

Oregon Breeding Bird Atlas

Frequently asked questions

What are the system requirements for using the Atlas?

- a) A CD drive.
- b) An internet browser such as Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer. The browser must be of version 4 or higher.

What are the system recommendations for running the Atlas?

- a) Color monitor, maximum color depth you have, at least 16 bit. With only 256 colors, many photographs in the Atlas will not look good.
- b) For best effects, maximize the screen space for the Atlas by turning off or minimizing the toolbars in the browser. Use menus or key combinations instead of the buttons in the toolbars. (Alt-left arrow for the Back button). You can gain 30% more screen space for the Atlas by hiding the toolbars (in Netscape: View menu; Show options. In Explorer: View menu; Toolbars).

How do I tell what version of the browser I have.

In the browser, under the Help menu, there is an "About ..." option (i.e. "About Navigator" or "About Internet Explorer".)

How do I open the Atlas on my computer?

On Windows, the Atlas CD should start up automatically in your browser. If it does not, use one of these two ways:

- 1) Navigate to the CD (on Windows click on the Start button, then Windows Explorer and locate the CD labeled Atlas (frequently the D: drive) and double-click on the ATLAS.HTM icon. That should launch your favorite browser.
- 2) Launch your browser. Then from the File menu, select Open or Open Page. Use the Browse button to navigate to the CD and select the ATLAS.HTM.

Once you have started the Atlas the first time, set a bookmark to the title page (Netscape), or add the Atlas to Favorites (Internet Explorer). Use the bookmark (or favorites) to open the Atlas.

Do I need to be connected to the internet to run the Atlas?

No, you do not need to be connected to the internet. You need a browser, but the Atlas does not require an internet connection or a modem.

I don't have an internet browser. How do I obtain one?

If you have access to the Web, you may download a copy of the Netscape browser from <http://home.netscape.com/> or the Microsoft browser from <http://microsoft.com/windows/ie>. These will be large files and may take time to download. You may also order the browser on a CD through either of these sites.

Does the Atlas have a Help menu?

The Atlas Help icon is the big question mark icon near the top left of the window. Also, a list of the Help screens can be found in the Introduction section.

What is my best way to get to know the Atlas?

When you first launch the Atlas, click on the Help icon (the big question mark). It gives a quick overview of the Atlas. Then explore the different buttons along the top of the window, especially the Intro, Species, Hex. Use the Help icon (the big question mark) frequently.

When I click on the Help icon, nothing happens?

The Help window is probably already open and hidden behind other windows. Click on browser's icon on your task bar to view it again.

What about Back and Forward buttons? Sometimes they work; sometimes they don't!

There are places in the Atlas where the Back and Forward buttons do not work. Use the Atlas icons and the links within the Atlas frames to navigate when the buttons do not get you there.

How can I compare two species? How can I look at two birds at the same time?

Use the browser File menu/New window option to open a second browser window and navigate to open the Atlas. Or double-click on the ATLAS.HTM icon on the CD.

(Refer to the Frequently Asked Questions section, found in the Intro section of the CD, for more.)