

Boxborough Birders Helpful Hints for Birding

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***Starter kit**

Peterson Guide to Bird Identification in 12 Steps

Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America

The Sibley Guide to Birds

Binoculars

Checklist of species for the area (on Mass Audubon website), pencil, & notebook

***Town conservation land maps (online)**

Acton trails.actonma.gov

Boxborough boxborough-ma.gov/351/Conservation-Trail-Maps

Carlisle carlisletrails.pbworks.com/w/page/48260254/Maps

Concord concordma.gov/734/Trail-Maps-Guides

Harvard harvardconservationtrust.org/trails/

Littleton littletonconservationtrust.org/trail-guide/

Stow stow-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/conservation-lands-and-trails

For a full list of recommended places to go birding, visit <https://boxboroughbirders.org/local-birding-spots/>

***Organizations**

Boxborough Birders boxboroughbirders.org

Brookline Bird Club brooklinebirdclub.org

Mass Audubon Society massaudubon.org

***Publications**

[*Bird Observer*](#) (bimonthly New England birding journal)

Birds and Blooms (birds, gardening, and lots of photos)

BWD, aka *Bird Watcher's Digest* (bimonthly, mostly North America)

Living Bird (free with [Cornell Ornithology Lab membership](#))

***Apps**

[Merlin](#) – bird & song ID

[eBird](#) – record bird sightings as part of world-wide data base

[The Sibley Guide to Birds](#)

[Audubon Bird Guide](#)

[Birds Eye](#) Bird Finding Guide

[iNaturalist](#) – post your photos

***Websites**

ebird.org

audubon.org

birdcast.info (migration forecasts)

sibleyguides.com

larkwire.com

allaboutbirds.org (Cornell Ornithology Lab)