

Kids Korner

There's Magic In Birdseed

Different Seeds And The Birds Attracted To Each.

MIDWEST/EAST

Besides offering our special no-waste custom seed blends you may offer individual seed types. Use this guide to determine which seeds are preferred by specific birds.

OIL SUNFLOWER

- * Cardinal
- * Chickadees
- * Evening Grosbeak
- * House Finch
- * Purple Finch
- * White-breasted Nuthatch
- * White-crowned Sparrow
- * White-throated Sparrow
- Blue Jay
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Goldfinch
- Grackle
- House Sparrow
- Mourning Dove
- Pine Siskin
- Redpoll
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Song Sparrow
- Tufted Titmouse

House Finch

- House Sparrow
- Purple Finch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow

SUNFLOWER CHIPS

- * Pine Siskin
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Cardinal
- Carolina Wren
- Chickadees
- Goldfinch
- Grackle
- House Finch
- House Sparrow
- Mourning Dove
- Red-winged Blackbird
- White-throated Sparrow

SAFFLOWER

- (Squirrels, grackles & blackbirds tend not to eat)
- Blue Jay
- Cardinal
- Chickadees
- House Finch
- House Sparrow
- Mourning Dove
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch

STRIPED SUNFLOWER

- * Blue Jay
- * Red-bellied Woodpecker
- * Tufted Titmouse
- Cardinal
- Chickadees
- Evening Grosbeak
- Grackle

NIGER (THISTLE)

- * Goldfinch
- * Pine Siskin
- House Finch
- House Sparrow
- Mourning Dove
- Purple Finch
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Song Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow

SHELLED PEANUTS

- * Blue Jay
- * Tufted Titmouse
- Chickadees
- House Sparrow
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Woodpeckers -
- Hairy & Downy
- Red-bellied

PEANUTS IN THE SHELL

- Blue Jay
- Tufted Titmouse
- Woodpeckers

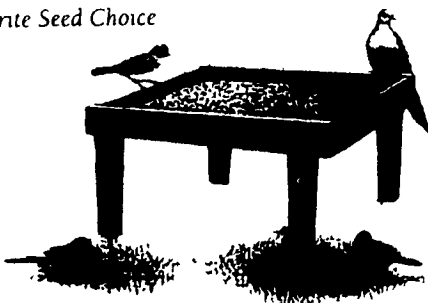
WHITE MILLET

- * Brown-headed Cowbird
- * House Sparrow
- * Mourning Dove
- * Slate-colored Junco
- * Song Sparrow
- * Starling
- * Tree Sparrow
- Cardinal
- Pine Siskin
- Red-winged Blackbird
- White-crowned Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow

CRACKED CORN

- Blue Jay
- Brown Thrasher
- Cardinal
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Eastern Bluebird
- Grackle
- House Sparrow
- Mourning Dove
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Rock Dove
- Starling
- Tree Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow

*Favorite Seed Choice



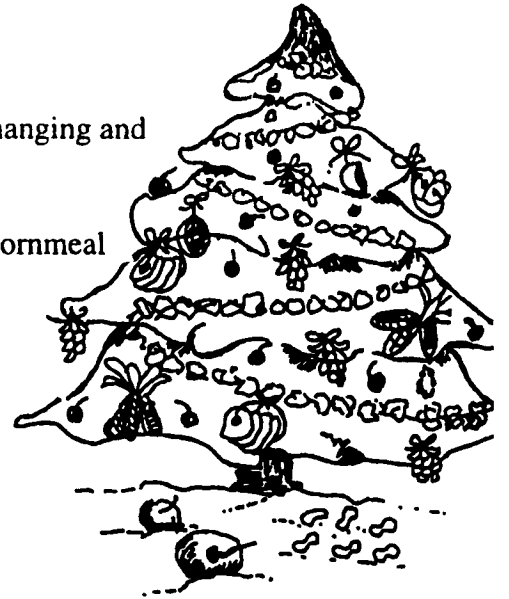
FEEDING ON THE GROUND

You can provide ...

A Christmas Tree for the Birds!

Here are a few suggestions to involve the family in decorating an outdoor tree for the birds:

- Strung popcorn ropes (carpet thread)
- Strung fresh cranberries
- Thick fresh orange slices
- Dried apple rings
- Dried figs on a string
- Natural rough brown string, ribbon and raffia for hanging and decoration
- Pinecones packed with suet, nuts and raisins
- Pinecones packed with peanut butter mixed with cornmeal or seed
- Bird-shaped bird seed cookies (no salt)
- Peanuts in a shell under the tree
- Tiny fresh crab apples with stem
- Baby dried corn bundles
- Large ears of dried colorful corn with husks
- Whole walnuts for squirrels under the tree
- Rice cakes
- Red flame seedless grapes tied up in bunches
- Coconut shell pieces
- Tiny lengths of natural wool or string (for nesting in Spring)
- Tufts of quilt filler for decoration



A live growing tree should be used as you may attract squirrels and other critters whose weight could upset an artificial one.

Have the happiest season ever!

Wild Bird Seed Cookies

(makes 4 dozen)

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup lard, butter or solid margarine
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup or more of Deluxe Blend

- Macaroni elbows or Ditali pasta pieces as hangers
- 2 egg whites for wash
- Bird-shaped cookie cutters
- Wool or twine to hang cookies
- NO SALT

Method:

- Sift dry ingredients together
- Cut in shortening with pastry blender until crumbly
- Add eggs until dough firms
- Add Deluxe Blend Birdseed
- Knead until smooth
- Chill overnight wrapped in wax paper and plastic bag
- Roll out on lightly floured surface to 1/4" thickness
- Cut out bird shapes
- Press in macaroni piece towards top of each cookie for ease in hanging
- Brush cookies with slightly beaten egg whites
- Press more Deluxe Blend Birdseed over top of each cookie
- Place on ungreased cookie sheet
- Bake at 325° for 12 - 15 minutes or until cookies harden



Stuffing for Pinecones

- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 cup suet
- 2-1/2 cups coarse yellow corn meal to thicken
- Raisins and / or peanuts
- Pinecones and twine to hang

Method:

- Mix chunky peanut butter, suet and corn meal together
- Pack mixture into pinecones

