



## *What It's Like to Be a Bird—What Birds Are Doing and Why\**

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David Allen Sibley, the author of *What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing—What Birds Are Doing and Why*, explores the many ways birds manage their lives on the wing—the ones we see most often in our backyards as well as less common species of forest, meadow and coast, using his own meticulous illustrations to show

**how different species fly, eat, sleep, nest, attract their mates, and avoid danger.**

David Sibley has been an avid birder since childhood, starting at the age of eight to draw the birds he observed and make notes. The son of Yale ornithologist Fred Sibley, he is a self-taught illustrator of his own work. He began working on his first guidebook in 2000, focusing on better descriptions of immature birds. In his most recent book, *What It's Like to Be a Bird—What Birds Are Doing and Why*, Sibley answers many frequently asked questions about bird behavior and physiology and covers fascinating new scientific research on the myriad ways birds have adapted to environmental changes.

This special, large-format volume is geared as much to nonbirders as it is to the out-and-out obsessed, covering more than two hundred species and including more than 330 new illustrations. While many are familiar backyard birds—blue jays, nuthatches, chickadees—he also examines less common species like peregrine falcons, bobolinks, eared grebes, and the seashore-dwelling Atlantic puffin. David Sibley's exacting artwork and wide-ranging expertise bring observed behaviors vividly to life, providing a new and

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deeper understanding of what birds are doing and why. Can birds smell? Is this the same cardinal that was at my feeder last year? Do robins “hear” worms? Why don't birds fall out of trees when they sleep?

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David Allen Sibley is the author and illustrator of the Sibley Guides Series and numerous other publications. He has contributed to *Smithsonian*, *Science*, *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, *Birding*, *Birdwatching*, and *North American Birds*, and *The New York Times*. He is the recipient of the Roger Tory Peterson Award for Lifetime Achievement from the American Birding Association and the Linnaean Society of New York's Eisenmann Medal.

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