

# Birds live everywhere!

From the icy plains of Antarctica to tropical rainforests, birds live everywhere.

In the Southwest U.S., Greater Roadrunners dart across the landscape. Burrowing Owls poke their heads above ground. Curve-billed Thrashers build nests in towering cacti.

In this book, explore real birds that live in the Southwest U.S. Below each bird, you can find names, fun facts, and colors.

Grab some colored pencils, markers, paints, or crayons to give the birds realistic colors—or use your favorites and let your imagination run wild!

**Rufous-crowned Sparrow** — The Southwest U.S. is home to many types of sparrows. Often called “little brown birds,” sparrows are sometimes difficult to tell apart. For experienced birders, noticing their differences can be a rewarding experience. Rufous-crowned Sparrows, like the one seen here, prefer rocky, canyon-filled areas and often stay in pairs.

Colors: reddish head and brown-gray body.

