



# Birds-I-View

## September 2013 Bird Update and News

### Where have all my Birds Gone?

One of the most common questions we have received this month is "Where have all my birds gone?". We too have seen slower activity at the bird feeders this month. Where did they all go? Well, while the birds may not have been frequenting our bird feeders, they were certainly not going hungry! Natural food (such as the **Pokeberry** in the BIV Bird Garden pictured below) is everywhere



and birds are taking advantage. The Wild grape and other plants at BIV have been bustling with Cardinals,

Jays, Chickadees, Titmice, and even Woodpeckers which would normally be at our seed and suet feeders.

**Above: a Yellow-billed Cuckoo** stops into the BIV Bird Garden for Lunch on September 17th. On the menu? A Catalpa worm (larvae of the Catalpa Sphinx moth) harvested from the Catalpa Tree at Birds-I-View. This Cuckoo was not the ONLY bird to find treats in this tree. There has been a steady stream of birds at this natural Café!



**For GREAT Prices on Bird Seed,**  
download your Audubon  
Bird Seed Booking Order Form at:  
[www.birds-i-view.biz](http://www.birds-i-view.biz)

**Birds-I-View is proud to host this booking program for our local Audubon Chapter, River Bluffs Audubon Society. Place your order by October 15th, Pick up your order at Birds-I-View Nov. 8th and 9th. Plus, NEW this year, you may purchase one bag of bird seed at the "booking price" NOW with your paid booking order. AND, you receive a great Coupon Book with savings now through early November .**

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**Join us in the  
BIV Bird Garden  
for the Annual  
"Big Sit Bird  
Count"!  
Saturday  
October 12th  
It's FREE  
It's Fun  
You can WIN things!**

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# Roosting Pockets 101....



Above: A pair of Bluebirds in the BIV Bird Garden check out a Roosting pocket. Of course, this would NOT be a safe place for them to nest, however we'd **certainly** allow them to spend some cold winter nights there!

## Roosting Pocket Basics:

1. The purpose of a Roosting Pocket is to provide shelter from the wind and elements in Fall and Winter, so hang it in places birds would tend to go to seek shelter: such as against the house, the interior areas of a tree, or under a carport.
2. Clean Roosting Pockets every few weeks when they are in use. CareFree Enzyme spray is effective and SAFE for this purpose.
3. We recommend removing roosting pockets during nesting season (starting about late March) . While they provide great winter cover for birds, as a nesting site they offer very little protection for eggs and babies against predators and elements.

## Roosting Pockets are HERE!

# Only \$2.50

Regular \$4.95 to \$6.95

Limit ONE pocket per coupon price per Household

**While limited Supplies last EXPIRES 9/30/13**

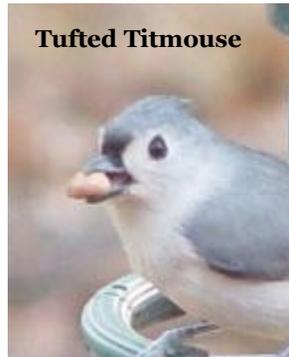
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Roosting Pockets are great Fall and Winter shelter for Backyard Birds like Chickadees, Carolina Wrens, Tufted Titmice, finches, and others!



Chickadee



Tufted Titmouse



Carolina Wren

**Each of the above familiar Backyard Birds could benefit from a Roosting Pocket**

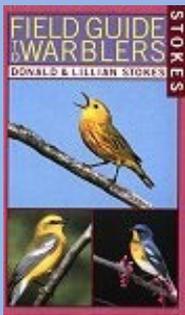
**REMINDER: BIV sells the BEST, most economical LIVE MEALWORMS anywhere.**

**Ask us about BOOKING mealworms on the Audubon Bird Seed Booking Program.**

**Each year more folks take advantage of this great deal. Find out why!**



Of the various Warbler Field Guides we stock at Birds-I-View, we find the **Stokes Field Guide to Warblers** (pictured below) to be one of the most user-friendly.



## Join the “Birds-I-View Birders” at the Big Sit!

### What is the “Big Sit”?

It is an international birding event open to EVERYONE who enjoys birds and the company of birders! “Teams” of birders compete (mostly for “bragging rights”) to count the most different species of birds. One of the best descriptions of this event is: a **Tailgate Party for Birders!** We “sit” in a defined area near the BIV Bird Garden at the store and watch birds, while enjoying great snacks and great company. (BIV will provide bottled water all day and some snacks...feel free to bring a favorite snack of your own to share!). Most birders bring their own comfy chair.

### Saturday, Oct 12th at Birds-I-View

**Dawn to dusk ...but the bathrooms are only open reg store hours of 10-6! Come for a few minutes or all day.**

**Prizes**—every hour for 1st bird of the hour plus every new bird of the day, plus play against yourself for “BIV Bird Bingo” prizes! **See the BIV website for Details.**



Photo by T. Simmons

**One of the highlights of the 2012 Big Sit was a pair of very cooperative Eastern Towhees! They posed nicely for long looks through the scope and binoculars. Other great birds we saw: Lincoln Sparrow, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and Double-crested Cormorants!** See the **complete species list** by linking from the “Seminars & Events” page of our website: [www.birds-i-view.biz](http://www.birds-i-view.biz)



Northern Flicker—female

### What have BIV friends seen lately?

The September “Bird Update list” in the store actually does have several entries despite the lack of birds at feeders this month. Thanks to everyone who came in to write sightings on the list. Folks were reporting adult male **Baltimore Orioles** through the 6th (at mealworms, jelly, and Steve saw several at the Wild Grapes here at the store). The first few days of September saw **Least Flycatchers, Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Forster’s Tern,** and **Spotted Sandpipers** reported from a trip to Little Dixie Conservation Area . On the 8th, a trip to Big Muddy National Wildlife Refuge for me and Steve produced 50 **Horned Lark**. (Same day at Marion Bottoms and a few stops in Jeff City we picked up a Great Blue Heron, some Brown Thrashers, and 50 million stick-tights!). At the Runge Conservation Center on the 12th, a couple of good birders reported some great Fall **Warblers: Kentucky, Magnolia, Chestnut-sided, American Redstart, Ovenbird,** as well as some **Brown Thrashers** and a **Brown Creeper**. **Take some time now to brush up on warblers**—they are passing through now and for the next several weeks and there are so many great varieties to see. You don’t want to miss them! By mid-month the reports of **Northern Flickers** were coming in— Steve saw three at once in the BIV Bird Garden. Although permanent residents in our area, they have been rare at feeders for most of the



Northern Flicker—male

past couple of months. Now, Flickers are being noted at natural food and at some suet and nuts. They do consume a great many ants and can be spotted on the ground and at the base of trees reaching into the soil and tree bark with those long tongues! We are frequently asked if birds are able to hold onto the suet feeders without the benefit of perches...as demonstrated by the Flicker in the pic above left, they have no problem at all! Many of the suet-eating birds cling to food sources for a living and they are quite good at it. Still receiving many reports of **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds**. We saw a male hummer in the BIV Bird Garden on the 17th and see several female and immature daily. This week at the store we’ve also seen the **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** pictured on page one, Brown Thrashers, a **Gray Catbird**, and a **Red-eyed Vireo**.

**See you at the Big Sit Bird count October 12th! Steve & Regina Garr BIV**

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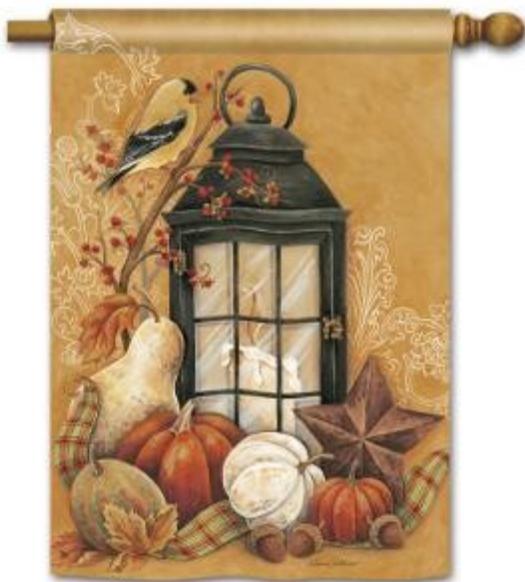
**NEW!**



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**On SALE Now at Birds-I-View!**

(HURRY – These Specials Expire 9/30/13)

- **10% OFF** Erva “Pole System” and attachments in stock!!  
Includes all Erva feeder poles, ground sockets, deck mount hangers, and coil-on attachments in stock. This line is certainly a Customer Favorite! Solid steel and made in the Midwest.
- **20% OFF** CareFree Enzymes all natural Bird Feeder Cleaner concentrate ( in the 16 ounce size) This product makes 16 gallons and is the very best way to clean bird feeders. Targets the bacteria most common to backyard feeders ...and it is safe for you and the birds!
- See the Coupon on Page Two to **SAVE up to 50% on a Roosting Pocket for your backyard birds**
  - It is Field Guide and Bird ID Time....remember, BIV always has **10% OFF on Books, CDs, and DVDs!**