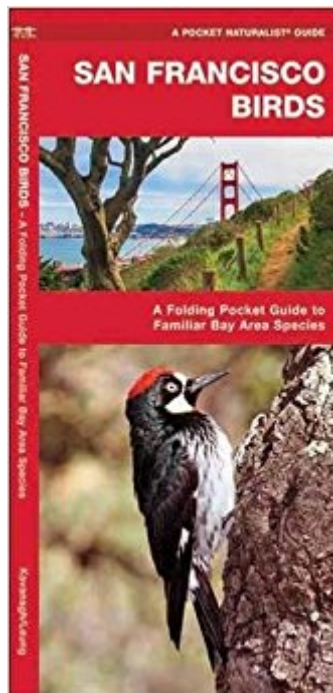




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# San Francisco Birds: A Folding Pocket Guide To Familiar Bay Area Species (A Pocket Naturalist Guide)



## Synopsis

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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## Customer Reviews

San Francisco Birds, An Introduction to Familiar Bay Area Species, is a must-have, reference guide for beginners and experts alike. Whether you're on a nature hike or in your own backyard, you'll want to take along a copy of this indispensable guide. The Pocket Naturalist series is an introduction to common plants and animals and natural phenomena. Each pocket-sized, folding guide highlights up to 150 species and most feature a map highlighting prominent sanctuaries and outstanding natural attractions. Each is laminated for durability.

Zoologist Jim Kavanagh has made a career out of introducing novices to plants, animals, the

sciences and world cultures. In addition to creating over 500 simplified nature guides, he has also authored guides to languages, cities and outdoor skills. An avid traveler and backpacker, Kavanagh's path has taken him around the world to many remote destinations including the upper , Africa, Australia, and the Arctic Circle (and this is just the As). He is also the author of a series of state-specific guides to common species and natural attractions and a children's book on evolution.

This pocket guide is perfect to take along on a walk with your children, grand children, or anyone who isn't an expert bird watcher. The images are great and the guide is durable.

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.

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.

It is very handy to have right by my window.

Easy to use and the illustrations are spot on.

It's waterproof and the perfect little digest. I live in San Francisco so sitting outside in foggy misty weather is a common thing. This is perfect

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