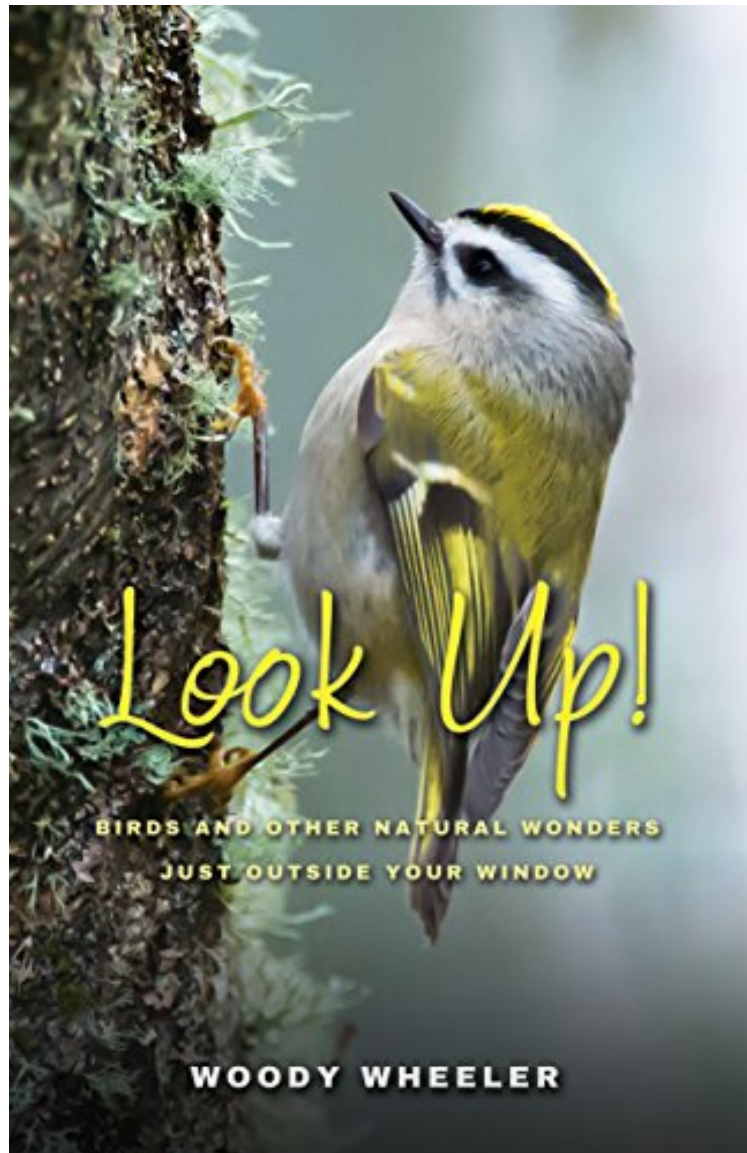


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**Woody Wheeler : Look Up!: Birds and Other Natural Wonders Just Outside Your Window** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Look Up!: Birds and Other Natural Wonders Just Outside Your Window:

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disguises his interesting and almost always totally on-point observations on life (and small hints as to how to improve it) as lessons on nature, and birds, in a totally successful and uplifting way. I had the pleasure of his company (and that of his wife) not long ago as he guided my grandson and me through some breathtakingly scenic woods and beaches of the Olympic Peninsula looking for birds and other creatures of nature. We were rewarded with a very special day indeed. If you can't join him in the rain forest or virgin beaches of the great Northwest, you can get much the same magic by reading his book, and of course simply looking up! Enjoy!

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Great Read!  
By Ben+Leah  
This book makes a strong case for the benefits and joys birding can bring to the lives of all people. The book is written as a collection of essays, through which the author explores a wide variety of topics. Using this format, Woody is able to provide insight on complex conservation issues without overwhelming or boring the reader. He describes a number of ways in which the individual can contribute to resolving these issues at home or within their community. Other essays are devoted to presenting astonishing facts and anecdotes about overlooked or underappreciated birds. In several instances, Woody cunningly uses attributes or behaviors of bird species as a tool for social commentary in our increasingly digitized world. The overall message is inspiring too: we can unglue our heads from our smart-tablet-phone-watch-pad-whatevers and experience the world in ways that promote health, happiness, and environmental awareness. Walks to the grocery store, weeding the garden, or jogging around the block can be transformed from a mere chore into an adventure if you take the time to look up!

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Take a break from the digital world, step outside and Look Up!  
By Larry D Hubbell  
Reading Woody's writing is like stepping outdoors with Woody by your side. You can almost hear his laughter and certainly feel the joy as he observes the behavior of birds in their natural environment. Woody teaches us to, "Look Up!", there is magic happening if we simply pay attention to the natural world. One of the nicest features of this book is that each chapter is divided into multiple small vignettes, each of which can be read, stand alone, as time allows. If you have ever wondered, What inspires someone to become a birder? This book answers the question. - Larry Hubbell - Author of [www.unionbaywatch.blogspot.com](http://www.unionbaywatch.blogspot.com)

You don't have to travel around the world or spend a ton of money to enjoy the wonders of nature. *Look Up! Birds and Other Natural Wonders Just Outside Your Window* is a series of well-researched nature essays that will inspire readers to experience the outdoors in an affordable, accessible and joyful way. The essays encourage backyard and local bird watching, native plant landscaping and restoration, practical energy conservation and land conservation. They also explore how we can derive psychological benefits from these activities. *Look Up!* shows nature can help us live happier, more fulfilled and rewarding lives.

Woody offers a fresh perspective, freely sharing his knowledge of ecology, bird behavior and the critical component of conservation. (Peg Abbott, Executive Director, Naturalist Journeys Testimonial) Woody always does such a great job of introducing people to birding and inspiring them to make it a part of their lives. (Jeff Parsons, Founding Director, Barn Beach Reserve, Leavenworth, WA Testimonial) Woody is one of the best I know when it comes to engaging people of all ages and backgrounds in the wonders of the natural world. His insights into nature, from highly urbanized areas to wilderness, are a joy to discover, maybe because his own joy in the natural world comes across through his writings and teachings. (Gail Gatton, Executive Director, Audubon, WA Testimonial) Some of the very finest days spent outdoors have been those with Woody Wheeler. He is not only a master of birds, but also of habitats and ecosystems, conservation and public issues, politics and solutions. You will learn from a master teacher values of sustainability, the philosophy of legacy, and stewardship across generations. (David Armstrong, Professor, Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington Testimonial) "Of the many writers who have trained their focus on birds and their encompassing world, few have covered so much territory in so little space as Woody Wheeler. In these compact and companionable essays, *Look Up!* finds the essential fascination in subjects ranging from sapsuckers and nutcrackers to waxwings and zombies, Loraxes and Roosevelts to pikas and bikes. Besides spotting the birds, often by bike, Woody also takes on the bugaboos of our disconnected age, whether hand-helds, leaf-blowers, or science-deniers and suggests how we may easily connect anew, just by Looking Up! This is a book that celebrates the full range of what we are given, from the lowly dump and tiny wren, to the resplendent quetzal and scarlet macaw. I very much doubt you will take it to bed and not face the next morning with an entirely new appreciation for birds, and for the quirky world we are lucky enough to occupy together." (Robert Michael Pyle, Author of "Wintergreen," "Mariposa Road," and "The Tangled Bank" Testimonial) About the Author Woody Wheeler is a nature educator and tour guide for Conservation Catalyst, a business he started eight years ago to inspire people to appreciate birds and natural history. He also guides for Naturalist Journeys, an international birding and natural history tour company. Previously, Woody worked for environmental nonprofits including, The Nature Conservancy, Audubon Society and Seattle Parks Foundation. He helped these groups protect natural areas, establish nature centers, park lands and bicycle/pedestrian trails.