

CREATING A CORNELL LAB ACCOUNT TO ACCESS 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.

The photo on the landing page might look different; don't panic, keep your focus.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Birds of the World. The header includes the Cornell Lab of Ornithology logo and the text 'Birds of the World'. On the right side of the header, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Species or family', a 'Subscribe' button, and a 'Sign In' button. A yellow hand cursor is pointing at the 'Sign In' button. Below the header is a large image of a Cape Rockjumper bird perched on a rock. On the left side of the image, there is a dark grey box with the text 'Discover the world of birds' and 'Comprehensive life histories for all bird species and families'. Below this text is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Species or family'. At the bottom of the page, there is a statistics bar with the following information: 10,906 Species, 249 Families, 1+ billion eBird Observations, 30+ million Macaulay Library media, and 2,065 Authors.

Step 2

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

Sign in to your Cornell Lab Account

One account. Many ways to explore, learn, and contribute.

Username

Password

Stay signed in

Sign in

[Forgot username?](#) | [Forgot password?](#)

Create account

Your Cornell Lab account lets you access any of these projects:

Bird Academy, Birds of North America, Celebrate Urban Birds, eBird, Great Backyard Bird Count, Project FeederWatch, Macaulay Library, NestWatch

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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!

Your account lets you access any of these projects

Bird Academy
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Celebrate Urban Birds
eBird
Great Backyard Bird Count
Macaulay Library
NestWatch
Project FeederWatch

If you've already registered with any of these projects, you don't need a new account. [Sign in](#)

Create a Cornell Lab account

First name Last name

Choose a username

Choose a password
Enter at least 8 characters

Email address

Create account

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