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Gift Guide!

+ Gifts for Your Backyard Friends
Early Winter Seasonal Tips

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GIFT GUIDE BY SPECIES

Gifts for Birds (and people who love them!)

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AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH, HERE ARE SOME GIFT IDEAS for the birds and bird lovers on your list, from feeder and seed suggestions to attract species you admire to informative guides and lovely accessories to delight your loved ones.

For Cardinals & Cardinal Lovers

Cardinals are one of our most beloved backyard songbirds. The Northern Cardinal's bright red feathers are important to the male cardinal, as the brightness has been correlated to success in attracting a mate as well as success in defending the best nest site. Cardinals don't migrate, they remain in the area of their breeding territory. Female cardinals remain a less conspicuous shade of grayish tan with some red blush on the wings, tail and crest. During the winter Cardinals are less territorial and several pairs may come to feed especially at dawn and dusk.

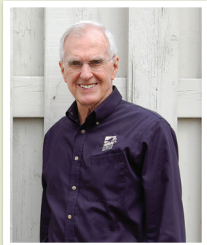
1) Stan Tekiela's "Cardinals" book; 2) Cardinal travel mug; 3) Cardinal mug; 4) Mahtomedi Cardinal Mix; 5) Platform feeder; 6) Audubon plush cardinal with sound. *More gift ideas on page 3-4!*



Wrapping Up our 25th Year

As our 25th anniversary year comes to a close, we want to thank you for making it one of the best we've ever had. On behalf Al and myself, we are extremely grateful for our wonderful customers and tremendous staff who continue to make this a worthwhile venture. It's been a wonderful experience for both of us. We are becoming a rare business in today's retail climate and the fact that we're still here is a testament to people continuing to appreciate their backyard wildlife along with a shopping experience that's more family than friendly. Have a wonderful holiday season and thanks for being a part of our history. To the next 25 years!

Al and Dave Netten



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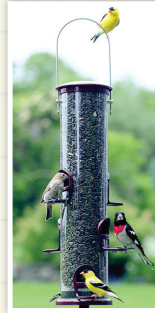
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Late Autumn/ Early Winter

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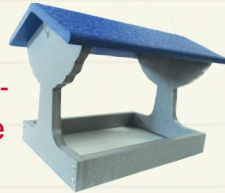
- Scatter Finches' Choice on the ground to attract Dark-eyed Juncos, American Tree Sparrows and Mourning Doves.

- Use a large capacity feeder like the Aspects® Big Tube for fewer trips out in the snow to refill.



- Remove lime deposits from heated birdbaths by filling with white vinegar for 30 minutes then scrubbing.

- Offer a heated birdbath as a clean water source.



- Hang a covered fly-through feeder like this Birds Choice® recycled feeder and fill with Berry Nutty, suet pellets and dried mealworms to provide more fat and protein to meet the birds' high energy needs.

- Add a wreath style in-shell peanut feeder to attract big, beautiful Blue Jays to brighten the winter landscape.



- Attract nuthatches, woodpeckers and chickadees with peanut pick-outs in an Aspects® Quick Clean Peanut Feeder.



- Attract goldfinches all winter with Nyjer™ feeders. House Finches as well as winter-visiting Red Polls and Pine Siskins also use these feeders. Offer Nyjer seed for the most squirrel resistance or consider Nyjer and Chips for high fat and less shell mess.

- Avoid shell clean up with Kracker Jax or Medium Sunflower Chips, which have no shell and leave no mess.

- To prevent bill sweeping behavior that scatters loose seed use seed cakes in a covered fly-through feeder.



For Goldfinches and Finch Fans

From March through October, adult male American Goldfinches are decked out in their best mating colors, a bright yellow with a black forehead. During the winter months, the males molt to a drab olive-brown color all over, similar to the females. **Amazing fact:** Goldfinches are one of our only vegetarian songbirds, feeding exclusively on seeds and plant matter. We have goldfinches all winter in Minnesota, so keep the feeders stocked!

7) Droll Yankees Finch Feeder; 8) Aspects Brushed Nickel Finch Feeder; 9) Stan Tekiela "Finches" book; 10) Nyjer™ and Chips; 11) Goldfinch mug



For Chickadees and Chic Chick Enthusiasts

The Black-capped Chickadee is always considered to be cute, thanks to its oversized round head and tiny body. Plus, they always seem curious about everything—including humans. Chickadees are usually the first ones to try a new feeder. They usually grab a seed and then fly away to eat it elsewhere. Sometimes they'll hide the seed to eat later—they can remember thousands of hiding places. **Amazing fact:** every autumn Black-Capped Chickadees allow some brain neurons to die, replacing them with new neurons so they can adapt to changes within their flock and environment.

12) Droll Yankees' Cutest Chickadee Feeder; 13) Joe's Mix;

14) Scandinavian Seed Bag;

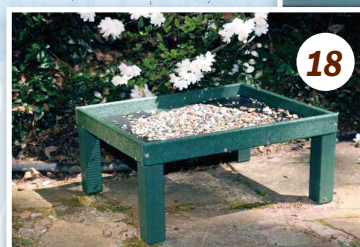
15) Audubon plush chickadee with sound



For Juncos and Junco Aficionados

Dark-eyed Juncos are neat—even flashy—little sparrows that seem to constantly flit around. Here in Minnesota they are considered our "snowbirds", arriving in late fall and remaining through the winter. They are easy to recognize with their crisp white bellies and grey heads and bodies. They are most comfortable feeding on the ground, but will go to feeders occasionally.

16) Juncos mug; 17) White millet; 18) Ground tray feeder
19) Finches' Choice



For Your Woodpeckers

All woodpeckers have some common traits, although they can all look very different. Woodpeckers' feet are made for climbing. They have two toes that face forward and two toes that face back. This formation is called *zygodactyl feet*. Most songbirds have three toes facing forward and one toe facing back. A woodpecker's bill is chisel-shaped made for extracting food from wood. Their tongues can be up to four inches long, barbed and sticky to be able to get at insects in tree bark. Their tongues are also helpful in slurping up sap from trees. Woodpeckers' tail feathers are extremely stiff and are supported by large muscles. This helps them with leverage during pecking. In Minnesota, we have a number of woodpeckers that remain with us all year-round. Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers look alike, with the Downy being the smaller species. We also host Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers and the big guys: Pileated Woodpeckers.



20) Aspect's Peanut Mesh feeder;
21) Birds Choice Recycled Double Suet Feeder;
22) Suet log feeder; 23) Attractor™ suet plugs;
24) Peanut pick outs; 25) Pacific Bird™ and Supply Co suet cakes

Don't Play Favorites?

Here are ideas for ALL of your backyard birds (and their fans!)

White-breasted Nuthatches, various sparrows, House Finches, Blue Jays and even some passing American Robins and Cedar Waxwings may enjoy one or more of these feeding station amenities. Plus, don't forget about those of us who just love all things wild birds!

26) Favorite Songbirds mug; 27) Seasonal coasters;
28) Berry Nutty; 29) Face birdhouse;
30) Ivy stand heated birdbath



Gift Card

Perfect for Bird Lovers!

Wouldn't it be easier to give the gift of Joe's Mix in an envelope than a difficult-to-wrap seed bag? We have the perfect solution: buy an All Seasons gift card! Our beautifully designed gift cards are available in any amount—whether it's \$5, \$20 or \$100, we will fit your budget. Great for everyone on your list! ■



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