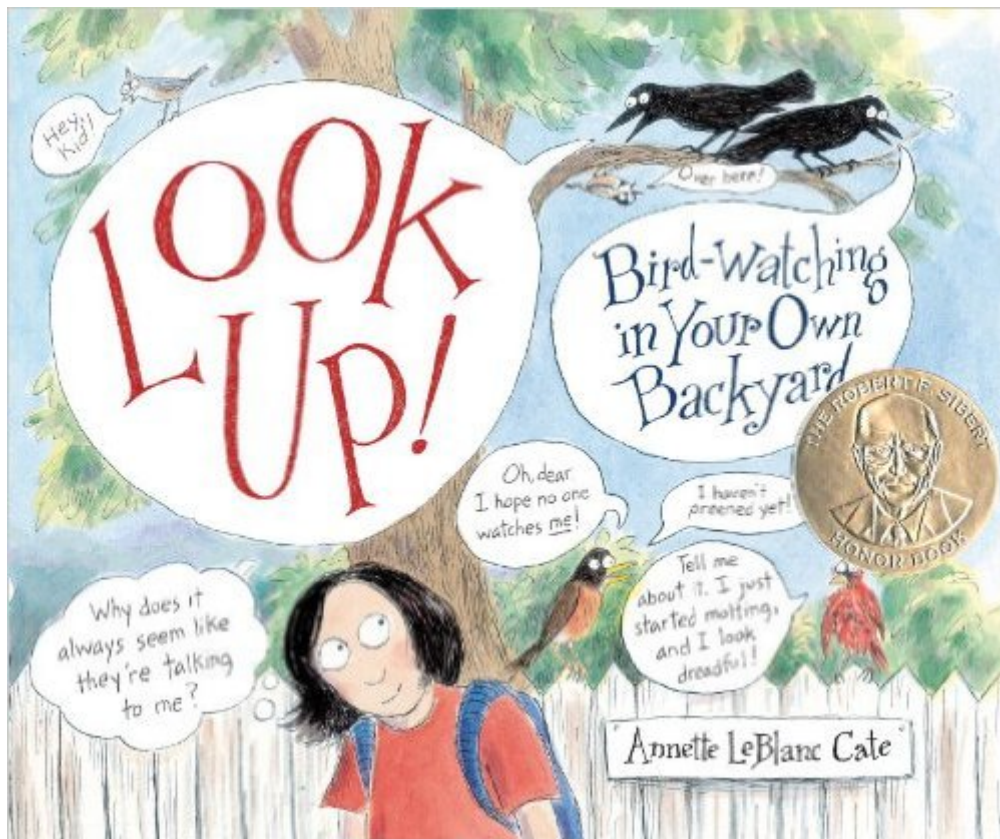


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# Look Up!: Bird-Watching In Your Own Backyard (Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Books)



## Synopsis

A 2014 Robert F. Sibert Honor Book You don't have to own binoculars and know a bunch of fancy Latin names to watch birds! No matter where you live, they're in your neighborhood — just look up. This conversational, humorous introduction to bird-watching encourages kids to get outdoors with a sketchbook and really look around. Quirky full-color illustrations portray dozens of birds chatting about their distinctive characteristics, including color, shape, plumage, and beak and foot types, while tongue-in-cheek cartoons feature banter between birds, characters, and the reader ("Here I am, the noble spruce grouse. In a spruce grove. Eating some spruce. Yep."). Interactive and enjoyable tips bring an age-old hobby to new life for the next generation of bird-watchers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Start a summer project by reading "Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard" (Candlewick 2013) by Annette LeBlanc Cate. Bird watching might not be just a summer-long project but a lifelong project, and can be done right in your backyard. The author points out that birds are the easiest of wild animals to observe. They're everywhere. The author/illustrator has drawn identifiable birds—with attitude. Hawks, robins, sparrows and all kinds of birds frequently speak in dialog bubbles, usually giving information about themselves. The various chapters show the new bird-watcher how to

identify birds by color and shape--not just standing still but in flight. It might make you realize how much you already know, but most definitely what you could know. The author asks you to draw the bird despite your sketching ability because this will make you a better observer. The finished drawing doesn't matter as much as what you've observed. She asks: does the shape of the body, particularly the wings, have anything to do with the way a bird flies. Does this kind of bird fly straight, swoopy (undulating), or erratically. Is the bird "short-legged and long-necked" like a swan? "Round and plump" like a grouse? Have "a scoopy shovel" of a bill like a duck? Or a "tearing hook" like a vulture? What do these shapes have to do with their behavior? Their way of eating? If you get to know the birds in your backyard really well, you'll notice differences of other birds farther afield, more readily. Observe their behavior. You'll find sparrows are social and want to be with other sparrows. Hawks are usually solitary or might hunt with a mate. What about the sounds of birds? Their physical presence (swooping birds of prey, hammering of a woodpecker)? Is their call harsh or musical?

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