



iKBS FAQ

What can I do with the iKnowBirdSongs app?

Our purpose is to teach you bird songs so that when you hear a bird singing, you'll know its name. No need to look it up in a field guide or search through a library of bird songs. When you hear it, you'll know it.

Which bird species are included in iKnowBirdSongs (version 1)?

The iKnowBirdSongs (v1) app includes the birds which North American birders are most likely to hear in the field, in your neighborhood park, or in your yard. We focus on the more common birds, that is, those the American Birding Association categorizes with abundance codes of 1, 2, or 3 (most common). In addition, we include all the song birds, as defined by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, plus several other groups for which song can be important in identification. Altogether, we cover more than 350 North American species and more than 500 individual songs.

Will more birds be added in the future?

Yes. And you can help us create the next version. Let us know which other birds you'd like to see included and we'll consider adding them. To send us your feedback, visit iKBS on Facebook.

Can I use iKnowBirdSongs app to ID birds in the field?

Yes you can! Let's say you hear a bird, you think you know what it is, but you are not sure. You need to listen to its song, and iKBS can help. Simply launch the iKnowBirdSongs app, go to the Navigation Screen, then to the Study Cards Screen and type in the bird's name. When the bird's image appears, click it to hear the song and verify if you were correct.

Will iKnowBirdSongs take the place of a field guide?

No. iKnowBirdSongs complements, but does not compete with standard bird guides. iKBS app is best used to learn bird songs BEFORE you go birding.