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May 2012 Bird Update & News!

What have Birds-I-View friends seen lately??

May started off with many, many **Hummingbird** and **Oriole** reports, as well as calls about **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** at all sorts of feeding stations. OUR big news here at the **BIV Bird Garden**, however, came on the **11th of May** when we were honored with a visit by a male **Painted Bunting!** Steve, Anna and a



lucky customer got to watch it check out a few of our feeding stations. The bird was a "Life bird" for Anna and for the customer. This was our second sighting of a Painted Bunting in the BIV Garden and we hope to see more! Of course there has been a fairly consistent pair of Painted Buntings at the Bailie residence in Jefferson City and also a report of a female Painted Bunting in Callaway county.

Remember to keep your Hummingbird nectar fresh – change it every other day now. And don't forget that the dark, shaded covers for your hummer feeders can

really help keep the nectar from getting so hot during the day. "Basin-style" feeders (like the one pictured above) really eliminate the leaking problems associated with most "gravity-fill" feeders—especially in hot weather. On May 20th Steve and I spotted the **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** on Truman Blvd in Jefferson City which had been reported by a few different folks. What beautiful, unique birds they are! Many of you are reporting **Summer Tanagers** coming to jelly, nectar and fruit—and we have had a few **Scarlet Tanagers** reported this month. **Yellow-billed Cuckoos** have been seen (and heard!) West of JC as well as at Eagle Bluffs, and the West Edgewood area. More and More **Indigo Buntings** are reported each week (at everything from millet to



Painted Bunting by Jim Rathert



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

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Right: Yellow-billed Cuckoo By Tammy Simmons



Above: Baltimore Oriole by S. Garr

Juvenile Tufted Titmouse being fed by adult



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nyjer/thistle to sunflower and even jelly and oranges) Also exciting is the increased reports of **Blue Grosbeaks** this month. They are visiting feeders (Holt's Summit and JC). **Gray Catbirds** are still at jelly dishes, but also suet and lots of mealworms.

REMEMBER, May is a month we start to see many **Juvenile birds** with parents...this is truly a fun aspect of bird watching! You'll want to review our brochure titled "**Birds: Their First Year**" on the Educational page of our website!

As always, we Thank you for the business AND the Friendship you share with us,

Steve & Regina Garr Birds-I-View

Join us as we make our way to **Martinfest 2012!**

June 15 & 16th Griggsville, IL

This is one of our favorites, so *calling all Midwesterners to this Event!* The fabulous **Missouri River Bird Observatory** will be the featured speakers and the event is held on site at an active Purple Martin Colony! Download a brochure at our website on the Purple Martin Page: **www.birds-i-view.biz**



Gray Catbird by S. Garr



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