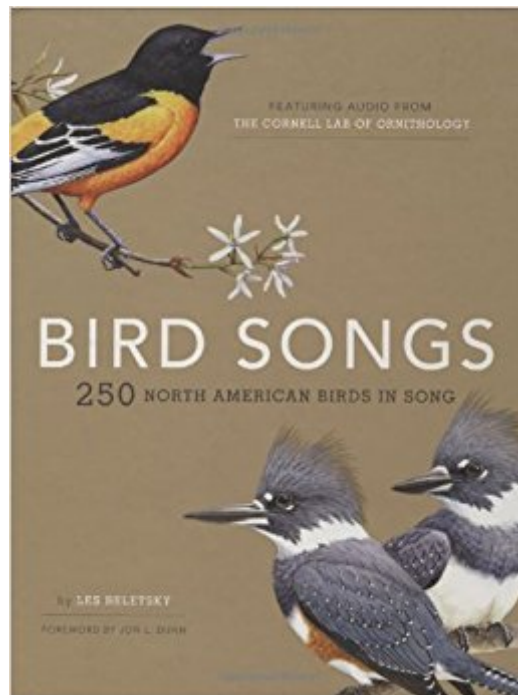




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Bird Songs: 250 North American Birds In Song



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Here are splendid color illustrations of 250 species of birds, some showing only the male and others showing both the male and female. Drawing from the Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the book is divided into four parts: seabirds, shorebirds, and water birds; forest birds; woodland birds; and open-country birds. With each illustration is a description of the bird's range in the U.S and Canada and its ecology and behavior. The profiles emphasize the birds' vocalizations--both songs and calls--which can be heard on an audio component that comes with the book. By using this digital audio technology, readers will be able to relate the songs and calls to the birds' appearances. Beletsky, a notable bird biologist, has written a fascinating book that will aid bird-watchers. George Cohen Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

This is such a fun book! While I can't really figure out the organization of the birds in the book, we have so much fun checking out the bird sounds as we turn the pages. What is more challenging is to try and find a bird in particular, especially if you don't think to refer to it in the exact wording as they do. For example - you will not find a Grackle, it is the Common Grackle. Similarly it is the Common Loon, the Mountain Chickadee, and the Northern Cardinal. It would be nice for the index to use a little extra space to help guide a person to the bird they're after. Something along the lines of Cardinal - see Northern Cardinal. We just have fun turning the pages and seeing what we encounter, and that works out well too!

Love this book. My 1st one broke and I had to have another. I swear, I hit the sound for birds around here and THEY COME! It works especially well for Cardinals, Blue Jays and even a Baltimore Oriole! Very cool!

My Dad has dementia and Parkinson's so his hands shake and he doesn't read as much as he used to. His eyes and spirit lifted up when he saw this book. I had to teach him how it works with each bird having a number and then you dial the number in and press the button to hear the bird's song. He sits for hours now playing that book. Once in a while he will mix up the number dial with the volume dial. It is. Dry heavy so we need to be at a table. He is an avid birder and will give commentary on how it sounds. Thank you thank you thank you from my Dad and me for this great book. If books make you feel something, this one hit the spot.

Grandchildren are becoming bird lovers as their great-grandmother is. It was edifying to hear our four-year-old singing, "Chick-a-dee-dee-dee".

What a great book! I have been able to distinguish the calls of many of the birds that I already love. Also, I have learned the calls of many birds that I have seen in the past, but didn't know what their voice was like. The book is so well written, and beautifully illustrated that I can't imagine a better resource for us bird lovers! I would recommend this book very highly to any bird lovers or parents who would like to spark an interest in their little ones. Many thanks to Les Beletsky and Jon L. Dunn.

First let me say my children (3,5 & 11) LOVE this book!The 3yr will mimick sounds for 30+ minutes at time. The 5yr has increased her math skills tremendously by just clicking up and down the range of audio numbers and can now easily count to 250!The audio is excellent - and our ears are definitely more in tune to hearing birds around us now. At breakfast the kids are yelling out that a cardinal, robin and blue jay are somewhere in the trees outside.Adults will be frustrated though - you cannot just key in the audio # you want to hear. You continually have to scroll up and down the 250 audio clips. The index is only written for the page # of each bird (not the audio #) - AND only one specific name is listed for each. (someone here already mentioned the Chickadee will only be found under "Black Capped Chickadee") - So I had to take the entire list and create an index by audio # for the kids and using multiple names where necessary. We just taped it into the front cover. It would have been better if the first bird appeared on page 15 - to have that bird be audio #15 as well - instead of audio #8 can be found on page 14. Just a bit frustrating.All in all I am very glad we have this book for our kids though!

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This is a great entertainment and educational tool, and I just wish it had been around while my son was young. Though he is grown now, it is still a great tool. Information on the birds, their habitat and habits, with the songs very clear. Even if you are not after education, it is wonderful to hear the birdsong when you want. Very enjoyable and attractive and it keeps my cat entertained, too.

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