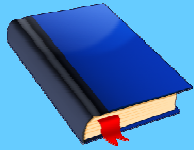


Tweets for the BIRDS



BOOKS

“Have You Seen Birds” by Joanne Oppenheim

“About Birds: A Guide for Children” by Cathryn Sill

“Birds Nests of Eggs (Take Along Guides)” by Mel Boring

“B’s for Bufflehead” by Steve Hutchcraft

“Backyard Bird Watching for Kids” by George and Kit Harrison



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TALON MIX: Enjoy some tasty treats that birds eat, ingredients: Gold Fish crackers, nuts, seeds, berries, and Gummy Worms.

NECTAR JUICE: Cut a flower shape out of heavy card stock, and poke a straw through the center.

WINTER SNACKS FOR OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

Not all birds migrate south as the weather gets colder. Some stay behind and are left to find food all winter long. Not only will these snacks be beautiful decorations but they will feed the birds.

ORANGE SUET CUPS: cut oranges in half, cut out pulp center (can use on garland), and fill with peanut butter and bird seed balls (peanut butter and bird seed rolled into a ball). Hang on a tree with yarn (birds will use this for nesting material).

PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS: Cover a pine cone with peanut/soy butter, roll it in bird seed, and hang it from a tree in your yard.

*Please do not use fishing line it will harm wildlife.

BERRY AND POPCORN GARLAND: string berries (dry or fresh) onto thread along with popcorn and hang on tree.

The Bird Song

This is the way we peck at a worm,
Peck at a worm, peck at a worm,
This is the way we peck at a worm,
Just like a robin.

This is the way we use our talons...
(repeat verse with below)
Just like an owl

This is the way we drink our nectar...
Just like a hummingbird.

This is the way we scoop our fish...
Just like a pelican

This is the way we crack our seeds...
Just like a finch.

This is the way we catch our insects...
Just like a swallow.



COMMON MICHIGAN BIRDS AND THEIR FOODS



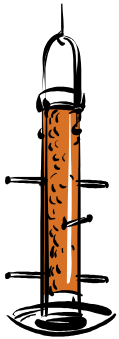
- Robin** Worms, insects, berries
- Bluebird** Worms insects, berries
- Canadian Goose** Grass sprouts, corn stubble
- Chickadee** Seeds, insects, berries
- Crow** Anything edible
- Red Tailed Hawk** Mice and other rodents

WINTER BIRD FEEDING TIPS:

- **Clean off feeders, platforms and perches after each storm so seed is easily accessible.**
- **Leave fruit and berries on trees, hedges and bushes to provide a natural source of food throughout the winter.**
- **Add a heated birdbath to your backyard or place a safe heating element in a regular birdbath to provide birds with liquid water.**
- **Stamp or shovel snow around feeders to provide easier access to spilled seed for ground feeding birds.**
- **Leave nesting boxes and birdhouses up all year round to provide winter roosting sites.**



FEATHERED FOOD FAVORITES:



- **Black oil sunflower seeds**
- **Hulled peanuts**
- **Niger seeds**
- **Suet mixes with seeds or fruit**
- **Peanut butter**
- **White millet seed**

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