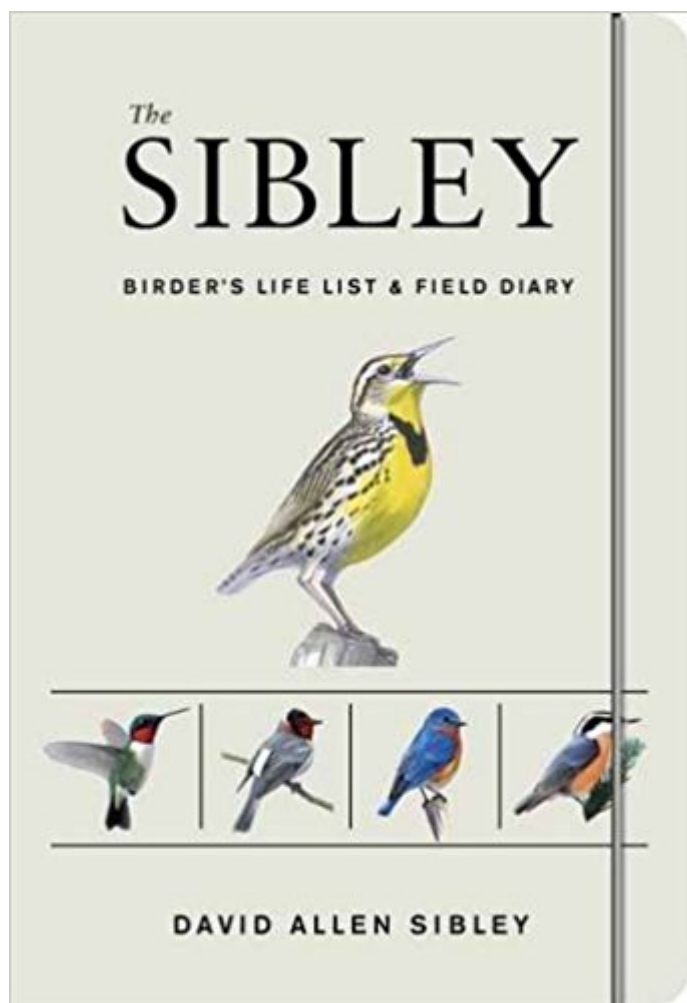


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# The Sibley Birder's Life List And Field Diary



## Synopsis

From leading ornithologist and bestselling author David Sibley comes this essential write-in field companion for all levels of birders. This indispensable birder's companion includes both ample space for on-site notes and a life list to be filled in by the legions of passionate birders who have bought Sibley's bestselling guides. Included are entries for the 923 species found in the United States and Canada, with space for recording where and when a bird was seen and for notes or memories about the sighting. At the back is a complete checklist of all the birds for building the life list.

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## Customer Reviews

DAVID ALLEN SIBLEY is a leading ornithologist and author of the essential Sibley Birding Field Guides. He began his career illustrating personal field guides before publishing his successful series. The author lives in Concord, Massachusetts, with his wife and two children.

Exactly what I was looking for! It has three different sections for logging your records with room for 32 "add-in" species for future splits of species. The first section is a by taxonomic order. It has five species per page with room to write location, date, and notes. The next section a straight checklist with 5 boxes (still can't figure out why five boxes but it could be helpful). The last section is chronological order of life-list. It's just numbered with room for you write the species. A very cool feature for life's latest additions. It has a nice cover, a little elastic band to keep it closed and quality

pages.

This journal (diary/life list) is great. Well laid out and useful. It is exactly what was advertised - a place for checklists and keeping notes of personal sightings. It was never meant to be a field guide or ID book, reviewers giving this a low rating for not having photos clearly did not understand its purpose. However, where it could be improved is the quality of the paper used for the cover. This book is meant to be used for years and years - to hold one's LIFE LIST. But the cover seems rather flimsy and I doubt that it will hold up well with use over many years. The inside pages are great - clearly meant for use, but I think the cover should have been laminated and/or a bit thicker stock. I rated this as a 5, but the cover issues makes me wish I could rate it a 4.5. Were the cover better, it would be a clear 5.

Love my Sibley Life List book. There are 3 sections.....first a section with species and a place to write when and where you saw it with a space for notes and observations . Next is the checklist section where you just check off what species you've seen. There are 6 columns for check marks which had me wondering why at first. Then I thought of some reasons why you might want multiple columns. If you're doing a big year, you could use one column for that. Even if you're not doing a big year, you could separate out your sightings by year. For now, I'm just using one column. The last section is a numbered blank list where you write in the species you've seen. If you're worried about repeating a species, look back to your checklist to see if you've recorded it. This has prevented me from writing duplicates more than once. The index is arranged a little differently than field guides. Instead of looking up American Crow under C for crow, it's under A for American Crow. All birds are listed by their proper names, so you will need to know this while using the index. My only complaint is that the print in the index is a light gray and a little hard for me to read.

This is an awesome little book. It has everything you need for documenting your birds! It made the perfect Mother's Day gift and I may buy one for myself!

I had ask a birding friend what birding life list book he used/recommended and "The Sibley Birder's Life List and Field Diary ..." was what he suggested. I love this book! It's easy to use and a great way to keep a record of your birding life list. I would recommend it to anyone who loves to bird watch.

Hopefully I get to see a whole lot more of these birds!

Nice format for birdwatching life list. The cover seems to be waterproof and has a nice matte sheen. However, the rubber band that closes it tends to bend the book.

Bought for our grandsons. Not as good as the one we have but it is fine for them.

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