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We never tire of watching awesome, spectacular video footage of remarkable birds....and that’s just what we have planned for you at our upcoming new seminar **“Hummingbirds: HOW do they DO that?”!** Come prepared to see these fascinating creatures in a whole new way. Here’s a TASTE of what to expect:

Hummingbird Flight
Most folks know that one of the things that makes hummers so captivating is their unique ability to “hover” in flight. They are also the only birds on the planet that are able to fly backwards. Today’s video technology allows us unprecedented close-up views of hummingbirds in flight. But what exactly **enables** these tiny little birds to perform these unique aerial acrobatics? Well to begin

with, hummingbirds employ three different types of wing movements (or patterns) to accomplish various types of flight. **To fly forward** hummers move their wings up and down in the same fashion as most other birds. **To hover** (like the hummingbird pictured right is doing while it nectars from coral honeysuckle) they move their wings in a bit of a lop-sided figure 8 pattern. And **to fly backwards** hummers actually use their wings in a circle motion above their head! Why can they alone perform these last two feats? The answer lies mostly in their unique skeletal system...a special type of shoulder allowing for precision movement. But there are other elements of their special anatomy involved as well...come see at the



seminar! “Hummingbird flight” is only one of the intriguing aspects of these little birds. Wait until you get a close-up view of how that amazing tongue *really* gets nectar out of flowers and feeders! We’ll be presenting this program at three different times , so check out the schedule in the side bar to the left and then call or go to the website to make your reservations. Go to: **www.birds-i-view.biz and click onto “Seminars & Events”.** **We’ll see you there! Steve & Regina**

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Above: Bees at this jelly feeder leave no room for birds! **Right:** a dish of mealworms & berry suet nuggets are a delicious alternative!

"I just saw an Oriole!"

These are words we hear daily at BIV this time of year.

Migrating Orioles from the north are coming back through headed south, **PLUS young Orioles** (like the immature Baltimore Oriole pictured on this page) are learning to use feeders on their own!

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Above: A young Baltimore Oriole in the BIV Bird Garden checks out the dish with Live Mealworms & Suet Nuggets and decides these are DEFINITELY better than competing with Bees in the jelly dish!

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Above: An **adult** Red-headed Woodpecker enjoys a snack from the Starling-Proof Suet Sandwich! (males and females of this species look the same)



Above: The **immature** Red-headed Woodpecker pictured above will someday look like the adult pictured left. It can take 6– 8 months from hatching for a Red-headed Woodpecker to attain that striking adult plumage for which they are so well-known.

What have BIV friends seen lately?.....

Immature Backyard Birds abound this time of year! Seems everyone is enjoying watching the youngsters in their yards and gardens and at the feeding stations. Folks are reporting many young woodpeckers (such as the **Red-headed woodpecker** pictured above, but also immature **Hairy, Downy, Red-bellied, and Pileated** Woodpeckers) at suet and peanut feeders, but also at sunflower hearts and suet nuggets and Live mealworms. Yards appear to be bursting with juvenile and immature **Northern Cardinals** (easily identified by their black or mottled beaks, as opposed to the pink/orange beaks sported by the adult Cardinals). Don't forget: this is the time of year we are still seeing plenty of the "bald" Cardinals (or, as Steve has nick-named them, the "Turkey Vulture Cardinals"!). Remember, this is a fairly common occurrence in late summer and early fall every year due to a loss of feathers on the heads of some cardinals. Not to worry– the feathers grow back in a matter of weeks and all is well with our brightly –colored friends! Reasons given for this condition generally revolve around issues with mites and lice after raising young in the nest. One of the best explanations I have seen was given by Tim Smith in the July 2013 issue of the **Missouri Conservationist Magazine**. Read it yourself at: www.mdc.mo.gov/conmag/2013/07 and click on "Download Current issue". Then go to the "Ask the Ombudsman" section.

In addition to juvenile Cardinals, we are hearing lots of reports of immature (and loud!) **Blue Jays** at suet, seed, and peanuts. Many of us are daily seeing immature **Baltimore** and **Orchard Orioles** (see page 2 for pics of a young oriole in the BIV Garden). Immature **Summer Tanagers** are also showing up at mealworms and suet nuggets, some being fed by adults, others eating on their own. On August 7th we received a report of a **Greater Roadrunner** in a suburban backyard in the area of Dix Road and West Main in Jefferson City! We are still seeing migrating **Purple Martins** at both our Wal-Martin Colony and here at the store. A good birder West of JC reported a possible nesting **Cedar Waxwing** pair, as well as a flock of eight Waxwings on August 8th. She also has reported 36 **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** "staging" on the power lines above a pond on her property (gathering for that long migration south). Of course **HUMMINGBIRDS** are all the talk right now! And we WILL have them around for at least another 6-8 weeks. OK, not the SAME hummers everyday, but lots of hummers migrating through everyday for weeks yet. **Be sure to register to attend our NEW Seminar August 24th-26th: "Hummingbirds: How do they do that?!"** See you there, **Steve & Regina Garr BIV**

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Steve managed to get quite close to this August visitor in the BIV Bird Garden! Beautiful bird...but we were happy to see it move *away* from the feeding station!
(Cooper's Hawk)

Cooper's Hawk
August 6th in the BIV Bird Garden



Check out the rounded tail and the "head-to-body" ratio on this bird...and then check your favorite Field Guide for more info.

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