



Birds-I-View

September 2014 Bird Update and News

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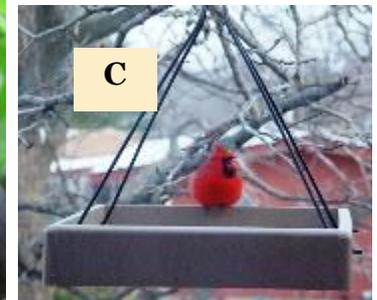
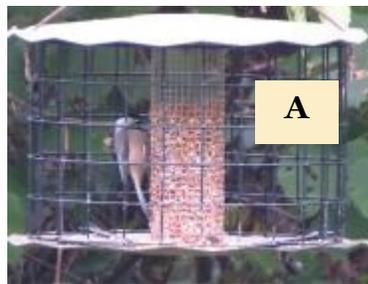
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Dealing with UNWANTED Visitors!

You guessed it— there’s just no way we could cover ALL the methods for dealing with unwanted visitors at your Bird Feeder in this one page of the newsletter...HOWEVER, we do have some very good demonstrations available in the store (soon to be on the Educational Page of the website in the form of a new “Learning Page”). **We’ll place a few Tips for starters here, and then be sure and get ALL the details at Birds-I-View!**



Above: Perhaps our very favorite way to **exclude Starlings and Grackles**, yet still feed our favorite small AND larger birds, is the **combination** of : **A.** Caged feeders to exclude birds larger than the bluebirds, **B.** Suet inside the “Suet Sandwich” for even the large Woodpeckers but NOT the Starlings and Grackles, and **C.** a platform tray filled with Safflower seed **only** (Starlings & Grackles have a difficulty cracking Safflower seed...and some squirrels will leave it alone also!). If installed correctly, A & B will also keep out **Squirrels**....to exclude squirrels from the platform feeder, we can show you some great baffle techniques in the store.

Squirrels: Correctly positioned “**weight activated**” feeders have proven to be very successful options (Quality and Effectiveness vary GREATLY—we stock the ones that work!).

Baffles DO work...if you use the right style in the right place. Don’t forget **Hot Pepper Suet & Hot Pepper Nuggets!** They are high in Fat and Calories (most birds LOVE it and it’s good for them) but Squirrels and Raccoons leave it alone!

DEER: When it comes to keeping Deer out of your bird feeders (especially when they are already **regular** visitors to your feeders) the operative word is “**UP**”! We have ways to place the feeders too high for the deer, yet easily –accessible for you. Ask us about the “**Easy-Lift Hanger**”, **Erva “extensions**”, and the **NEW “FeedSavr Pole**” pictured right (it’s a pretty impressive rope & pulley system ...also great at keeping out squirrels!)



Raccoons: They require “**Cylinder style**” baffles (most squirrel baffles won’t work) and again, **Hot Pepper Suet** is a GREAT deterrent. We have more suggestions—stop by soon!

Upcoming Events at BIV!

Saturday, October 11th: The Big Sit Bird Count at Birds-I-View! **FREE** and open to everyone interested in Birds! Officially, the event is from 7 am—7 pm: but just drop by for as long or as little as you want! (See more details in Right Sidebar)

October 15th: Deadline to Book your Bird Seed, Suet, and Mealworms to benefit River Bluffs Audubon Society. SUPER prices and the sooner you turn in your order, the sooner you get your Special Coupon Book from BIV! This is the BEST price we've seen on 40# Black Oil Sunflower Seed AND you'll be receiving triple clean seed from the CURRENT year's harvest! Order form at : www.birds-i-view.biz or at Birds-I-View.

Saturday, October 25th : Come see us at the River City Fall Festival! We'll have Birds-I-View *Exclusive* Products handcrafted by Steve Garr. Visit: www.visitjeffersoncity.com/display-events for info

Nov. 7th & 8th: Donation Days Sale at Birds-I-View! We'll Donate a portion of ALL Sales these days to your local River Bluffs Audubon Society Chapter. These are also the "Pick Up Days" for Booked Bird Seed/product from the Audubon Booking Program.

Nov. 22nd– 24th: BIV Free Seminars! "Northern Cardinals" and "Fabulous Finches & Pretty Pine Siskins"! We'll be celebrating those gorgeous Cardinals....PLUS : Is this going to be one of those winters we get to see LOTS of Pine Siskins?? What do you know about them? Learn more about these special winter-time visitors, as well as Purple Finches, Goldfinches, and more! As always: Lots of Free Refreshments, Educational Literature and Great Door Prizes. Please call or go to our website to register for these Free Seminars. **Special Free Gift for everyone registering in advance!**

Photos by Steve Garr



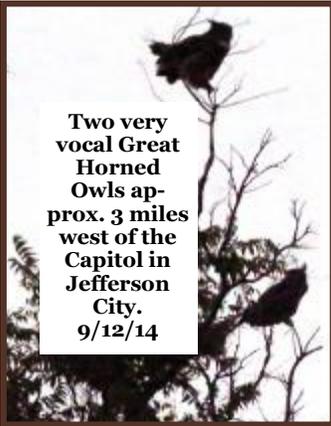
ONE of the birds pictured above is NOT considered a Missouri "Winter Migrant"....Do you know which one?



Join the
"Birds-I-View Birders" in
the BIV Bird Garden
Saturday, Oct. 11th
(7 am—7 pm)
as we officially
participate in the 2014
International
Big Sit Bird Count!

- WIN Bird Seed and Suet Cakes (play BIV Big Sit Bingo...you only compete with yourself!)
- Help us watch for special winter migrants!
- Share Great Snacks and Fun Birding with Friends! (Think "Tailgate Party for Birders!")

For more details go to:
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Two very vocal Great Horned Owls approx. 3 miles west of the Capitol in Jefferson City. 9/12/14

What have BIV friends seen lately?

The month started off with reports of abundant Orioles and Hummingbirds at feeders! Actually this was one of the best years in a long time for folks reporting **Baltimore and Orchard Orioles** at feeders during fall migration. We just received another report (9/24) of a female Orchard Oriole eating dogwood berries. A **leucistic Ruby-throated**

hummingbird made several visits to a feeder just north of Centertown early in the month. Leucistic birds are not true albinos, but have very pale or ash –

colored plumage, often splotchy. DO keep those hummer feeders up! They will migrate when it is time to go (based largely on length

of daylight hours-not available food sources) and keeping your feeder up helps them “tank up” for their long journey to Mexico. Over the past 9 years, our final hummer report for the season usually occurs

around **October 17th**. A **Rufous Hummingbird** (f) was reported in Jefferson City on 9/7. Warbler reports started coming in at the very first of the month! **Yellow warbler, Blackpoll, Wilson’s warbler, Canada warbler, Common Yellowthroat,** and **Northern Parula** early in the month, followed by **Prothonotary, Black-and-White Blackburnian** and **Blue-winged warblers** plus **American Redstart** reports about mid-month.

Now is the time to brush up on your warbler ID! Don’t miss out on seeing these beautiful little birds. On 9/3, a good birder west of JC saw a **Red-eyed Vireo** feeding young! **Nine Mississippi Kites** were observed over Industrial Drive. This is also the time to keep your eyes peeled for

American White Pelicans overhead...a flock of 50-100 was reported over JC on

9/15, and Steve and I saw some at Eagle Bluffs on 9/21. Our report of two **Great Horned Owls** about 3 miles from the Capitol (photo above) was soon trumped by a fellow JC birder who saw **FOUR Great Horned Owls** at once that same day! **Turkey Vultures** are abundant and widespread! (Steve and I counted 150+ while driving to and from Arrow Rock 9/21). Reports from Eagle Bluffs this month have included: **Caspian Terns, Red-shouldered Hawk, Osprey,** and various sandpiper. Reports from Binder Lake have included: two **Mute Swans, Northern Shovelers, Forster’s Terns, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Least Flycatcher, Blue-winged Teal, Pied-billed Grebes,** and **Spotted Sandpiper**. A report of two **Pine Siskin** spotted at Mora Conservation Area has us fixed on our sunflower hearts feeders hoping to see our first Siskin of the season! A good birder in Russellville reports (9/22) **Great Crested Flycatchers, Summer Tanagers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak** still around. Visitors to the **BIV Bird Garden** this month have included **Brown Thrashers, Gray Catbirds, Orioles, MANY Hummingbirds,** a sea of young **Cardinals,** beautiful **Monarch Butterflies,** and a couple of color-banded birds we had not seen in a

Orchard Oriole (female)



Monarch Butterfly



while. PLUS., the Winter Grapes in the Garden are looking ripe ...so come and get ‘em Cedar Waxwings!!

Winter Grapes



Above: Steve took this pic of an Osprey at Eagle Bluffs on 9/21/14...it was apparently a very successful day of fishing for the bird!

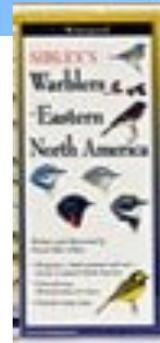
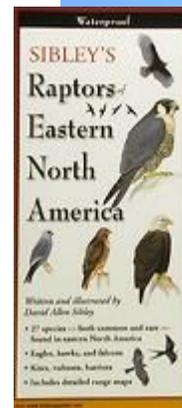
This leucistic Hummingbird visited a feeding station about 5 miles north of Centertown early this month!

Photo by Terry Wolz.



Above: Both of the above pics are of the SAME hummingbird photographed less than a minute apart, demonstrating what a difference **light** can make on the color of the gorget feathers of the male Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Photos by Steve Garr in the BIV Bird Garden.

Osprey in flight



Below:

Young Northern Cardinals still sport “mottled” beaks this month.

American White Pelican



Pine Siskin



What's NEW and What's on Sale??

- **Expanded** line of **Squirrel Proof** feeders!
- **Another** New USA-Made Line of feeders made from durable Recycled Materials! (Green and brown are pretty, but wait til you see our **Blue**, **Gray**, and **Red** recycled feeders!)
- NEW! Adorable USA-made Puzzles
- **Easy Clean Mesh** Feeders! The quick-clean bottom openings we have stocked for years in tube feeders are NOW available in our favorite mesh Peanut, Sunflower Seed, and Nyjer Thistle feeders!
- **ALL Hummingbird Feeders, ALL sizes...10% OFF!** Our last hummer report of the year usually falls between Oct 12th and Oct 19th. Lots of hummer time left! (It's a *perfect time* to purchase those **cute Parasol Recycled Glass** feeders for **Gift-giving** before they are gone)
- **NEW Caramel candies** fit perfectly into Alice's Cottage Gift bags for a charming (and economical) Gift! (*How does Sea Salt Caramel and Pecan Alligator Caramel sound?*)



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