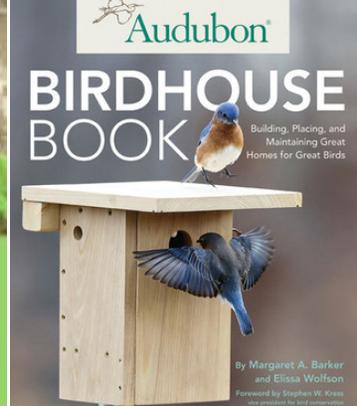




## SMITHSONIAN Q&A: BIRDS

Christina Wilsdon

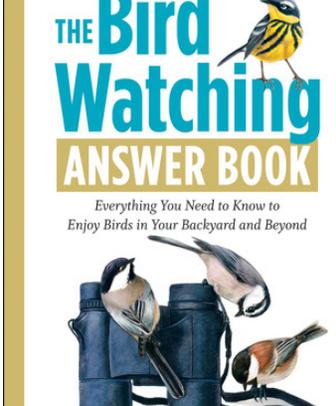
The renowned Smithsonian Institution answers questions like "How do birds perch and sleep without falling?" and "Why are some birds called songbirds but not others?" While definitely detailed enough for adults, the short question-and-answer structure and photo-heavy layout will appeal to teens and older children as well.



## AUDUBON BIRDHOUSE BOOK

Margaret A. Barker

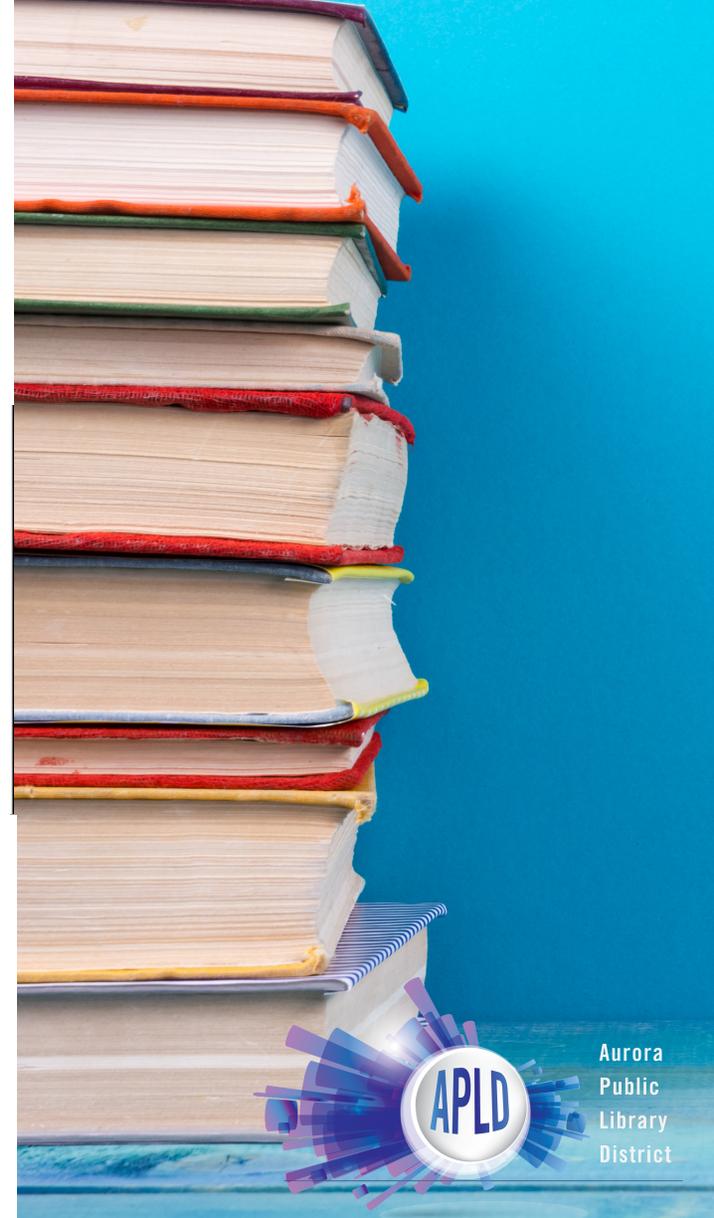
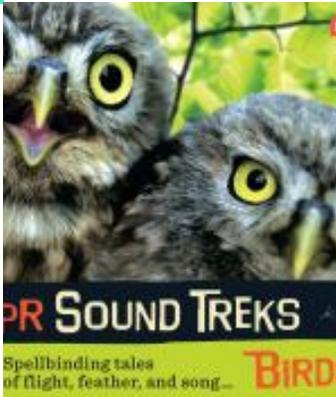
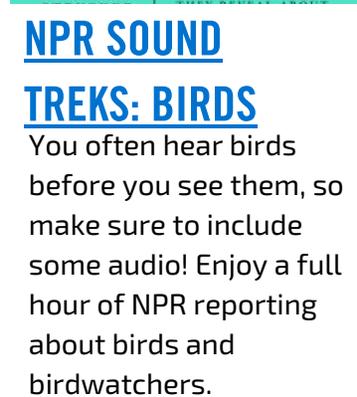
Interested in adding a birdhouse to your yard? Learn from the experts at the Audubon Society!



## THE THING WITH FEATHERS

Noah Strycker

What makes birds birds - and what can that teach us about what makes us human?



# RECOMMENDED READS

Bird-Watching Books and Guides

# BACKYARD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

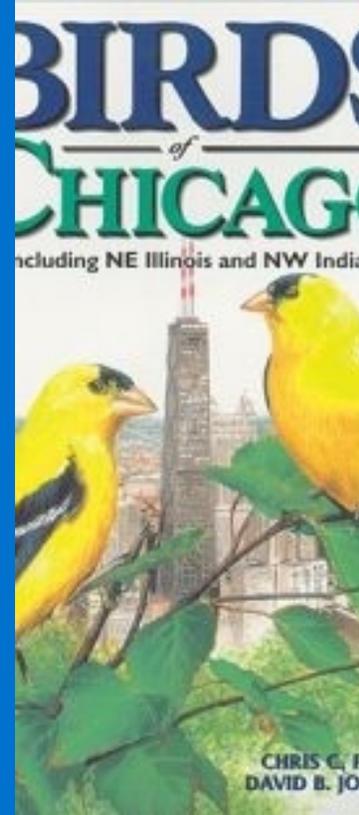
SECOND EDITION



## BIRDS OF CHICAGO

Chris C. Fisher and  
David B. Johnson

Learn more about the species you'll find in northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana. Pair this with the book below to find the best bird-watching locations in your area.



## MIDWESTERN BIRDS: BACKYARD GUIDE

Bill Thompson III

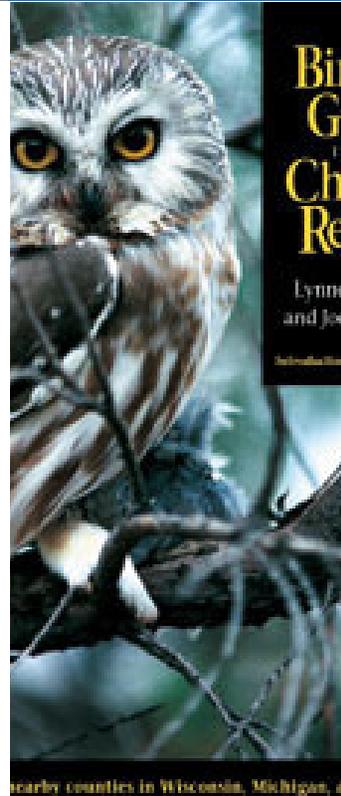
Written by a longtime editor of *Bird Watcher's Digest*, this guide will help you begin birdwatching from the comfort of your own backyard. Which birds are most common in your area in wintertime? How can you attract birds to your yard and observe them without scaring them off? What equipment should you buy if you want to continue? This book has all those answers and more.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BACKYARD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, 2ND EDITION

Jonathan Alderfer and Noah Strycker

Not sure what birding is or what to look for? Start with this accessible guide to attracting, feeding, and identifying different types of birds. 150 species get full-color illustrations and descriptions of their habitat, call, and nesting behavior.

If you have fun with this book, take the next step with the region-specific books on the rest of this page!



## A BIRDER'S GUIDE TO THE CHICAGO REGION

Lynne Carpenter  
and Joel Greenberg

This book assumes that you have some basic knowledge of bird species (which is why we suggest pairing it with the book above), but it's an excellent resource for specific bird-watching locations in Chicago and neighboring counties.

## Midwestern Birds BACKYARD GUIDE

Indiana • Ohio • Iowa • Illinois • Michigan • Wisconsin • Minnesota • Kentucky  
Missouri • Arkansas • Kansas • Oklahoma • Nebraska • North Dakota • South Dakota

