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Happy Holidays



"Nature News" from Wild Birds Unlimited at Moana Nursery

The Holiday Tradition of Bird Feeding

One of the greatest parts of the holiday season is how everyone celebrates with their own, sometimes very unique, traditions.

Perhaps you always host a Christmas dinner, or maybe you always go out looking at Christmas lights on Christmas Eve. Maybe your tradition is to open up all gifts on Christmas Eve so you can sleep in on Christmas Day.

One old Scandinavian Christmas tradition is centered on feeding the birds. Many Nordic families offer food to the birds, traditionally a sheaf of grain placed on a pole, fence or rooftop. Those who do not have access to cereal stalks substitute a plate of grain, bread or seeds.

This bird food offering is placed outside on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning as a way to include the birds in the feasting that is taking place inside the home.

Regardless of what your holiday traditions may be, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Stop by our store this month and share a bit of the holiday season with us. We have lots of products that make great gifts and some stuff we brought in just for a little while. Take advantage of our bulk suet sale and watch your email for future specials.

If we don't see you, we hope you have a happy holiday and a wonderful New Year!

Jacque Lowery, Manager

Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shops at Moana Nursery



Buy a CASE of SUET/ SUET DOUGH ; Save 20%*



Now thru 12/31/12

Offering suet is an easy way to provide your birds the extra energy they need to stay warm this winter. And there's never been a better time to stock up on suet. During our Bulk Suet Sale, buy a CASE of SUET or SUET DOUGH and SAVE 20%. (12 packages per case)

*One discount per purchase. Not valid with other discounts or offers or on previous purchases, Feeder shown is sold separately.

Check out our sale area at Moana Lane to save 30% to 60% on selected feeders and more - great for gifts!

December "High Desert" Bird-of-the Month: Red-tailed Hawk

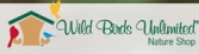
This is probably the most common hawk in North America. If you have sharp eyes, you'll see several individuals on almost any long car ride, anywhere. Red-tailed Hawks soar above open fields, slowly turning circles on their broad rounded wings. Other times you'll see them atop telephone poles, eyes fixed on the ground to catch the movements of a vole or rabbit, or simply waiting out cold weather before climbing a thermal updraft into the sky.



Red-tailed Hawks are large hawks with typical Buteo proportions: very broad rounded wings and a short, wide tail. Large females seen from a distance might fool you into thinking you're seeing an eagle - until an actual eagle comes along! Most are rich brown above and pale below with a streaked belly and, on the wing underside, a dark bar between shoulder and wrist. The tail is usually pale below and cinnamon-red above, though in young birds, it's brown and banded. "Dark-phase" birds are all chocolate-brown with a warm red tail. "Rufous-phase" birds are reddish-brown on the chest with a dark belly.

[Click here to learn more about the Red-tailed Hawk](#)

For lots more bird of the month information and great birding information, visit our local Reno/Sparks Wild Birds Unlimited website by clicking [here](#).



Visit Us and Try a New Holiday Bird Food

Whether you are looking for a great nature gift of a new way to thrill your birds this season, we have everything you need.

From Preston the Penguin and Buttons the Snowman Seed Cylinders to our seed ornaments and wreaths, we have a variety of holiday foods that your birds will love.

These foods are only available for a limited time, so hurry in!

Attract More Birds This Holiday Season

WBU Quick-Clean Feeders

Our easy to clean Quick-Clean® feeders are the best on the market. All come with lifetime guarantees. We also offer a variety of accessories.

Feeders from \$36.00.



Eliminator Squirrel-proof Feeder

The Eliminator™ allows you to stop squirrels from eating your seed. Featuring unique, weight-sensitive technology, the feeder's seed ports close when a squirrel touches the perch ring. You can set the sensitivity level to also exclude large birds. It's easy to hang, holds about three quarts of seed and is backed with a limited lifetime guarantee.

\$106.00

Local Bird Sightings by Jacque Lowery

Our Bird of the Month for December is the Red-tailed Hawk. They are fascinating birds and easily seen almost anywhere in North America.

The Red-tails and other raptors are keeping me entertained right now. The other day I heard some Lesser Goldfinch vocalizing very differently. They were gathering in a tree in the front yard and just kept up this "alarm" call, for lack of a better word. I walked around some willows to get a better look and discovered a little Sharp-shinned Hawk sitting in the tree. Those goldfinch were very brave little birds, as they would be the perfect prey for a Sharp-shinned. He didn't seem to pay much attention to them and soon flew off down the street.



[Click here to read all of Jacque's article and the complete list of Nature Happenings](#)

December Nature Happenings

- * Dec. 1 - 31: Project FeederWatch continues
- * Dec. 13: New Moon, Dec. 28: Full Moon
- * Dec. 13-14: Geminid Meteor Shower
- * Dec. 14: Christmas Bird Count begins
- * Dec. 21: Winter Solstice - the sun is at its lowest point in the sky. It's the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter.
- * Keep water open for birds with a bird bath and heater.
- * This is a great time to teach chickadees to feed from your hand
- * Decorate a tree for the birds. Pick a tree in the yard and decorate it with edible ornaments for your feathered friends.

Lahanton Audubon Society

Next meeting is in January. Check website for current field trips
[Click here for more information on the Lahanton Audubon Society](#)

Pre-wrapped Gifts

Need the perfect gift for the nature enthusiast on your list? Or looking for a way to start someone with the bird feeding hobby. We have a variety of pre-wrapped gifts that are easy to buy and ready to go! Stop in today for the best selection.



Thank You for 45 Years!
45th Anniversary Celebration Sale Continues...
Great for Home Improvement, Gardening &
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Announcing Moana Nursery's New Birthday Club - Beginning in 2013

Easy to join - just give us your birthday month and you'll receive a birthday gift from Moana Nursery during your birthday month. Sign up at any location. If you're already a Rewards Member, just ask the cashier to add your birth month to your account.

Did You Know?



Tuesday is a special day at all three Moana Nursery/Wild Birds Unlimited retail locations. We call it Senior and Military Tuesday ... show your appropriate ID and if you are 65 or older, or if you are a current member of any branch of our armed services, we are pleased to take an additional 10% off your total purchase.

Tuesday is the day we honor our seniors and our military volunteers;

we appreciate your service to our country.



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