

# BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

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## GREETING THE SEASON

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*Bird's-Eye View* is published to share the joy of backyard birds with All Seasons Wild Bird Store's customers and friends.

### EDIBLE DECORATIONS

## TRIM THE TREE



### MR. BIRD SEED ORNAMENTS

1. **Christmas Fruit and Nut Bell** offers no-mess feeding that attracts a variety of birds.
2. **Giant Pine Cone** is a very large natural sugar pine cone coated with premium bird seed. It's presented in a clear bag with green garland and red raffia tie at the top. It may be re-coated with suet, peanut butter, and seed.
3. **Seed ball** is 4" decorative treat with two premium blends loaded with pecans to attract a wide variety of your favorite birds.



## The Holiday Shopping Season, 2020 Edition

As we enter into the holiday shopping season, we want to let you know that in some cases our shelves may not be as full as you're used to. Fortunately, that has nothing to do with how our business is going. Unfortunately, it does have to do with an interruption in the supply chains of some of our most popular feeder lines. Just know that we are working hard to source as much as we can and we're hopeful that things will start flowing more generously in the near future. Please be patient with us as we work through this minor obstacle.

The great news is that seed has not been affected at all, as that is primarily grown here in the Midwest and it's been a great growing season. Thankfully, no one should be going hungry!

In the meantime, we encourage you to start your holiday shopping a bit earlier this year, both to ensure the ready availability of products to purchase and to be able to avoid potential crowds. In this issue, we've collected some of our staff favorites for holiday gift-giving this season to give you a head start on ideas for what to give your friends and loved ones.

We thought you could use a touch of nostalgia in these challenging times, too, so we've sprinkled in some fun visuals from holidays of yesteryears!

We want to wish you our sincerest holiday greetings from our family to yours during this historic time. We truly appreciate your business as we know you have many other choices. We're looking forward to celebrating our 30th year with all of you in 2021!



Take good care,

*Al and Dave Netten*

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## HOLIDAY GIFTS

### 1. OAK STREET LIGHTED CANVASES

These tabletop-sized (8" x 6") canvases depict lovely winter scenes and feature LED lights that bring the pictures to life!



### 2. SCANDINAVIAN SEED BAG

An old Scandinavian tradition is to spread a little birdseed on your doorstep Christmas morning to feed the birds and ensure luck in the New Year. Our Scandinavian Seed Bag is printed with a description of the tradition and is filled with just enough Songbird Delight seed mix inside to participate. It makes a great hostess gift!



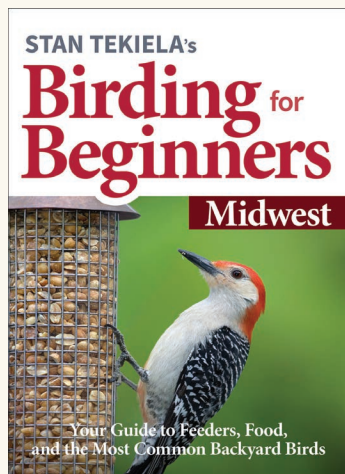
### 3. ANNIVERSARY EDITION BIRD CLOCKS

First produced in 1999 with over 8 million sold, our Limited Edition 20th Anniversary 8" or 13" Singing Bird Clocks include twelve birds and corresponding sounds from some of the most recognized birds in North America. Framed in Green Matte, this clock features images and high-end authentic bird recordings. Detailed packaging provides bird habits and habitat information. Perfect for wall or desk, using the built-in stand. Light sensor deactivates songs when room is dark. Birds featured include American Robin, American Goldfinch, Pileated Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Blue Jay, Common Loon, Baltimore Oriole, Purple Martin, Eastern Screech-Owl, Northern Cardinal, White-breasted Nuthatch and Bald Eagle.

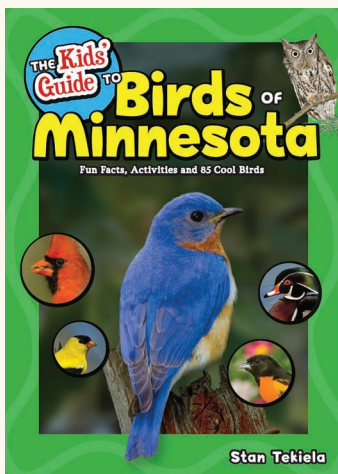


MAY SANTA FILL YOUR STOCKING FULL.





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## INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF BIRDERS

### 4. BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS: MIDWEST

Released in September of 2020, naturalist Stan Tekiela's newest book is the perfect combination of backyard birding instruction (ie. selecting foods and feeders) and bird identification. 55 species of Midwestern birds are organized by color for easy reference.

### 5. THE KIDS' GUIDE TO BIRDS OF MINNESOTA

Award-winning author Stan Tekiela created this delightful bird identification guide just for kids. The book features fun facts, activities and 85 of the most common birds. Species are organized by color. Entries include full color photographs with notes on key field marks, cool facts, range maps and more.

## QUICK START BIRD FEEDING

### 6. HANGING SEED CYLINDER FEEDER

Feed your birds any seed or suet cylinder with this attractive hanging cylinder feeder. An included dome top keeps seed and birds protected from the elements. The perch allows non-clinging birds like cardinals to easily access the seed.

### 7-8. MR. BIRD SEED CYLINDERS

Seed cylinders contain seed, fruit, nuts and/or insects held together by an edible gelatin. They're simple to hang, long-lasting, and less messy than loose seed. Our customers' favorites are **Bugs, Nuts & Fruit**—a fantastic blend of mealworms, pecans, sunflower hearts, raisins, and cranberries, and **Flaming Hot Feast**—sunflower hearts, peanuts, golden safflower, mealworms and hot pepper. The hot pepper deters squirrels and other critters but does not affect birds.

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## ON EVERY BIRD FEEDING WISHLIST



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### 9. ERVA RING HEATED BIRDBATH INSERT

Provide an open water source all winter long and be rewarded with steady visits from a variety of backyard birds. This 60-watt, thermostatically controlled heated birdbath, automatically turns off if the temperature rises above freezing. The heated birdbath insert is 14" in diameter and nests in a clamp-mount black wire ring.

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### 10. ALL SEASONS WILD BIRD STORE GIFT CARD

Available in any amount, our store gift cards make the perfect gift for any backyard bird or nature enthusiast. They make great gifts for grandparents, house sitters, teachers, neighbors and more!



# SEASONAL NOTES

By Minnetonka Manager CAROL CHENAULT

## November: WEEK BY WEEK

Week 1	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ On November 1, 2020 Central Standard Time resumes. Sunset is 5:30pm and moves to 5:00 pm by the end of November.</li> <li>✓ November is a month of big waterfowl migration. Look for <b>Tundra Swans</b> overhead and listen for the muffled musical whistles of the flock. They are migrating to their wintering grounds along the Atlantic Coast.</li> <li>✓ The last flocks of migrating <b>Red-winged Blackbirds</b>, <b>Common Grackles</b> and migrating <b>American Robins</b> move through. (Many robins and <b>Eastern Bluebirds</b> winter over in MN.)</li> <li>✓ <b>White-throated</b> and <b>Fox Sparrows</b> forage the ground under bird feeding stations.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Milkweed pods open and shed dark-brown seeds on white parachutes.</li> <li>✓ <b>Cedar Waxwings</b> visit heated birdbaths and dine on fruit from crabapple trees, junipers and mountain ash trees.</li> <li>✓ Waterfowl migration continues, including huge flocks of Franklin's Gulls on the open water of area lakes.</li> <li>✓ Flocks of <b>Snow Buntings</b> arrive from the Arctic.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tips:</i> Fill heated birdbaths with cold water to reduce evaporation. Serve <b>peanuts</b> to provide birds with fiber, fat and protein that helps them combat cold temps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It's peak mating season for white-tailed Deer.</li> <li>✓ Raccoons enter winter sleeping dens. They don't hibernate; they will forage when temps are about 27° F or higher.</li> <li>✓ Nov. 19 is the average date for permanent snow cover in the Metro.</li> <li>✓ <b>European Starlings</b> are in winter garb of black bills and speckled plumage.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tips:</i> Serve <b>suet</b> in an <b>up-side-down feeder</b>; switch to <b>Golden Safflower</b> and <b>Nyjer</b> seeds to discourage starlings and still feed other birds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Northern Flickers</b> may join other woodpeckers at suet feeders during the winter.</li> <li>✓ Flying squirrels do not hibernate and may use bird feeders at night.</li> <li>✓ Opossums have become more frequent backyard visitors but are mostly nocturnal.</li> <li>✓ <b>Crows</b> gather in large flocks to roost together in trees overnight.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tips:</i> Use a <b>peanut wreath</b> or <b>fly-through feeder</b> to offer <b>in-shell peanuts</b>.</p> <p>Use a clamp-on-the-deck-rail hanger for easy winter feeding.</p>

## December: WEEK BY WEEK

Week 1	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ December 1st is statistically the start of the coldest 90 days of the year.</li> <li>✓ Darkness exceeds 15 hours a day but the daylight hours begins to extend following the winter solstice on Dec 21st.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tips:</i> Decorate your deck and yard with seed bells for the holidays! Use <b>Flaming Hot seed bells</b> to deter the squirrels.</p> <p>Prepare to participate in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count: <a href="http://audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count">audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Northern MN bird feeders host <b>Pine Grosbeaks</b>, <b>Red-breasted Nuthatches</b> visit feeders throughout the state.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tip:</i> Switch some of your feeders to out-of-the-shell seed like <b>Medium Sunflower Chips</b> or <b>Kracker Jax</b>. Birds are able to replenish faster and there is no shell mess for you to clean up.</p> 	<p><i>Tips:</i> Toss <b>Finches' Choice</b> on the ground under feeding stations to attract Dark-eyed Juncos, Mourning Doves and Northern Cardinals.</p> <p>Mix <b>suet pellets</b> and <b>dried mealworms</b> into seed to boost the nutrients in your feeders and to help birds survive the cold winter days and nights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Each individual <b>Downy</b> and <b>Hairy Woodpecker</b> roosts at night in separate tree cavities. Downy Woodpeckers may also use a well-insulated birdhouse at night.</li> <li>✓ Wintering <b>robins</b> snack on crabapple tree fruits.</li> <li>✓ Squirrels are active all winter but stay in their leafy nests until mid-morning when temperatures climb.</li> <li>✓ Flying squirrels may feed from bird feeders nightly soon after sunset.</li> <li>✓ <b>Bald Eagles</b> fish in open water on the Mississippi and around marinas where the water is kept open on area lakes.</li> </ul> <p><i>Tips:</i> Use a large <b>Wild Bird Feast seed cylinder</b> in a covered feeder to provide seed while you are out of town. Better yet, call the Wayzata store to set up <b>Feed &amp; Fill service!</b></p> <p>Scatter <b>dried mealworms</b> and <b>Berry Nutty</b> where the snow is lightest under pine trees to feed robins and cardinals.</p> 