



# BACKYARD nature center News

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## A gift for all seasons

Let's face it: You're hooked. If you are reading this newsletter, chances are good that you're already feeding birds or seriously thinking about it. But what's the best way to pass along your interest to those you love (or even those you just like well enough)?

### Share your story

Think about the things that first delighted you about feeding and watching birds and share those thoughts. Remember the feeling of satisfaction you got the first time you identified a bird by yourself? Or the delight you experienced when you realized that that big, loud song was coming from a tiny wren?

### Share your window

Whether you're having an informal cup of tea or a formal brunch, the presence of birds outside the window will enhance your atmosphere of relaxed festivity. Encourage family and friends to look out your window. Many a dedicated birder got started simply by watching a chickadee

fly to the feeder over and over, taking one seed at a time. It isn't long before observation turns into curiosity. Why don't birds just sit and eat until they're done? Why do they pick up several seeds and put them down again before they choose one? Birds

park or the woods. The sight and sound of birds in their natural environment is a perfect way to decompress after a long day, and sharing that time with a friend or significant other makes it something special.

### Share your tools

Backyard birding offers us the opportunity to see birds relatively close at hand, but it can still be remarkably difficult to identify and enjoy them without the proper tools. Quality binoculars help people see field marks more clearly, and a field guide adds interest by helping us name individual species. A bird that looks nice through ordinary binoculars often becomes stunning when viewed through birding glass.

Bird watching has an advantage over most other hobbies—you can enjoy it completely no matter what your level of expertise. A person's involvement can be as simple as pointing out the window or as complex as setting up a complete feeding station. The people you may remember at this time of year are experiencing different seasons of life, but, as you well know, the delights of birding are a gift for all seasons.

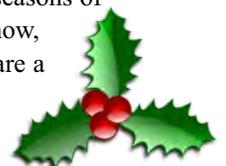


become endlessly fascinating once you begin to wonder. And the presence of wildlife so close to us makes us feel uniquely gifted.

### Share an experience

You don't have to be able to identify all 900+ species of North American birds to enjoy a walk through a

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your gift-giving needs.



# 12 days of Christmas for the nature lover on your list!

Give the gifts that keep on giving! We have great gift ideas for the nature lover on your list and all their favorite feathered friends? With only the best feeders, houses, bird baths, and highest quality seed, your gifts are sure to please.



**Holiday Decor:** (top left) New this year, the 7" Crackle glass LED globe with a painted pair of loving cardinals.

**Caged Feeder:** (center top) Squirrel Proof caged feeders to feed Chickadees, Titmice, Goldfinch, Nuthatch and all your smaller birds in peace, without competition.

**Jackite:** (far right) Jackite high flying lifelike kites, and fiberglass telescoping poles. Kites are made of durable Tyvek and fly realistically for enjoyment or to help deter water fowl in your yard.

**VORTEX binoculars:** Water proof and highly valued by the birding community, come with unconditional lifetime warranty.

**Heaters or Heated Birdbaths:** (lower right) Use little power, have thermostats and invite your birds to fresh water free of ice and so critical to winter survival.

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**Kitchen Towels:** (upper left) Vintage designed, cotton, kitchen t-towel sets of two, come prepacked and ready to give.

**Art Poles:** (top right) Art Poles, Holiday and nature inspired, add artistic design to the garden or to decorate indoors.

**Mesh Feeders:** (center middle) Steel mesh feeders need no perch for darling "clingers" like goldfinch, chickadees and titmice, especially filled with sunflower hearts!

**Woodpecker Feeder:** (lower left) Enjoy the specialized talents of woodpeckers who have no trouble hanging on this composite woodpecker feeder filled with raw, shelled peanuts!

**Domed Feeder:** (lower right) Domed Lexan feeders offer some protection from rain and snow. This "Mandarin" feeder can hold up to 5 pounds of seed and cardinals love it!

**Hopper Feeder:** (far right middle) Hopper style feeders like this recycled composite feeder has a steel mesh bottom for the best drainage and can feed lots of hungry songbirds. They can be hung or pole mounted for maximum viewing enjoyment!

**Nest Boxes:** (left page) Simple, highly ornamental, and easy to clean. We have many sizes available from wren to kestrel.

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Sunday: 12 noon–4 p.m.

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Closed Christmas Day

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we wish you and yours a  
Happy Holiday.*



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**20% OFF** one item  
(excluding optics & seed)

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