

Birdwatching for Beginners

Birdwatching is popular activity all over the world for people of all ages. It can be done from your window, you can get out into the great outdoors and explore your backyard and neighborhood, or it can take you travelling around our province, country or around the world.

A few tips to get you started:

- 🐦 Birdwatching is an activity that has few restrictions – even if you have trouble getting around, you can still find places to bird watch. The place to start is your own backyard or local park.
- 🐦 Make your backyard a welcoming place for birds (for example, put up a bird feeder).
- 🐦 Early in the morning is often the best time to bird watch.
- 🐦 Listen and try to identify the different birdcalls. How many different ones can you hear?
- 🐦 Get yourself a bird book or an App for your phone (<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>). It will help you identify birds when you see them.
- 🐦 Keep notes on what you see and hear.
- 🐦 Binoculars, although not necessary, will make your bird watching experience more enjoyable.
- 🐦 Follow other birders or bird photographers on social media.
- 🐦 Once you have checked out the birds in your neighborhood, look for other places to bird watch. You can search online for places in your area. For great birdwatching areas in Kneehill County check out this link [Resource Directory • Kneehill County, AB • CivicEngage](#)
- 🐦 Other birdwatching resources:
 - [Birding during the pandemic: Basics for beginner birdwatchers in Manitoba | CBC News](#)
 - [Bird Watching 101: A Guide for Beginners | Audubon New York](#)
 - [Bird-Watching for Beginners: How to Start Birding - Birds and Blooms](#)
 - [Birdwatching For Beginners: How To Get Started Birding In Canada \(chatelaine.com\)](#)
 - <https://youtu.be/z-ZmieT6YQg>
 - <https://youtu.be/B12BrSYJrpo>
 - <https://youtu.be/kVM-PcEE8X8>