

On the Merlin App (iPhone version) home page click on the Sound ID button



Sound ID

Get as close to the bird as you can, hold still, and press record...



The sound ID lets you start a new recording or gives you the option of reviewing previous recordings. If you click on My Sound Recordings it will bring you to all recordings made using the App.

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2021-10-04 0859 Lexington, KY - 4 Oct 2021, 8:59 AM	1:18 >
2021-10-03 2217 Lexington, KY - 3 Oct 2021, 10:17 PM	0:31 >
2021-09-30 1132 Lexington, KY - 30 Sep 2021, 11:32 AM	0:14 >
2021-09-29 0737 Lexington, KY - 29 Sep 2021, 7:37 AM	0:13 >
2021-09-24 0950 Lexington, KY - 24 Sep 2021, 9:50 AM	0:15 >
2021-09-24 0946 Lexington, KY - 24 Sep 2021, 9:46 AM	0:22 >
2021-09-24 0704 Lexington, KY - 24 Sep 2021, 7:04 AM	0:46 >
2021-09-24 0652 Lexington, KY - 24 Sep 2021, 6:52 AM	3:15 >
2021-09-24 0651 Lexington, KY - 24 Sep 2021, 6:51 AM	0:16 >
2021-09-23 2219 Lexington, KY - 23 Sep 2021, 10:19 PM	1:17 >
2021-09-23 2212 Lexington, KY - 23 Sep 2021, 10:12 PM	1:04 >
2021-09-23 0524 Lexington, KY - 23 Sep 2021, 5:24 AM	0:48 >



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BEST MATCHES

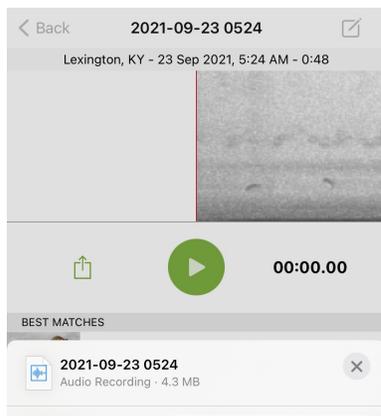
- Swainson's Thrush
- Song (Russet-backed)
- Song (Russet-backed)
- Calls (Russet-backed)
- Flight calls (Russet-backed)
- Song (Olive-backed)

Anytime you make a recording with Merlin it automatically saves it as a sound file named by date and time (these can be deleted by swiping them left).

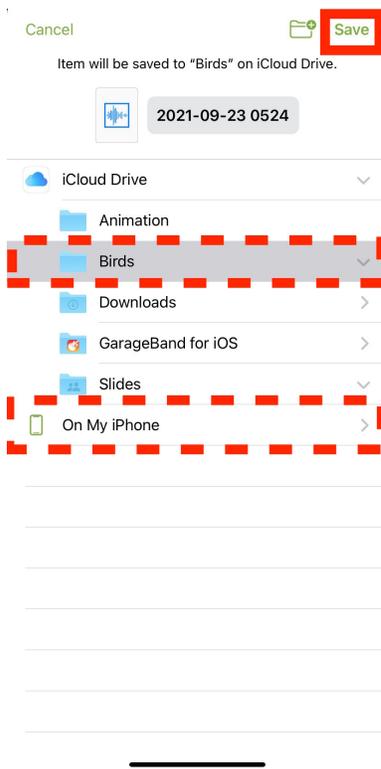
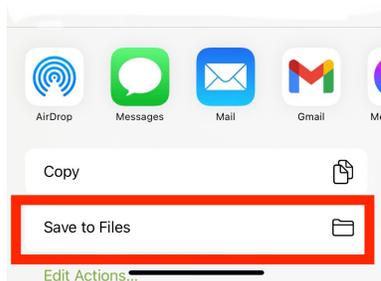
Click on one and it will open the file.

The file records the location, date, time and any ID that was made. It also links to Merlin data so that you can open up calls and songs of the identified bird for comparison (in the same way as you would check a picture against others for ID).

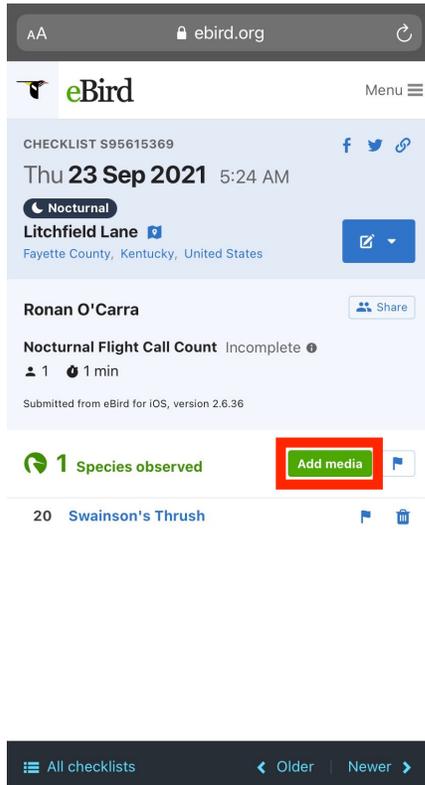
From this spot you have the option to transfer the file. If you click on this button you will get a number of options to transfer it.



These transfer options include by message/message apps, mail (you can then download it to a computer) or you can save to files (I use this in that it allows me to do it from the phone).

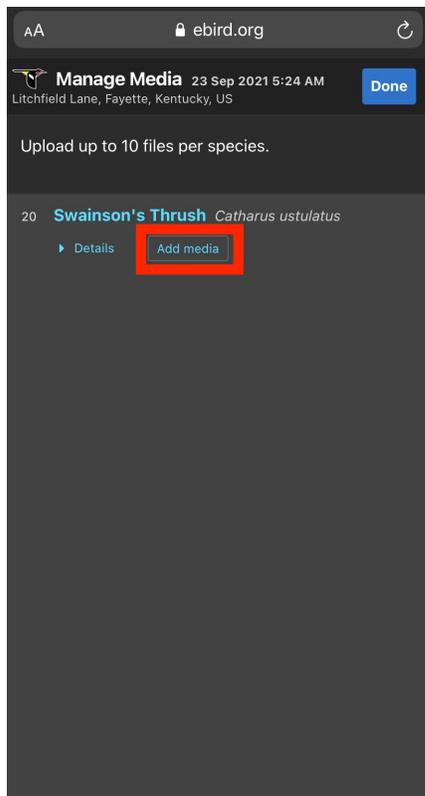


When you click the Save to Files you select where you want to store it either your iCloud drive or onto your phone and then save it.

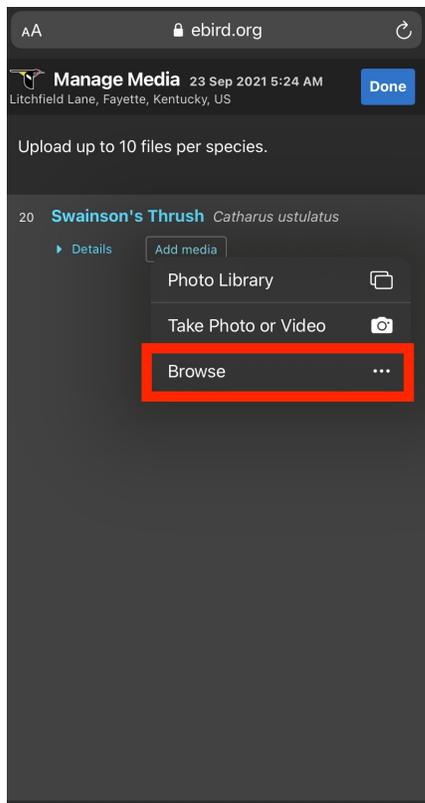


Once you save your sound file you are now able to add it to your checklist.

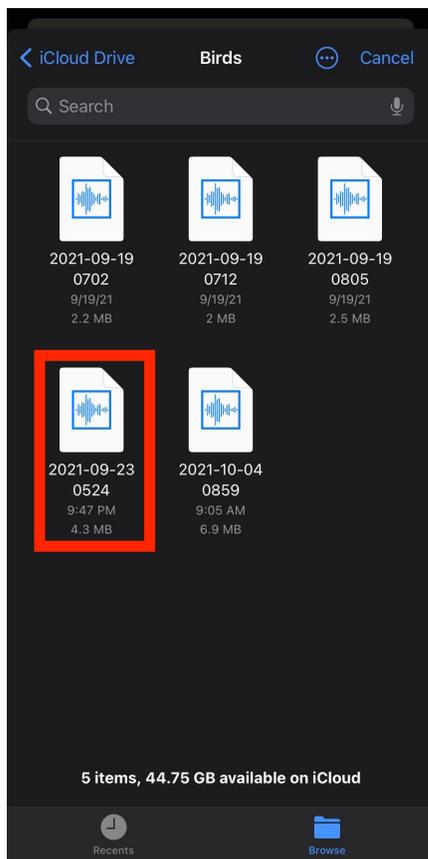
If you go to the online checklist on eBird.org you can select your checklist and select Add Media.



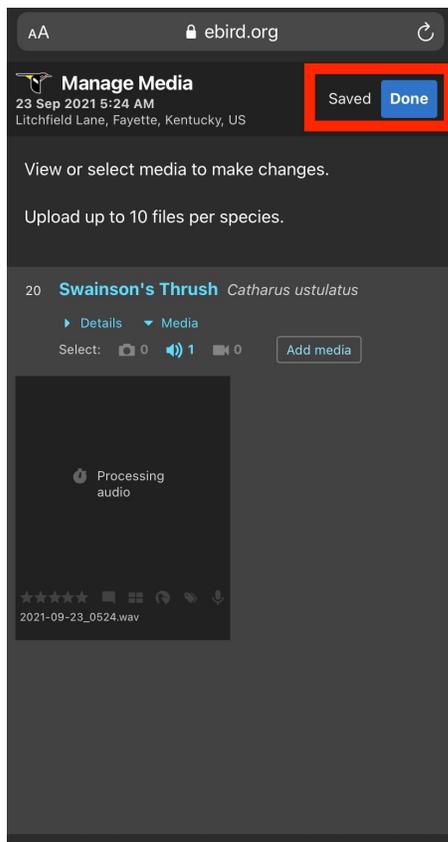
This screen will pop-up, then click the Add Media button for the specific species for which you have a recording.



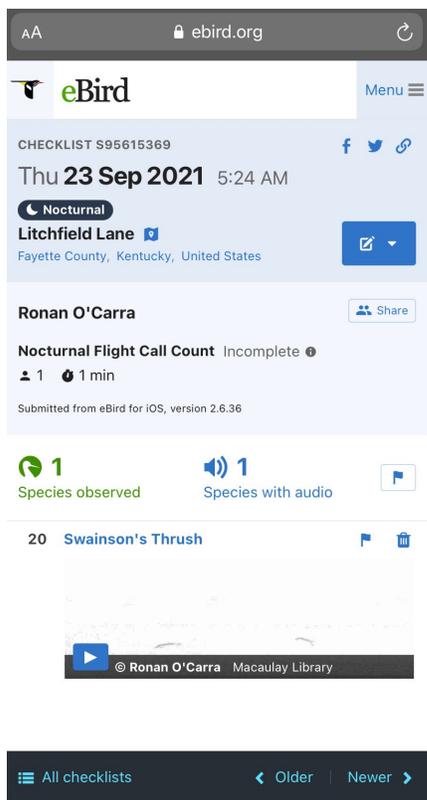
Add Media allows you to add pictures from the photo library, Take photo or Video and Browse (to add saved files). This is also used if you are working from a computer on which the file was saved after emailing it.



Once you click Browse you can locate your files (it's good but not essential to have a specific folder for this) and click the specific file.



It will take a short while for the file to be added but once it shows Saved you can click Done. It will take a few minutes or more depending on how much downloading is being done on eBird (big days can lead to long delays).

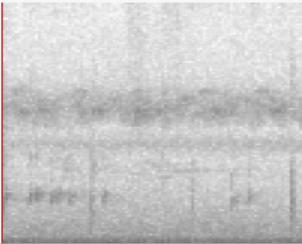


Once the processing is done your checklist will contain a spectrogram of the calling bird (in this case flight calls of a migrating Swainson's Thrush).

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S95615369>

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	Carolina Wren ✓	
	Solitary Sandpiper ● ✓	
	Hairy Woodpecker ● ✓	

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BUT BEWARE

Merlin Sound ID is in its beginnings and needs a lot more information to be taken as proof of ID. In this recording multiple Carolina Wrens were calling and a juvenile begging for food in a tree in the front garden. The begging sound was identified as a Solitary Sandpiper (which it was not) and in the many sounds it was picking up a Hairy Woodpecker that was not there either.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S95581198>

This is a tool to help and it is necessary that you add recordings to your checklists so that the ID can be confirmed or rejected based on checking the sound against known recordings.

The bird you're hearing might not be in our database yet.
Your response will help improve Merlin's accuracy.