

## TUFTED TITMOUSE

The Titmouse becomes a frequent visitor to your feeders in the winter. Provide a feeding station with a hopper feeder and plenty of perching space. Since Titmice are agile birds, consider a stainless steel peanut or sunflower feeder. Fill it with peanut kernels or black oil sunflower seed.



## NUTHATCH

Nuthatches are very easy to please. They love suet; especially nut and peanut butter flavors. Use a hanging suet basket and fill it with peanut flavored suet cakes. They'll soon be clinging to the grid, usually upside down!



## PURPLE FINCH

Almost any kind of feeder will attract Purple Finches, including hoppers, platforms, tubes and nyjer feeders.

Their preference is nyjer seed, black oil and hulled sunflowers, but they will also eat millet.



*To create a better environment to attract wild birds, keep the following in mind:*

- Draw a map of your property with all the existing features for better planning.
- Take an inventory. You may be surprised by the amount of plants you have. This will also help you determine which types of plants or trees would make a good addition.
- Mimic the multiple layers of growth found in many natural settings and include trees, shrubs, vines and herbaceous (these die back in winter) plants.
- Select plants that will provide berries, seeds and nuts during all four seasons.
- Bird feeders should be placed near bushes or trees that will provide cover from predators, but enough distance away so that a hiding predator will not be able to surprise them while they are out in the open.



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### BLUEJAYS

The best way to attract birds to your area is with food. The blue jay's diet mainly consists of plants, vegetables and nuts,

though they also eat some insects. You will draw quite a few blue jays to your area if you offer Black Sunflower Seeds in a flat platform feeder.

### CARDINALS

Cardinal's two favorite seeds are black sunflower and safflower but will eat peanuts, millet, and



cracked corn. Cardinals are larger birds so they're going to want a larger feeder to not only provide them with more food, but also reduce the sway of the feeder.

### CHICKADEES

Chickadees eat a wide variety of foods, including insects, seeds, nuts and fruit. At feeders, black oil sunflower seeds, hulled sunflower



seeds, shelled peanuts, suet and peanut butter are chickadees' favorite foods. A Tray, Tube, or Hopper feeder will work for chickadees.



### GOLDFINCHES

Finches are picky eaters, so it is important to make sure the Nyjer (Also known as Thistle)

you serve them is fresh. Any Nyjer seed that has been outside in feeders for over 4 weeks should be replaced with fresh seed. Provide Nyjer in a specially designed Nyjer feeder, known as a Nyjer sack. Store your Nyjer seed in a cool area or refrigerator to preserve it. Hang your Nyjer feeder at least 15 feet from other feeders and water sources. Hang it 4-5 feet in the air in a brushy area if possible. Goldfinches also eat Black Oil Sunflower seed, especially in the winter.

### EVENING GROSBEAKS

A Hopper Style Seed Feeder filled with their favorite black oil sunflower seed is the best way to keep grosbeaks

around. Since grosbeaks are medium sized birds, make sure your bird feeder offers good perching space. A source



of water is also important. Offer your grosbeaks water in a bird bath, with a dripper or mister.

### SONG SPARROW

Sparrows are generally granivorous and eat a wide variety of seeds and grain. Offering millet, cracked corn or sunflower seeds is ideal. Seeds should be offered directly on the ground or in large, low platform or tray feeders that can accommodate foraging flocks.

Leaving leaf litter intact and planting berry bushes as part of bird-friendly landscaping can also provide minor supplemental food sources for sparrows.



### MOURNING DOVE



Doves are ground-feeding birds that primarily consume seeds. Attract them to your yard by scattering millet, sunflower and safflower seed

on the ground in open places. Alternatively, you can use platform feeders placed close to the ground to contain the seed.

**“I don’t feed the birds because they need me; I feed the birds because I need them.”**  
~ Kathi Hutton