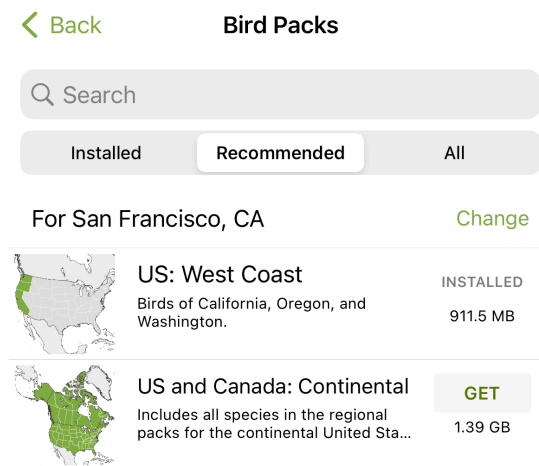


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Downloading the eBird app

Congratulations, you have taken the first step and started your role as a community scientist. It's time to connect with ornithologists through eBird.

Using a mobile device download the eBird app. Have a trusted adult create an account so you can upload your data. The app will prompt you to select how you wish the species name to be displayed. It will be useful to see both the common and scientific name. Set the common name as the primary naming convention to make it easier to find your bird. Next, choose a pack to install. This pack is curated specifically to your geographic location and will help you identify from a list of bird species that are commonly seen in your state.



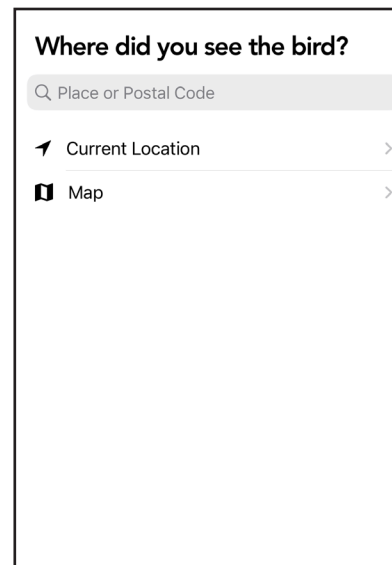
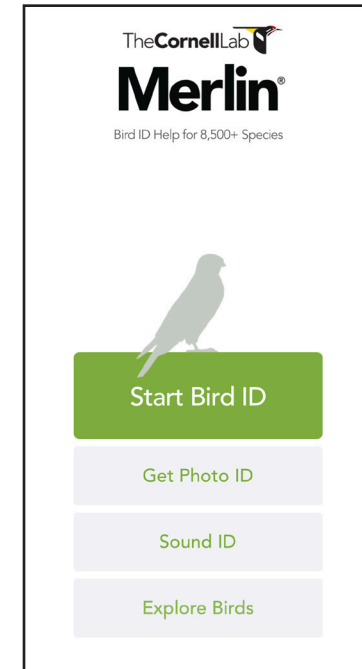
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Identifying your species

If you are having trouble identifying the species of your bird you can use the Merlin Bird ID app to identify the bird.

To use the app, have a trusted adult create an account. Then browse the packs and select the pack that best matches your location. If you allow location services the app will recommend the best packs for you.

Next, go back to the home screen and select Start Bird ID. From there the app will prompt you to choose a location.



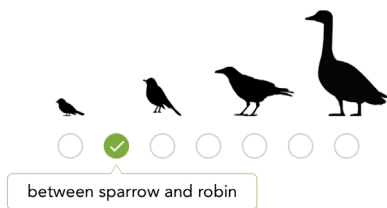
Select the date you observed the bird, how big the bird was (approximately), and the main colors.

When did you see the bird?

September	9
October	10
November	11
December	12
January	13
February	14
March	15

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What size was the bird?



The image shows four black silhouettes of birds arranged in a row from left to right, increasing in size: a small sparrow, a medium robin, a large crow, and a very large goose. Below each bird is a white circle. There are seven white circles in total, with a green checkmark inside the second circle from the left. A speech bubble points to the second circle with the text "between sparrow and robin".

between sparrow and robin

From your field notes you can identify what action you observed the bird doing. Use the detail list to see which bird most closely matches the bird you observed.

What were the main colors?

Select from 1 to 3



Black



Gray



White



Buff/Brown



Red/Rufous



Yellow



Olive/Green



Blue



Orange

Was the bird... ?

☐ Eating at a feeder

☐ Swimming or wading

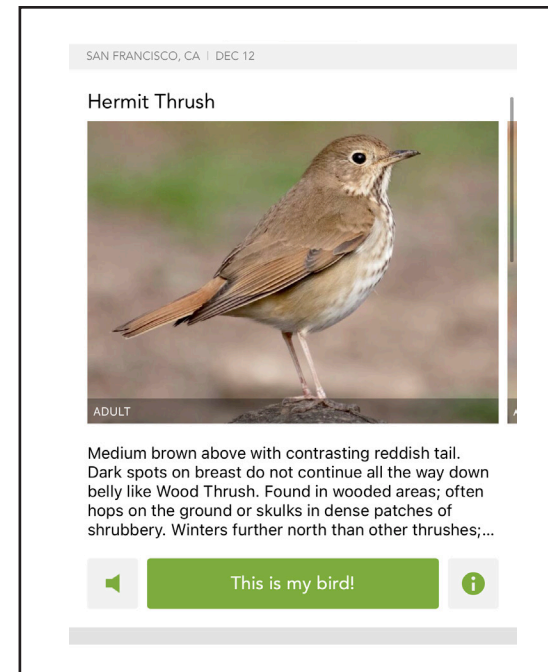
☐ On the ground

☒ In trees or bushes

☐ On a fence or wire

☐ Soaring or flying

Once you see a bird that most closely matches your observation select This is my bird! The app will then take you back to eBird to add the species to your checklist.



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Uploading your observations

Once back in the eBird app select start your checklist. The app will automatically generate the time, date and location (if you have your location services enabled). Toggle the track option off. This will allow you to input your observations without being timed in the app. If you don't have a timer, you can leave the track option on and it will automatically time how long you've been observing.

After entering all the bird observations, select review. If you stayed in one place while you looked for birds, select your location and your observation type as “stationary”. Enter the number of observers that were with you on your Bird Count, such as a family member or friend. Enter 10 minutes for the length of your observation. Select yes for the complete checklist of birds and submit.

Bird Count and eBird Guide

Use the PDF titled *Bird Count and eBird Guide* as a step-by-step guide birding for a Bird Count.