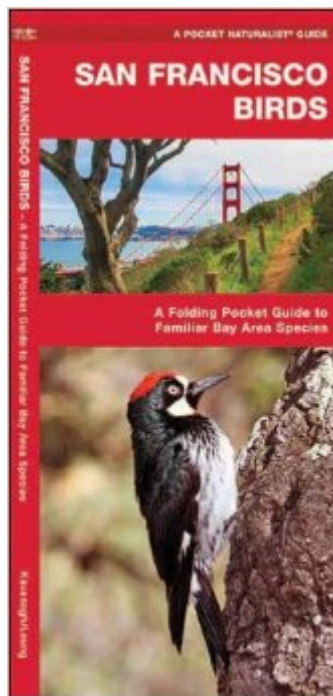


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# San Francisco Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Bay Area Species (Pocket Naturalist Guide Series)



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A bird-spotting challenge in San Francisco identified an impressive 149 species in just 24 hours! The rich and varied habitats of the San Francisco region are the permanent or temporary home of 444 species of birds. This beautifully illustrated guide highlights over 140 familiar and unique species and includes a map featuring prominent bird-viewing areas. Laminated for durability, this lightweight, pocket-sized folding guide is an excellent source of portable information and ideal for field use by visitors and residents alike. Made in the USA.

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This is a helpful guide but it's not a paperback book. Rather, it's a pamphlet. So, other than photographs and the names of each bird, there's little in the way of descriptive text.

This handy little item has two virtues that complement standard field guides like Sibley or National Geographic. First, you can unobtrusively take it with you everywhere-- on a walk around the neighborhood, on a bike ride, to a BBQ, you name it. Second, because it contains only around 140 species, I find that I can identify an unfamiliar Bay Area bird more quickly than I can using Sibley or National Geo. And, because it's laminated plastic, it's holding up quite well to being repeatedly stuffed into some pocket or other. It's certainly not a substitute for the standard, comprehensive guides, but for a few bucks it serves a useful function.

This is a folded, laminated brochure. It is filled with bird images on both sides. The birds are grouped according to type, e.g. wading birds and birds of prey. It helps if you have some idea about what type of bird you're looking for. Often you also need to be able to gauge the size of the bird in front of you to be able to say exactly which one it is. Surprisingly enough it has so far covered every single bird I've seen in the Bay Area and along the Northern and Central Coast. It would be nice to have a little more than the 3-5 words that accompany each bird. But then again, this leaflet I'll actually take with me. The weighty tomes with lots of bird info tend to stay at home on the shelf. Considering how often I've consulted it, I'd say it's definitely worth the price.

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