

down to earth

Marty **Figley**

Right menu brings birds to your yard

It's a good time to begin feeding the birds for the winter season to be sure they will make your yard the gathering place in the nelphorhood. Winter birds in our area cat berries, leftower grain, rutil, weed and grass seed and whatever insects they can find. A small shelf, a cleared space on the ground or a feeder may be used as a table for their meal. Such as a table for their meals, such as a table for their meals, such as a table for their meals, neakens, shelled or cracked) and oats are some food to entice birds to your feeder. The small black, oil-type sunflower seeds are preferred by most birds over the larger black or gray striped ones. Cardinals really like squash seeds. If you don't want to encourage house sparrows and starings, offer sunflower seeds sexclusively.

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cloth mesh bag or a suct feeder can
be made by bring holes in a small
log, illing the botes and suspending
BACON DIRPPINGS and peanut
butter (try spreading it on pine
cones) will be welcomed by woodpeckers, chickadees and cardinals.
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native songbirds.

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Birds need sand or grit to aid their digestion, so it should either be mixed into the food or provided at another location. A heated bird bath would be most welcome. If this is not possible, you may want to try an old metal garbage can lid illied with water. When the water freezes it is easy to pick the lid up by the handle and knock out the lee before replacing it with fresh water.

Recently I read that squirrels don't like methballs so some placed in a bird feeder may keep them away. Birds can't smell, but squirrels an and they don't like the odor.

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Once you begin to feed the birds, they rely on you for their sustenance, so the feeding program should continue until mid-April.



ARE YOU aware that fall is a good time to have a soil test run for your property? The labs are not so busy at this time of year as in the spring. Soil pH and nutrient content change fairly slowly so the results would be accurate for the following year.

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Generally, soil testing needs to be done only once every few years, unless there are some special problems. Your local County Extension Office will assist you in this important test.

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weeks.

Forty hours of volunteer work in the horticultural field is required before you attain your Master Gardener certificate. I highly recommend this worthwhile program.

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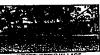
















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