

Steve & Regina Garr are the owners of **Birds-I-View** wild bird and nature store and have spent many years committed to helping others enjoy and learn more about the *Native Wild Birds* that can visit their "space". They have been presenting programs on attracting *Backyard Wildlife* for decades, with a special emphasis on attracting desirable wildlife to almost any setting! *Birds-I-View* helps to support many conservation organizations and Steve & Regina are avid backyard birders who have made it a point to be involved in all aspects of creating a backyard habitat for wildlife. Steve is a columnist for the *Nature Society News*, and both of the Garrs have held officer and board member positions in state and local Horticultural Societies.

They are enthusiastic supporters of the work of the **Hummer/Bird Study Group**, and our *Life Members* of that organization. Please consider membership in this wonderful organization that helps so many of our native neo-



tropical migrants! Find them at : [www.hummingbirdsplus.org](http://www.hummingbirdsplus.org) or stop by *Birds-I-View* anytime for a membership form.

Steve and Regina also encourage you to check out your local **Audubon Chapter** and state ornithological society. We are proud members of our local Audubon Chapter : **River Bluffs Audubon Society**.

Stop by *Birds-I-View* to see the latest issue of their newsletter ("The Timberdoodle") and information on upcoming events and programs!



## Birds that will frequent Backyard Feeding Stations of "Seed Alternatives"

- **Orioles** ( Learn the species that are in your area!)
- **Bluebirds**
- **Cedar Waxwings**
- **American Robins**
- **Gray Catbirds**
- **Northern Mockingbirds**
- **Tanagers**
- **Wrens**
- **many varieties of Woodpeckers**
- **several Warbler species** ( such as Prothonotary Warblers, Tennessee, Orange-crowned, and more!)



Orchard Oriole

Simple dishes to hold **Jelly, mealworms, chopped fruit, orange halves, suet nuggets, homemade suet** , or even sugar water is a great way to provide food for our non-seed eating birds , especially during migration! Keeping the dishes protected from heat & rain is a good idea ( see photo below) . **Putting out several shallow dishes of jelly and replenishing them as needed**



Baltimore Orioles enjoy fruit & Jelly at the Oriole "Spiral Café"!

**is preferred over putting out a large deep jar or dish of jelly.** Less risk of the jelly spoiling - Plus keeps the birds from getting covered in jelly as they eat. Add or reduce the number of feeders offered as the number of birds visiting your feeding stations changes.

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# All birds need water!

Not all birds are “seed eaters”, so there are some birds you may never see at your feeder stocked with sunflower seed. However, all birds do need water– both for drinking and for bathing. Even in the winter time it is



important that birds keep their feathers clean so they can stay properly insulated against the cold. Generally, moving water in the form of waterfalls, bubblers, drippers, or misters is a greater draw than a container of still water alone.

We strongly recommend placing water features 10–15 feet from trees, shrubs, and other forms of “cover” for birds to allow for a “safe approach” as well as a safe retreat if they feel threatened at the bath. Water features attractive to most birds are shallow ( two inches or less in at least part of the bath ) and perch area , such as varying sizes of rocks or “objects” in the bath are helpful to the birds. Remember to keep the bird bath clean .



# DON'T FORGET ABOUT NEST SITES!

Several great cavity-nesting species of birds are insect/ berry eaters. Birds like **Tree Swallows , Purple Martins , Bluebirds, Prothonotary Warblers, and Carolina Wrens** will appreciate nesting habitat in the form of man-made cavities . We have lots of great information on attracting and properly caring for these birds! Also many other non seed eating birds appreciate shrubs , and trees that can provide nests sites.



**Above:** A Prothonotary Warbler feeds babies in a nest box.



**Summer Tanager**  
 Spending most of his time in tree tops, this adult Male Summer Tanager comes down to this jelly- feeder to enjoy a snack.  
 Photo by Tammy Simmons

*All other photos by Steve Garr*

## Great Resources for learning more about our Native non seed eating birds:

- [www.missouribluebird.org](http://www.missouribluebird.org)
- [www.nabluebirdsociety.org](http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org)
- [www.birds.cornell.edu](http://www.birds.cornell.edu)
- Bird Watchers Digest “Creating your Backyard Bird Garden”
- Stokes Field Guide to Warblers



**Feeding live mealworms to the birds in your yard can often bring a whole new level of enjoyment to watching them! One of the great rewards is having the opportunity to see adult birds scoop up mealworms to take to babies in the nest, and then getting to watch as the adults bring the fledglings to the feeders to teach them how to**

**Above Photo:** A family of Bluebirds visits the “Birds I-View Deluxe Bluebird Feeder !

**Right:** An Adult Baltimore Oriole takes a mouthful of live mealworms to babies in the nest ...in a few short weeks the immature Orioles were visiting the mealworm feeder



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