

THE POWER OF Merlin®

Spending more time looking at birds is one way to improve your birding skills, but it's not the only way. Study up using the Cornell Lab's free Merlin Bird ID app. (Psst! It can also help you ID a mystery bird!)

Use the 5 questions Merlin will ask you to practice gathering information for the app.

1

Where did you see it?

2

When did you see it?

3

What was the size?

4

What was the color?

5

What activity was the bird doing?

BIRD Facts

MOURNING DOVES

The oldest known Mourning Dove was 31 years 4 months old.

Mourning Doves are the most widespread and abundant gamebird in North America.

Now take these data from a recent bird sighting, and go test out Merlin.

Don't forget to record your sightings. If you created an eBird account for your bird count, make sure to submit your checklist.

That helps others explore what's been seen in your area.

