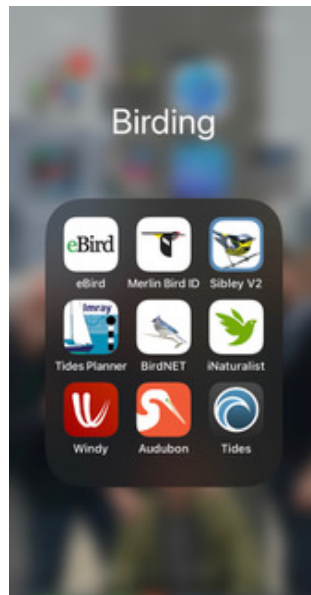


Notes on Apps from Jack Pope

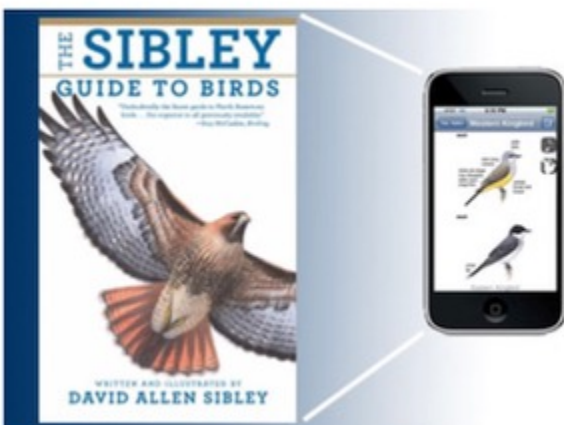
I have a folder on my iPhone so that I can quickly retrieve an app when I'm out in the field



The **Merlin** app is free and one that I use frequently, especially "Sound ID". It allows you to make a recording and then digitally analyses it to provide a "best guess" of which bird you are listening too. It's very useful if you're not completely sure and need a confirmation of what you're hearing. It's also useful for new bird songs to help you know what bird you should be looking for.

The "Start Bird ID" is also very helpful, asking you five questions about the bird: Location, Date Seen, Relative Size, Colours & Habitat. It will then provide a list of what you might be seeing

"Photo ID" works by uploading a picture of the bird you are seeing.



The **Sibley Birds** App is extremely handy when you are in the field. It's a 555 species field guide in your pocket, providing a description with multiple pictures, habitat and range detail, song and call recordings AND other bird species that are similar in appearance. The cost is \$15-20 but well worth it

eBird can be used both on your computer and as an app on your smart phone. It basically helps you keep track of the birds you have seen, and then cumulatively breaks that down to location (eg backyard, Sechelt Marsh...) as well as yearly totals. The other major benefit is that you are contributing to Citizen Science and a massive set of data tracking the “abundance” and health of various bird species, which is so important as the climate undergoes changes which significantly impact the bird population. eBird is also free and here is a link to learn more <https://ebird.org/home>

