



Songbird Station NEWS

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Stories • Specials • Events and More to Help Your Family Enjoy Birding!



Spring Time "IN YOUR YARD" Can Be Exciting

Our goal at Songbird Station is to help you and your family enjoy the beauty of nature that God has created around us. Enjoying nature can be a great stress reliever. As I write this on April 7th our family is excited as a



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Ultimate Bluebird House

female Bluebird just laid it's first egg in an ultimate Bluebird house near our driveway. I love this house as it has doors on both sides and one side is completely plexiglass, making nest observing easy and safe for children.

Do you have all your nest boxes up and ready?

There is a huge cavity shortage for the birds and YOU can help! We do have a housing stimulus plan as we have our Songbird Essentials recycled plastic houses on sale (check out page 7 for coupon). Why not put a Songbird Essentials recycled plastic house in your yard as part of your families' Earth Day observance. Besides our



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Two Toned Nesting Box

nest boxes, we have new ceramic nesting shelves at Songbird Station. We just received these from Canada and I've put one up on the side of our porch as a place to welcome the recently arrived Eastern Phoebe to nest.

I've been spending a lot of time this week applying Organica Lawn Care products, which we now have at Songbird Station. One of the best things that happened to me last year was meeting and getting to know Jeff Zimmerschied of The Lawn Company. He has given me nothing but fantastic advice that has worked on our lawn

at our new home which we've maintained totally organically. The Organica Lawn Booster Corn Gluten product has worked great as a pre-emergent suppressor to crabgrass, dandelions and other weeds. Everyone raves how our grass looks like a green carpet - all with NO chemicals. Our 3 dogs, visiting children, birds, bees and butterflies are all safe as they enjoy the yard. Come in today and save 10% on our 4-step Organica Organic Lawn Care products.



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Lawn Booster

Another thing I've recently done is top dress my perennial native plant beds with Back to Nature Cotton Burr Compost Mulch (check out page 7 and save \$\$ on 5 or more bags). While a little higher than normal mulch cost, I feel it's worth it as Jeff has taught me there's no nitrogen tie up like you get with wood products.

As my Cotton Burr hi-quality compost ages, the soil is improved (doesn't happen nearly as well with wood mulch). I really recommend you try Cotton Burr - I love the results.



Plants Mulched with Cotton Burr

Besides enjoying the Phoebes and Bluebirds, the 3 birds I most enjoy each spring are Goldfinches (which are turning bright gold now), Hummingbirds and Orioles. Make sure you have your Hummingbird feeders up and keep them clean!! Our new Songbird Essentials Dr. JB's all red feeder makes cleaning easy as it goes into the dishwasher!! Also, now is the time to have oranges and jelly out for the Orioles!! Check out page 3 for tips on Goldfinches, page 4 for Hummingbird tips and page 5 for tips on attracting Orioles. Our goal is to have your yard full of the colors of spring - Enjoy!!



SE6002
Dr. JB's All Red Clean Feeder

P.S. I'm excited to announce that with this edition, Songbird Station is returning to being a family written publication. My son Grant has graduated from the business school at MU, and has joined our business. You'll find articles written by Grant on pages 2, 3 and 4. As a locally owned and operated business we truly need and appreciate your business and support at Songbird Station.

Bird Man Mel



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4-Step Program

Is There Such A Thing As Bird Years?

By: Grant Toellner

Everyone knows how to figure up dog years, you multiply the dog's real age times seven and that gives you approximately how old the dog would be in human years. Is there a similar formula for wild birds? The answer really is no; however, through various studies you can get a general idea for how long a bird in each species will live. For instance in general, larger birds like Jays and Cardinals tend to have a longer life span than smaller birds like Finches and Wrens.

There are many factors that come into play that affect a bird's average life span. One common factor is if a disease or virus becomes prevalent within a certain species. A study done back in 2002 showed how the West Nile Virus had a large impact on the decline of the Black-capped and Carolina Chickadee populations in the Midwest. Luckily, now that the virus is dissipating, the population of Chickadees has started to rebound and grow. Another factor that affects a bird's life span is the predators that are present in a bird's area. If a bird lives in a suburban area, its average life span would be shorter because of house cats lurking in the area. Non-native species such as House Sparrows and Starlings have also had a negative impact on many wild bird's life spans. They have been known to disrupt and destroy native bird's nests and young, therefore decreasing the bird's average life span. Other factors that could affect a bird's life span include things like migration, starvation, habitat loss, and hunting.

So how do researchers record and average a particular species age? The most common way is through the banding of wild birds. Banding is used because it is considered harmless and it also is a relatively cheap way to perform the studies. Through banding researchers have found maximum recorded life spans for bird species, as well as develop an average life span for most species. For example, the longest known life span of a Northern Cardinal was just over 15 years, with the average for the species being around 3 years. The oldest life span recorded for an Eastern Bluebird was 10 ½ years, with an average life span of 2 ½ years. For a smaller bird such as a House Wren, the longest known life span recorded was 9 years, with an average for the species being around 2 years. A Ruby-Throated Hummingbird's oldest recorded age was 9 years, with an average life span just under 3 years. To learn about your favorite bird's lifespan, go online to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's website allaboutbirds.org.



Mother's Day is Coming - See Songbird Station for Great Gifts She'll Love!!

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DYNBBB100 Bluebird House	AVM82835 Metal Roof Chickadee	AVM82884 Metal Roof Bluebird	AVM82908 "A" Frame Hummingbird	HOMEHB2038 Gingerbread Cottage

Birdfeeding: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

By: Grant Toellner

One of the first questions of any avid bird watcher is, "How do I attract and feed the "good" birds (Cardinals, Finches, and Clingers) while keeping away the "bad" (Grackles, Blackbirds) and especially the "ugly" (Starlings, Sparrows)?" While it's almost impossible to totally eliminate a sighting of the "bad" or "ugly" in your backyard, there are a few good defense tactics out there to keep the unwanted visitors away. The tactics involve choosing the right type of seed to feed, using the right type of feeders, as well as other preventative methods.



The first, simple way to attract good birds and to discourage the bad and the ugly is by choosing the right type of seed to feed. The two best types of seed known to discourage the bad and ugly birds are black oil sunflower and, my personal favorite, safflower. While neither is a 100 percent solution, both are loved by most songbirds and are at the bottom of the dining lists for the bad and the ugly. Another seed solution is to stop feeding seeds that contain millet, milo, or cracked corn. The bad and the ugly birds love to pick through and eat it from seed mixes and most songbirds won't even eat it at all. If you already are a mixed seed feeder, no problem, the simple solution is to use bird feeders designed for songbirds and to fight the bad and the ugly. Also, try eliminating all ground feeding as it is a favorite hangout spot for the bad and ugly to eat.

Another effective way to attract good birds while discouraging the bad and the ugly is by using the right type of bird feeder. There are many feeders out there designed specifically for songbirds, but these are a few of my favorites. I, myself, am a big Chickadee and Titmouse fan. One of my favorite feeders, which they seem to love, is the Clingers Only feeder. I like it because it is small, easy to fill, and has a small clinging area which not only makes it Blackbird proof, but it also rarely can be used by Sparrows. If you are a Woodpecker or Nuthatch lover, try using an upside-down suet feeder. Suet is one of the main foods that attract your larger bad and ugly birds, but neither likes to hang upside down, so they simply won't eat from it. A good one to use is the Songbird Essentials upside-down suet feeder. It is made from recycled plastic so it is good for the environment. It also is very durable and comes with a lifetime warranty. If your backyard is already set with feeders, try shortening the perches on your tube feeders. Smaller birds will still be able to cling, but larger birds will not.

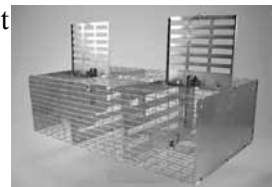


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Upside-down suet feeder

The last effective way to get rid of the ugly birds is to use prevention methods involving the elimination of them altogether. Some might consider this inhumane, but it is necessary to help secure the safety of our native birds' futures. For example, the growth of the non-native English Starling has had a huge negative impact on birds like the migratory Purple Martin. When Purple Martins are away from their nests, Starlings will go in and invade the nests and destroy any eggs or young they find inside. Starlings have also been known to trap and kill an adult Martin if it is in its cavity. Another example of the destruction non-native bird species have caused is the Bluebird decline caused by House Sparrows. House Sparrows not only destroy the Bluebird's eggs, they also kill the adult and young birds by attacking them inside their nest boxes with their hooked beaks. One way to eliminate them is what I like to call "the old-fashioned way", and that is just using a pellet gun. Before going with this approach, make sure you are very careful of your back stop, as well as having the gun set to the appropriate power. You also should have a pair of binoculars on hand, to make sure you properly ID the bird before you shoot. The "ugly" birds are considered pests and are legal to kill, but the "bad" birds I mentioned before are still native so they are illegal to kill. If the old-fashioned way isn't for you, try using a sparrow trap around one of your bird houses or in close proximity to some of your feeders. Inside of the trap you will need to place bread or scraps to attract Starlings and Sparrows. You will need to check the trap regularly, as songbirds occasionally get attracted and trapped inside too. A good, effective trap to have is the Sparrow trap from Songbird Essentials. I would consider this a must have for anyone who has a Purple Martin house and wants to effectively prevent the Purple Martin colony from being negatively affected by non-native birds.



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Sparrow Trap

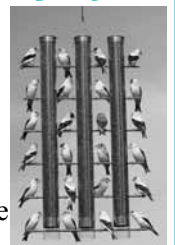
Although nothing is a total fix for preventing the bad and ugly birds from hanging around your backyard, the tips above have been seen and used effectively as tools for keeping the bad and ugly away from backyards.

Are You Seeing Gold? Now's the Time to Attract & Enjoy Goldfinches in Full Color!



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36" Yellow Spiral Feeder

Finally after feeding flocks of Goldfinches all winter I'm starting to get my due reward and you can too!! Enjoy bright yellow Goldfinches by putting out fresh nyjer thistle, or better yet, our Finch Mix of nyjer and fine chopped sunflower. Goldfinches like to feed in "flocks", so have plenty of feeder space. Almost every time I look out, all 24 feeding slots are full of Goldfinches on the SE324C Copper Finch Feeder I use; the same is true for my 36" Yellow Spiral Feeder. Another less expensive way to feed more Finches while they're brightly colored is to put out our inexpensive Songbird Essentials thistle sacks. Go for the Gold "Finches" and enjoy the show!!



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Copper 3-Tube Finch Feeder

Three Lesser Known Birds that use Central Missouri as a Spring and Summer Getaway

By: Grant Toellner



Indigo Bunting

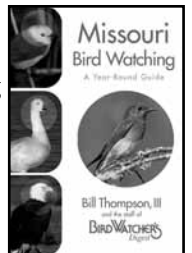
When people think of birds that migrate to Missouri for the spring and summer, most usually think of Ruby Throated Hummingbirds, Purple Martins, or Baltimore Orioles. Most people would not even think to say, or even know, that Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, and Eastern Towhees also come to Missouri for the spring and summer months. To attract Hummingbirds, Martins, or Orioles, you need a special type of feeder or house. To get Grosbeaks, Buntings, and Towhees is simple, just keep doing what you are doing. All three are known to eat from regular bird feeders; you just might have to look a little more often to spot them.

Male Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are a hard bird to misidentify; no other bird has a black head and back, with a red triangular patch on its clear white belly. Females look the exact opposite; they are brown and white with a white line streaked above the eye. Grosbeaks are known to travel and breed from far northwestern Canada all the way back through the Appalachians and the Northeast. If spotted at a feeder, a Red-breasted Grosbeak most likely will be snacking on either sunflower and safflower seeds, or also shelled peanuts.

Even more unmistakable than a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak, is a male Indigo Bunting. A male Bunting is brilliantly colored all-blue and has a silvery conical bill. Females, like many other bird species, are less colorful. Female Buntings have a warm chocolate brown color throughout their entire body. Indigo Buntings spend most of their spring and summer months throughout most of the U.S., and are strongly migratory, spending the rest of their months in Central and Northern South America. Indigo Buntings are usually spotted in the backyard around feeders feeding black-oil sunflower or other seed mixes.

The Eastern Towhee is considered a migratory bird to Central and Northern Missouri, but some do live year round in Southern Missouri around the Boothill. Male Eastern Towhees are commonly referred as the "Hollywood Robin." They have the same overall color of an American Robin; however a male Towhee's colors are much more clean and bright than a Robins. Females look very similar except, instead of black on their backs, they have more of a sienna brown color. Eastern Towhees are known to migrate as far north as Southern Canada and the Northeast, and as far west as Kansas and Nebraska. During the winter months, Towhees may linger throughout the Midwest, but when harsher weather arrives, most head to the southern part of the U.S. To spot a Towhee in your backyard, check the ground every so often because that is their preferred place to eat.

If you are looking for more information on birds that live and migrate to Missouri, I recommend the book Missouri Bird Watching, published by Cool Springs Press. It is loaded with information on how to identify birds, as well as how to attract them to your backyard. It's on sale now at Songbird Station for just \$5.00! Want to make sure you readily see our spring visitors? Come in today and let our Songbird Station staff help you find the pair of Vortex Optics that best fit your needs and budget. We guarantee you won't find Vortex Optics for less than our great everyday low prices at Songbird Station. Keep your eyes open! New visitors are on the way!!



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Want Orioles? Put up one of our NEW Grand Slam Fruit & Jelly Feeders like the one on the right that's in my yard. It's got room for 4 orange halves and 2 bowls of new BirdBerry™ Jelly. Right now I've got an apple on one of the fruit spikes for Woodpeckers and others to enjoy. We've got lots of ways for you to feed oranges - an Oriole favorite. Want to keep Orioles around longer - feed our BirdBerry™ Jelly. Orioles love it's blackberry and grape mixture, and it's better for the birds than store jelly as it's lower in sugar and higher in fruit and fruit juice. The results - healthier Orioles that come back to visit YOUR yard.



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Tips On Making Your Yard A Hummingbird Haven!



Red acts like a beacon to Hummingbirds. The more flowers you have with bright red blossoms, the better. Start with a mixture of native blooming plants that bloom early (Columbines) and then throughout the summer until September and October and you'll be blessed with visiting Hummingbirds. Want more? Add islands of bright red annuals like old fashioned red Petunias or Salvia. Now is the time to plant a "mass" of such plants. We're taking a break from selling perennials this year at Songbird



Station, and we recommend you check out and support the New Giving Gardens Greenhouse operated by Central Missouri Sheltered Workshop at 40405 Bearfield Road. Having lots of nectar producing flowers = Happy Hummers. Another way to have a "red beacon" to attract Hummingbirds is to hang our Hummer Helmet above your feeder. It's bright red to attract Hummingbirds and shades nectar to keep it fresh longer.



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Hummer Helmet above
SEBC0360
30 oz. Hummingbird Feeder

It's often forgotten that Hummingbirds are also carnivores. In order to get needed proteins, vitamins and minerals, small insects and spiders make up over one fourth of a Hummers diet. Also, Hummingbirds use spider webs to hold and bind their nests together and in place on a tree limb. So, please don't use broad spectrum pesticides that kill all the insects and spiders in your gardens. You'll be rewarded with many more Hummingbirds (and Butterflies). Want to learn more and attract Hummers?? Check out the below facts!

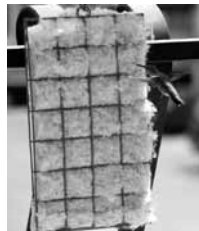
Nesting

A Hummingbird nest is not much bigger than a quarter, and often it contains just 2-3 eggs no bigger than small peas. It's typically hard to see, as it blends in well to the tree branch it's attached to, and is made of fine animal or plant down and moss or lichens.



Hummingbird sitting on nest with Hummer Helper

Hummingbirds have been proven to really take to a product called "Hummer Helper™ Nesting Material", which provides a natural replacement for some hard to find materials. It's the only nesting



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Hummer Helper with Cage



Hummingbird flying with Hummer Helper

material recommended by the Hummingbird Society and proven to be used by Hummers!

Water

Hummingbirds, like many birds, need and are attracted to "water." One of the best ways to attract Hummingbirds is with a "mister" that emits a fine spray. I love Songbird Essentials Easy Mister. Attach it to a hose after watering flowers and get ready to see Hummers zip through the mist. Only uses .75 gallons of water per hour!



SE7019
Easy Mister

Fun Hummer Facts

- Hummingbirds beat their wings about 78 times per second. During a display dive, their wings can beat up to 200 times per second.
- They take about 250 breaths per minute.
- Their hearts beat about 1,260 times per minute.
- They have 1,500 feathers.
- They consume half their body weight (1/8 lb) in food every day. That would be like an average kid eating 40 to 50 pounds of food a day.



Dr. JB's All Red Clean Feeder

The world's best feeder according to Hummingbird Study Group - Why? Hummers love it!! Simple to clean and fill and long lasting!



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Dr. JB's All Red Clean Feeder

Kid's Corner

Spring is here and it's time to get outside and explore! Check out some of our great birding books for kids. We can help you pick out one that is just right for you and your interest.



Would you like to win your very own hummingbird feeder? The smallest birds are sometimes the most fun to watch. Win a feeder that you can call your own and fill it up and watch the Hummers swarm to it! To enter, stop in and color a Hummingbird photo in our store. We will hang them all up and on May 31st we will choose our best artists and award them with a Hummingbird feeder. Ages 10 and under please.



Have you stopped in to see our new puppets? We have many new Folkmantis puppets now in stock, and some new finger puppets of birds and animals, along with a finger puppet stage to help you put on your own puppet show.

Do you have a summer reading program? We have many books on birds and nature for many levels of readers. Great for that summer book reading.

Join Joe LaFluer from Songbird Station on a youth birdwalk at the WOW program at Twin Lakes May 1st. Ages 9-12. We will be walking on the Katy Trail, listening and seeing many of our native birds. Contact the store for more details.





GiGi's Pet Boutique



Is Your Pet Ready for Summer?

Top Ten Tips for Summertime Safety With Your Pet

1. Always Give Them Water - This is something that many pet owners forget. Pets can't take care of this themselves, so it is up to you to provide them with constant access to water. Leaving your animal without water for even a short period of time is dangerous, so be sure to always have an ample water supply available and refresh it daily.



2. Stay In the Shade - During the really hot days of the summer, the difference in temperature between the areas in the shade and in the sun can be up to 15 degrees. This is a considerable difference, so you should make sure your dog or cat has access to plenty of shade if possible.



3. Keep Their Hair Short - Another measure you can take to increase your pets' safety is to clip their hair, if your pets are long haired. This might look funny, but lots of breeds require summer haircuts, and it will definitely increase your pets' ability to stay cool in the hot weather.

4. Never Leave Them In a Car - This seems obvious, but people tend to leave their pets in their cars as they run off to finish "a thing or two." However, that quick errand often takes more time than expected, and leaving pets in the car can have deadly consequences as the heat can rise to extremely high temperatures very quickly in an enclosed vehicle.



5. Don't Overdo the Exercise - Usually pets take care of this on their own, but sometimes they wish to play or exercise so much that they don't realize they are overheating. Be sure to limit your dog or cat's time outside and let them in for water and rest when the weather is hot. It's a good idea to leave a fresh bowl of water outside too so your pet can get a drink whenever he wants it.

6. Always Provide Supervision - If you go away on a holiday or summer vacation, never leave your pets alone without

someone who will take care of them. Always leave your pet sitter with your phone number and the number of a vet so they can be reached if needed in your absence.

7. Hire a Professional - If you don't know anyone who can take care of your pets while you are gone, consider hiring a pet-sitting professional or service. This will cost you a bit more, but it is better than leaving your pet unattended.

8. Ensure They Can Be Identified - In the summer, as you and your family members open the doors and move around more often, there is more opportunity for your pet to slip out unnoticed. If that happens, it is crucial for your pet's safety to equip them with identity tags and/or microchips so they can be identified and returned home safely.



9. Pool Safety - Many homes and apartment complexes have pools or ponds, which can present a considerable hazard to your pets safety. Many dogs and cats can't swim, and most of them aren't able to stay above water if they fall in. In order to ensure your pets safety around pools, you need to keep the pool fenced in or monitor your pet while near the water at all times.

10. Look for symptoms of heat exhaustion - Some symptoms of overheating that you can watch out for include: heavy panting, increased pulse and unsteadiness. If you notice these symptoms, it is important for your pets safety that you help them immediately and call your vet. A good course of action is to bring them inside to a cool place and provide fresh water.



The summer is a fun time to share the outdoors with your furry best friend. Just remember, they can't tell you when they're tired or hot, so make sure you think of their safety first. When in doubt, call a veterinarian. They will be able to provide you with the best assistance for any situation that involves your pets safety.

Watch for Songbird Station & GiGi's Pet Boutique at Columbia's Earth Day on April 25th from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm & Bark for Life on May 8th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there!!

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Ask Bird Man Mel

Q. Is there a feeder and feed for Robins?



Bird Man Mel
Owner of
Songbird Station

A. Until recently I would have said no - except for perhaps mentioning that Robins will occasionally come to a fruit feeder with an apple or grapes on it. But several Robins in my yard are "really" taking a liking to the Hiatt Stake Feeders I fill with live mealworms for the Bluebirds. It's a good thing I keep several out as a Robin is usually staying close by at least one. Note, with nesting season in full gear, now is a great time to offer mealworms to Bluebirds. I like the stake feeders as I can place where I can best view the birds feeding. We've added 5,000 count bags of mealworms that are like buying 3 - 1,000 bags and getting 2 free!! Saves you \$\$.



Q. The deer are eating my flowers and garden veggies - Is there a way to stop 'em?

A. We have several deer repellents, but by far my favorites are the "guaranteed to work" solar powered flashing lights from NiteGuard. The key is to mount them on a "moveable" stake and move the stake weekly. The flashing lights appear to be a "predator" to deer while not being overly annoying to you and your neighbors. I use 3 sets in my large yard and they work!!



HIATT38206
Ground Stake
Mealworm &
Jelly Feeder

Q. My husband wants me to quit feeding birds now as he doesn't want sprouting bird seed in our nice yard. What do I tell him?

A. First of all remind him of all the bugs "naturally" controlled by Songbirds. Next a couple suggestions: put a SeedHoop under your feeder. (It catches 90%+ of any spilled seed.) For absolutely no sprouting switch to our No Waste Mix or Sunflower Kernels. Birds love 'em and we guarantee no sprouting!!



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Q. With it getting warm, do birds really need Hi-Energy suet?

A. It's true that warmer weather = declining calorie needs for warmth, but lots of visiting migrating birds and the demands and stress of nesting and raising babies cause birds to still need and benefit from your continued feeding of suet. Keep feeding suet and you'll often see Woodpeckers bring a young baby to feed. You can help egg shell quality by feeding our Calcium Suet and give birds a special boost with our Insect Suet. Use our Orange or Fruit Berry Suet to attract Oriole and other fruit eaters.



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Q. I heard you're selling ladies shoes - What's up with that at a bird store?

A. Great question! Bottom line, our goal at Songbird Station is to provide you with products to (1) help you enjoy the outdoors (2) provide unique gifts for those you love. Our new Lindsay-Phillips shoes do both these things as their flip flops are unbelievably comfortable and fashionable. A great Mother's Day gift! We also stock their flats and wedges. Interchangeable straps and buttons lets 1 set of soles become several "different" looking shoes. As a locally owned independent store, we look hard for unique items not available elsewhere in Columbia. Send the ladies in your family in. I guarantee they'll love our new shoes!!



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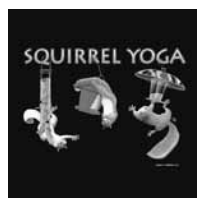
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Field Trip to MKT Nature Trail

Saturday, April 24, 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Meet at the store for a trip to the MKT Trail. We will caravan to the Martin Luther King Gardens parking lot and walk the trail from there. This will be a great opportunity to practice hands on identification by sight and sound. By mid April many spring migrants will be moving through and trees are not fully leafed out yet for better viewing.



Earth Day

Sunday, April 25, 12:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

As always, more than 200 booths will fill five blocks with environmental education, non-profits, businesses, artisans, and government agencies. Sample the wares (and ideas) of hundreds of vendors and organizations at the street fair. Nothing is too practical or too esoteric for the Annual Earth Day Street Fair in MU's Peace Park. Look for our Songbird Station booth.



Backyard Bird Feeding with Bird Man Mel

Saturday, May 1

**2 Classes 9:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.
10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.**

Ever wonder why your yard is full of sparrows and starlings and your neighbor has Cardinals, Bluebirds, and Hummingbirds? Come to this course which is for beginning through experienced backyard enthusiasts. We will discuss lots of fun (often free) ways to attract the birds you want in your backyard. Mel will include lots of class involvement so this will be a fun, fast paced session with lots of visuals and free information handouts.



W.O.W. Youth Bird Walk

Sunday, May 1, 7:15 A.M.

Meet at Twin Lakes Recreation Area for the W.O.W. Youth Bird Walk. Joe will be taking you on a 30-60 minute bird walk. The trip will provide a hands on opportunity to identify birds by sight and sound. W.O.W. National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School teaches participants how to enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities while practicing personal safety and outdoor responsibility. It will be held April 30-May 1 2010 as part of W.O.W. held at Twin Lakes Recreation Area in Columbia.



Bark for Life

Saturday, May 8, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Bark For Life is a fun-filled half day for dogs and their owners to come together for a walk, demonstrations, contests, and games to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Dogs (all types) are invited to join the American Cancer Society in a Relay event to celebrate cancer survivorship, to honor people lost to cancer, to fundraise in support of cancer research, education, advocacy and to help eliminate the suffering that cancer causes worldwide.



Field Trip to Grindstone

Saturday, May 22, 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Birdwatching DVD author Joe LaFleur for a FREE guided field trip to Grindstone Nature Area, a birding hotspot in the heart of Columbia, especially during the peak of migration season in May. Meet at the store at 8:00 then we will carpool to the Capen Park parking lot to access the Hinkson Creek Trail.



Sip & Shop

Saturday, May 22, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

We will once again be participating in Inside Columbia's Sip and Shop on May 22nd. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop in with your sip and shop passport to sample wine from one of the area wineries, pick up your free gift and receive 20% off your purchase. Must have a Sip and Shop passport to participate.



Summer Classics Outdoor Furniture

The Weather is getting warmer, come check out our FANTASTIC line of outdoor furniture by Summer Classics. Summer Classics is a premier manufacturer of fine garden furniture which was founded on the principle of, "no matter how simple or elaborate, can and will be embraced for many years to come. Timeless Designs, Ageless Beauty, For now ... and forever."

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Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.