



Cedar Waxwings (above) visit our Tulip Tree for nectar and insects attracted to the blooms

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Bobolink



Killdeer

**What have Birds-I-View Friends seen lately?** The first week in May brought us reports of warblers galore! A **Blue-winged warbler** and a **Yellow warbler** just west of Jefferson City, Binder Lake warblers included: **Orange-crowned, Palm, and Yellow** (as well as a **Warbling Vireo**). Here in the BIV Bird Garden we spotted **Yellow and Black-poll warblers** ( pictured right) as well as a **Palm Warbler** and a **Yellow-rumped warbler**. Thanks to a phone call from a very kind birder, Steve was able to view and photograph over 100 **Bobolink** south of the JC Airport! (pics on our Facebook page). A good birder from Holt's Summit reported a **Blue Grosbeak** at her feeders on the 6th and other reports around mid-Missouri followed, including one spotted in the BIV Bird Garden.



Yellow warbler

A **White-winged Crossbill** was photographed at a bird feeder on Rosewood Dr. in Jefferson City on the 7th! A **Killdeer** (pictured left with young) again nested near our Martin colony on Stadium Blvd. The **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** and **Western Kingbirds** continue to be spotted just north of the River. Also early in the month, a **Mississippi Kite** was reported at the Runge Nature Center. We STILL see the occasional **Pine Siskin** eating along side **Indigo Buntings** and **Goldfinch**. Mid-month scenes like the photo right (**Baltimore AND Orchard Orioles** feeding together) were common.



Blackpoll warbler

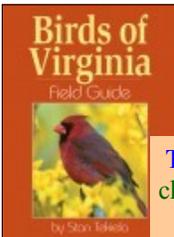
The Orioles have probably peaked now, but many folks still have a pretty consistent flow! (see info next page). Also mid-month a birder in north J.C. reported a **Connecticut Warbler**. The **Painted Bunting** pair is back at the Bailie residence off of W. Edgewood! The Bailie's are obviously wonderful "Bunting-hosts"...the pair keep returning to their yard! Still lots of **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** around. A **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** has been seen and heard in the BIV Garden on the 19th and 20th, along with a **Wilson's Warbler**.



Orioles in the BIV Bird Garden

**Taking a trip out of state this summer??** Don't forget to do some birding while you are there! Stop in and check out our variety of **State Field Guides** by Stan Tekiela. (left).

*Remember, books are ALWAYS 10% off at Birds-I-View!*



**Be sure to see Page 2 of this update for "Species Specific" tips and timely information, PLUS some Problem-solving advice!**





**Bluebirds & Purple Martins:** Some Bluebird landlords have birds that have already FLEDGED while others still have birds laying their first clutch of eggs. It's time to **really** pay attention to assisting our bluebirds with predator and pest problems. (note the House Wren guard on the Bluebird box pictured left). Ants are beginning to show up in nest boxes too and they can actually consume the eggs and babies... We can help prevent that. **Please take time to re-view our Educational Brochure on Bluebirds on our website.** *"Is it too late to get Purple Martins?"* That's a question we hear a lot right now and the answer is: certainly not! Martins will continue to drift into Missouri through June...keep your houses sparrow-free and ready. **The BIV Martin colonies are up to 21 eggs so far this season with more appearing every day!**



**Orioles & Hummingbirds:** The Orioles you are seeing at your feeders now are likely here to nest



for the summer. Keep them coming by continuing to put out foodstuffs they want. We see an increase in Oriole activity at our feeders in the BIV Bird Garden **each** year about June 1st when other folks start taking down their Oriole feeders because they think the birds have all "passed through"! **Live Mealworms** will REALLY be appreciated in the upcoming months when bees begin to consume the jelly...LIVE insects make up 85-90% of the Orioles diet. **Remember... Hummingbirds** will begin nesting soon. Mark it on your calendar. There is always a bit of a drop in feeder activity during nesting, however they will be back after nesting in **FORCE**, so keep your feeders ready! *We have new decorative feeders in stock now...Pretty & Great Prices!*



## **SQUIRRELS!** A Pep Talk from Steve & Regina...(For you, not the Squirrels)

We KNOW you are smarter than the squirrel. We *believe* in you... **You can do this!** Here are some basics to keep in mind and some general rules to follow as you defeat your squirrels. You have some decisions to make **FIRST**, and then some choices among several great solutions. **Remember: We feed birds outdoors, so the environment is always changing.** You will need to allow for that and make adjustments at times. (Trees and shrubs grow taller, the wind moves branches and other things around, etc).

- For Shepherd hooks and Pole systems in the ground with hangers on top ( pictured right), you will need a **baffle that fits on the pole**, (pictured left) with the pole system situated **10-12 feet away** from anything (like walls, benches, trees, the deck) from which the squirrel can jump. Position the baffle at least 4 to 5 feet from the ground and make certain none of your feeders hang below the baffle.

- **Hanging Baffles** are for use on feeders hanging from trees or the eave of your house. We have some great USA-made baffles in this style and they work wonderfully!

- **Brome "Squirrel Buster" series of Bird Feeders**, which close when squirrels get on them, should hang **sixteen to eighteen inches AWAY** from the pole or deck railing. These are GREAT options for folks who feed off their deck...come see! *For Best results, Come see us! We have LOTS more info to share and not enough room here!*



## **Starlings and Grackles:** One of our favorite feeder combos to

keep starlings and grackles OUT of suet products is to combine the **Birds Choice "Suet Sandwich"** with the Erva **"Caged Double Suet Feeder"**. The Erva feeder excludes starlings and grackles while allowing **Bluebirds, Orioles, Nuthatches, Chickadees, Titmice, Downy Woodpeckers, Wrens**, and more inside to eat. The Suet Sandwich is expressly for Woodpeckers! (Yes, even the large Pileated Woodpecker and the Northern Flicker!). They eat the suet from this feeder the same way they

reach insects under tree bark: by using their long—and we mean VERY long—tongues to reach in and get the food! Starling and Grackles can't do this. **Suet is one of the first food products wild birds will feed their young** ( very high in fat and calories). Offering suet in these two feeders allows you to attract such a great variety of desirable backyard birds. AND for starling and grackle-free **seed** feeding, be sure to offer the **Mr. Bird Safflower Seed Blocks and Cylinders** (pictured left).



*Thank you for the business and Friendship you share with us! Steve & Regina Garr*

**Don't forget our Memorial Day Sales. Open Memorial Day (5/27) 10 am—6 pm.!**