The phrase has often been used "Nature is God's stress reliever!" In these tough economic times, many of us need a way "to get away – refresh –recharge!" There is not a more cost effective way of observing nature and recharging or relaxing than that of watching and hearing beautiful birds around your home and office brings.

Something as simple as one of our small bird feeders filled with bird seed will attract lots of beautiful amusing song birds. Watch as a Chickadee picks just the right seed and flies off to enjoy a snack. Titmice, Woodpeckers,

Goldfinches, Nuthatches, and more will come right up to your window and eat. With our Sunflower Kernels, there is no mess on the window sill, deck, or patio.

Did you know that if you provide food and water for the birds during the winter, you will have a

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long flurry of activity in your backyard? Food and water are very important for the birds especially during fall and winter as their natural sources stop growing. Come see our selection of premium bird seeds and bird baths.



With the leaves starting to fall and colder nights here, squirrels are becoming more visible and daring as they stock up on food for the cold days ahead. Did you realize squirrels try to deliberately fool others that might eat their "stashed food?" By faking us and potential "robbers" with

a slight of hand trick, the squirrels who appear to be burying a seed or nut.

Actually the hole, carefully covered up, is empty. It's been proven that potential robbers give up after taking time to excavate "empty stashes". Squirrels can be great fun to watch and feed separately. Ask about our squirrel feeders and squirrel chow.

Also, decorating your yard with flags and spinners can be a source of great joy and fun in your backyard. As we turn to winter and all the leaves are gone and the yard takes on a look of plainness, decorating can take away some of the winter time blue's.

How to Identify Birds

- 1. Look at the bird for as long as it is in view so you can absorb the most about it.
- 2. Practice on your feeder birds, and those in your yard, look closely at them.

- 3. Use binoculars to get a closer view. 8x42 full size binoculars are the best for bird watching. Get the best pair you can afford. Spot the bird with your eyes first, then raise the binoculars to your eyes.
- 4. Describe what you see. This is the best way to really SEE a bird. Take time to go over the bird, from head to tail, being patient to notice every part of it. What color is it on every part of its body? What does its bill look like, etc?
- 5. Look at the overall shape of the bird, as shape is one of the best aids to identification.
- 6. Writing down what you have noticed definitely solidifies the clues in your head. Take the

- time to jot down a few words in your notebook. Keep a pad of paper by your kitchen window.
- 7. What is the bird doing? Noticing behavior is the untapped gem of bird identifying.
- 8. What kind of sounds is it making?
 Learning songs and calls is another great way to help you identify a bird.
- 9. Get a good field guide to birds.

Autumn Reflection

The winds of Autumn softly blow. They whisper, "soon there will be snow."

The sun sets early, nights are long.
The morning birds have ceased their songs.
The trees ablaze with Autumn gold. But soon it will be turning cold.
This time of year, it's time to pause, And count the blessings that are ours....

For all the bounty that we see, Good harvest, and for family.

These blessings come from God above, And through all these, he shows his Love. Mary Ann Jameson

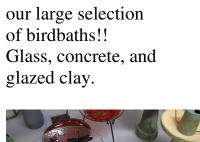
Watch for upcoming **Events:**

Nov 17th: "Hummingbirds in the garden? Think Lasagna" with Mark Klym Call for reservations. 10:00AM and 7:00 PM

Nov 20th **First Ever** Birdfeeder **Cleaning Day**

Bring your feeder in and have it cleaned for the winter season. Cleanliness is next to Godliness when it comes to feeding our feathered friends. There will be no cost for this service.

Water is so important for the birds' health and welfare. Come see our large selection of birdbaths!! glazed clay.



available also for your convenience. Don't wait until the last minute and use the enclosed coupon to help.

Check out our website: www.rubiconwildbirdsand more.com

Also, check us out on Facebook for additional specials!!

The Goldfinches are coming and will be back mid November Get your finch feeders and thistle seed ready!!





Christmas Season

Believe it or not Christmas is coming soon also. We have stocked up on gift items for the season. Come join us for some hot coffee or wasil during the season and do your Christmas shopping with us!! We have gift certificates

Save 10% Bring in this coupon and save 10% on any "1" item in the store. Valid until Nov 25, 2010.