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Find More Birds: Surprisingly Effective Secrets to Spotting Birds Everywhere

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Find More Birds is a handy guide for birders, covering over one hundred steps toward increasing one's chances of seeing birds in the wild.

Birds leave behind evidence of their whereabouts, Wolf says—clues that can be followed to spot them. She shares advice for spotting woodpecker drill holes, finding evidence of bird activity in flowers on the ground, and checking leaf litter for birds. Her tips are direct and accessible, walking through topics like the best approach to scanning an area for birds or warning against playing recordings of birdsong that might, in fact, scare birds away. Personal anecdotes mix into this short, fun, and practical work.

The guide includes a useful roundup of the best birdwatching phone and online applications and recommends some field guides and equipment for bird identification. Its dozens of beautiful photographs of warblers, grackles, and owls in their familiar environments are memorable in their own right; they will also help when it comes to identifying common species (and knowing how best to photograph them).

Find More Birds is an enjoyable, helpful resource for enhancing birdwatching experiences, with tips for newcomers and experienced birders alike.

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