

A FEW COMPARISONS
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TO SEE AND IDENTIFY	BIRDS	MUSHROOMS
Where to look?	On the ground. On trees, bushes. On constructions. On the water. In midair.	On the ground. On trees, bushes. On wet things
At what time of the day?	In the morning, when the sun comes out. (They warm up.) Or a little before darkness. Some birds at dusk or at night, but most not at noon, not at night.	Any time
Can you take them in your hand to identify them?	Never, except when dead.	Yes, except when they are too high in a tree, too far, or on the other side of the river.
Can you tell them by their sound?	They sing, they call. This helps to spot them. It also enables you to identify them without seeing them.	No sound
Can you call them?	Yes, sometimes when you play their songs.	No
Can you attract them?	Some of them, to your feeder.	Some of them you can grow.
Do you have to have good eyes to see them?	Yes, and also binoculars and telescopes.	No, except when they are very high or very far. You may need a microscope to identify them.
Do you have a lot of time to identify them?	Sometimes only a fraction of a second.	Plenty of time.
Are there different races of the same species?	Yes	Yes
In an area, can you see one that has never been seen before?	Yes	Yes

