# CREATING A CORNELL LAB ACCOUNT TO ACCES BIRDS OF THE WORLD

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The revision of the 8th edition of Roberts Birds of Southern Africa will take place in the digital arena, thanks to a partnership with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York. As part of the agreement, the Cornell Lab offers unlimited free access to *Birds of the World* to anyone visiting the platform from these member nations: South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Lesotho, and Eswatini. All you need to do is to create a Cornell Lab account, and the world of birds on *Birds of the World* is yours - for free! The Cornell Lab has created an ecosystem of services that fit together to allow people to record birds (eBird), upload media such as photos and sound recordings for secure archiving (Macaulay Library), identify birds in the field (Merlin Bird ID), and explore in-depth life history content (Birds of the World). A single Cornell Lab user account can be used across all these platforms. The following steps will explain how to create your Cornell Lab account, assuming you don't have one yet.

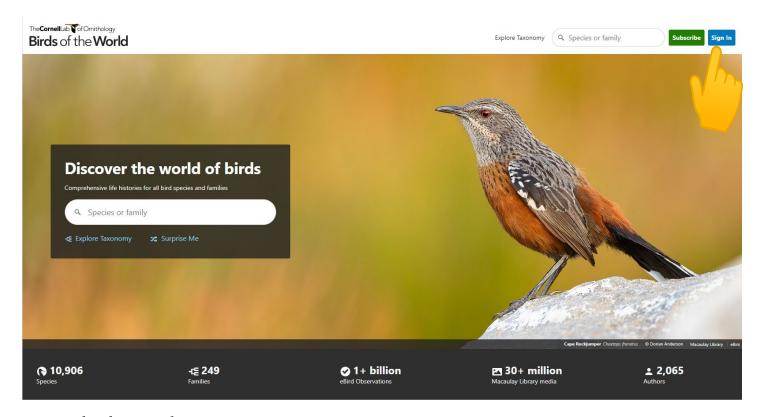
## How do I create a Cornell Lab account?

You can create your Cornell Lab account on any of their platforms, e.g., BoW, eBird, or Macaulay Library, but this guide will explain how to do it on the BoW platform.

#### Step 1

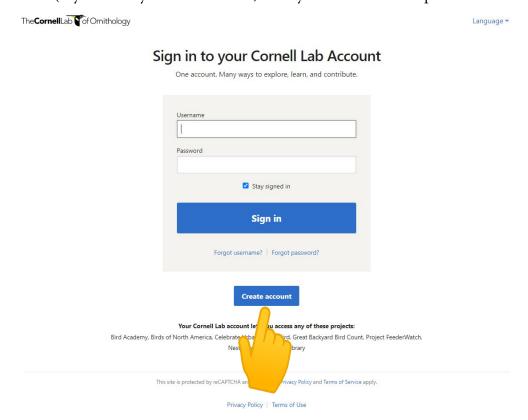
Visit https://birdsoftheworld.org/bow/home and click on the Sign In button.

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## Step 2

Click on Create account. (If you already have an account, enter your username and password and click Sign In).



## Step 3

Enter your details and click on Create account. Under *Choose a username*, you can enter your name or any other name if you wish to remain anonymous, e.g., birdman. Return to the homepage and sign in using your account credentials. Then sit back and enjoy!

