



Bird Feeder Cleaning

WASH – RINSE - REFILL

Seattle Audubon recommends cleaning your bird feeder with hot, soapy water at least weekly. Let dry thoroughly and replace with seed. Consider rotating with a second feeder while one is being washed. Be sure to rake the ground under the feeder to remove any spilled seed and droppings. Wear gloves when cleaning feeders or when handling sick or dead birds. Should you observe sick birds at your feeder(s), please:

- Take down your feeder(s)
- Clean them thoroughly
- Call the Nature Shop for advice
- Put back your feeders after two weeks

Hummingbird Nectar Recipe

One part sugar to four parts water creates an ideal nectar for hummingbirds. Bring the water to a boil, remove from heat, and add the sugar, ensuring it dissolves. Let the nectar cool before filling feeders. Store excess in refrigerator. Depending upon the season, change the nectar as frequently as every few days to discourage the growth of bacteria.

Have a question about birds?
Call The Nature Shop: 206-523-4483

What is Seattle Audubon?

Founded in 1916, Seattle Audubon members and volunteers have continually worked for the protection, restoration, and preservation of natural habitat for birds and other wildlife. Join us!

The Nature Shop: Your Complete Wild Bird Resource

Monday-Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Hundreds of nature-related gifts, books, and the region's best selection of binoculars and spotting scopes can be found along with specially selected seed for Pacific Northwest birds. All proceeds benefit the programs of Seattle Audubon.

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Backyard Bird Feeding

A Guide from The Seattle Audubon Nature Shop

With a few simple changes, you can increase the number and variety of bird species visiting your yard and help compensate for the loss of precious habitat in Seattle and King County.

Attract More Birds to Your Yard

You can increase the number and variety of avian visitors to your backyard by putting up feeders, providing a water source, and planting bird- and wildlife-friendly native plants appropriate for the Seattle area. Learn more:

- Seattle Audubon's *Gardening for Life* brochure
- Russell Link's *Landscaping for Wildlife*
- Go to seattleaudubon.org and click on *Learn About Birds*

In addition to the common backyard birds listed in the table, you may see "accidentals," birds that arrive because of bad weather or other factors. Avian predators, such as Sharp-shinned Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, and Merlins also visit backyards.

It is always helpful to keep a good field guide handy to help identify that new bird for your backyard list. We recommend the *National Geographic Field Guide to North American Birds, 6th Ed.*, *Petersons Field Guide to Western Birds* and *Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America*. All of these books, and more, are available at the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop.

| Seattle's Backyard Birds | Seasonality | Ground Feeder | Black-oil Sunflower | Hulled Sunflower | Seed with Millet | Nyjer Thistle | Suet | Fruit | Peanuts |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------|---------|
| Rock Pigeon | Year round | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Woodpeckers (incl. Northern Flicker) | Year round | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Steller's Jay | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| American Crow | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Black-capped Chickadee | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Chestnut-backed Chickadee | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Bushtit | Year round | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| Brown Creeper | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Bewick's Wren | Year round | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| American Robin | Year round | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Varied Thrush | Seasonal | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | Seasonal | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | Seasonal | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Townsend's Warbler | Seasonal | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Wilson's Warbler | Seasonal | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Spotted Towhee | Year round | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Song Sparrow | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| White-crowned Sparrow | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow | Seasonal | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | Year round | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Western Tanager | Seasonal | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| Black-headed Grosbeak | Seasonal | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| House Finch | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Pine Siskin | Year round | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| American Goldfinch | Seasonal | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ |

For more information on any of these birds, including their seasonality, go to BirdWeb.