



**Baltimore Oriole 04/17/13**



**Left:** April 17, 2013- this Baltimore Oriole checks under leaves and around bark of our Sweet Gum tree near our deck before he finally decides his best bet for a meal is to go back to the feeder on our deck he visited earlier.



**Left:** This female Eastern Bluebird wants to know why there are Oranges hanging from her new mealworm feeder!

**They have Arrived!** Well, Steve was not going to let me send out an “April Bird Update” until we saw our first Oriole of the season – so here it is! This beautiful Adult male Baltimore Oriole graced our deck feeders with his presence yesterday morning! (and he – or another one- is back today 4/18/13). **We had this NEW Oriole feeder stocked with mealworms and suet, and oranges.** It actually holds four oranges, however I felt it best to leave two of the “orange holders” empty just to provide more perch area for the Orioles to begin with--I will load it up with oranges once I know they have mastered the new feeder. Sure didn’t take this one long to find it!



**NEW Decorative Oriole Feeders**  
Just in time for **Mother’s Day!**

**This male Rose-breasted Grosbeak (Right) was photographed 4/17/13 by Tammy Simmons** in her yard. Isn’t he gorgeous? Even in a big gust of wind, (pic lower right) this bird was hanging tight and not giving up on his bird seed! Grosbeaks are easily attracted to Safflower, Sunflower, Sunflower Hearts, and Suet. Be familiar with the female, too (She doesn’t look much like the male at all!) **Check out the “Rose-breasted Grosbeak Learning Page” on the Educational Page** of our website. And don’t forget to watch for Blue Grosbeaks at feeders also!



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**Above:** Photo by Cheryl Buechter Cheryl sent us this neat photo of a leucistic Chickadee coming to her feeder this month. It is not a true albino (note the black and gray in plumage) but certainly a **UNIQUE** bird! Thanks Cheryl for sharing your pic.

**Good NEWS from the BIV Bird Garden!**

The Bird Garden beside our store has been quite busy this month. One exciting bit of info : The only two White-throated sparrows banded in the Garden in January of **2012**, have both been resighted this month! We love resighting ANY of the banded birds in our garden, however, when it is a banded *migrant* it is even more special! Since White-throated sparrows are typically with us only in the winter, and nest MUCH farther north (as in mostly Canada) it is very exciting news that we have been seeing both of those January 2012 banded White-throated sparrows back with us again in 2013. We have also resighted several other banded birds this month. We are so honored to be a part of **Missouri River Bird Observatory's** Backyard Bird Banding Program. Stop by the store soon to get the details on the project and why we feel it is so worthwhile! And certainly check out the Missouri River Bird Observatory website:

[www.mrbo.org](http://www.mrbo.org)



**Left:** A Downy Woodpecker (on the recycled plastic Suet log) shows off his leg bands for the camera. (Wish they were all that easy to see!)



**Banded White-throated Sparrow**

**What have Birds-I-View Friends seen lately?** We have been blessed with lots of great bird reports from BIV friends this month! Thanks to all of you who drop by the store to write your bird reports and sightings on the Bird Update list. As we all know, it has certainly been an interesting Spring! Warm and then cold, sunny then snow.....a very indecisive spring! The month began with a report of a **Chipping sparrow** West of town and then reports of **Barn Swallows, Tree Swallows, and Blue-winged Teal** at Hough Lake Park in JC. A good birder in Russellville had a **Bewick's Wren** on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> there was a **White-winged Crossbill** at the home of a birder in Holt's summit. It seems we still have plenty of winter migrants hanging out while our spring visitors begin moving in. I still have over a dozen **Pine Siskin** daily and lots of **White-throated Sparrows** eating right along with the Chipping sparrows. We are seeing more **White-crowned Sparrows** this month and fewer **Juncos**. Steve and I saw three **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** on the 6<sup>th</sup> and then a pair of Sapsuckers along our Nest Box Trail on Hyde Park on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our first report of a **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** came on April 10<sup>th</sup> here in Jefferson City. Our first **Indigo Bunting** report was on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Other notables reported this month: **Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Cliff Swallows, Cedar waxwings, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Wood ducks, Louisiana Waterthrush** (Binder Lake), and Greater and Lesser **Scaup**. And of course, there are the **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** and **Baltimore Oriole** pictured on page one of this update. Just found out an **Orchard Oriole** was spotted at a golf course in town last week. Our Nest box trail **FINALLY** has **nesting Bluebirds, Chickadees, and Tufted Titmouse**. (this time last year we all had eggs and some were hatching by now!). The **Purple Martins** were a bit early in most colonies this year, but they are certainly still coming in. (and they will continue to do so all through May and part of June---don't give up on them!). Has anyone seen a **Summer Tanager** yet?



**Chipping Sparrows, Arriving now!**

As Always, Steve and I **THANK YOU** for the business and the Friendship you share with us!

*Steve and Regina Garr*

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**Ruby-crowned Kinglet BIV Bird Garden 04/14/13**

**We have great Mother's Day Gifts!**  
Drop by our store or visit the website soon.

**Join us on this fun Bird Walk!**

**Cardinals & Coffee Bird Walk at the Runge Conservation Nature Center!**

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 8-10:30 am

I LOVE this bird walk and join this group whenever I can! I am already signed up to participate on this walk. Call 573-526-5544 for details and to sign up for this FREE bird walk with expert leaders from Runge!