



# Songbird Station NEWS

Early Spring 2010

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



## Getting Ready for Nesting Season

As the days get longer and longer, the birds' urge to nest gets stronger and stronger. You can provide housing for the birds to help them accomplish their nesting goals. The main ways to help birds are to provide nest boxes, nest shelves and nesting material. Providing food and water for the birds also makes your yard a more attractive nesting location.

### Nest Boxes

Many birds nest in tree cavities, so a nest box is essentially providing them that same nesting habitat. That's why placing a nest box on a tree trunk is often an effective way to mount a box. At the store we also have poles for mounting boxes right where you want them. Species that use nest boxes in mid-Missouri include: Wood Duck, American Kestrel, Eastern Screech-Owl, Woodpeckers (Red-headed, Red-bellied, Downy, Hairy and Flicker), Purple Martin (colony nesters), Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Eastern Bluebird and House Finch. We have Songbird Essentials nest boxes that are shape and size appropriate for



*SERUBBB100 Nesting Box*

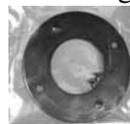
each species. They are made of natural cedar or durable recycled composite plastic. These houses have thick walls to insulate from heat and cold. Drainage holes allow moisture to drain through and ventilation slots provide for air flow. They also have an easy way to swing the door open for cleaning. We also have do-it-yourself kits and many decorative style houses in a variety of artistic shapes, colors and sizes. Another unique option is the Songbird Essentials Window View Nest Box that mounts to a window, allowing you to view the nesting birds.



*SESC1034C Woodpecker House*



*Viewing inside the SESC78162 Nest View Bird House*



Songbird Essentials portal protectors are metal rings that can be attached to the nest box opening that will prevent larger birds from pecking a bigger hole and predators from gnawing into the box. Songbird Essentials nesting material consists of five natural-colored materials preferred by birds: feathers, string, cotton, hemp and aspen fiber. This mixture will attract many more birds than cotton only. Nest material



*SEWF91009 Nesting Material*



*SEWF91010 Birdie Bell w/ Nesting Material*

and is the only nest material proven to be used by hummers and is endorsed and recommended by the Hummingbird Society.

### Nest Shelves and Cups

Songbird Essentials nest shelves are a relatively simple flat surface or cup that appeal to Robins, Barn Swallows and Eastern Phoebes. They can be mounted on buildings or tree trunks and are a great choice to help encourage these birds to nest in your yard.



*SESCS401 Robins Roost*

### Bats Need Housing Too!

Spring will bring Bats to our area too, so consider a bat house. They will help to control mosquitoes in your yard during the warmer months. Bats seem to prefer a house that has weathered; so now is not too early to put one out. They can easily be mounted on the side of a building or a tree trunk. Choose from Songbird Essentials sturdy cedar or very durable recycled composite plastic models from Songbird Essentials.



*SESSS801 Shake Shingle Bat House*

### Want to Learn More?

Visit the Songbird Station library for a variety of books on bird houses and bird nests. At the store we also have a free informative tips sheet on nesting and you can view the "Nesting Segment" of the Bird Man Mel's "In Your Own Backyard" DVD.

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Plant Booster Plus

# Organic Lawn Care

*Not only Bird, Bee & Butterfly friendly,  
but it can save you time and money!*



## First, Dispelling The Misconceptions on Organics

Many today still remember Organics of the past as inferior, and truth be told, there are still a few inferior products being sold, so education and trust is vital. But don't be fooled, TIMES HAVE CHANGED! As a rule, Organics of today are affordable and THEY DO WORK! At Songbird Station, we've chosen Organica as the best available on the market! **Organica's Products & Programs** work by addressing soil health, inoculating the soil with beneficial soil microorganisms.

## Why Choose Organica as your Organic Solution over other brands?

- Organica has 4-8 times the Microbial Strains per product.
- Organica offers up to 100 times the amount of MICROBES per pound.

As a bacteria company, their sole goal over the past 15 years has been to design and deliver bacterial and microbial solutions. Organica owns the 2nd largest bank of privately kept bacteria in the world behind only Dupont. This makes Organica the leader in the technology that makes today's organics effective, and they control the patents to back it up. We are proud to say Organica is available at Songbird Station - Check it out!

## Why Choose Organica over Chemicals?

### Let's start with Healthy Soil vs DEAD SOIL...YOUR SOIL SHOULD BE ALIVE!

Though it sounds overly simplistic, research shows that "healthy soil yields healthy plants."

You have asked, "How do I improve the health of my soil?"

- By increasing the biological activity within the soil, you should begin to see improvement in your soil. Healthy soils team with beneficial microorganism; and **YES**; (Bacteria, fungi, among a few) **AND LOTS OF EARTHWORMS!** These **Microscopic Wonders** inhabit the soil in close proximity to the roots where they nourish the plant and soil.

Unfortunately, many soils lack biological activity due to years of applying chemical fertilizers & pesticides. We've killed our soil, a condition referred to as Dead Soil, further making our turf and plants chemically dependent to survive, and poisoning the world we live in. Songbird Station offers you the opportunity to Re-Inoculate your soil, and in a sense, **bring your soil back to life!**

## Organica Lawn & Garden Products are 100% Organic & Natural

- Many companies claim their products are organic and/or natural when in fact they are not. They use terms such as "Rich in Organics" or "Organic Based." This generally means they contain a variety of synthetic additives such as urea, ureaform or triple super phosphate.
- Organica uses only natural plant foods such as corn gluten, feather meal, steamed bone meal & sulfate of potash, along with natural inputs of kelp, humates, natural sugars, amino acids, vitamins and most importantly... **Natural Occurring Soil Microbes!**

## How You SAVE MONEY Maintaining Your Yard Organically

Treating a 10,000 sq ft yard organically with the Organica 4-Step program with an annual over-seed, can save you hundreds over other more harmful chemical application programs. How you might ask?

- **NO annual aeration**, since there is no soil compaction associated with organics. This saves a minimum of \$30 in rental and \$30 labor.
- **Less Mowing.** You might expect to mow 25-50% less organically (10-15 hrs - \$150) but maintain healthier roots and have just as green a lawn, (savings of about \$15 in gas annually. In short, you see no unneeded spurt growth. No force feeding of Nitrogen. Only plant available nutrients in the soil being absorbed by the roots as it is needed. And NO burning of your yard
- **Less Stress Conditions.** Resist heat and drought conditions, no growth spurts, less watering, no striping, with less fungus and thatch issues. Simply LESS problems saving you time and money on fixing problems created by chemicals all resulting in a healthy, bird, bee and butterfly friendly lawn. Songbird Station is where you come to save!

## NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY LAWN BOOSTER! Corn Gluten is your Pre-Emergent Weed Control

Once you put down your lawn booster, you will have pre-emergent control for up to 6 weeks along with 12-16 weeks of slow release fertilizing. A proper yard measurement is important if you don't have know the size of your lawn. Any time now, (March 15 - April 30) once the yard thaws and weeds start to grow, is an ideal time to apply lawn booster. Then follow the recommended application times the rest of the season. In all, 4 simple Applications of Organica's Lawn Care Products in all you need to get started! There is a \$10 mail-in rebate available per 5,000 sq ft program purchased as well. Come in and see for yourself and other Organic lawn and garden solutions at Songbird Station and we will even loan you one of our spreaders to help you get the job done fast and accurately! Be sure and check out the full line of organic solutions at Songbird Station including Organic Lawn Care Products, Organic Composts, and Lawn Reseeding and related materials.



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# Family Time- Wrens

*Birds are organized into families and groups to help us understand them better.*

Wrens are small, stocky, energetic birds that are brownish in color. Most have a distinctive habit of cocking their narrow banded tails upwards when hopping secretively through shrubby habitat. Their flat, pointed beaks are slightly decurved. They are accomplished vocalists that sing often with a variety of musical songs and chattering calls. House and Carolina Wrens will use nest boxes. Their diet is primarily insects, but Carolina Wrens are unique because they will visit feeders for seed. All Wrens can be attracted to moving water and bird baths.



**SERUBWH105**  
*Wren House*



## **Carolina Wren**

Carolina Wrens are common year-round residents. One of the more colorful Wrens, they have a relatively large rusty brown body and bold white eye stripe. Their varied song is typically a triplet pattern, “liberty-liberty-liberty”, along with a variety of harsh calls and chatters. Look for them in shrubby areas, tangles, yards and gardens. I see Carolina Wrens nearly every day at my Songbird Essentials Peanut Feeder.



**SEBQSBF4G**  
*Peanut Feeder*



## **House Wren**

A tiny Wren with a big song, short tail and plain brownish plumage. They have a faint, pale eye stripe. Their song is a jubilant series of bubbly notes along with harsh calls and chatters. Look for them in yards, parks, thickets and woodland edges from spring through fall. Named for their tendency to use houses, they will use nest boxes and often fill them with tiny twigs.

## Report from Yard and Field

The continuing cold weather in February brought large numbers of birds to yards, feeders and heated birdbaths. Present in good numbers were Goldfinches, Juncos and White-throated Sparrows (and unfortunately Grackles and Starlings too) along with smaller numbers of American Tree Sparrows, Purple Finches and Fox Sparrows. Occasional sightings included Song Sparrow, Brown Creeper, Eastern Towhee and Hairy Woodpecker. A rare Common Redpoll visited a sunflower feeder of one of our customers a couple of times. In early February a Harris’ Sparrow was spotted in Jefferson City. Raptors in the yard included calling Barred Owls and Red-shouldered Hawks. Resident species like Northern Cardinals, Carolina Wrens and Tufted Titmice begin singing in early-mid February. An amusing report from a customer described daily battles between a territorial Mockingbird and Eastern Bluebirds for coveted mealworms. A couple of customers reported Northern Mockingbirds visiting tray feeders for mealworms, peanut halves and sliced grapes.

Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area was a hot area with over a dozen species of waterfowl being sighted, including a Trumpeter Swan. Up to 20 Bald Eagles were hanging out there, along with a rare immature Golden Eagle. The feeders at the headquarter’s building were busy with winter songbirds, including sightings of less common species like Red-breasted Nuthatch and Pine Siskin.

## Get Ready for Hummers and Orioles

Missouri’s smallest bird is on the way, with the pioneering migrants sometimes arriving in March, this is a great time to get out your feeder. Be sure to check out our new Dr. JB’s Hummingbird Feeder, the best hummer feeder ever made! Solid and durable construction and easy to fill and clean.



**SE6002**  
*Dr. JB’s Clean Feeder*

Colorful orioles begin arriving in April, so plan to get your feeders out then. We have a great new product, BirdBerry™ Jelly, that you can use in our Songbird Essentials’ Jelly Jam Feeder. Over-the-counter jelly has a very high sugar content, so the lower sugar and higher fruit content of BirdBerry™ Jelly more closely match their natural food sources. The unique grape/blackberry flavor keeps Orioles and other birds (like Catbirds and Woodpeckers) coming back for more!



**SEBCO212**  
*Jelly/Jam Feeder*



**SE6010**  
*BirdBerry™ Jelly*

# Why Birds Sing



As we move into the spring, the longer days trigger more and more singing behavior from the birds. Resident birds start singing the earliest in February and March. In April and May, returning breeders add to the chorus. Some birds that only migrate through mid-Missouri may sing as they travel

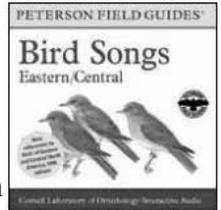
too. While adding to the atmosphere of the backyard, the singing behavior also helps birdwatchers locate birds that may otherwise go unnoticed.

Males do the most singing, with the primary function being to establish and defend their feeding and nesting territories. The singing behavior also helps them to attract a mate for nesting, so singing is most intense during the spring. Sometimes males and females will sing back and forth to each other. As we move into the summer, they will begin singing less as the urge to defend the nest wanes when young begin to fledge. In late summer, you may hear some unusual songs as young birds try to find their voice while learning songs from the adults. In the fall some resident birds like Carolina Wrens continue singing to establish and defend their winter feeding territories.

Bird sounds can be sorted as songs and calls. Songs tend to be more complicated, musical renditions that are typically used to establish territories and attract mates. Calls tend to be shorter, harsher notes that fulfill different functions. For example, the chattering scolding of chickadees towards a roosting hawk is an attempt to get it to move out of the area. Family groups and migrating flocks often communicate with short call notes as a way to stay in touch with their locations and to warn of predators or danger. During the fall months when birds are singing less, these call notes can often help to locate birds.

Most birds try to stay hidden to help them survive, so learning bird sounds can help you identify the species when you can't get a good look. At Songbird Station we have many resources to help you learn bird sounds including CDs, DVDs, Identifier and books.

For our area, the eastern birds versions of the Peterson and Stokes CDs are excellent choices. They include booklets that list the species along with descriptions of each sound. The Peterson Birding by Ear series takes a different approach. Along with each sound, a narrator provides tips to remember the sound, for example the White-throated Sparrow sound like "Poor Sam Peabody-Peabody-Peabody." We also have some unique CDs that provide sounds for Missouri insects and frogs.



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*Bird Songs East/  
Central CD*

## DVDs

The Better Birdwatching DVDs provide bird sounds along with video and the birds are organized by alphabetical and family indexes. They can be used on a TV or computer. The eastern version features 270 species and the Missouri birds DVD focuses on about 150 of the more common birds, so is ideal for beginners.

### Better Birdwatching in the East



#### DVD Field Guide

About 3 hours of video & audio for 270 birds commonly found in the eastern U.S. (east of Missouri River, including eastern Texas & Canada).

BETTEREASTDVD  
*Better Birdwatching DVD*

## Identifier

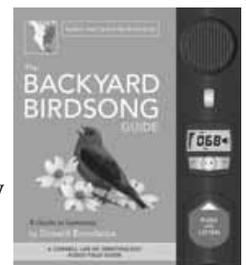
The Identifier is a unique hand-held device with built in speakers that is easy to take into the field with the accompanying case. Flat cards are inserted into the unit and you push the button for the bird you want to hear. The cards are organized into bird groups like Hawks and Warblers or habitat types like marsh and woodland, and even frogs! The New Identifier wand is a more thorough version that comes with a booklet of bird images with bar codes. Simply scan the bar code with the wand to play the sounds. An Identifier clock is also available. You can wake up to "sounds of the birds!"



*Bird Identifier*

## Books

Chronicle Books has a built-in speaker that allows you to play sounds while viewing the bird photos and text. The Songbird Station Library also has many wonderful books about why and when birds sing or that focus on specific groups like owls and other wildlife. Some books come with an audio CD.



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*Backyard Bird Songs  
Guide*

## Audio CDs

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# Do You Have What It Takes to be A Landlord to the Purple Martins?

Martins traditionally used tree cavities for nesting, but now houses supplied by people are their primary form of residence. They are named for the purplish sheen on their bodies. Expect Martins to return from their Brazil wintering grounds around March 15. Providing housing for Martins is certainly more of a challenge than for other birds. Many variables and considerations need to be looked at to see if it is right for you.

## Location, Location, Location

Martins actually prefer being close to humans, perhaps because they know it will help them stay safe from predators. The Martin house should be at most 100 feet from your house, but not any closer than 30 feet. They also like the house to be in an open area, so you should pick the area with the fewest trees in your yard. Air space at the house height should be void of trees in at least a couple of directions for 40-60 feet, and the entire open area should be no less than 80 X 80 feet. Although not required, they seem to prefer housing with proximity to water.

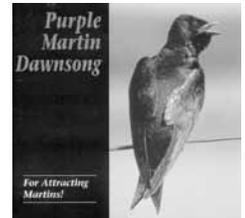
Other techniques to attract Martins are playing sounds and using decoys. At Songbird Station we have the Dawn Song CD that plays Martin vocalizations to attract them. Place the plastic decoys on the house to get their attention.

## Housing Styles

The two main varieties of homes are multi-room units and gourd systems. They can be combined on the same pole system. The best material for the multi-room units is aluminum, like our Lone Star brand houses, because aluminum stays cooler on sunny days. Wooden houses are better insulated and will retain more heat than aluminum houses. They should also be mostly white to reflect the sun and stay cooler inside. An advantage to hanging gourd nests is that they swing in the wind, which does not bother Martins but will discourage Starlings and House Sparrows from using them. Larger units come with telescoping poles so they can be easily raised and lowered for maintenance. All of the houses we offer at Songbird Station are designed to specs for Martins and for ease of use and maintenance.

## Landlord Duties

Once you raise your housing unit on the pole, you can leave it alone until you take it down for fall cleaning. However, if you engage in more active maintenance you can increase the nesting success and number of Martins. For example, checking the nests regularly can help to discover problems like unwanted nesters, predators and blowfly infestations. Accurate record keeping can also help improve your success over time. After lowering and inspecting the house, it is VERY IMPORTANT that the house be returned to the exact same height and orientation. To facilitate this, you can use a permanent marker to mark your pole so you can return to the same vertical and horizontal position. The house should never be tilted after nesting begins as it may damage the nest and eggs. The best time to inspect is mid-afternoon, but avoid doing it during cold, rainy or windy weather. Keep in mind that not all of the eggs will hatch and not all of the nestlings will fledge. This is normal. Placing platforms around the house with Songbird Essentials nesting material can aid nesting success. You can also put crushed eggshells and mealworms on the platform. Eggshells will facilitate calcium and egg production, and the mealworms are for eating. Perching spots around the house also make it more desirable.



PMCD  
Dawn Song Purple  
Martin Attractors CD

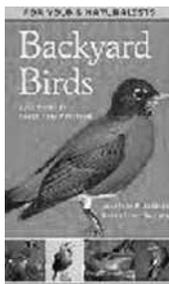


## Kid's Corner

Kids are wonderful at getting outside in the spring and exploring all the wonders as everything "wakes up" from winter. What a great time to get your children interested in nature and all it has to offer. We love to encourage the love of nature and it's always fun to see the world through children's eyes.

Songbird Station offers many items to get young people started in becoming Naturalists. Check out the Peterson Field Guides for your Naturalist. We have books on songbirds, birds of prey, caterpillars and more. What a great time to give an Easter gift that they can keep long after the treats are all gone. Stop in and check out our Beginner's Bird Watching Kit which includes: beginner's guide book, a pair of Stokes birding binoculars, case and strap. Other items that may interest children (of all ages) is the singing alarm clock (which can be programmed for whatever bird you want to hear), or an Identifier which is an audio birdsong dictionary. Think of it as nature's IPOD.

On a smaller scale, and great for those Easter baskets, are Peabody's collector cards. Each kit contains 6 different cards of birds along with the colored pencils to make them uniquely yours. And don't forget the Audubon birds. Children love them and get very interested in finding the birds that they hear in our display.



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Young  
Naturalist



SWSBSKIT1  
Birdwatching Kit



# GiGi's Pet Boutique



Spring is finally coming and it's time to get outside with your pets. I'm pretty sure they have cabin fever as much as we do. Time to go for those walks, play at the park, and just plain get muddy!

GiGi's has some great products to get you and your pet to enjoy spring. Have you ever taken your small dogs out for a walk and feel like the leash alone is weighing them down? We now have retractable leashes made especially for those dogs under 18 pounds. These are a lot more comfortable for both you and your dog. The handle is small enough to tuck into your pocket too. Great new spring colors available.



We now have all styles of the Zogoflex dog toys. If you have a large breed dog that seems to tear up everything, or just a dog that loves to fetch, tug, or pull on toys, these are the toys for them. These toys are guaranteed against "dog damage" and will be replaced if your pet can



destroy it. We have customers that have Labs who love to chew that cannot destroy these toys. So go ahead, throw them in the water (they float), play tug of war, or just let your dog make up their own game. These toys will last. Also, another favorite fact of mine is that they are made in America and recyclable.

If you and your pet like to spend a lot of time in your yard, please consider Cedarcide, a non toxic line of yard sprays and biting insect spray. Yard Safe will repel mosquitoes, fleas, and other flying insects in your yard, patio, and garden. Best Yet can be sprayed on people, pets or yards. It is a wonderful, chemical free insect control for fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and other species of bugs. What peace of mind knowing you can use something on your pets and yard and that it is safe to bring into your house on your shoes or their paws.



After all of the play outside, it's probably time for that bath! We are having a sale on ALL of our Pet Promise natural shampoos, conditioners and spritzes. What a great deal at \$3.99 each or 3 for \$10.00!

## Get Ready For Spring...It's Just Around the Corner



Booster Seats



Cargo Car Covers



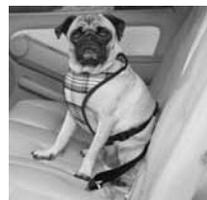
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# Q. Where are the Purple Martins?

Last year they were here by now!



**Bird Man Mel**  
Owner of  
**Songbird Station**

A. You're correct! Most years the Martins are here by now - they were last year as you state. Fortunately, they have waited to come north as it's simply been too cold to migrate to us. I am concerned about Purple Martin conditions this year. Make sure you feed them mealworms and put extra heat in their houses during cold spells. Come into the store for details, or better yet, attend our Purple Martin seminar on March 28. (Details on page 8)

## Q. Unlike many people, my wife and I like Squirrels. Any ways to attract them?

A. We've got lots of great Squirrel feeders that you attach an ear of corn to. Besides our #1 seller Squngee (we play a video in the store of this bungee cord for Squirrels), we have some great new feeders from Hiatt that resemble an Adirondack Chair, Porch Swing and Tractor. We also have a simple chain and screw to put an ear of corn on for just \$1.99. Enjoy the show! Need more Squirrels? We could probably find some folks to "bring you some!!"

## Q. In your last issue, you said Bluebirds would start nesting soon - but I haven't seen it happen. Is something wrong with the Bluebirds this year?

A. Great question - what's wrong is the weather has been too cold and food sources too short to allow the female Bluebirds to get into body condition to reproduce. If there has ever been a year to help the Bluebirds with supplement feeding, this is it! My favorite (and the Bluebirds) is live mealworms. We've got Columbia's largest freshest selection (orders arrive once/twice week) at the BEST prices! Keep them in the garage in cool weather and the refrigerator when it gets warmer. If you don't want to feed live mealworms, lots of folks have great success with the dried mealworms from Unipeck. I like feeding in Hiatt stakes I can move across the yard so I can view the birds. Should you get eaten out of house and home, try our Songbird Essentials Recycled Plastic "Jailhouse Mealworm Feeder." This feeder keeps out unwanted birds while offering a safe exit for excited Bluebirds.

## Q. I've noticed Sparrows going into my Bluebird & Martin houses - will they keep out the Bluebirds & Martins?

A. Absolutely! Worse yet, Sparrows (English) & Starlings will often attack and kill Bluebirds and Martins on a nest of eggs. Now is the time to trap and eliminate them. For Bluebird houses we have a small in-house trap door. Always monitor houses you use it on. To place on Martin poles and other places you want to eliminate Sparrows and Starlings, (like buildings, etc) we recommend our 3-cage Sparrow trap (SEST1). It works best when you bait the outside chambers with a small amount of Sparrow nesting material. You can also use a popped popcorn. Keeping live Sparrows in the center compartment helps attract more.

## Q. Last year I saw a bright orange bird go by - what was it?

A. What you saw was a Baltimore Oriole. They will return from approximately the middle of April to May from their South America winter vacation spots. Invite them to stay in your yard with oranges and jelly (try our new BirdBerry™ Jelly - it's much better than store jelly for birds). You can offer jelly in our jelly feeder that fits on a small jar or our new orange recycled plastic fruit and jelly feeder. More on Orioles in our next issue.



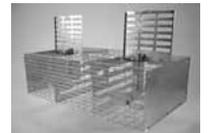
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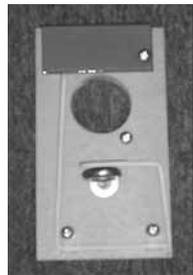
**SEST1**  
**3 Chambered Sparrow Trap**



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**Orange Recycled Plastic Fruit & Jelly Feeder**



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### Check out the upcoming Events at Songbird Station

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

#### Field Trip to Rock Bridge State Park

Saturday, March 27, 8:00 - 10:00 AM

Meet at the store for a trip to Rock Bridge State Park. We will explore the Devil's Icebox area to practice song identification and look for early spring migrants. At this time of year, the trees will just be starting to leaf out, allowing better looks at the birds.



#### Organic Lawn Care Seminar

Saturday, March 20th, 2:00 PM

"By popular demand we are repeating our session held on Saturday, February 27th."



Join us for an educational seminar about our organic lawn care and garden products for healthier, greener lawns and gardens. These are great products that work and are also safe for birds, pets and people.



#### Attracting Martins Seminar

Sunday, March 28, 2:00 PM

Presented By Songbird Station Owner Bird Man Mel

Join us for training day for beginning and experienced Martin landlords. Learn how to attract Martins to your yard, raise more young in your houses, control unwanted tenants like Sparrows and Starlings and prevent problems from predators like snakes and owls.



Looking for the company that has the best expertise in Organic Lawn Care and how to accurately apply the product for you?? We recommend Jeff Zimmerschied of The Lawn Company who has openings for a few new clients in 2010. With 15 years of experience, we feel the folks at The Lawn Company are simply "The Best!" Contact them at lawnc@verizon.net or call 573-442-5296. Jeff is ready to consult for you!!

#### FREE Spring Feeder Cleaning

Saturday, April 10, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Spring is the time for cleaning. While you are busy cleaning your house, let us help you by cleaning your bird feeders for you! Bring in your feeders and we will clean up to 2 feeders per person. Just our little way of saying thank you for your business. Donations accepted for Columbia Audubon.

#### Attracting Hummingbirds Seminar

Sunday, April 11, 2:00 PM

Hummingbirds are a springtime favorite, so stop by the store for an informative seminar about how to attract Missouri's smallest bird with feeders, flowers, misters and more.



#### 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.



#### Summer Classics Outdoor Furniture

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."

Come and let our staff help you find the right style, the right pieces, and the right fabrics to make your set uniquely yours. We carry several floor models and over 100 Sunbrella fabric samples to choose from. Your investment is built to last through the generations.



#### Don't Forget to Ask About Our Rewards Program!

IMPORTANT: For all seminars, reservations are requested, but not required. This helps us make sure we have plenty of seats, handouts, and refreshments. See you at the meetings!!!

#### Birdwatch Tour at Bradford Farms

Saturday, April 10, 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Visit Songbird Station for more details!



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STORE HOURS  
Monday- Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.