

Discover Birds

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communicate,
stay warm in the winter?

Look inside and
discover an amazing
world of **birds!**

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About the Sponsor Tennessee Ornithological Society

Founded in 1915, the Tennessee Ornithological Society is an independent, non-profit, educational and scientific organization devoted to the study and conservation of birds. Organized as a federation of eleven chapters across the state of Tennessee, each chapter holds monthly meetings, offers educational field trips, monitors the welfare of bird populations in their area, and partners with many organizations to promote and protect birds.

Annual TOS events include spring and fall state-wide meetings, the Summer Foray, annual hawk counts, spring and fall bird counts, winter raptor surveys, and annual Christmas bird counts. Additionally, TOS publishes *The Migrant*, an internationally recognized quarterly publication developed to “record and encourage the study of birds in Tennessee.”

TOS has a long and successful history of championing the birds of Tennessee. One notable project included TOS’ sponsoring

and organizing role in the 1933 selection of Tennessee’s state bird symbol. Over a million people were reached during this state-wide educational campaign, resulting in 72,000 school children voting to select the Northern Mockingbird as our state’s bird symbol.

More recently, the Tennessee Breeding Bird Atlas Project involved systematically surveying breeding birds across Tennessee and resulted in a summary of distribution and relative abundance in the publication, *Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Tennessee*. Other projects include ongoing cooperation with many national and international organizations in the collection of scientific data to benefit the knowledge and conservation of avian species.

The membership of TOS includes hundreds of people engaged in the study of birds at all levels, from backyard bird watchers to professional biologists. For each of these members the organization provides opportunities and challenges to help sustain a love and interest in birds.

About the Author/Illustrator



her many talents reflect her enduring love for nature.

The delightful artwork in the Tennessee Ornithological Society’s *Discover Birds Activity Book* was created and contributed by gifted artist **Vickie Henderson**. A resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, Ms. Henderson is also an author, photographer and nature enthusiast. The products of

Inspired by her enjoyment of birds and her desire to make a contribution to their continuing health and survival, she uses her talents to promote conservation, including authoring and illustrating *Red-shouldered Hawk Territory, A sketchbook journey through nesting season*; *Operation Migration’s Whooping Crane Activity Book*; contributing magazine articles to *The Tennessee Conservationist*; and presenting her inspired observations and art in her internationally read blogs, *Vickie Henderson Art* and *Vickie’s Sketchbook*.

Vickie happily dedicates her creative artistry in the *Discover Birds Activity Book* to the imaginations and curiosity of our world’s future conservationists.

Special appreciation goes to Melinda Fawver for her donation of time and talent in creating the graphic layout and design of this book.



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Discover the amazing world of birds!

Birds have fascinated people for centuries and you can find them most anywhere. They are our frequent companions when we step outdoors. Birds are easy to love for their songs and beautiful colors. They make us curious about their behavior, life-styles and their ability to fly and migrate long distances. People enjoy watching birds, feeding them, writing about them, and expressing their love for them in poetry, song and art. Many people travel around the world to see birds. The Discover Birds Activity Book is an introduction to birds--the beginning of a lifetime of enjoyment and discovery!

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