



Wild Bird Center of Boulder

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Wild Bird Center of Boulder presents:



Wild Bird Center Saturday Walks:

From 7:30 am (promptly) to 9:45 am (approximately) every Saturday year-round. Every last Saturday of the month we travel further afield than normal and return a little later.



Your Backyard Bird Feeding and Bird Watching Experts

December 2007

Ask Steve

Q: We were at Wildlife Tree Day last week when the Cooper's Hawk attacked a pigeon right in front of us. Isn't that awfully unusual?

A: It was very dramatic, but not uncommon in winter at the Wild Bird Center. (The pigeon got away minus a few feathers) We don't often get to see the hawks hitting or catching the prey, but we see them chasing prey every so often. And we see sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks several times a week in the winter at the store. On cold days, I can almost guarantee that one will be spotted perched and/or chasing some birds near the store. If you feed birds, you will be visited by a hawk trying to catch the very birds you are attracting. To many this is upsetting. There are some things you can do to minimize your birds' exposure, but ultimately, nature will run its course.



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Save \$25.00

On Wild Bird Center 8x42 or 10x42 Binoculars. These affordable binoculars have great optics and features such as long eye relief (good for glasses wearers) and close focus.

FREE Feeder

When you buy a Wild Bird Center Tube Feeder this holiday season, you will receive \$5.00 coupons equal to the value of the feeder! A great way to get a quality feeder and to save all year long on the seed to fill it. Hint: Buy the feeder as a gift and keep all or some of the coupons.

Mention CODE WB01205. Call (303) 442-1322 or bring in to redeem. Some restrictions may apply. Not valid in combination with other promotions. Expiration date: December 31, 2007.



December 2007 Heavy feeder use begins as temperatures drop; put all your feeders up and keep them filled with a variety of seeds and suet. Be sure you are well covered with the four feeding levels: At ground level feed millet; from low post feeders offer Patio Mix®; from poles or high posts hang tube feeders filled with black oil sunflower or sunflower chips; use trunk zones for suet feeding.

Suet helps small birds meet key energy requirements and keeps your woodpeckers happy. You will notice feeding activity picks up even more before storms, so be sure to keep your feeders filled when you know storms are coming.

Look for evening grosbeaks, pine siskins, as well as chickadees, juncos, white-crowned sparrows, nuthatches, goldfinches, house finches, Cassin's Finches, and woodpeckers. Remember, running water or open water keeps your visitors happy and healthy, and rewards you with frequent visits.



For Christmas, you may want to decorate a bird's Christmas tree. Use peanut butter coated pine cones covered in Patio Mix, millet spray garlands, apple slices, strings of popcorn, suet balls, etc. And remember not to discard your indoor Christmas tree in January. Plan to tie it up to a fence post or another tree to give added cover in your yard for several months.

Seasons Greetings from Wild Bird Center!

As another good year at the Wild Bird Center comes to a close, we wanted to thank all of you for the support and friendship. Rarely does a retail store receive so many kind gestures, thoughts, and words as we do from our customers. We are all truly blessed. Thank you! We hope the New Year will find you well and happy -- with lots of birds to enjoy.

Happy Birding! – Steve, Bill, Scott, and Marlene

Upcoming Events

Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 16
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During two weeks around Christmas, the National Audubon Society conducts surveys to monitor winter bird populations. The Boulder Count has had remarkable participation for its long 90 year run. It's great fun to participate and also a refreshing break from the usual Holiday commotion. You need not be an expert birder to participate, only a hardy one. You can even participate as a bird feeder watcher in your own backyard. Call Bill Schmoker at 303-702-9589 or email bill@schmoker.org for more information.

Interested in Longmont Count?

Contact Virginia Dionigi by email at rblackmax5@aol.com for information.