

Birds-I-View Jefferson City, MO 573-638-BIRD(2473)

December 2012 Bird Update & News!



You are Invited to

Birds-I-View's annual Christmas Open House !

We've made a Special **FREE** Open House Gift for you and the birds (\$9.95 value, just for stopping by during our Open House! One per household please while supplies last).

- Apple Cider & *abundant* Home-baked Snacks! · Lots of Door Prizes!
- Terrific **NEW** Products & Great "Open House Only" **SALES!**
- Register to Win the **LARGE** Corinthian Bells Wind Chimes! (\$289.00 value)
- Free "Flying Reindeer Treat" to take to Santa's Reindeer

Fri, Dec 7th and Sat, Dec 8th : 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday, Dec 9th: 1– 6 pm *See you there! Steve & Regina*



Photo by Tom Halfen

What have Birds-I-View Friends seen lately?

Certainly seventy degree weather has made for some challenging bird watching at backyard feeders! However we are still seeing some terrific winter-time friends , even if it doesn't feel like winter. Check out the picture of the **Red-breasted Nuthatch** Tom Halfen sent us (left). This gorgeous little bird is popping up at quite a few feeders now– eating mostly Sunflower Hearts and Suet, but finding it's way to Black Oil Sunflower as well. We are still seeing 15– 75 **Pine Siskins** daily at our own feeders, almost exclusively at the waterfall bird bath and the sunflower hearts. A birder in St Thomas is still watching **Belted Kingfishers** everyday. The female and male **Kingfisher** are pictured here on one of Jim Rathert's Foam Coasters (left). In the case of Kingfishers, the female is actually more colorful than the male (note the rust – colored belt on the female). Recently, good friends in Marshall reported their first–ever **Common Redpoll** at their bird feeders, and other reports of Redpolls have been noted all across the state. The occasional **Song Sparrow** is popping up under feeders (especially at millet) and so are **Dark-eyed Juncos** (although their nick name of "Snowbird" seems terribly out of place right now!). As of Nov 30th the **Brown Pelican** was still at Binder Lake. Even with the warm weather we are still getting reports of **Eastern Bluebirds** flocking together at baths, feeders and nest boxes. More **Northern Flickers** and **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers** reported daily. *What have YOU seen lately?*



A **Red-bellied Woodpecker** (female) enjoys a snack of Sunflower Hearts (no shell) at one of our NEW favorite feeders from **Birds Choice**. FYI: the Pine Siskins at our house love this feeder too!



Above:

Belted Kingfisher Coaster by Jim Rathert



Above: Eastern Bluebirds. Don't miss Steve Garr's presentation "Bluebirds in Winter" at the Runge Nature Center 12/13/12

See our new "**Winter Bird Feeding**" Brochure on our website!

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