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farmer, his crops, livestock, buildings, woodlots, and equip-

Mrs. Adams remarked that farmers today are realizing the benefits of birds because of their depleting numbers. Almost all farmers reported insect control as a benefit from birds along with recreational and aesthetic value, rodent and rabbit control, weed control, food for the table, income from hunting, and scavenger activities.

After learning about the birds plight, Tim went to work building several attractive bird homes for the bluebird, wrens, martins and chickadees. He also hoped to attract quail, grouse, woodpeckers, hummingbird and mourning dove with food patches scattered throughout the haven.

Since his haven was already occupied by mature trees and shrubs, he planted low vegetation, and seedling plants such as the sunflower to attract the nesting

The haven's water is supplied naturally by a stream in the pasture. But Tim was in the experimenting mood and wanted to add an attractive feature to his haven with a bird bath. The bird bath was a simple design with a wash basin and hole. He dug a hole the same size of the wash basin and placed the basin in it keeping the water fresh and easily removable.

Adams remarked that Tim's haven is just one unique way of providing and attracting specific wildlife near your home or farm. Howev€, all farm wildlife havens need not be as specialized and the farmer can provide the basic four needs by just following a few conservations steps in their farming methods.

One such conservation farming method would be to leave a hundred feet or so along the borders of fields for later mowing which leaves the nest unharmed and gives the young wildlife time to leave it.

Another conservation step would be providing good shelter and escape cover in "odd areas" which are eroded areas in crop fields, bare knobs, sink holes, sand blowouts, large gullies, abandoned roads and more. In these "odd areas" Adams suggests that the farmer plant bush honeysuckle, dogwoods, multiflora rose. conifers or other ground covers which will provide the needed shelter and make the unuseful "odd areas" useful.

A wildlife habitat that has faded into the past, but provide an excellent home for farm wildlife, was the fence rows and hedges according to Adams. All of the old rail fences and hedges provided cover of one kind or another close to the farmer's fields where food could be found. Then came the invention of the barbed- and the woven-wire fences easier to

predecessors and less wasteful of valuable cropland. These type of fences provide no cover for wildlife. Consequently, a new kind of fence has gained popularity along with wildlife management on the farm said Adams. It is the living fence of close-growing shrubs.

Mrs. Adams noted that recent tests have shown that shrubbery fence rows harbor fewer harmful and many more beneficial kinds of wildlife than do grassy fence rows on the farm.

The naturalist remarked that those are just a few of the simple ways a farmer can contribute to wildlife management on their farm with little cost.

Tim's wildlife haven is a prime example of what can be attracted by the appropriate habitate said Adams. Upon completing his wildlife haven, Tim's efforts were quickly rewarded when a mour-

construct than any of their ning dove nestled in the undergrowth, a downy woodpecker stopped in for a few days, a tufted titmouse is making its home, and squirrels scamper about daily.

Adams remarked, "After a year of those kinds of visitors, Tim will have a bulging wildlife journal."



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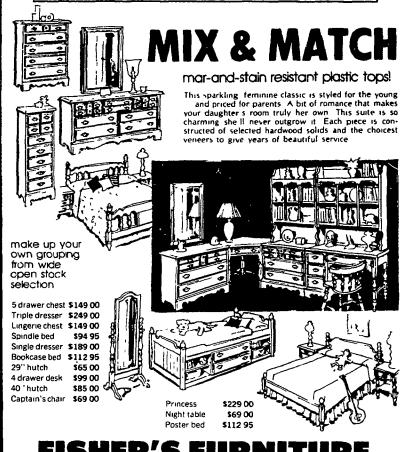
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