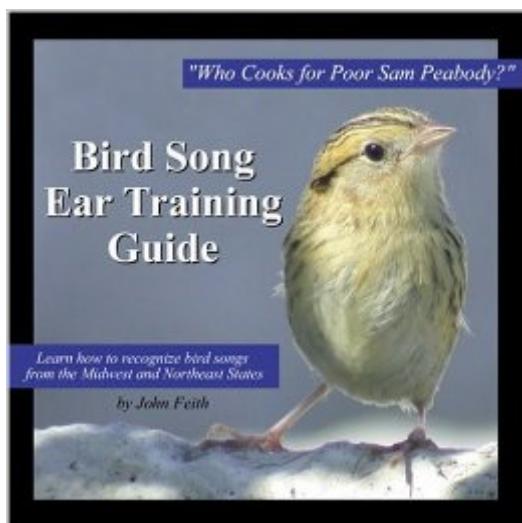


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Bird Song Ear Training Guide: Who Cooks For Poor Sam Peabody? Learn To Recognize The Songs Of Birds From The Midwest And Northeast States



Synopsis

This Audio CD is designed for anyone who wants to learn how to recognize bird songs. It features the sounds of 189 different bird species found in the Midwest and Northeast States. Each bird song recording is followed by a short description of the sound along with a common mnemonic used to remember it. Many well-known song mnemonics such as "Who cooks for you?" for the Barred Owl and "Poor Sam Peabody" for the White-throated Sparrow are included. Following the song and mnemonic, the source of the sound is revealed. By naming the bird at the end of each track, the listener is allowed to wonder and guess at the nature of the sound. Active listening, similar to what one experiences in the field while searching for an unknown bird song, is a key to engaging the memory process. One way to use this CD is to enable the "Random Play" or "Shuffle" option on a home CD player, portable stereo, or personal computer. Although it may be frustrating at first, repetition of this "quiz" game will quickly improve recognition skills. Gaining familiarity with these songs will greatly increase any bird watcher's enjoyment and awareness of birds in their natural habitat. Features: - 189 bird species found in the Midwest and Northeast states - Digital bird song recordings made in Wisconsin - Brief narration after each song includes descriptive, memorable and often funny mnemonics - Can be used as a field guide to learn and identify songs or as a recognition quiz game - Easy to use alphabetical track listing of all birds and their mnemonics - It is a great gift for any birdwatcher, beginner or advanced. - Total running time: 60 minutes

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Customer Reviews

I decided to get serious about learning bird song for the Eastern US but had a hard time figuring out

which CD to buy. What I found was no one CD does it all, they all have pros and cons. I ended up with 4 CDs -- and a DVD. Below is my take on them. In the end, while it took a bit of persistence, learning bird song has been an extremely rewarding experience, adding a new dimension to any walk. I started with Feith's "Bird Song Ear Training Guide", the CD featured on this page. The big advantage of this CD is that it gives the song/call first, and then identifies it. So you can download the clips to an iPod, set it on random, and constantly test yourself. It covers 189 species, which is a lot. Finally, the narrator has a pleasant voice and often gives mnemonic suggestions (e.g., "Over here dear" for the Baltimore Oriole). However, this CD has two big disadvantages. First, many of the songs/calls are very short (many less than a few seconds). Second, there are very few songs/calls given for each bird (usually only one or two). In retrospect, they simply tried to cram too many birds onto one CD. These two defects greatly undercut the value of an otherwise good disk. Also, the birds are coupled so that if you download clips and try and randomize them you will always get the same two birds paired in the same order (the birds are organized by alphabet). This makes it hard to learn the second birds based solely on the song of the bird - the Turkey always comes after the Towhee. A friend gave me Elliott and Read's Common Birds and Their Songs (Book and Audio CD).

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