



BACKYARD nature center News

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30 Years & Counting!

Time flies when you're having fun and we have had fun! How lucky we are to be doing what we love and sharing it with customers who become our friends. Friends with the same love of birds and caring for the environment. We thank you for being with us through the good times and bad. It's hard to know how to label what we are all going through right now. To mask or not to mask? To visit friends or not, to travel, to shop, to dine in or carryout? We had several front door signs printed and day to day, we really don't know which one fits the day. Confusing at best, but we are all in this together and being gracious about it can be our only attitude.



The Backyard Nature Center is one of the lucky retail establishments who have been able to stay open with only minor inconvenience. Shipping and receiving from suppliers and manufacturers that have become partially shut down has been our only complaint. I guess this could be a lesson in patience, which I've never been very good at. At 70 years old, hmm... maybe I could change?

On a lighter note, people are watching their birds more than ever since we are staying home more. Some folks have set up bird watching stations outside their home office, which has to make their work more pleasant.

If you haven't already, join the other 45 million people in the US who are feeding and watching song birds in their yards. They are a beautiful reminder of how good things can be.



What to Expect This fall

Keep your seed feeders fresh and full! Insect and jelly eaters are pretty much gone. Orioles, humming birds, Purple Martins, all swallows and swifts, and Mississippi Kites have moved to warmer climates. With the first cool, crisp breeze or even a snow flurry, Slate colored Juncos, Harris Sparrows, beautiful White-throated and White crowned sparrows, Rufus Sided Towhees along with Red-breasted Nuthatch are all new arrivals to watch for. Change, like the seasons in Kansas, is a time we all look forward to!



Rufous Towhee



Red Breasted Nuthatch



White Throated Sparrow



Heaters & Heated Birdbath Shortage



Don't wait...Don't hesitate...Don't think about it!

If you need a birdbath heater or a heated birdbath, and we have one on the shelf, grab it and run to the check out counter. This is a product that is very difficult to get this year and believe me, we have them on back order from multiple reliable suppliers. **Your birds will be grateful!**





15% off Beautiful Art Poles
A gorgeous/durable
statement for your yard or dec-
orate the front door!

Offer expires
November 30, 2021



Great Fall Decor
Desert Steel Pumpkin/
Gourd Luminaries
15% off

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Canada geese a problem in your yard?

As beautiful as they are, we do have them in huge numbers in winter and they can be a bit of an issue with eating and wearing down lawn. We really don't want them eating your grass for two reasons;

1. They pull the grass out at the root and it makes bare spots irritating home owners,
- and 2. Lawn crews may have sprayed the grass with chemicals that would not be healthy for any birds when ingested. We know you wouldn't want that!

We have a beautiful and totally environmental answer! Fly a kite! Not just any kite, a JACKITE Osprey or Eagle Kite. They can be flown in any weather because they're made of Tyvek with spun fiberglass throughout the wings and body. Flown from our flexible graphite telescoping poles, the kite flaps it's wings and soars on the air like a real bird. The Osprey has a 44" wingspan and the Bald Eagle has a tremendous 5' wingspan. Both are birds of prey which can be an effective and safe intimidation to a goose.



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STORE HOURS

Monday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

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from left to right
Tammy, Cathy, Nick & Mary

30th Anniversary Early Bird Seed Sale

Now through October 31st



It's that time again! Twice a year we offer this savings!
All large 20- to 50-lb. bags of premium bird seed is 20% off, take it with you that day, or . . .
Join the penny-wise and open or add to an EARLY BIRD SEED ACCOUNT with a minimum of \$150. You can deposit as much as you like to your personal seed account and take any size bag of seed, suet, peanuts, mealworms from your seed as you need and at the 20% discount until your funds are used up. Ask us to check to see how much you used last year. We're glad to check for you.

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