

Seed Preference Guide

Backyard birds have different feeding preferences, and offering different foods at various elevations can attract more birds to your yard.

Elevated Feeders

These birds typically prefer black oil and striped sunflower seeds, safflower and sunflower chips. Attract these birds to your yard by offering seed in a hopper feeder or in a tube feeder.

To attract birds that dine at elevated feeders, we recommend that you use our Supreme or Choice Blends.

Ground Feeders

Most ground-feeding birds prefer millet and other seeds such as sunflower. Our Classic hopper feeders let seed spill to the ground, allowing these birds to dine. You can also use a ground-feeding tray to attract these birds.

To attract ground-feeding birds, we recommend that you use our Select or No-Mess Blends.

Multi-level Feeders

Some birds will eat on the ground and from an elevated feeder and will eat just about any bird food you offer them. Placing a tray or dish feeder in your yard gives you the ability to experiment with different kinds of bird foods, such as fruit, Suet Snacks, or mealworms, to attract different types of birds.

To attract birds that dine at elevated feeders, we recommend that you use our Deluxe Blend.



Different Seeds and the Birds They Attract

Oil Sunflower

- *Cardinal
- *Chickadees
- *Evening Grosbeak
- *House Finch
- *Purple Finch
- *White-throated Sparrow
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Blue Jay
- Junco
- Goldfinch
- Mourning Dove
- Pine Siskin
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Song Sparrow
- Tufted Titmouse
- Woodpeckers

Striped Sunflower

- *Blue Jay
- *Red-bellied Woodpecker
- *Tufted Titmouse
- Cardinal
- Chickadees
- Evening Grosbeak
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- White-breasted Nuthatch

Sunflower Chips

- *Goldfinches
- *House Finch
- *Pine Siskin
- *White-breasted Nuthatch
- *White-throated Sparrow
- *White-crowned Sparrow

- Brown Thrasher
- Cardinal
- Chickadee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Grosbeaks
- Jays
- Junco
- Mourning Dove
- Purple Finch
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Redpoll
- Towhees
- Tufted Titmouse

Safflower

- *Cardinal
- Chickadee
- Grosbeaks
- Woodpeckers
- House Finch
- Mourning Dove
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- White-throated Sparrow
- Song Sparrow

Nyjer® (thistle)

- *Goldfinches
- *Pine Siskin
- House Finch
- Junco
- Mourning Dove
- Purple Finch
- Redpoll

Cracked Corn

- *Mourning Dove
- Blue Jay
- Cardinal
- Downy & Hairy Woodpeckers
- Junco

- Red-winged Blackbird
- Rock Dove
- Towhees
- Tree Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow

Shelled Peanuts

- *Blue Jay
- *Tufted Titmouse
- Chickadee
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Junco
- Wren
- Woodpeckers

Peanuts (in Shell)

- *Blue Jay
- Tufted Titmouse
- Woodpeckers

White Millet

- *Brown-headed Cowbird
- *Mourning Dove
- *Junco
- *Song Sparrow
- *Tree Sparrow
- Cardinal
- Chipping Sparrow
- Grosbeaks
- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Rock Dove
- Towhees
- White-crowned Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow

*Favorite Seed Choice(s)



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