



ATTRACTING BIRDS TO THE LANDSCAPE

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Jeff Miller has worked for the DeLong Company of Clinton, WI for 49 years. They create bird seed mixes for bird seed stores, such as Wild Birds Unlimited, but do not sell to the box stores. They buy almost all their seed from growers within the United States. Jeff said that their mixes are created and shipped to stores within two weeks, so the seed is very fresh. His slide show contained beautiful pictures of birds at feeders, and they were all taken in his own yard!

Tips:

1. Separate several types of seed in various feeders
2. Don't put a feeder closer than 6' from a house or tree to distract squirrels from jumping to feeder
3. Clean feeders regularly with white vinegar or a weak bleach solution (1 TBLS bleach /gallon of water)
4. Have more feeders than your neighbors!!
5. Keep your feeders full

Here is a list of the different types of bird seed to attract birds:

BIRD SEED TYPE	SEED USED FOR AND BY
Black Oil Sunflower	The best "single seed" for bird feeding since it attracts the widest variety of birds. Sourced from South Dakota and Minnesota
Stripe Sunflower	Preferred by Blue Jays. Sourced from South Dakota and Minnesota
Sunflower Meats	"No mess" seed. Sunflowers are 35% hulls, which are not eaten. This is the best seed for attracting birds. Sourced from South Dakota
White Millet	Very popular with small birds. It is NOT A FILLER. Sourced from Colorado
Safflower	Contains a very healthy oil. Well-liked by Cardinals, Chickadees, and Nuthatches. This is the least favorite food for squirrels and grackles. Sourced from Idaho and Montana.
Golden Safflower	Extremely thin shell, which means less waste. Contains 15% more oil, has 25% higher protein, and 30% higher fat content. Sourced from Montana
Red Millet	Used mainly for color and eye appeal. Sourced from Colorado
Cracked Corn	Very high energy food enjoyed by Blue Jays, Cardinals, and other colorful birds. Sourced from Wisconsin
Wheat	High energy food and mostly eaten by ground feeders (Doves and Juncos). Sourced from Wisconsin
Peanut Pieces	Maybe the best attractant for all colorful birds. Try adding them if you're not getting a lot of birds
Whole Peanuts	Preferred by Blue Jays and Cardinals (and squirrels). Sourced from North Carolina
Grit and Oyster Shells	Helps with digestion and egg production. Sourced from North Carolina and Mississippi
Milo	Often confused with red millet. Milo is a large red grain similar in nutrition to corn, however, it's bred to be <u>distasteful</u> to birds! Only pigeons and dove eat milo when other seeds are not available. Many box store brands can contain up to 70% of milo to keep their prices down.

Types of Feeders:



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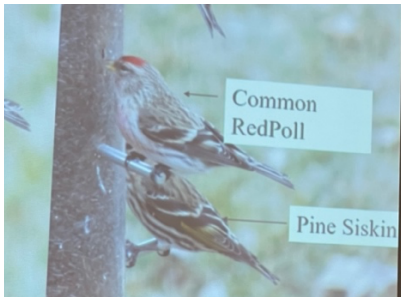
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TUBE FEEDER

Here's how you can attract the birds that you want to your yard:

BIRD TYPE	BIRD FEEDER TYPE	FAVORITE FOOD
CARDINAL 	Big perches or platform feeders	Peanut pieces, sunflower meats, black sunflower, cracked corn, and safflower <u>Look for bags of:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal Food • Woodpecker • Gourmet No Waste • Delco Premium
FINCHES (Gold and House)  	Any type of feeder but the most popular is a "nyjer tube" feeder	Nyjer thistle, sunflower meats, sunflowers, and safflower <u>Look for bags of:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild Finch Plus
WOODPECKER AND BLUE JAY  	Any type of feeder but platform feeders work best, plus suet feeders, bin type, tube, and squirrel proof	In-shell peanuts for blue jays, peanut pieces, cracked corn, whole sunflower meats, suet cakes, black sunflower, and safflower <u>Look for bags of:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodpecker Food • Patio Mix • Cardinal Food
CHICKADEE AND NUTHATCH  	Any type of feeder	Whole safflower meats, peanut pieces, black sunflower, millets, and safflower <u>Look for bags of:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chickadee Food • Gourmet No Waste • Cardinal Food • Delco Premium
JUNCO (SNOW BIRD) Here from November to April 	Above ground and platform feeders	Any quality bird food except Milo

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<p>PINE SISKIN AND REDPOLL They may only visit when food is short where they normally winter</p> 	<p>Any type of feeder but the most popular is a “nyjer tube” feeder</p>	<p>Nyjer thistle, sunflower meats, sunflowers, and safflower <u>Look for bags of:</u> Wild Finch Plus</p>

Note: Some of the photos were taken from the internet and not Jeff’s presentation