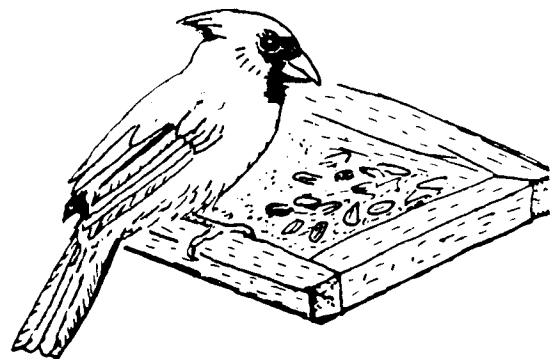


A Winter Feeder Checklist

This checklist includes those species most likely to be seen at a Lexington area feeder between November and March. Expected abundance and food preferences are indicated. Some northern species come south irregularly, being common some years and absent in others. In a typical year, a good feeding station should be able to record about 17 species without too much difficulty. This checklist can be posted near the feeder to keep a record of visitors.



Cardinal

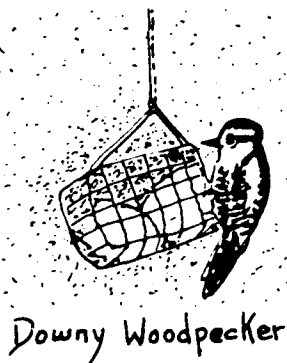
- Rock Dove. Common. The lowly "pigeon" is strictly a ground feeder. Corn, millet.
- Mourning Dove. Uncommon. A ground feeder. Cracked corn, millet.
- Hairy Woodpecker. Uncommon. Suet.
- Downy Woodpecker. Common. This small version of the Hairy Woodpecker loves suet.
- Blue Jay. Common. Greedy, aggressive, beautiful. Sunflower, cracked corn.
- American Crow. Uncommon. Too wary for most residential areas. Cracked corn.
- Black-capped Chickadee. Common. Our state bird. Friendly, inquisitive, can be taught to take seeds from the hand. Sunflower, suet.
- Tufted Titmouse. Common. Often flocks with Chickadees. Sunflower.
- White-breasted Nuthatch. Common. Suet, sunflower.
- Red-breasted Nuthatch. Irregular, uncommon. This winter visitor prefers suet.
- Mockingbird. Common. Most likely to be attracted by berry-producing shrubs.
- Starling. Abundant. Can overrun a feeder if you put baked goods or cracked corn on the ground. Fortunately, they don't like hanging feeders.

- House Sparrow. Abundant. Another pest. Millet, cracked corn. Dislike hanging feeders which sway in wind.
- Cardinal. Common. Probably the most wanted bird, judging from how often his portrait appears on seed bags. Sunflower on ground.
- Evening Grosbeak. Irregular but present most years. A fat, colorful finch with a big appetite for sunflower seeds.
- Purple Finch. Rare. Sunflower seed or Niger ("thistle").
- House Finch. Abundant. Don't confuse with Purple Finch. This recent western arrival is not included in the old Peterson's guide. Sunflower.
- Common Redpoll. Irregular, rare. Not present in most years. Niger or millet.

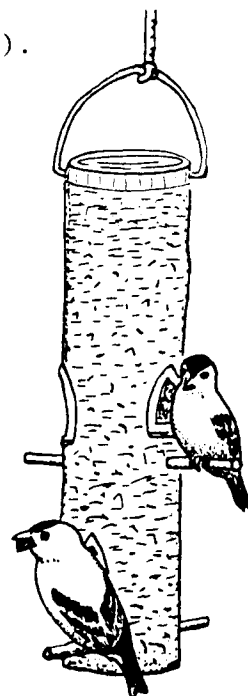
- Pine Siskin. Irregular, uncommon. Loves Niger.
- American Goldfinch. Common. Niger. Watch them turn yellow in Spring.
- Northern Junco. Common early in winter. Ground feeder. Gregarious (there's no such thing as one junco). Millet, cracked corn.
- Tree Sparrow. Common. A sparrow seen only in winter. Millet.
- White-throated Sparrow. Common early in winter. Likes brushy cover. Millet.
- Fox Sparrow. Uncommon. Our largest sparrow. Millet.
- Song Sparrow. Uncommon. Most fly south. Millet

OTHER SPECIES SEEN:

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- _____ _____



Downy Woodpecker



American Goldfinch

REMEMBER: Most feeder birds need our conservation lands for shelter and nesting. To keep your feeder active, support local conservation efforts.