



# BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

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### SEASONAL PICKS

By Wild Bird Store Staff

## *Our first-ever buying guide!*

This time of year presents opportunities for you to attract gorgeous seasonal birds and get a first-hand look at how our backyard birds raise their young. In these pages, we've assembled a showcase of products and plant recommendations to help you enjoy the delights of feeding summer birds.

### Hummingbird Feeder Picks



#### **BEST-1 HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER**

This 8-oz. feeder features a glass nectar bottle with an easy-to-clean base that provides nectar right at the level of the port even as the feeder empties. The eight nectar ports are too small for a bee or wasp to enter.

#### **GARDEN STAKE HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER**

Perfect for a flower pot! This feeder provides two nectar ports with a 3-oz. capacity sturdy plastic container. A hanging rod is included.



#### **HUMMERFEST**

Constructed with high-impact polycarbonate, this feeder has a built-in ant moat to deter insects and prevent contamination. Holds 8 oz. of nectar, has four nectar ports and comes with port-cleaning brush.

#### **FEED HUMMINGBIRDS BY HAND WITH A NECTAR DOT FEEDER!**



To use, first place any hummingbird feeder in the area where you will want to feed hummingbirds by hand and let the birds acclimate to the feeder for a couple weeks. Then, sit or stand near the location of the existing feeder with the Nectar Dot in your hand (for best results, wear sunglasses). You may remove the other feeder to encourage the birds to come to the Nectar Dot. We're happy to say that our customers have tried this and report that it really works!





## Spring and Summer Dreaming

**It's good to be prepared, even when the season is sluggish to arrive.**

As I write this, I'm wondering if spring will actually arrive this year?! It's April 9 and we just had ANOTHER snowfall. Every year is a little unique, but this is becoming little absurd. It truly makes me appreciate how adaptable mother nature's flora and fauna need to be. Needless to say, I know that by the time this article is in your hands or on your screen, we'll be talking about the arrival of some of my favorite spring migrants: the glorious hummingbirds and orioles.

**Get those nectar and jelly feeders out!**

And even if you don't happen to feed the hummers and orioles, we've put together some great products and ideas in this issue to help you maximize your birdfeeding experience and find greater joy and beauty in your backyard than ever before. Our staff knows their stuff and would love to share their time-tested opinions and experiences with all of you. We love our beautiful birds!

*Dave Netten*



### *Worry-Free Guarantee!*

We want our customers to have a worry-free experience with every purchase. If you're not completely satisfied with *any item* purchased from our store, simply return it to us for an exchange or refund. **No worries . . . ever.**

### *Join the Conversation!*

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## Top 10 Picks

### Berry-Producing Plants

One way to attract birds that may not be typical visitors to backyard feeding stations is to include berry-producing plants in your landscaping. Here are our top 10 picks for attracting birds.

#### 1. American Highbush Cranberry

Robins and Cedar Waxwings love to eat these berries.

#### 2. Redosier Dogwood

Produces beautiful flowers in the spring and berries into the fall.

#### 3. Serviceberry

Lacy white spring blooms give rise to nutritious summer berries.

#### 4. Viburnums (Nannyberry, Arrowwood)

Berries appear in the fall, with some lasting through the winter.

#### 5. Mountain Ash

Fall mountain ash berries are a favorite of robins and Cedar Waxwings.

#### 6. Crabapple

Produces fragrant flowers in the spring and fruit in the fall.

#### 7. Bur Oak/White Oak

Produces acorns that attract Blue Jays, turkeys and Wood Ducks.

#### 8. Black Chokeberry

Flowers in the spring and produces fruit in the fall.

#### 9. Winterberry

Its red berries persist through the winter.

#### 10. Northern Bayberry

Produces waxy berries that last through the winter.





# SPRING + SUMMER *Buying guide*

**i** Visit [wildbirdstore.com/resources/attracting-baltimore-orioles/](http://wildbirdstore.com/resources/attracting-baltimore-orioles/) to get a recipe for oriole nectar and information about how to maintain your nectar feeder.

## Oriole Feeder Picks



### SINGLE CUP RECYCLED ORIOLE FEEDER

This *Green Solutions* Recycled Oriole Feeder holds two orange halves and has a cup for grape jelly. It's made from durable recycled material and is made in the USA. This feeder is easy to clean and lasts—it won't fade, crack or split.

### ORIOLE FLOWER FEEDER

With perching areas shaped like the petals of a flower, this oriole feeder provides pegs for orange halves and an orange plastic bowl for grape jelly. The feeder is powder-coated black with an ornamental orange jewel hanging from the center. The Oriole Flower Feeder also works great for serving live mealworms or dried mealworms soaked in nectar. Yum!



Photo by Bob McFarlin

### ORIOLE-FEST™

This feeder offers four trays to serve grape jelly, dried mealworms in nectar or suet pellets and has four nectar ports. When filled with water, the built-in ant moat prevents ants from getting to the jelly and nectar. The feeder also includes bee guards that can be placed on the nectar ports as needed. An orange half can also be served on this feeder.



Oriole feeders also attract Gray Catbirds!

## Window Feeders

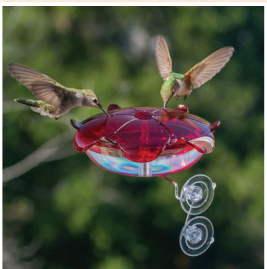
### GREEN SOLUTIONS WINDOW-MOUNT GRAY TRAY FEEDER

This *Green Solutions*-line window feeder from Birds Choice™ is made from a maintenance-free, durable recycled material that's easy to clean and won't fade, crack or split. The tray has a patented expanded mesh screen to drain the water and keep the seed fresh. Made in the USA.



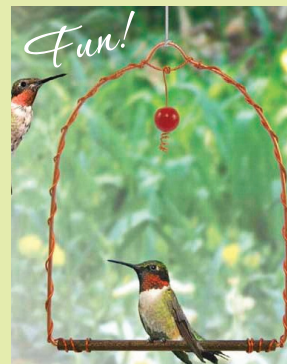
### OBSERVER WINDOW FEEDER

This window feeder is made with UV-stabilized polycarbonate, so it won't yellow with age. It features a durable sloped cover that overhangs the dish and prevents runoff of rain into the dish. The open construction design provides a clear view of birds on the feeder. Three high-quality suction cups securely hold the feeder in place.



### RUBY SIPPER WINDOW-MOUNT HUMMINGBIRD FEEDER

Get a front-row seat to one of summer's most fascinating birds! The window-mounted Ruby Sipper feeder rests on a stainless steel hideaway mount with two strong suction cups. Provide several of these 5-oz capacity feeders around your home to attract more hummingbirds and reduce territorial behavior.



### DELIGHT IN WATCHING HUMMERS PERCH ON A SWING!

Hummingbirds are territorial and will use this swing as a perch to watch over their food source. Simply place this swing near hummingbird feeders and enjoy watching them swing. A red glass bead dangle attracts birds. Don't be surprised to see a chickadee enjoy the swing too!

*Place it close to your hummer window feeder!*



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## Squirrel-resistant Feeder



### BROME SQUIRREL SOLUTION 200 FEEDER

This decorative version of our popular SquirrelBuster™ line features a weight-activated shroud that closes fully over the bird seed ports at 5.3 oz but will hold a bird up to 2.5 oz without closing at all. That means birds the sizes of cardinals, chickadees, nuthatches and goldfinches can feed readily on the rounded perches, but larger birds and squirrels will not be able to access the seed. Allow for 18" of clearance around the feeder, forcing the squirrel to climb onto the feeder, thus triggering the closing mechanism. The patented seed ventilation system permits humidity and hot air to escape through vents

at the top of the feeder and replaces it with fresh air. Bird food remains fresher, attracting more birds. Made of RoxResin™, the feeder parts exposed to squirrels are remarkably chew resistant, waterproof, rust proof and the tube is a UV-stabilized material.

## Seed Cakes/Cylinders

### GOLDEN SAFFLOWER CAKES AND CYLINDERS

Be bird-selective with golden safflower!

American Goldfinches love golden safflower, as do Northern Cardinals, Black-capped Chickadees and many others of our favorite backyard birds. Fortunately, more voracious seed consumers such as Common Grackles, European Starlings and Red-winged Blackbirds are less interested in golden safflower than sunflower.

Using a cake or cylinder form of seed limits waste from the bill-sweeping behavior of some birds and also prevents deer from licking seed out of feeders as readily as they do from tube, tray and hopper style feeders.



Also try our Flaming Hot Feast Squirrels' Defeat seed cake. Birds don't detect the hot pepper, but mammals do!



## Decorative

### UNIQUE, BEAUTIFUL AND QUALITY ITEMS FOR HOME, PORCH AND GARDEN

We are delighted with our current stock of decorative items to spruce up your outdoor and indoor living spaces. Some of the items are even functional, like our flower petal birdbaths, ceramic bird feeders and hummingbird swings. Stop in and get creative!



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