

Birds-I-View



Birds-I-View May 2014 Bird Update and News Nesting Backyard Birds !

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Watching baby birds can make bird watching even more fun! Take some time to brush up on how your favorite backyard birds look as juveniles and immatures! Many new/updated Field Guides are doing a better job of depicting species at various degrees of maturity. Come take a look at the variety of Guides available at BIV. Be certain to check out our brochure on the Educational Page of our website titled "**Birds: Their First Year**". And espe-

cially be certain to note our advice on dealing with young backyard birds which you feel are in peril or may be at risk. We always applaud any inclination to help our backyard feathered friends, however it is important to remember that every intervention is not helpful ...and may even be harmful. It is ALSO important to be very cautious when consulting the internet when look-



Bluebird Nestlings on the BIV Trail May 18th

ing for answers regarding care and information about sick, injured or possibly abandoned baby birds. We have found this website very useful and we recommend it: www.wildbirdrehab.org We particularly encourage you to review their "**Bird Care**" page prior to intervening and please note their repeated warnings NOT to attempt to feed baby birds or fledglings. Enjoy Baby Season!



Photo by Jim Rathert

How to WIN 35 pounds of "Wild Bird Supreme" Bird Food AND a \$10.00 Birds-I-View Gift Certificate!

As we have said many times, Birds-I-View is honored to be a part of the Backyard Bird Banding Program through the good work of the Missouri River Bird Observatory. We participate NOT for the sole purpose of seeing cute little birds up close, but because we

know that re-sighting and recording these color-banded birds can contribute to research that helps all of our native birds. So, we invite you to participate in our resighting efforts! Here's How:

Option 1. Bring us a photo of a color-banded bird taken in Jefferson City, MO between May 20th and July 20th and we'll give you a 35# Bag of Bird Seed and a \$10.00 BIV Gift Certificate!! Photo does not need to show all the leg bands, however, you do need to be able to tell us the "color combination" (ie the above chickadee has a Pink band on the RIGHT leg and a Metal band on the LEFT leg). **Contest ends July 30th ...so be sure and look at your birds legs while they are at your feeders this summer!**

Option 2. Come watch birds in the BIV Bird Garden and report to us any banded birds you see (and correctly identify the color combination) and your name will go in a monthly drawing for a \$10.00 BIV Gift Certificate! **Contest ends July 30th- hurry in and bring your binoculars or borrow ours and watch the BIV birds.** EVERY banded bird you re-sight gives you another chance at the prize!

For our Website Customers: If you don't live in Mid-Missouri see our website for a great contest just for you!



Photos by S. Garr

MRBO Director Dana Ripper holds the now banded Great Crested Flycatcher for event attendees to get a closer look. Dana shared with us some very interesting info about this unique, gorgeous little bird! Thanks Dana! (also pictured is BIV friend A.J. Bone, always a welcome and knowledgeable participant at mid-Missouri birding events.)



The Great Crested Flycatcher has long been a favorite species of ours! We were so thrilled to know this one had been hanging out in the BIV Bird Garden. They are beautiful, native cavity-nestersour only cavity-nesting flycatcher in the Eastern U.S. (So, they will take advantage of man-made nest boxes). They are summer residents in Missouri, coming to North America to raise young and spending their winters in Mexico, NW South America, and parts of southern Florida. Typically, these birds are in tree tops (catching insects) so often go unseen by backyard birders. They do however have a distinctive “weep” call which can readily alert us to search the canopy for a glimpse of this special bird! (check the call out online or drop by the store for a demo). In the past, we have had good luck attracting Great Crested Flycatchers to “sand baths” on the ground when placed in full sun. They (along with Brown Thrashers and other birds) will come take a nice warm sand bath! *Please only do this in open areas and where cats are not an issue.*

A VERY special Thank You to the good folks at the Missouri River Bird Observatory for taking time out of their busy schedule to do a SPECIAL bird banding demo at Birds-I-View May 4th.



The demo was in participation with the Audubon Society of Missouri's Spring Meeting in Jefferson City. The BIV Bird Garden was designated as one of the Field Trip Locations for the event, and we were honored to host MRBO and birders and friends from all over Missouri.

One of the HIGHLIGHTS for us was the opportunity to get a close-up view of the GORGEOUS Great Crested Flycatcher as it received it's own special federal leg band and ID number from Dana and Ethan of the Missouri River Bird Observatory!

(See pics on this page)

As always, we at Birds-I-View encourage you to support MRBO with a membership to their not-for-profit organization. They do SO much for Wildlife in our state!

www.mrbo.org

What have BIV friends seen lately? Friends sent us such great pics of birds in April and May, we decided to feature many of them here — Enjoy!



Above: Blue-headed Vireo
Photo by Tammy Simmons



Above: Black and White Warbler
Top Right: Common Yellow-throat
Both birds in the BIV Bird Garden / photos by S.Garr



Painted Bunting on Satinwood Court, Jefferson City

Photo by Jackie Trippensee



Horned Grebe
Binder Lake
Photo by
Chris Barrigar



Above: Gray Catbird at jelly feeder
Right: Yellow-rumped Warbler

Photos by Steve Garr



Eared Grebe
Binder Lake
Photo by
Chris Barrigar



Swainson's Thrush
Photo by Jean Luadzars



Above & Left: Rose-breasted Grosbeak in the BIV Bird Garden

Photos by Steve Garr



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Photo by S. Garr



Right: Lincoln's Sparrow—one of several in the BIV Bird Garden late April and early May

Drop by Birds-I-View to see the Complete Bird update List and to record YOUR bird sightings!



Female Orchard Oriole
Photo by S. Garr

Pretty Hummingbird Feeders! Start at only \$12.59



It's that time of year again.

It is time for our **annual reminder** that, even though many folks are telling us they have MORE hummingbirds at feeders right now than they usually have in July...it won't be long until all those female hummers start nesting and are conspicuously absent from feeders. They stick pretty close to the nest at that time, eating insects and tending to the eggs/kids. SO, this is a great time to put out some smaller, EASY TO FILL, feeders. You'll have to change the nectar every 2 days or so anyway as soon as temps reach a consistent 85-90 degrees, so feeders holding less nectar right now are a pretty good idea. These also make stunning Hostess Gifts!



Above and Below: Recycled Glass hummingbird feeders...from cute to elegant! Hold from 3 to 4 ounces per bottle. **NO DRIP!** AND yes, Easy to Clean (we can show you how). **Bee Proof** nectar port blossoms available! Lots of styles in the store.



Memorial Day Bird Watching!

"Eat while you watch Birds Eat!"

And when you do so with friends and family, it's even more fun! Check out our website or drop by the store for recipes for our MOST-REQUESTED Bird Watching Snacks:

- **Festive Deviled Eggs** (ALWAYS gets compliments!)
- **Cocktail Meatballs** (shamefully EASY to make)
 - **Pretty Hot Peppers Cheese Dip**

AND... Plenty of ready made Snack options! (like our **Top-Selling** Cherchies' Hot Banana Pepper Mustard—for dipping pretzels or to add to almost anything!).

NEW: Red Velvet Devil Brownie Mix!!

SAMPLE some of our famous snacks at BIV May 24th & 26th!

On SALE Now at Birds-I-View!

YES! We are Open Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th

AND... As we do each year, We are offering a **10% Discount** on all purchases by Military personnel and Military family. (applies to items not already at a better discount—includes bird seed!)

- **Wind Chimes 10% OFF!**
- **NEW Styles of Nest Boxes in stock, and ALL Nest Boxes are 10% OFF!**
- **10% OFF** all Cherchies and Rabbit Creek gourmet products...add any Shade-grown Coffee variety and take **15% OFF** all!

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