

Birds in your Backyard



HAVING BIRDS AROUND

- ADDS COLOR AND INTEREST
- MOVEMENT
- CREATES A HABITAT, AND YOU'RE THE MANAGER
- KEEPS YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE NATURAL WORLD
- RELAXING AND ENJOYABLE

Attracting birds

- ✓ FOOD
- ✓ WATER
- ✓ SHELTER



FOOD

- Supplemental feeding, makes up for lost habitat
- Bird feeders of many types.
 - Tube, suet, platform, nectar, on the ground
- #1 all around feed is black oil sunflower seeds
- More types of feeders = more types of birds
- More types of feed=more types of birds
- Native/non-native plants and gardens provide food

Plants are great source for natural food . Natives like this deciduous holly are especially good.



Native and Non-native

- Raspberry/blackberry/ blueberry
- Currants
- Cherries, service berry, mulberries
- American beauty berry
- Junipers
- Bayberry
- Seed bearing plants Sunflowers, ornamental grasses, millet /sorghum

Best Kind of Feeder Is full one!

- Hopper, tube, metal, plastic.



Block feeders



SUET FEEDERS = woodpeckers



All kinds of suet and feeders



Platform feeders



WATER, WATER ,WATER

- Fresh
- Unfrozen
- Always available
- Easy to get to.



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Birdbaths



Waterfeatures



Pond, pan, skillet on the ground



SHELTER=HIDING



SHELTER

- BRUSH PILE
- EVERGREENS
- FENCE ROW
- THICK BUSHES
- BIRDHOUSES



SHELTER FOR A BIRD...

- HIDING FROM PREDATORS
- PLACES TO REST
- PLACES TO REAR THEIR YOUNG
- QUIET, SECURE, UNDISTURBED SPOT TO ROOST.

Brush Piles

Protection from
predators

Shelter from the
weather

Source of bugs and
insects

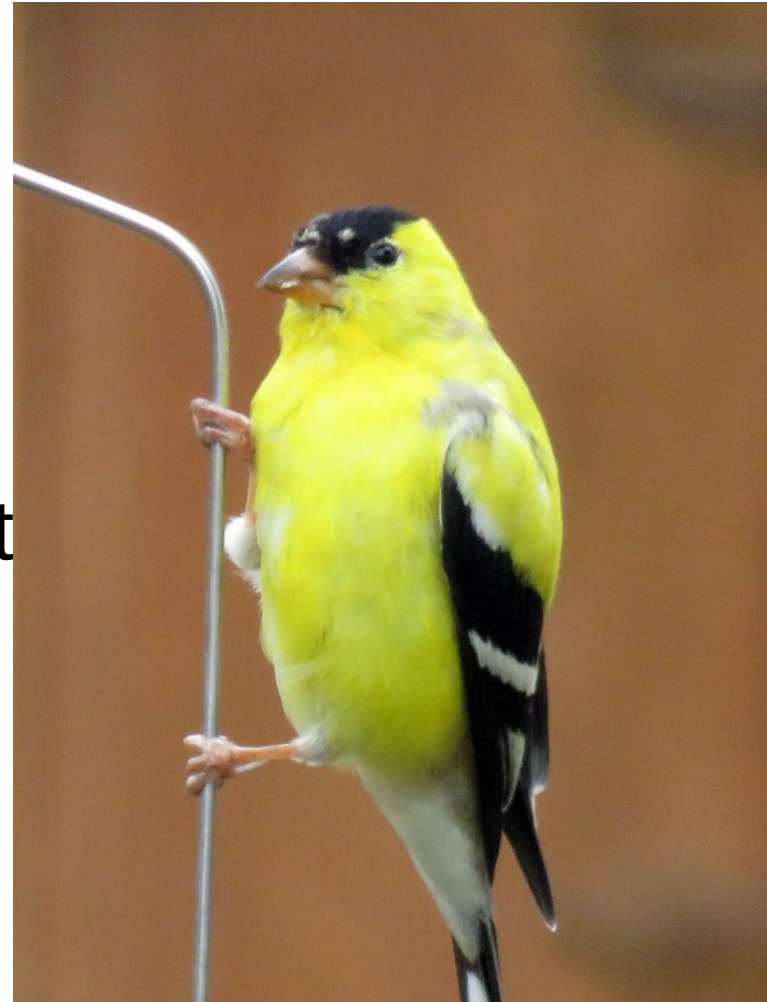


THIS IS WHY?



Problem birds?

- Trap trees
- Resistant varieties
- Harvest in afternoon
- Water /feeding station old fruit
- Perches for hawks
- Netting/ plan for shrinkage
- Stand outside and bang pans



Avg. outdoor cat kills 300 birds a year.



Keep your cat indoors.

- Indoor cats live longer
- Helps wildlife
- Neighbors will appreciate it
- Prevents cat overpopulation and spread of disease

Great Horned owl

- They are numerous in the ozarks.
- Natural prey is skunks
- In urban areas they prey on cats
- One study in ST. Louis they
- Fed exclusively on cats.



You are the land manager of your yard.

- You make it a environmentally friendly place or a wasteland for wildlife.



AUDUBON BIRD FRIENDLY YARD

- Www.nwf.org
- Www.asca.org
- Submit bird records
- Bird friendly yard application and rules
- Ark. Bird checklists
- Asca bird id help

Actions

- Plant natives and remove invasives
- Remove hazards (windows, pesticides, cats, light pollution)
- Supply basic needs (feed, water,)
- Personal actions (recycle, citizen science, attend nature programs)