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The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell University

**Brief History**

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell University is a world leader in the study, appreciation, and conservation of birds. Founded in 1915, the Cornell Lab is a nonprofit organization supported by 100,000 friends and members. The lab make possible to know all about birds under a website and make an online guide book in 2005.

**Scope and Coverage**

This online guide book to birds and birds watching is a reference source for all about birds. This guide book includes 584 of the more than 700 regularly occurring North

American bird species, like Ducks, Geese, and Swans, Grouse, Quail, and Allies, Grebes, Pigeons and Doves, Cuckoos, Nightjars, Swifts and Hummingbirds, Cranes and Rails, Plovers, Sandpipers, and Allies, Loons, Tubenoses, Storks, Frigate birds, Boobies, Cormorants, Darters, and Allies, Pelicans, Herons, Ibises, and Allies, New World Vultures, Hawks, Kites, Eagles, and Allies, Owls, Trogons and Quetzals, Kingfishers and Allies Woodpeckers, Caracaras and Falcons, Parrots and Perching Birds.

#### **Kind of Information**

on a particular species the guide book provides information like the identification of the bird with a color image, and includes key of identification like the size, shape, color pattern, behavior, habitat, a range map of America where that bird are found in what time of the year. The life history of the bird with short descriptions of its food, habit, nesting facts, Number of Broods, Egg Length, egg width, Incubation Period, Nestling Period etc. are also provided. Each bird's call and song is also captured and provided in this guide book under the heading "Songs". Sometimes it also provides a video of that species of bird. As for example, the guide book provides above mentioned kind of information about the Mountain Bluebird. Along with this information, the entry on this bird also includes links to related species, similar species, Eastern Bluebird, Western Bluebirds, male and female Bluebirds, Backyard Tips etc.

#### **Special Features**

- The guidebook provides all type of bird's calls and song audios and also videos.
- Along with the bird's availability maps the guide book also provides dynamic map of eBird sightings.
- There is a link in every entry to the online account of North American Birds.
- Under this website, along with the guidebook there are options like "BIRDING Basics", "News & Features" etc. which provides further details about various birds' species.

#### **Arrangement Pattern**

In this guide book all the bird species are arranged category wise with their names and color images. Users can also browse the bird species by using taxonomy. This taxonomic list follows the American Ornithologists' Union. In this ontology under each terminology the undergoing sub categories are arranged and hyperlinked with the entries. User can also browse the bird species by their name from hyperlinked a-z alphabets and also from the general shapes of the birds.

#### **Remarks**

This guidebook is a great source of information about the bird species of North America and provides detailed information about all those bird species. By following this guide book the bird lovers are able to acquire almost all important knowledge about the bird species.

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