

Hello everyone!

The calendar says it spring, but Mother Nature is giving us some winter weather yet. With spring weather coming soon, it is time to start gearing up for trip season. If there is somewhere you would like to go, please let me know.

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Upcoming Events

- MHS Baccalaureate at 7 PM
- May Day
- 2 MHS Spring Play at 7 PM
- 9 MMS Band & Choir Concert at 7 PM
- 12 Mother's Day
- 15 **First Class Club Day**

Join us for coffee and treats 9-11 AM in Madison. Bring your documents to shred all day.

- 18 **Armed Forces Day**
- 19 MHS Graduation at 2 PM
- 27 **Memorial Day**
 - · Bank location closed

JUNE

- Flag Day
- 16 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth
 - · Bank location closed
- 20 First Day of Summer

MAKE YOUR OWN BIRDSEED

STEP ONE: What do you want to attract?

Different species are attracted to different foods. Here are a few examples:

Fruit: Orioles, Tanagers, Mockingbirds, Bluebirds, Thrashers, Cardinals, Woodpeckers, Jays, Starlings, Thrushes, Cedar, Waxwings, Yellow-breasted Chats

Peanuts: Cardinals, Chickadees, Grackles, House Finches, Titmice, House Sparrows, Starlings, Mourning Doves, White-Throated Sparrows, Jays, Juncos

Corn: Starlings, House Sparrows, Grackles, Jays, Juncos, Bobwhite, Quail, Doves, Ring-Necked Pheasants, White-Throated Sparrows

Millet: Doves, House Sparrows, Blackbirds, Juncos, Cowbirds, Towhees, White-Throated Sparrows, Tree Sparrows, White-Crowned Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows

Sunflower Seeds: Goldfinches, Chickadees, Woodpeckers, Nuthatches, Titmice, Redpolls, Pine Siskins, Cardinals, Jays, Crossbills, Purple Finches, White-Throated Sparrow, House Finches, White-Crowned Sparrows

STEP TWO: Pick a few ingredients from the following list.

I usually like to go with whatever is on sale in bulk at the store or online. All of these are safe and healthy for wild birds:

Dried fruit, Peanuts. Almonds, Pecans, Walnuts, Cracked Corn, White Millet, Sunflower seeds, and Oats.

Don't forget to choose raw, organic whole foods for your blend. Backyard birds do not want your leftover BBQ-flavored peanuts! You can opt to chop some of the seeds and nuts, but you don't have to.

STEP THREE: Mix and serve.

Mix your ingredients in a large bowl, and then spoon into your feeder. I like to make a big batch every month or so and store the surplus in a jar for refills.