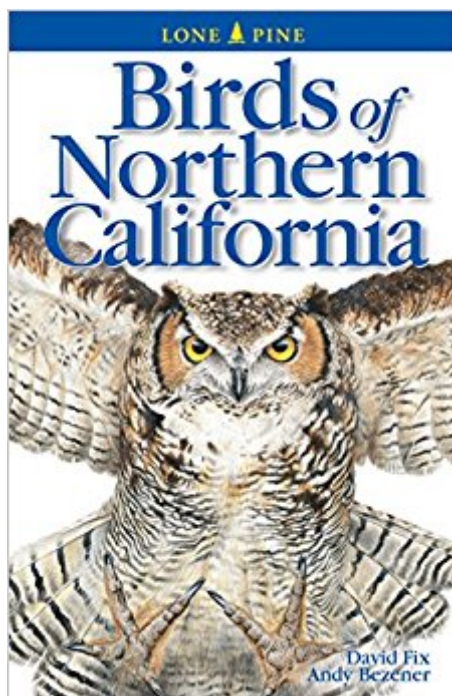


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DAVID FIX first learned his birds in the Pacific Northwest. From his sandbox, at age four or five, he recalls hearing Song Sparrows, but it wasn't until his teens that he began looking seriously at birds. Jobs as a timber cruiser and tree planter in the Oregon and Washington Cascades gave him much early experience with forest birds. More recently he has complemented his work in wildlife biology with extensive writing. For 20 years, David has been a subregional editor for the quarterly journal, North American Birds, and he contributes frequent essays, poetry and artwork to the Sandpiper, the

newsletter of the Redwood Region Audubon Society. With his partner, Jude Claire Power, and others, David is working to publish the results of a five-year Humboldt County Breeding Bird Atlas project. David and Jude make their home in Bayside, California. ANDY BEZENER is a biologist and the author of nine nature guides for Lone Pine Publishing.

I am an advanced-amateur birder, and I own four separate bird guides. I live in the Bay Area, and this is by far the guide I use the most. I've owned it for three years, and virtually every bird I've seen has been within its pages. It's very easy to navigate because of its "thumbnails" in the opening pages - you can easily spot your bird there without having to flip through the whole guide. It's also very well written. It is always eloquent, occasionally humorous, and does a wonderful job of capturing the personality and "feel" of each bird. A problem I have with the overrated Audubon guide, and even sometimes with the fine Sibley and Stokes guides, is that they are too consistently technical. They rarely give unusual background or personality information about the birds. By contrast, this Fix-Bezener guide has something pleasurable to read in every entry. Some folks might want to supplement this guide with the Stokes Field Guide, Western Region, because it includes photographs. Or perhaps with a Sibley guide if you really want to get into the details. But for 90% of Northern California birders, this single guide will do just fine.

I have owned a copy of this book for a long time. I love it. I can find the names of birds outside at my feeders and those I see on hikes and photo expeditions. Clear, beautiful illustrations and lots of info to help you identify juveniles, visitors and year-round residents. I just bought a copy along with some other child-targeted items so my nephews' parents could look them up along with the kids and be ready with questions the kid-targeted items didn't cover. Big success! Great great book.

When I moved to the country I saw so many birds that I didn't know a hawk from an eagle. Since I bought this book I now have a set of binoculars and enjoy looking up the species, where they migrate, their sounds and habits. It's fun now knowing the differences instead of "guessing".

Great field guide, especially for beginning birders, but nice for more experienced ones too. Sorry to see that this has gone out of print as it is a lovely guide with excellent illustrations and lots of information on each bird. It is focused on one area, Northern California, so the authors had the luxury of space. The distribution maps are good, too, and I have learned a lot from this book.

I have several bird field guides, and this is by far my favorite. I'm at a moderate level of identification. While not the definitive identification guide (I'm partial to National Geographic Society's "Field Guide to the Birds of North America") this wonderful book tells you more about each bird than any other field guide I've seen. I always wanted to know a little more about each species I look up than just their identification, I've always been curious about their lives and habits. Each bird is given a long paragraph about its lifestyle or other interesting pertinent information. It's fascinating to read cover to cover. Because I was so pleased with this book, I've looked for other Lone Pine Field Guides. I also recommend "Bugs of Northern California". Again, you won't find every bug listed here, but you will learn a lot. The writers of both books show great respect for the species they are describing. I won't hesitate to buy more of Lone Pine Field Guides.

This was a gift for a friend. She found it very handy while hiking.

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