

# BIRDS OF THE BACKYARD

## Wildbird Feed & Bird Feeder Guide

<u>BIRDS</u>	<u>FOOD PREFERENCE</u>	<u>FEEDER</u>
Northern Cardinal	Sunflower, safflower, peanuts, insects, cracked corn, white millet, melon seeds, raisins, banana.	Ground, platform or hopper feeders, tube feeder with a tray.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Sunflower, safflower, grape jelly, sugar water, insects, peanuts, raisins.	Platform, hopper or tube feeders with perches & trays.
Indigo Bunting	White millet, chopped peanuts, pecan meats, insects, thistle.	Ground, platform, or hopper feeders.
Evening Grosbeak	Sunflower, safflower, insects, apple seed, peanuts, melon seeds.	Platform, hopper or tube feeders.
Pine Grosbeak	Mountain ash berries, cranberries, pine seeds, sunflower, apple slices, samaras of ash & maple tree, insects.	Ground or platform feeder out in the open.
Purple Finch	Sunflower, safflower, thistle, insects, peanuts, suet mixtures, white millet.	High hanging platform, hopper or tube feeder.
House Finch	Sunflower, thistle, white millet, fruits, nutmeats, insects, suet & suet mixtures.	Ground, hopper, thistle, tube or window feeder.
Common Redpoll	Sunflower hearts, thistle, suet, insects.	Ground, platform, hopper, tube, thistle & window feeder.
Pine Siskin	Thistle, sunflower hearts, white millet, insects, ashes, salt.	Platform, tube, thistle or window feeder.
American Goldfinch	Thistle, sunflower hearts, sunflower, insects, weed seeds, cracked nutmeats.	Platform, hopper, thistle, tube & window feeder.
White-winged & Red Crossbill	Sunflower, thistle, nutmeats, pine seeds, insects, salt.	Ground, platform, thistle & tube feeder.
Rufous-sided Towhee	Sunflower, white millet, thistle, grapes, insects, suet & suet mixtures.	Ground or low platform feeder near brush or brush pile.
Dark-eyed Junco	White millet, cracked corn, sunflower hearts, insects, peanuts.	Ground or low platform feeder.
American Tree Sparrow	Sunflower hearts, white millet, insects, cracked corn.	Ground, platform or tube feeder with tray.
Chipping Sparrow	Insects, sunflower hearts, peanut hearts, grass seed, white millet.	Ground or low platform feeder.
White-throated/White-crowned Sparrow	White millet, cracked corn, sunflower hearts, thistle, insects, peanut hearts.	Ground platform or tube feeder with tray.
Fox Sparrow	Sunflower, white millet, suet, cracked corn, insects.	Ground feeder.
Song Sparrow	Sunflower, white millet, thistle, peanut hearts, walnut meats, insects.	Ground or low platform feeder.
Snow Bunting	Oat, groats, cracked corn, white millet, insects.	Ground feeder out in the open.
Ring-necked Pheasant	Corn, sunflower, safflower, oats, groats, insects.	Throw feed on the ground. Clear area of snow.
Duck & Geese (Mallard, Wood Duck, Canada Goose)	Corn, acorns, pond weeds, insects.	Throw feed on the ground.
Purple Martin, Tree & Barn Swallow	Flying insects, chicken egg shells (crushed).	Ground feeder.
Mourning Dove	Cracked corn, white millet, safflower, thistle.	Ground, platform or hopper feeder.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Flower nectar, insects, sugar water (4 parts water & 1 part sugar).	Hanging & window hummingbird feeders.
Northern Flicker	Suet, fat mixtures, meat scraps, ants, cracked walnuts & pecans, orange & apple slices, corn, cherries, grapes.	Suet, log or hanging feeder.
Pileated Woodpecker	Suet & suet mixtures, peanuts, cracked corn, insects, ants.	Suet or platform feeder.
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Suet & suet mixtures, raisins, cracked corn, peanuts, sunflower, orange & apple slices, sugar water, insects.	Suet, platform, hopper, log or hummingbird feeder.

Red-headed Woodpecker	Sunflower, cracked corn, raisins, nutmeats, suet, insects, sugar water.	Ground, platform, suet, log or hummingbird feeder.
Yellow-bellied Woodpecker	Suet & suet mixtures, grape jelly, insects, sugar water.	Suet, platform, log or hummingbird feeder.
Downy Woodpecker & Hairy Woodpecker	Insects, suet & suet mixtures, peanuts, sunflower hearts, peanut butter, cracked corn, coconut, fat mixtures, nutmeats.	Suet, platform, log or hanging feeder.
Gray Jay	Suet & suet mixtures, fat mixtures, banana, grapes, insects.	Ground or platform will take food where it is placed.
Blue Jay	Insects, corn, sunflower, suet & suet mixtures, peanuts with or without shells, cracked nutmeats.	Ground or platform will take food where it is placed.
Common Crow	Corn, suet, meat scraps, grain, carrion, insects.	Ground or platform will take food where it is placed.
Black-capped Chickadee	Sunflower, safflower, suet & suet mixtures, peanuts, thistle, peanut butter, insects, sugar water.	Ground, platform or all types of feeders.
Tufted Titmouse	Sunflower, suet & suet mixtures, nutmeats, insects, safflower, sugar water.	Ground, platform, tube, log or hummingbird feeder.
White-breasted Nuthatch	Sunflower, safflower, suet & suet mixtures, peanuts, peanut butter, insects, pumpkin seeds.	Ground, platform, suet, peanut, window feeder.
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Sunflower, suet & suet mixtures, peanuts, nutmeats, melon seeds, pine seeds, insects.	Platform, tube, suet or peanut feeder.
Brown Creeper	Suet & suet mixtures, peanut butter, peanut hearts, insects.	Feed should be placed in bark crevices.
House Wren	Suet & suet mixtures, pecan meats, insects.	Ground feeder.
Gray Catbird	Raisins, currants, peanut butter, insects, banana, peanuts, apples, jelly suet.	Ground, platform, hopper or hummingbird feeder.
Brown Thrasher	Cracked corn, suet & suet mixtures, raisins, peanuts, sunflower, orange halves, white millet, insects.	Ground, platform feeder.
American Robin	Worms, insects, apple slices, raisins, grapes, berries, cherries.	Ground, platform or hopper feeder.
Eastern Bluebird	Peanuts, pecan meats, suet & suet mixtures, raisins, insects, apple, berries, mealworms.	Platform, hopper, suet, window feeder.
Golden-crowned Kinglet & Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Suet & suet mixtures, insects, peanut butter, cracked nuts	Ground, platform, hopper, suet feeder.
Cedar Waxwing	Insects, berries, raisins, apple slices.	Platform feeder.
Red-winged Blackbird	Insects, cracked corn, white millet, sunflower, nuts, thistle, safflower.	Ground, platform, hopper feeder.
Eastern & Western Meadowlark	White millet, cracked corn, sunflower, grass seeds, insects.	Ground or slightly elevated platform feeder.
Northern Oriole	Insects, fruit, nectar, grape jelly, white millet, orange halves, grapes, cooked raisins, sugar water (4parts water, one part sugar).	Oriole feeders.
Common Grackle	Sunflower, peanuts, corn, oats, white millet, suet, insects, grubs.	Ground, platform or hopper feeder.
Brown-headed Cowbird	Cracked corn, rice, white millet, sunflower, peanuts, pecan meats, insects.	Ground, platform or hopper feeder.
Scarlet Tanager	Sliced apple, banana, cherries, raisins, jelly, white & brown sugar, suet, insects.	Ground, platform, suet or hummingbird feeder.