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WATER FEATURES

By Guest Contributor MELISSA BLOCK

Summer Water Options

Offering a source of water year-round is a great way to attract a wide variety of birds—and butterflies—to your backyard.



Water Wiggler

During the warmer months, it is easy to offer a variety of water sources for your birds. Birds are attracted to the sight and sound of moving water. One easy way to do this is with a Water Wiggler. A Water Wiggler uses batteries, sits in your birdbath and agitates the water. Not only does this motion attract birds, but it also stops mosquitos from laying eggs in your birdbath.

Drippers

Another method is to use a dripper. A dripper can be attached to a garden hose and slowly drips

over and into your birdbath. You can purchase a dripper or make your own using a bucket, a plastic gallon milk carton or any large plastic container. Poke some small holes in the bottom of the container. If you use a metal bucket, make a ½-inch hole at the bottom of the bucket and plug it with a bit of cloth pulled through the holes to slow the dripping. Suspend any of these from a shepherd's hook or a tree branch above your birdbath. You will have to refill it at least once a day.



Misters

Hummingbirds don't usually use regular birdbaths. They prefer to bathe in flight by flying through the drips or a mist. The Easy Mister attaches to your hose and sprays a fine mist. Positioning the Easy Mister to spray nearby leaves is the most effect way to provide water for hummingbirds.



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Thanks for Giving Back!

Feeder Swap Ends, Round Up for Birds Begins

Giving back to our neighborhood communities is something that we value and work hard at achieving throughout the year in our family business. Our efforts wouldn't be possible without you, our loyal customers, so it's our turn to thank you for helping us return a little of our good fortune back to our local communities. We just concluded our annual Feeder Swap campaign and we had record numbers of feeders traded in this year. We will work hard over the coming weeks and months to refurbish those feeders and give them back to community schools and non-profit nature organizations so your gift of bird feeding can keep on giving.

We'll also be kicking off a "Round Up" your purchase campaign in June to support Project Lights Out and Minnesota Audubon. We match every dollar

donated during this campaign, you essentially get to double your money if you donate! These dollars directly support research and education that have been proven to save birds lives by reducing the number of window impacts. Window impacts are the number one threat to migrating songbirds. We'd be grateful for your support!



Round UP
for birds

Dave Netten



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Top 10 Picks

Bird, Bee and Butterfly-friendly Plants

Lori Lundeen, our gardening guru at our Wayzata store, picked out her Top 10 Choices for bird, bee and butterfly friendly garden plants.

1. Liatris (Blazing Star)

Attracts butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.



2. Milkweed

A host plant for Monarch Butterflies. Attracts other insects that birds loves. The seed down is used for nesting material.



3. Salvia

Lori particularly likes the Black and Blue Salvia. Hummingbirds love Salvia.



4. Coneflower

Butterflies love Coneflowers and the Goldfinches love the seed heads at the end of the season.



5. Fuschia

A hummingbird favorite.



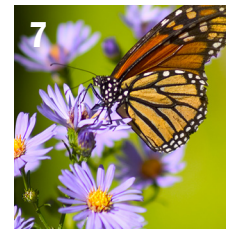
6. Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia)

Bees love it and small birds like the cone heads.



7. Wild Asters

Bees and butterflies love it.



8. Goldenrod

Attracts bees and butterflies.



9. Bee Balm

A favorite of bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.



10. Butterfly Bush

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds love this plant. The silky seed down will be used by goldfinches and orioles as nesting material.



Warblers



Visit wildbirdstore.com/blog to see a list of Bob Janssen's favorite spots to view warblers in the Twin Cities and for where to find guided walks!

Up to 20 different species of warblers pass through the Twin Cities area between mid-April and the end of May, with the bulk passing through between the 5th and 15th of May. If you'd like to catch a sighting or two of these colorful migrants—in your backyard or around town—Minnesota birding expert Bob Janssen has helped us to prepare this guide to both common and noteworthy warblers.

Early Arrivers

In early to mid-April, the first warbler typically to appear in the Twin Cities area is the **Yellow-rumped Warbler**. By late April, **Orange-crowned**, **Black and White**, and **Nashville Warblers** arrive.

Early May

Keep an eye out for these species of warblers that typically arrive around the first of May.



Left to right: **Common Yellowthroat**, **Chestnut-sided Warbler**, **Ovenbird**, **Tennessee Warbler**. Also look for: **Golden-winged Warbler**.

Mid May

Some birders' favorites that arrive around the 10th of May:



Clockwise from upper left: **Magnolia Warbler**, **Black-throated Green Warbler**, **Northern Parula**, **Blackpoll Warbler**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Bay-breasted Warbler**, **Cape May Warbler**.

Late May

Here are some warblers that arrive late in May. Though not easy to find, they're certainly worthy of the hunt!



Left to right: **Mourning Warbler**, **Canada Warbler**, **Wilson's Warbler**, **Prothonotary Warbler**. Also look for: **Connecticut Warbler**.

PLUS: A Few Nesters

Look for the following warblers in May and into June, which stay to nest in the Twin Cities area.



From left to right: **Yellow Warbler**, **Common Yellowthroat**, **American Redstart**.

Of course, the arrival dates of warblers vary from year to year, depending on wind conditions and temperatures. Northwest winds and cool temperatures may stall migration, while southern winds and warm temperatures may rush the migration. Some years, the bulk of warblers pass through in a few days and you can miss the whole migration if you're not vigilant!

Spotting warblers can be a challenging hobby because variables exist that change from year to year, like weather and location, and because you need to have a good knowledge of the songs and identifying characteristics to identify the birds. However, the challenges are part of the reason that birding is so much fun—it's so rewarding to find them from year to year! ■

WATER FEATURES

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See an adorable video of a hummingbird enjoying the Easy Mister:

bit.ly/2nJcf8T

Video:
Amelia Miller

Other birds may also stop by for a “leaf bath”, positioning themselves under the dripping leaves. It’s also fun to use a lawn sprinkler on a low setting and watch the birds, especially American Robins, flit in and out of the water.

Butterfly Dish

Butterflies also benefit from a water source. Butterflies don’t need a birdbath because they get all the liquid they need from nectar. But they do like a place to “puddle” which provides the critical minerals that butterflies require. Put coarse sand in a shallow pan and then insert the pan in the soil of your yard, keeping it even with the surface of the lawn. Place it near some butterfly friendly plants. Add some small stones in the pan so that the butterflies have a place to land. Keep the sand moist and you will be helping the butterflies. ■



Recreate conditions like this using a dish with sand and small stones to provide water to butterflies.

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Just Add Water!

Water Wiggler

Moving water attracts more birds. The unique agitator action creates continuous ripples in the water, preventing mosquitos from laying eggs. It has a long battery life; operates on two D-cell batteries (not included), and operates 24 hours a day.



and chickadees will take a leaf bath. Hummingbirds, cardinals and others love to fly through the mist. Made in the USA.

Birdbath Protector

Spend less time scrubbing your birdbath and more time enjoying it! Birdbath Protector ensures naturally clear water by reducing stains, mineral deposits, organic contamination, and sludge. It is safe for birds, pets, and wildlife. Non-toxic, biodegradable, bacteria free, food grade all natural enzymes. For best results, start with a clean birdbath.



The Easy Mister

The Easy Mister attaches to the garden hose and hangs by an “S” hook from a tree limb or shepherd’s hook. Mist the leaves of a bush or tree

STAFF PICKS

Protect Against the Elements

Squirrel Buster™ Weather Guard

The UV-protected polycarbonate Weather Guard easily attaches to the Squirrel Buster™ Plus feeder to give your songbirds shelter from the rain. No tools required!



Sky Café

The Arundale Sky Cafe Bird Feeder is a squirrel-resistant bird feeder that works well hung in a tree. This eco-friendly feeder is made from 100% recycled Plexiglas®, holds 5–6 pounds of seed, and is easy to clean. The 17" diameter squirrel baffling dome protects seed from rain and snow. Clear-view, easy-flow seed dispensing means birds peck at a seed and it falls out in front of them onto the tray for easy dining.



The Vista Dome

This feeder has an 8.5" tray has a capacity of 1.25 quarts and is protected from the elements by an impressive 12" dome. Stainless steel and solid metal hardware allow the dome to be adjusted up and down to limit access by larger, undesirable birds. Fill it with seed, fruit, mealworms, peanuts and suet pellets.



Droll Yankees Covered Platform Feeder

The Covered Platform Feeder will attract several types of birds, including Cardinals and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks to its 13 inch platform. The cover is adjustable to allow you to manage your desired bird size and protect food from weather. Made in the USA. ■



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