

Birding guides and apps

for discovering and recording
bird biodiversity in your backyard



Here is a list of bird identification, recording and sharing resources that are most commonly used by birders in Australia. There are also excellent resources for local areas – check with your local bird group!

Books/Field Guides

- *The Australian Bird Guide*, CSIRO Publishing
- *Field Guide to Australian Birds* by Michael Morcombe
- *Field Guide to the Birds of Australia* by Simpson & Day
- *The Field Guide to the Birds of Australia* by Pizzey & Knight
- *The Slater Field Guide to Australian Birds*
- There are also many excellent local and children's field guides – check your local library

Phone/tablet apps - read the reviews on the platforms to help you choose one!

Android

- Morcombe's Birds of Australia – to buy
- Pizzey & Knight Birds of Aus – to buy
- Merlin Bird ID – free
- eBird – for recording but not ID - free
- Australian Birds Guide - free
- Australian Birds Sounds Free - free

Apple

- The Morcombe & Stewart Guide to Birds of Australia – to buy
- Pizzey and Knight Birds of Australia – to buy
- Merlin Bird ID – free
- eBird– for recording but not ID - free
- Aust. Birds - free
- Australian Birds and Sound - free

Websites/computer programs

- Birdlife Australia - <https://birdlife.org.au/all-about-birds/australias-birds/find-a-bird>
- Birds in Backyards, includes bird calls - <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/>
- eBird Australia - <https://ebird.org/australia/home>
- Australian Bird Identification (ABID) – a Facebook page where you can upload photos and get a very quick identification - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/209677085864957/>
- Pizzey & Knight Birds of Australia Digital Edition Tour – interactive multimedia program - http://www.gibbonmm.com.au/tour/PKBA_PC.aspx - to buy

Birdwatching equipment and tips

Birds in Backyards has a Watching Birds page which has great information about equipment, tips for beginner birdwatchers and a Bird Watcher's Code - <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/birds/Watching-Birds>