Identification Field Guides (Hard Copy) available on Amazon:

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| **Title** | **Author** | **Comments** | **Cost** |
| Birds of North America | Chandler Robbins | Older Edition but Compact Size that fits vest pockets | $10.00 |
| Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America | Roger Tory Peterson | The “original” field guide.  Has field marks on the birds to help with identification | $23.00 |
| Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America | David Sibley | Very good but covers Eastern states only | $16.00 |
| National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North Americq | Alderfer & Dunn |  | $20.00 |
| Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America | Donald & Lillian Stokes |  | $20.00 |

Birding Apps for Smartphones:

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| **Title** | **Publisher** | **Platform** | **Cost** |
| iBird Pro | Mitch Waite Group | Android & iPhone | $15.00 |
| Audubon Bird Guide | National Audubon Society | Android & iPhone | FREE |
| Merlin | Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology | Android & iPhone | FREE |
| Sibley Birds | mydigitalearth.com | Android & iPhone | $20.00 |

Binoculars:

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| **Manufacturer & Model** | **Prism Type** | **Magnification & Objective** | **Example Vendor** | **Approximate Price** |
| Vortex Vanquisher | Reverse Porro | 8x26 | Amazon | $80.00 |
| Vortex Raptor1 | Porro | 8.5x32 | Redstart Birding | $100.00 |
| Nikon Prostaff | Roof | 8x42 | Costco.com | $140.00 |
| Vortex Diamondback HD | Roof | 8x42 | Redstart Birding | $220.00 |
| Nikon Monarch 5 | Roof | 8x42 | Amazon | $320.00 |
| Vortex Viper HD | Roof | 8x42 | Bass Pro Shops | $480.00 |
| Zeiss Conquest HD | Roof | 8x42 | Redstart Birding | $1000.00 |
| Zeiss Victory SF | Roof | 8x42 | Redstart Birding | $2700.00 |
| Leica Noctivid | Roof | 8x42 | Redstart Birding | $2800.00 |
| Swarovski NL Pure | Roof | 8x42 | Redstart Birding | $3000.00 |

1. Excellent optics for the money on porro prism binoculars but close focus ability can be limiting.