



Bird Feeder Cleaning

It is important to clean your feeders at least twice a year to prevent molds and bacteria from harming the birds.

Use four tablespoons bleach to one quart water (equivalent to one cup bleach to one gallon water), but only mix up what you'll use at one time. It is most effective to soak the feeders for about one hour.

It is also advisable to rake the area beneath your feeders to protect ground-feeding birds. These rakings may be deposited in your yard-waste containers.

Hummingbird Nectar Recipe

Combine one part sugar and four parts water in saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and let cool before filling the feeder. Store excess in refrigerator. Depending upon the season, change the nectar frequently to discourage the growth of bacteria.

Have a question about birds? Call our Birdline, 206-523-4483.

What is The Seattle Audubon Society?

The Seattle Audubon Society protects birds and the natural environment by involving volunteers and the community in education, advocacy, preservation, science and enjoyment. Founded in 1916, we have never wavered in our commitment to ensure the well-being of birds and the natural environment.

The Nature Shop — Your Complete Wild Bird Source

Hundreds of nature-related gifts, books and wild bird supplies can be found here along with specially formulated 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 birds visiting your yard and help compensate for the loss of precious habitat in Seattle and King County.



Seattle's Backyard Birds

By putting up feeders, planting varieties of native plants and providing a water source, you can increase the number and variety of avian visitors to your backyard.

Plants to attract wildlife to your backyard are listed in the Seattle Audubon Society's Gardening for Life brochure and on our web site at www.seattleaudubon.org, and in Russell Link's *Landscaping for Wildlife*.

In addition to these common backyard birds, you may see "accidentals," birds that arrive by bad weather or other factors. Avian predators, such as Sharp-shinned Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks and Bald Eagles 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, 3rd Ed.*, *Petersons Field Guide to Western Birds* and *Stokes Field Guide to Birds, West*. All of these books, and more, are available at The Seattle Audubon Nature Shop.

Common Backyard Birds		black-oil sunflower	hulled sunflower	seed w/ millet	thistle	suet
Rock Dove (ground feeder)	common / year round	-	X	X	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	less common / seasonal	-	-	-	-	-
Anna's Hummingbird	less common / year round	-	-	-	-	-
Downy Woodpecker	uncommon / year round	-	-	-	-	X
Northern Flicker	common / year round	-	-	-	-	X
Steller's Jay	common / year round	X	X	-	-	-
American Crow	common / year round	X	X	-	-	-
Violet-green Swallow	common / seasonal	-	-	-	-	-
Barn Swallow	common / seasonal	-	-	-	-	-
Black-capped Chickadee	common / year round	X	X	X	-	X
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	common / year round	X	X	X	-	X
Bushtit	common / seasonal	-	-	-	-	X
Red-breasted Nuthatch	uncommon / year round	X	-	-	-	X
Bewick's Wren	uncommon / seasonal	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Wren	uncommon / year round	-	-	-	-	-
American Robin	common / year round	-	-	-	-	-
Varied Thrush	uncommon / seasonal	-	-	X	-	-
European Starling	common / year round	X	X	-	-	X
Yellow-rumped Warbler	uncommon / seasonal	X	X	-	-	-
Wilson's Warbler	uncommon / seasonal	X	X	-	-	-
Western Tanager	uncommon / seasonal	X	X	-	-	-
Spotted Towhee	uncommon / seasonal	X	X	X	-	-
Song Sparrow	uncommon / year round	X	X	X	-	-
White-crowned Sparrow	uncommon / year round	-	-	X	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco (ground feeder)	common / seasonal	X	X	X	-	-
Evening Grosbeak	uncommon / seasonal	X	X	-	-	-
House Finch	common / year round	X	X	-	-	-
Pine Siskin	common / seasonal	X	X	-	X	X
American Goldfinch	uncommon / seasonal	X	X	X	X	-
House Sparrow	common / year round	-	-	X	-	-