

Visit the Bear River Bird Refuge: Only, 50 miles from Salt Lake City this bird refuge is teeming with bird life you didn't know lived in Utah. Bald Eagles, Tundra Swan, American White Pelicans, Belted Kingfishers, and many, many more. Bring a pair of Binoculars to add some important and interesting migratory species to your list. If you don't have time to go to a bird refuge you can visit the Tracy Aviary in Liberty Park which has birds from Utah and almost everywhere else.



Merlin Bird ID: This is a free app that makes bird identification easy. Merlin uses your location and date to compile a list of likely birds and then allows users to filter based on size, color, and behavior. Start looking for birds and learning about the birds you encounter everyday, education and public engagement is one of the most important aspects of conservation biology! (www.allaboutbirds.org)

### ENGAGE MORE WITH BIRDS

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

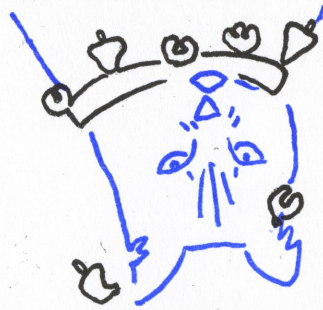
Okay, here is the scary part because everyone worries about being knowledgeable enough or having enough time to call themselves an activist. Don't sweat it so much. You have made a personal effort to help birds and you are now at least novice birder! You are totally qualified to lobby for birds, biodiversity, and the environment. Congratulations!

Staying in touch with some of the organizations I have already talked about is a great way to know what's happening in bird conservation in the city, state, and country. Sorry, that means they're probably going to ask you to call your representatives every once in a while. But it's 2018, get used to it.



Citizen Science: Another way that many people stay involved with wildlife and especially bird conservation is through citizen science projects. These are volunteering opportunities to collect large quantities of important data. Hawk Watch International and Tracy Aviary are two local organizations that have lots of citizen science projects including bird surveys and American Kestrel nest boxes.

Stop Letting Your Cat Kill Birds: There are many contraptions invented to prevent cats from killing birds, bibs and bells are the most common and you should google some pictures of them—they are funny. However, the most effective way to prevent your cat from hurting birds is to keep that cat inside. Feral and free range cats kill 1.3 to 4.0 billion birds a year in the United States.



Reduce Light Pollution: Many birds migrate at night and are negatively affected by light pollution. When a migrating light pollution it throws off the bird's navigation system and causes birds to fly into buildings and windows at higher rates. The good thing is that you can help with this by turning off any lights that would be visible outside your house between 1pm to 6am during peak migration season, March through May and August through October. (www.darkskysc.org)

### THINGS YOU CAN DO AT HOME

## DO YOU LIKE BIRDS?

Or do you want to start?



There are a lot of things you can do to have an effect on bird safety and conservation in Salt Lake City. Here are a few ideas to engage, get involved, lend a hand, and just think more about birds.



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