

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

## February 2013 Bird Update and News!



**Next Bird Banding March 4th!**



**Above :** Note the leg bands on the Chickadee. We are honored to be participating in the **Backyard Bird Banding program** by the Missouri River Bird Observatory. Join us at the bandings! Details on our website  
**Above photo by Jim Rathert** taken in the BIV Bird Garden

**What have Birds-I-View Friends seen lately?** Many of you have reported scenes in your yards just like the one above from the BIV Bird Garden at our store: A multitude of **Juncos, American Tree sparrows, Fox sparrows, and White-throated sparrows!** The recent snows really brought in many of these typical ground feeders and for many folks it is the first they have seen of the Fox sparrows and American Tree Sparrows this winter. Of course, the snow also brought most of us an abundance of **European Starlings**. We do have some good ideas for helping to limit these “feeder pigs” at your feeding stations. One of the many things that has worked for us is to feed whole peanuts in the shell (see the **Cardinal** pictured left) . So many birds enjoy the whole peanuts and the starlings seem to leave them alone! Safflower seed, caged feeders and the terrific “Suet Sandwich” are also great starling deterrents...Come see how we can help!. Other great birds in yards around town have been **Har-ris’s Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Oregon Junco, Yellow-rumped warblers, an “orange-variant” House Finch, several Red-winged Blackbirds, Cedar wax-wings, song sparrows, and a few Rusty Blackbirds**. One lucky backyard birders has had a **White-winged Crossbill!** **Northern Flickers** are abundant ( one Holts Summit birder has 35+ of them a day at their feeders!). We have had scattered reports of **Turkey Vultures** . Also during the snow the **Bluebirds** have been piling on at heated bird baths and feeders stocked with “their’ food . ( come to our seminars to find out more!). **Good Friends birding Binder Lake** this month have reported **Trumpeter swans, Common Goldeneye, White-fronted geese and Cackling Geese, & Redheads**. A recent Audubon filed trip turned up a **North-ern Shrike!** Find out more about their field trips at the River Bluffs Audubon Society website or **Birds-I-View!**

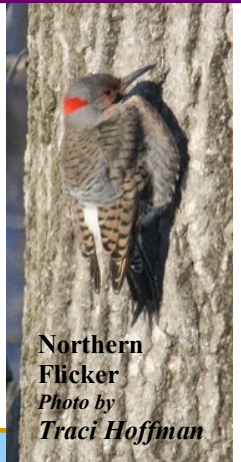
**Above:** An American Goldfinch picks new growth from a branch on one of the trees in the BIV Bird Garden! This is fairly typical of Goldfinches– watch YOUR Goldfinches closely to see this behavior. Photo by Steve Garr



American Tree Sparrow

Photo by T. Simmons

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Northern Flicker  
 Photo by Traci Hoffman



**Don't miss our FREE Programs!**

**Birds-I-View's March Seminars!**  
 “Bluebird Basics” & “Let’s Feed Bluebirds”!  
 (New Bluebird Food Recipes we’ll make together!)  
**Sat, March 2nd at 9 am repeated Mon, March 4th at 6 pm**  
**“Advanced Bluebirding” & “Purple Martins”**  
**Sat, March 16th 9 am Repeated:**  
**Sunday, March 17th at 2 pm**  
**and Monday, March 18th at 6 pm**

