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## LOCKHEED SR-71 BLACKBIRD SPY PLANE!!

(Built in 1966 in Palmdale, CA Retired on October 9, 1999)

### Famous Quote:

*"Today we crossed Nebraska in seven minutes. I think that's the best way to cross Nebraska."  
SR-71 Pilot's logbook.*

It was developed as a black project from the Lockheed A-12 reconnaissance aircraft in the 1960s by the Lockheed Skunk Works. Clarence "Kelly" Johnson was responsible for many of the design's innovative concepts. During reconnaissance missions the SR-71 operated at high speeds and altitudes to allow it to outrace threats. If a surface-to-air missile launch was detected, the standard evasive action was simply to accelerate and outrun the missile!

The SR-71 served with the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1998. Of the 32 aircraft built, 12 were lost in accidents, though none to enemy action. The SR-71 has been given several nicknames, including *Blackbird* and *Habu*, The latter in reference to an Okinawan species of pit viper. Since 1976, it has held the world record for the fastest air-breathing manned aircraft.

## WEBSITE LINKS

**Information:** <http://www.sr-71.org/blackbird/sr-71/>

**Watermark:** [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/ff/Lockheed\\_SR-71A\\_3view.svg/300px-Lockheed\\_SR-71A\\_3view.svg.png](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/f/ff/Lockheed_SR-71A_3view.svg/300px-Lockheed_SR-71A_3view.svg.png)

**Picture:** [http://www.bhmpics.com/view-lockheed\\_sr\\_71\\_blackbird-1280x800.html](http://www.bhmpics.com/view-lockheed_sr_71_blackbird-1280x800.html)

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