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Aunt Rosie



Message from the Board:
Aunt Rosie, at times, is very opinionated. In all cases however, the governing documents of the Association must be observed. If you would like your question answered by Aunt Rosie, please communicate with Sterling Management Company who will pass it along. Aunt Rosie retains the right to be Aunt Rosie. She chooses what to

publish and what to say.

I used to suffer terribly from insomnia until I started keeping a copy of the Deed Restrictions on my night table. I read from it every night and I have to tell you, it works like a charm. Anyway, my friends have noticed how well read I've become and from time to time they send me questions which I am happy to answer.

Dear Aunt Rosie,

I have to replace my fence. I like my neighbor's fence and plan to have the same kind of fence erected on my property. Am I good to go? ANONYMOUS

Dear ANONYMOUS,

No, please don't do that. You can't be sure that your neighbor has an approved fence. Maybe that fence does not comply or maybe a variance has been issued. If your neighbor has a problem with his fence, you don't want the same problem. It's best to follow the fence requirements (found at <http://woodwindlakes.us/>). Look under Architectural Guidelines. All new or replacement fences require an approved Exterior Modification Application.

BTW, the Association has quite a few on-going resolution issues with residents. Just because a condition exists in the community doesn't mean that condition is approved or will be approved. Be safe and use the approval process.

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To submit an article for consideration please email it to Lynn.Collins@garygreene.com. The deadline is the 7th of the month prior to the issue.

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Red Imported Fire Ants



Fire ant queen without wings.

I was making dinner the other night and my kiddo was outside playing. He came rushing in panicked. He discovered the fire ants of the season. While I knew it was inevitable, I was hoping that it would occur a bit later in the year. But, it's true. Fire ants have begun to yet again, dot the landscape with their mounds.

Spring time is usually when people see fire ants swarming (although it can also happen in the fall). Swarming is a reproductive process that usually occurs on warm days after a rain event. Winged males and females leave the mound and fly into the air to mate. After mating, they fall to the ground where males die and females break off their wings and search for a location to establish a new colony. Mated females dig a small chamber in soil, lay a few eggs and rear those young by themselves until the young become mature

worker ants. At that point workers take over colony functions and the queen continues to expand the population of the colony by laying more eggs.

While searching for a new colony location, many mated fire ant queens are killed by lizards, birds, spiders, other ants, and often my shoe stomping on them. Queens that survive can be managed by broadcasting fire ant bait over your entire property. New colonies are usually very small and may not have substantial mounds for locating easily for individual treatment. When worker ants forage for food, they would have the opportunity to locate, pick up, and carry fire ant bait back to the colony to share with other ants including the queen.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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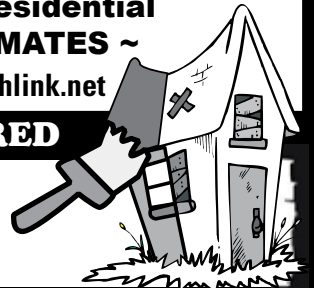
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The team, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary season this year, was founded by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. In July, 2016 the Northwest Flyers had one of its most successful competitions ever at the Junior Olympics in Sacramento, California.

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- Jeremy Newman, Director of Public Policy, Texas Home School Coalition

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BRING ON THE BIRDS

by Shannon Base

If you have a problem with insects, maybe you should think about finding ways to attract birds to your yard. Birds are nature's pesticide and a completely natural way to get rid of the bothersome pests.

Depending on the species of bird, it will eat a variety of bugs that would destroy your garden if left unchecked. So, how do you attract more birds to your yard? Simple, plant trees and bushes that they like.

Birds like a variety in their diet and will hop back and forth between bugs, flower buds, and fruits. They also like trees in which they can build homes as well as ones that can be picked apart for nest materials.

When trying to attract birds all year long, or at least as long as they are in the area, there are a few things to keep in mind before buying and planting. First, plant trees that have different fruiting and blooming schedules. This way, there will always be one or more blooming while the others are not. For instance, have some trees that bloom in the spring and some that bloom in the fall.

Next, remember to plant trees that are going to add to your yard, not detract from it. You don't want to plant a tree that cannot handle the temperatures of your area or will make more mess than you are willing to deal with. Some trees will drop a lot of their fruit, especially in the first year or two.

Lastly, think about what you want to attract to your yard. Different trees will attract different birds. Also, some trees will attract other wildlife with the birds, such as deer, wild turkeys, and other animals that may be considered pests in some circumstances. You may not want to attract these animals because of the damage they can cause to your other plants.

Here is a list of five popular trees that are excellent at attracting birds:

1. Mulberry

Mulberries are great trees to attract all kinds of birds — warblers, thrashers, mockingbirds, bluebirds, tanagers, and orioles. These trees can grow fairly large, around 30 to 80 feet.

There are three main species: white, black, and red, with the white being originally cultured for silkworm production. They start blooming in the spring, and by summer, they are full of fruit. Humans can eat these fruits, and they are popular in pies and jams.

They are drought-resistant and can handle poor soil conditions well. However, one drawback of this tree is that the fruit tends to fall off when it is fully ripened. And, they can stain almost anything they touch, so things can get a bit messy.

2. Serviceberry (Juneberry)

Serviceberry trees grow well underneath taller trees such as oaks or pines. Growing to around 15 to 30 feet tall, these trees attract robins, cardinals, tanagers, woodpeckers, chickadees, doves, and finches. They produce a massive amount of flowers, from white to pink color, with a red-colored berry. These berries are completely edible for humans too and have been used in jams and pies.

They grow multiple trunks that are gray and dark gray streaked, so they are often used for ornamental purposes in many landscapes. They can thrive in USDA zones 4-9 and do best in acidic soils, either

moist or well-drained.

3. Dogwood

These gorgeous trees have a huge showing of flowers that attract all kinds of birds, from bluebirds and woodpeckers to catbirds and mockingbirds. The berries ripen during the summer through the fall and are most loved by songbirds, possibly because of the high fat content they contain.

Dogwoods grow to a wide variety of heights depending on the species. The different varieties also have different flower colors that can range from a snow white to pink or even bright red.

However, they do tend to have some problems with powdery mildew or aphids but plenty of sunlight and air circulation can help with the powdery mildew and the birds should help with the aphids.

4. Crabapple

Crabapple trees are especially great to have in the yard because they attract almost every type of bird, from robins and bluebirds to finches and cardinals, as well as several other animals. Birds eat the flower buds, flowers, and fruit from these trees in addition to using them for nesting. The fruits last through most of the winter and tend to stay on the tree.

They do not get too tall — around 20 feet once they are mature. They are hardy, disease-resistant, and weather-resistant. They can handle weather temperatures in USDA zones 3-8.

5. Viburnum

This popular American tree can handle USDA zones 2-9 and tolerate a wide variety of weather conditions that most other trees cannot handle. This tree can also be considered a shrub in some climates where they grow out instead of up. It procures large clumps of small flowers that range in color depending on the species of the tree.

The berries are the same; they can range from red or yellow to blue or black and appear in the fall lasting throughout most of the winter. They attract robins, bluebirds, cardinals, finches, and many others.

This list is a short one' there are tons of other trees, bushes, and plants that attract birds to the yard. When choosing which tree(s) to plant, keep in mind the work that goes along with them. Most trees that fruit will drop that fruit in the yard as well as the flowers. So, make sure to choose wisely before planting.





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