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"Nature News" from Wild Birds Unlimited at Moana Nursery

Treat Dad to a new feeder or Advanced Pole System and save with this coupon (Father's Day, Sunday June 16th).

**\$10 OFF \$50 WBU Purchase
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Feeders, Bird House, APS Pole Systems & Accessories, Birdbaths, Bird Food & Seed and More.

*Excludes previous purchases, gift cards and sale items. See store for details. One discount per purchase.

Offer Expires: Enter June 16, 2013 (thru Father's Day)

Fathers Find Their Role for Raising Young Birds

This month, your yard will become home to a new generation of birds. But as you're watching fledglings chase their parents, beg for food and learn the necessary skills to survive their new world, look for the presence, or absence, of father birds.

Adult male birds' roles in raising their young differ greatly from one species to another. For example, male hummingbirds do nothing to help raise the young, their only contribution is to mate with the female. Chickadee and nuthatch males feed their mates while they are incubating and brooding, but both adults feed the young.



The Bird Father of the Year Award goes to the Downy Woodpecker. Though they share daytime nest duties with their female counterparts, only males incubate and brood at night and roost in the nest until their offspring fledge. Downy males will also help feed the young after they leave the nest and assist in leading them to food sources such as backyard bird feeders.

Help your birds with high-protein foods like mealworms, peanuts, Jim's Birdacious® Bark Butter® and suet. These energy-packed foods will entice your birds and their young back to your yard. The young birds will learn the location of your bird food and begin to make return trips on their own.

Stop by the store today and ask our birding experts which foods and feeders are best for bird dads this season.

Jacque Lowery, Manager
Wild Birds Unlimited at Moana Nursery



June's High Desert Bird-of-the-Month:

Bullock's Oriole

Northern Nevada plays host to a good variety of birds in winter - Northern Flicker, White-crowned Sparrow, Oregon Junco -- while summer is mostly devoid of any unusual, colorful birds. But there is one summer resident that sets my

heart singing - the Bullock's Oriole. It's such a thrill to see the flash of orange and black in the trees, hear their beautiful song and get a glimpse of their amazing nests.

Bullock's Orioles winter in Mexico and nest all across the western half of the U.S. They were once lumped with the eastern Baltimore Oriole, but now scientists believe they are not even closely related to that species. They are members of the same family as blackbirds, meadow larks and grackles.

Male Bullock's Orioles have a black crown and back, a black eyeline and chin. The remainder of the body is orange-yellow to yellow. The wings are black, edged in white with a large white patch. The female and immature are mostly grayish brown to yellow. The female may show some black on the throat and has pale white wingbars.

Preferred habitat for the oriole is riparian (along rivers, streams, lakes) where there are likely to be cottonwood and willow. They can also be found in urban parks, especially near water or in suburban neighborhoods that have cottonwood trees.

[Click here to read more of Jacque's complete Bullock's Oriole Bird-of-the-Month article.](#)

June Nature Happenings

- * June is Perennial Garden Month & National Rivers Month.
- * Beautiful Columbines (Colorado State Flower) will begin to bloom.
- * June is, on average, our fourth wettest month of the year.
- * Some cavity-dwelling species may attempt to start a second brood. Be sure to check your nest boxes.
- * Add suet dough to your bird feeding station during the hot summer.
- * Bird migration is finished. Birds that are here now are summer residents that nest.
- * As the month progresses, feeders can become busy with visiting parents and fledglings.
- * Keep cats inside to help protect fledglings.
- * House Wrens are nesting.
- * Viceroy, Fritillary and Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly mating seasons.
- * Keep nectar feeders fresh and change sugar solutions every three days as the temperature rises.
- * Many summer birds are not frequent feeder visitors but will seek out fresh water to beat the summer heat.
- * In new open space, watch for Say's Phoebes, Western Kingbirds, shrikes and various flycatchers to search for flying insects and water to wash them down.

Backyard Bird Feeding Solutions

While summer continues to be a wonderful time to feed the birds, unwanted feeder visitors can be troublesome. With the proper feeders, food and accessories, you can enjoy your birds and limit these possible problems.

Safflower

Offer safflower, and keep starlings and grackles from eating all your bird food, crowding your feeders and chasing away the birds you want to see. Safflower is a small, white seed that is high in protein and fat. Most song birds eat safflower; however, starlings, grackles and squirrels typically do not.



Squirrel Solutions

Guard Against Squirrels and Large Birds

Take delight not only in seeing the finches, chickadees and other colorful birds you enjoy, but also in frustrating the squirrels, grackles, pigeons and starlings. With our On Guard™ cages, you control the size of bird that dines at your feeder. They allow small birds to go in and out to get their seed but stop larger birds and animals from entering. Our cages will fit a variety of feeder styles and sizes.

Our Top-of-the-Line Squirrel-Proof Feeder

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

[Click here to view the Eliminator in action](#)

Baffle Your Squirrels

Our Advanced Pole System® (APS) Squirrel Baffle is designed to help make your bird feeding station squirrel-resistant. Made of durable, powder-coated steel, these baffles feature a tapered design that is very effective in stopping squirrels before they reach your feeders.

Place your baffle on your setup so the top of the baffle is 4½' - 5' from the ground. We also offer raccoon baffles.

A Solution for Every Yard

You know your yard. We know how to help you create a bird feeding habitat that brings song, color and life to your home.

Whether you want to foil those pesky backyard visitors, are looking for tidy dining options or need help with some other nature challenge, we have a solution for you.

Stop in and tell us about your yard. We'll be happy to help you have the best bird feeding experience possible.

Father's Day Bird Fun Facts

Father-of-the-Year Award

The Father-of-the-Year Award goes to the Downy Woodpecker. Though they share daytime nest duties with their mate, only the fathers incubate and brood at night and they roost in the nest until their offspring fledge.

Proud Provider

Chickadee and nuthatch dads feed Mom while she incubates and broods the eggs. Dad also helps feed the young once they have hatched.

Dad's Favorite Diner

Downy Woodpecker and American Goldfinch dads like to take the family out to eat. When the young brood fledge from the nest, Dad leads them to great food sources as well as teaches them how to use his favorite backyard bird feeders.

[Click here for more Father's Day Fun Facts](#)

Moana Nursery Seminars:

June 15: Creating a Backyard Bird Habitat

Join our plant doctor and long-time high desert gardener Jon Bruyn to learn how easy it is to create a back yard habitat that that attracts a variety of birds. Your bird habitat will soon become an outdoor learning center for your entire family, providing year round entertainment.

All seminars are free and held at Moana Nursery, 1190 W. Moana Lane, in our Landscape and Design Center unless otherwise stated. Seminars begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Please arrive 15 minutes early, as seating is limited to 60 and is first come, first served. Visit www.moananursery.com or call (775) 825-0600 for more information.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Lahanton Audubon Society

Lahanton Audubon Society Field Trips

Field Trip Coordinator: Jasmine Vittori, jasmine.vittori@gmail.com, 775-224-3282
LAS field trips are free and open to the public. Birders of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. Please reserve your space with field trip leaders.

Reservations provide leaders with contact information so they can reach you in the event of trip changes, or cancellations. Always dress for changing weather conditions, and bring something to eat and drink. For more information contact Field Trip Chair Jasmine Vittori.

- Saturday, June 15th, 2013 - Silver Saddle Ranch
- Saturday, July 6th, 2013 - Summer Birding in the Meadow - Page Meadows Bird Walk, Tahoe City, CA
- Saturday, July 27th, 2013 - McCarran Bridge Chiroptera-cruise (Bats)
- Sunday, August 3rd, 2013 - Birds, Views, and Falls - Galena Falls, Mount Rose Trailhead, Reno, NV
- Saturday, August 17th, 2013 - Spooner Lake State Park

The nearby Plumas Audubon Society also has field trips scheduled that area birders may find of interest. For more details please visit <http://www.plumasaudubon.org/>

[For information on the Lahontan Audubon Society, click here](#)

Animal Ark

Wolf Howl Night

Saturday, June 1

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Prices for this special evening event: Adults \$15; Seniors \$13.50; Children \$12; children 2 years and under are free.

Join us for a howling good time! The park opens at 6:00 p.m. so you may see the other animals of Animal Ark prior to the fun and educational Wolf Howl at 7:00.

Hear the wolves and coyotes howl then participate in our contest, with prizes to be awarded to the best human howlers.

Dash 4 Dads Cheetah Run

Sunday, June 16

6:00 pm

Reservations required due to limited seating. RSVP: 1-775- 970-3431

Prices for this special evening event: Adults \$40; Seniors \$35; Children (10-16 years old) \$30.

What Dad doesn't enjoy watching cheetahs run at top speeds? Our cheetahs go from zero to 45 MPH in three seconds, with 22-foot strides and a top speed of 60 MPH! We predict Dad will be impressed! Children must be at least 10 years old to participate.

[For more information about Animal Ark click here.](#)



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