

The Weekly Wing
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Hello subscribers! This week we will be talking about birding over the summer and some tips and tricks for birding on vacation.

First off we will discuss summer birding in your own backyard. One thing that will drive birds away is movement. If you are quiet and still the birds will not be pushed away and offers for some great photo opportunities. Putting up bird feeders is also a great way to bring birds to you as well as certain flowers will attract some birds including hummingbirds and some butterflies.

Backyard birding is a great way to meet some cool birds, but taking a vacation to a different part of the state or even another country is a great way to encounter some new species.

Speaking of vacation which leads us into our next topic. There are a few important things that you should bring on a vacation if you hope to meet some birds. You should have the right pair of binoculars and a good field guide. Field guides are important if you are a beginner and can't quite identify birds by memory yet.

If you are a shutterbug and like to take pictures a good camera is also a necessity. Some cameras have detachable lenses, which are good if you like to take photos of small things such as flowers or insects. You can also attach a macro lens which is specifically designed for close up pictures. But a camera without a detachable lens also work just fine.

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