

Where people who love birds love to shop!



Wild Bird House

for the backyard bird lover

Newsletter

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In the Brookwood Shopping Center

Fall 2009

Fall is a time for migration and change!

Fall, the start of football season, cooler nights and Autumn bright colors will soon be on us. Fall is also a season of migration. While it can be sad to see some of our summer friends leave like our Purple Martins, Orioles, Hummingbirds, House Wrens, and Phoebes. (see picture at right - our 2nd brood of Phoebes we had nest on our front porch this summer)

Then, here come our winter friends like the Red Breasted Nuthatch, Cedar Waxwings, Pine Siskins, Juncos, and our beautiful little native sparrows like the American Tree Sparrow, Song, Harris, White throated and White crowned Sparrows. We are so fortunate to have such a diversity of beautiful songbirds.

Some of our friends do stay through the winter but some of them will form in flocks like our Eastern Bluebirds, American Robins, Meadowlarks and Mockingbirds. Our little Carolina Wrens stay here through the winter also and along with the Bluebirds we have many customers feed them live mealworms through the long cold winter. We stock the mealworms year round and we are much cheaper than buying them at a pet store. Don't forget our other year round friends like Cardinals, Jays, Chickadees, Doves, Woodpeckers and Finches.

Visit our new web site!

Come visit us at www.wild-bird-house.com! We'll have season relevant educational content, pictures, coupons, frequently asked questions, and you can even browse some of our merchandise!

Meet Faye

We've added a new face to our Wild Bird House family. Many of you already know Jane and Amy our part time girls and now we have added Faye. She's a senior at Topeka West and she bags a lot of the seed you get in the 5 & 10 lb. bags. Stop in and say Hi.



The best seed at the best prices!

At the Wild Bird House We carry locally grown, fresh, bulk seed and the best packaged seed in the industry. Unlike the big box stores who carry cheap mixes, some containing over 70% filler that song birds won't eat, we only carry seed that song birds actually eat. And we have the best seed prices in Topeka!

We love our Wild Delight product and would like for you to try it. We carry the Advanced Formula seed from Wild Delight. These products are packed with premium ingredients selected for their high nutrient content. Each Advanced Formula is nutritionally fortified, including vitamins that assist in feathering, coloring and reproduction, plus electrolytes to aid in water retention. They are clean and virtually dust free. They contain real fruit, such as cherries, cranberries, raisins, and apples, as well as real nuts like peanuts and pistachios even pumpkin seeds!

Wild Delight Specials

"September Madness" Every Tuesday the *first 25 customers* who come to the store will receive a FREE Block from Wild Delight!

Sept 1st	Fruit & Berry Block
Sept 8th	Total Cuisine Block
Sept 15th	Nut & Berry Block
Sept 22nd	Special Finch Block
Sept 29th	Woodpecker Block

October Special!

Purchase a 20lb. Wild Delight Nut N' Berry and receive a 5lb. Wild Delight Nut N' Berry FREE!

Hummingbirds now!

If Hummingbirds nest in your yard or close by, you will see them all summer long. If the Hummers do not nest close to you then you won't see them till late July into early August when the fledglings have left the nest. August and September are the big months for feeding hummers. They are preparing for migration and given the

distance and difficulty of fall migration, they will nearly double their body weight with fat reserves in order to survive the trip! A question we are frequently asked at the Wild Bird House is "When should I take my feeders down so the Hummingbirds know to leave?" Taking your feeder down when the Hummers are still here only hurts them. You can leave your feeders up until freezing winter hits. Hummers need to gain weight for their long migration and your feeder is critical to their success and survival. Even when the Hummers you have been feeding this summer leave, you will get Hummers that spent the summer North and have started their migration stop in for a drink at your feeders. With all the Hummingbirds around in the fall, it is a great time to add a feeder. Our Parasol



feeders are beautiful garden art feeders made from recycled glass and the Hummers love them. (picture of one of our Parasol feeders at home). Also, keep an eye out for Rufous Hummingbirds as

fall migration is underway. They can be found from July through September as post breeding birds move out of the Rockies and wander onto the plains.

The changing Goldfinch

Leaves are not all that fall in autumn. Goldfinches molt twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

Usually, in September they will lose their black cap and bright yellow color and become an olive green or yellowish brown, and the female a soft yellow-brown. But they don't go anywhere, except maybe out in the woods or to your neighbor's house because you, thinking they were gone, quit feeding them. See pictured our winter Goldfinches at an Aspects wire mesh thistle feeder. Thistle has a short shelf life so make sure your thistle is fresh.

