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Paratext and Compendium Library Services Introduce Three Service Levels for *bird*®

LEESBURG, VA — October 1, 2026 — *Paratext* and *Compendium Library Services* announced an expanded three-level structure for ***bird®***, the only comprehensive guide to research databases.

These new levels—**bird: CORE, bird: ADVANCED, and bird: COMPLETE**—let libraries choose the discovery, local collection context, and comparative analysis that fit their needs.

Curated by research librarians, ***bird***® covers more than 9,800 commercial and Open Access research databases. The integrated holdings comparison service, ***nest®***, now includes database collections from over 790 academic libraries.

bird: CORE provides a continuously maintained view of the research database landscape for systematic discovery and current awareness.

bird: ADVANCED places a library's database holdings within the wider field, helping librarians identify gaps and overlap, respond to academic priorities, and support acquisition, renewal, cancellation, and collection review.

bird: COMPLETE adds ***nest®*** comparative holdings analytics and **Collection Memory**, a new knowledge base preserving collection decisions as staff and priorities change.

This latest release also introduces ***Ask bird***, an AI-assisted tool for natural-language questions about databases in bird's proprietary inventory, complementing the current search and browse options.

For information, visit **bird-and-nest.com** or contact **info@paratext.com**.

About Paratext

Paratext, independently owned since 1993, publishes reference databases and collection-analysis resources for academic and research libraries worldwide.

About Compendium Library Services

Compendium Library Services, independently owned since 2006, develops cloud-based software to help libraries assess operations, manage patron communications, and analyze service and space use.