



Welcome to Jenny's Bird Watching Bingo! I am going to give some helpful tips to finding birds in the lovely Bay Area. This is just for casual beginning bird watching and is easy to start. The first thing you want to do is install the free app Merlin Bird ID. Once it's done you need to download the US: West Coast bird pack (this may take a couple of minutes) When that is done downloading you can start a bird ID (which is to help identify a bird you see) or just explore the bird pack and see what could be out there!

Now here are some of my bird watching tips!

- 👂 Listen! One of the easiest ways to find a bird is to listen for their calls and songs. Once you hear the direction they are coming from, try looking that way.
- 👁️ Look! Look up, down and ALL around! Birds could be soaring in the air, flying from tree to tree, hopping along the ground, hiding in bushes or swimming in creeks and ponds. They are very busy and if you look closely you will see more birds than you even noticed.
- 🔊 Once you spot a bird and match what it looks like on the Merlin Bird ID app listen to the calls the app offers. This is the best way to be sure this is the bird you see and hear. And sometimes the bird will come closer if it hears the call.
- 👁️ Crows and ravens look very similar. Here are some differences: Ravens are very large and often go around by themselves while crows like to be with their flock. When flying a ravens tail will fan out while a crows tail will look square. Ravens beaks look thicker and shorter than a crows. And remember to listen! Crows sound like CAW CAW! While ravens sound gurgely and hoarse.
- 👂 Have fun! Try not to get frustrated if you can't figure it out. Keep looking and listening and you will see plenty of birds.

