



# Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

## 2021 Birdseed Sale

**Take good care of your birds!** Buy your annual supply of top quality birdseed from Audubon. Proceeds from your purchase will support the programs and projects of the Northwest Illinois Audubon Society (NIAS), which include monthly natural history programs, educational events for kids and families, and a wide variety of other conservation and preserve efforts – all open to the public.

Thank you for your support and participation! Tell your friends about the quality of our seed and the earth-healthy projects we support.

**Deadline for receipt of orders: OCTOBER 1**

**Order pickup or delivery: OCTOBER 14, 15 and 16 - see specific times and locations below**

Please complete the order form and make checks payable to NIAS. Mail your completed order form and payment to Tim Smith, 1975 Mound Hill Rd., Dixon, IL 61021 to arrive by October 1. If you have questions, or need additional forms, contact Tim at 815.835.5109 or [timtreetsmith@gmail.com](mailto:timtreetsmith@gmail.com). You can also download forms from our website: [nwilaudubon.org](http://nwilaudubon.org)

For customers with total orders of \$200 or more, free delivery can be provided. For orders less than \$200, there will be a \$10 delivery charge. **If you are requesting delivery, please provide us clear directions to your home and instructions for where to place the seed if you are not home or it is raining at the time of delivery.**

Due to the significant increase in prices this year, approximately 20% of the purchase price goes directly to supporting NIAS programs and projects. Since NIAS is a 501c3 organization, this portion of your order can be considered a tax-deductible contribution.

Please note that there will be no Freeport, Saturday birdseed pickup or delivery as O'Mara is closed on Saturdays. All pickup times and locations are listed below. Dates and times vary by location.

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

#### Steps we're taking to keep our customers, members and volunteers safe:

- When you arrive at your chosen pickup location, we will provide the equivalent of curbside pickup. **Please remain in your vehicle and Audubon volunteers will load your seed.**
- If you have picked up your birdseed at one of our locations in the past, we ask that you continue to do so this year if possible so as not to overload our limited ability to make deliveries possible.
- At all of our birdseed locations, Audubon volunteers will need to wear a face covering when they are unable to social distance.

**We thank all of you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to another successful birdseed sale!**

### Pick-up Times and Locations



Freeport (Thurs. Oct. 14, noon - 4:00 p.m. and  
Fri. Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)  
O'Mara Transport Co. | 1240 S. Adams Street

Stockton (Sat. Oct. 16, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)  
John Day residence: 815-947-3151  
12987 E. Blair Hill

Forreston (Sat. Oct. 16, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)  
Anne Straight residence: 815-938-3263  
606 S. 5th Ave.

Dakota (Sat. Oct. 16, 8:30-11:30 a.m.)  
Chris Kruger residence: 815-238-9259  
201 W. Zimmerman St.

Davis (Sat. Oct. 16, 8:30-11:30 a.m.)  
Jeremy Dixon residence: 815-821-3921  
319 N. Wright St.

*A money-back guarantee on all birdseed sales. Satisfaction must be yours or we will buy back your unused seed at prorated prices.*

# CHOOSING THE RIGHT SEED

Most of the birds that regularly visit feeding stations are somewhat opportunistic feeders. This means that while they may prefer certain seeds or other foods, they will eat less preferred items in the absence of their preferred foods. However, because of their ability to move freely from one feeder to another in a neighborhood, the birds will usually spend more time and occur in greater numbers at feeders stocked with their preferred foods.

Although it is not possible to create blends of seeds to attract only a certain species or to exclude another species, having a mix with the seeds appealing to the birds you hope to attract is important. All birds and wildlife must eat. However, whether they eat at your feeder is, to some degree, controllable. For example, while breads and other pastry products can be used to supplement your seed mixes, they should be crumbled into fine pieces to avoid attracting the American Crow and European Starling. On the other hand, larger pieces of bread and food scraps may be used to attract crows and starlings, as well as raccoons, opossums, and the like. It depends upon what you enjoy.

Listed here are the various seeds that have been included in this year's seed mixes. Bird species which utilize each type of seed are listed. Species with a strong preference for that seed are shown in **BOLD** print with an asterisk. After noting which feeder species favor which seeds, select on the order form those mixes that seem right for your needs. We believe that all of the mixes are very good with minimal waste. Of course, we think "Our Own Mix" is the best!

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## BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER

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Black-capped Chickadee  
Evening Grosbeak  
House Finch  
Northern Cardinal  
Purple Finch  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
White-crowned Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Blue Jay  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Goldfinch  
Mourning Dove  
Pine Siskin  
Redpoll  
Song Sparrow  
Tufted Titmouse  
Woodpeckers — most

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## STRIPED SUNFLOWER

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**\*Blue Jay**  
**\*Red-bellied Woodpecker**  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Evening Grosbeak  
House Finch  
Northern Cardinal  
Purple Finch  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
White-crowned Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow

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## SUNFLOWER HEARTS

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**\*Black-capped Chickadee**  
**\*Pine Siskin**  
Carolina Wren  
Goldfinch  
House Finch  
Mourning Dove  
Northern Cardinal  
White-throated Sparrow

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## SAFFLOWER

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**\*Northern Cardinal**  
Blue Jay  
Black-capped Chickadee  
House Finch  
Mourning Dove  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch

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## NYJER (THISTLE)

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**\*Goldfinch**  
**\*Pine Siskin**  
House Finch  
Purple Finch  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Song Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow

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## WHITE MILLET

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**\*Dark-eyed Junco**  
**\*House Sparrow**  
**\*Mourning Dove**  
**\*Song Sparrow**  
**\*Tree Sparrow**  
**\*White-crowned Sparrow**  
**\*White-throated Sparrow**  
European Starling  
Northern Cardinal  
Pine Siskin

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## CRACKED CORN

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**\*European Starling**  
**\*House Sparrow**  
**\*Mourning Dove**  
**\*Pheasant**  
American Crow  
Blue Jay  
Brown Thrasher  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Tree Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow

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## PEANUT PIECES

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**\*Blue Jay**  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Woodpeckers — most





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Name		Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address		Email:
City	Zip	Phone

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID AND RECEIVED BY OCT. 1, 2021**

ITEM	UNIT	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Our Own Mix</b> - (40% black oil sunflower, 15% striped sunflower, 15% white millet, 15% safflower, 10% sunflower chips, 5% peanut pieces) <i>Specially formulated for NIAS.</i>	20 lb		\$15.00	
	40 lb		\$29.00	
<b>Deluxe Mix</b> - (50% black oil sunflower, 20% white millet, 10% sunflower chips, 10% safflower, 10% cracked corn) <i>Specially formulated for NIAS.</i>	20 lb		\$14.00	
	40 lb		\$27.00	
<b>Standard Mix</b> - (40% black oil sunflower, 10% striped sunflower, 30% white millet, 20% cracked corn) <i>Specially formulated for NIAS.</i>	20 lb		\$12.00	
	40 lb		\$23.00	
<b>Peg's Finch Mix</b> (50% Nyjer, 50% fine sunflower chips) <i>Specially formulated for NIAS.</i>	25 lb		\$27.00	
<b>Cardinal Blend</b> - (50% black oil sunflower, 50% safflower) <i>Specially formulated for NIAS.</i>	20 lb		\$14.75	
	40 lb		\$27.75	
<b>Black Oil Sunflower Seed</b> - Thinner shells and higher oil content means more energy per pound than other varieties.	25 lb		\$15.50	
	50 lb		\$28.25	
<b>Med. Striped Sunflower Seed</b> - Larger seed that is favored by larger birds such as cardinals.	20 lb		\$11.25	
	40 lb		\$21.25	
<b>Safflower</b> - High energy treat that is a favorite of cardinals and other popular birds. BITTER TASTE discourages squirrels and house sparrows.	25 lb		\$23.25	
	50 lb		\$44.00	
<b>Cracked Corn</b> - Economical feed good for pheasants, doves and other ground feeders.	25 lb		\$7.50	
	50 lb		\$13.50	
<b>Jim's Ear Corn</b>	1 doz		\$3.00	
<b>Peanut Pieces</b> - A preferred ingredient because of high energy content and tantalizing aroma.	10 lb		\$12.25	
<b>Med. Sunflower Chips</b> - These hulled sunflower seeds reduce the mess of shells.	25 lb		\$27.25	
<b>Nyjer Seed</b> - A favorite of goldfinches, house finches, purple finches and pine siskins. Imported from India. Will not grow in our area. Best when used in a thistle-type feeder.	10 lb		\$11.50	
	25 lb		\$28.50	
<b>Suet Cakes</b> - Cakes of white beef suet blended with feed. Buy a case of 12 and get 1 additional cake FREE.	Each		\$1.25	
	Case		\$13.00	
<b>Delivery Charge</b> (Delivery available if desired. There is no charge for orders over \$200. For orders under \$200, there will be a \$10 charge.) <i>FOR DELIVERY, please write clear directions to your house (use the back if you need more space).</i>	SUBTOTAL			
	DELIVERY CHARGE			
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>			

Preferred Delivery Time:  Thurs. Afternoon  Fri. Morning  Fri. Afternoon  Any Time

**Mail form with check payable to Northwest Illinois Audubon Society (NIAS)**

%Tim Smith, 1975 Mound Hill Road, Dixon, IL 61021 | Email: timtreesmith@gmail.com

Please Indicate Desired Pickup Location:  Freeport  Dakota  Stockton  Davis  Forreston

**Northwest Illinois  
Audubon Society**

P.O. Box 771  
Freeport, IL 61032-0771

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

NONPROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
FREEPORT, IL  
PERMIT NO. 97

## **2021 Birdseed Information Enclosed!**

This newsletter was printed on Exact Eco 100 paper. It is made with 100% recycled post-consumer use fiber and is processed chlorine-free.

### **Find order forms enclosed to order:**

- Locally created premium bird seed mixes,
- Hi-Energy Suet Cakes

*and find valuable information about  
what seeds are preferred by which birds.*

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**We are looking for volunteers** to distribute seed,  
especially at the Freeport site on Thursday,  
October 14th and Friday, October 15th...

**If available, call Mary Blackmore at (815) 938-3204.**

**THANK YOU!**

