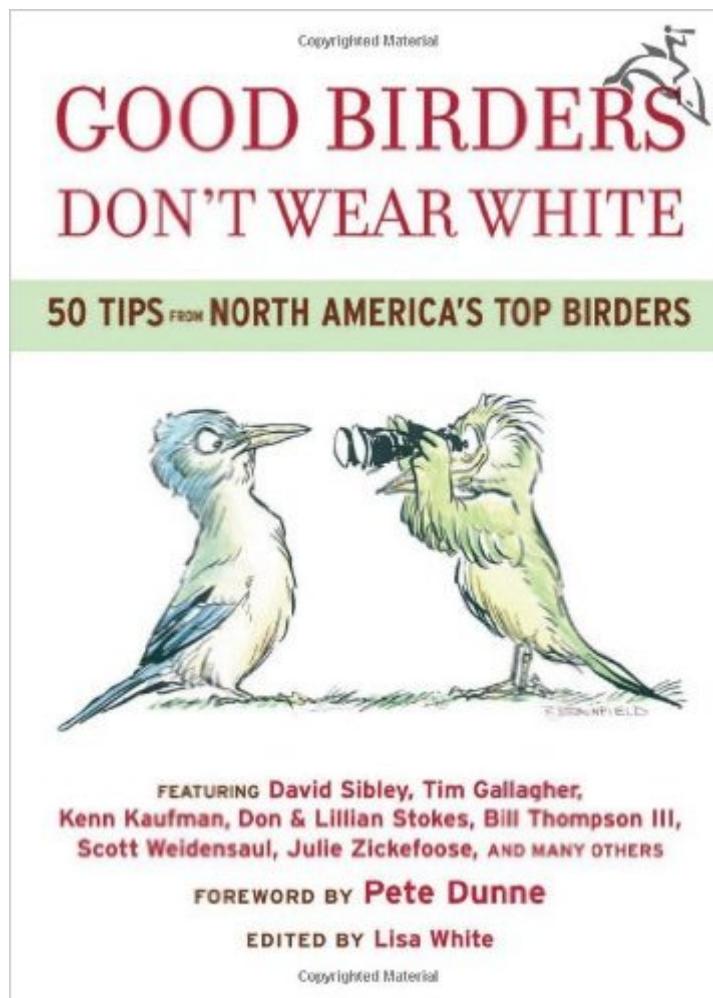


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# Good Birders Don't Wear White: 50 Tips From North America's Top Birders



## Synopsis

In these 50 light and fun original essays, the biggest names in birding dispense advice to birders of every level, on topics ranging from feeding birds and cleaning binoculars to pishing and pelagic birding. Whether satirizing bird snobs or relating the traditions and taboos of the birding culture, each essay is as chock-full of helpful information as it is entertaining.

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I'm not a "real" birder. Real birders are fanatics, some to the point of being downright nuts. "The Big Year" movie could easily have been a documentary (I highly recommend it and the book, btw.) Good Birders Don't Wear White isn't 50 tips, it's 50 previously published articles from well-known birders - professionals who make their livings writing about birds and make their money endorsing binocs and bird tours - and the first problem is that if you subscribe to any of the remaining bird magazines, you may already know this stuff from having read these authors. I am NOT saying that this wasn't an enjoyable read, but that's because I'm serious about photographing birds for enjoyment and competition, and I know just enough to warrant more education. And there is humor in some of the articles: it's not as intense as some articles about "the rules of birding" or the fights between birders and photographers who always get in each others' ways because of different focal lengths. However, as I read the articles - sometimes for a second time - I kept thinking that if you try to make birding a profession, you might well scare away a hobbyist who would really enjoy birding. It is after all the second most popular activity in North America. (Walking is #1, but that's not fair since you have to walk to bird...) Yes, there are some conventions in birding, and there were some

articles which gave good advice to novice birders, but even the title admits to being somewhat contradictory. There are times when you can indeed wear white like when you want to infiltrate a herd of snowy egrets. Just kidding. Yes I recommend the book, but I wouldn't make it the first.

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