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It's time for our yearly sale of birdseed! As you may know, the seed that you purchase through Chicago Audubon is much higher in quality than the seed available at grocery, pet, or discount stores. Also, forty percent of the total purchase price is tax deductible. This higher quality seed is excellent for the birds, and the proceeds from the sale are a very important source of support for our ongoing educational efforts and projects. If you have never ordered seed this way before, please consider joining us this year—it's great for the birds!

How does this work? There are several ways to place your order. You can fill out the order form on this page (or print the form off of our website at www.chicagoaudubon.org), then mail the completed form to us at the address printed on the form. Please do not mail cash and be certain that all of your contact information is on the form whether you are enclosing a check or filling in your charge card information. Another option for ordering is to complete the entire order with your credit card online at our website, www.chicagoaudubon.org. In either case, be sure to indicate your pickup location preference so that we know where to have your seed delivered, and be sure to write in a contact phone

number—which is also very important.

If you are mailing in your order, please make a copy of it first for your records as a precaution. If you prefer to phone in your order using a credit card instead of going online or filling out the form, please call our office at 773-539-6793. If you get the voicemail when you call, leave a message with your name and phone number (only) and the Administrator will return your call as soon as possible. Also, please note that every year, as a courtesy to our purchasers, everyone who has placed an order will be called a few

Chicago Audubon's 2018 Annual Birdseed Sale

**ORDER DEADLINE:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**ORDER PICKUP DATE:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**



*White-breasted Nuthatch.
Photo by Jerry Goldner.*

days in advance of the pickup date to remind you of the upcoming date and time. If you are unable to pick up your order on October 27, please make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you and be sure that they know to be at your chosen pickup location before noon on October 27—this is very important. Please be sure to give a copy of your order to that person. If you have any questions about the ordering procedure, please do not hesitate to call our office (773-539-6793). We look forward to seeing you there! Remember, the deadline for ordering is October 2.

Volunteers! We could not do this without volunteers helping us organize and distribute bags of birdseed on pickup day at both the Chicago and the River Forest locations. Volunteers are welcome for all or part of the morning, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to noon (buyers arrive between 9:00 a.m. and noon). If you are able to help us out, please indicate your preference of hours and the location on the order form, or you can call our office by Friday, October 17 at 773-539-6793. You do not have to place an order to be a Volunteer. Remember, without our volunteers this wonderful sale would not be possible!

Pickup Locations:

Nature House, 3100 West Grand Ave., Chicago. Nature House is one block north of Chicago Ave. and one block east of Kedzie Ave. Go to the loading area behind the building. If you have problems locating this address, call Chris at 312-520-1266.

Good Earth Greenhouse & Café, 7900 West Madison St., River Forest. If there is an emergency or you need directions, call Dave at 312-401-7317.

We wish to extend many, many thanks to both Good Earth and to Nature House for hosting our pickup days again this year.

BIRDSEED SALE 2018 ORDER FORM

Qty	Description	Price	Total
	40 lb Chicago Audubon Premium	\$20.25	
	20 lb Chicago Audubon Premium	\$11.00	
	40 lb Regular Wild Bird Seed	\$15.00	
	20 lb Regular Wild Bird Seed	\$8.25	
	40 lb Black Sunflower	\$20.75	
	25 lb Black Sunflower	\$13.50	
	25 lb Cracked Corn	\$7.50	
	25 lb White Proso Millet	\$10.25	
	25 lb Medium Sunflower Chips	\$29.00	
	25 lb Safflower Seed	\$22.75	
	25 lb Nyjer Seed	\$30.75	
	10 lb Nyjer Seed per bag	\$12.50	
	Case Nyjer Seed (five 10 lb bags)	\$62.25	
	10 lb Peanut Pieces per bag	\$12.75	
	Case Peanut Pieces (five 10 lb bags)	\$63.00	
	Wild Bird Blend Suet Cake	\$1.25	
	Case Suet Cakes (12 cakes)	\$12.50	
	Sunflower Bell (15 oz)	\$3.25	
	Case Sunflower Bells (6 bells)	\$18.25	
	GRAND TOTAL	\$	

Order Deadline: Tuesday, October 2, 2018

I will pick up my order on OCTOBER 27 between 9 a.m. and noon at:

- Nature House/Erva Tool**
3100 W. Grand Ave., Chicago
(Loading area behind building. If you are delayed by an emergency, call Chris at 312-520-1266.)
- Good Earth Greenhouse & Café**
7900 W. Madison St., River Forest
(If there is an emergency or you need directions, call Dave at 312-401-7317.)

Your contact info (please fill out completely):

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (cell and/or home) _____
Email _____

Please select your payment method and complete the required information.

- My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please charge my credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover).
Credit card number _____
Expiration date _____ Name on card _____
OR call office at 773-539-6793 to charge your order over the phone.

I would like to volunteer on Seed Pickup Day, October 27, at:

- Chicago from _____ to _____ River Forest from _____ to _____

Please mail your completed seed order form (and your check if that is your selected payment method) to:

Chicago Audubon Society, 5801-C North Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60646

If you prefer, you can place an order online at www.chicagoaudubon.org.



CBCM's HOTLINE IS BLAZING!

Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (CBCM) provides a helpline that answers more than 10,000 (!) calls a year to support those who find injured birds in need of help—particularly during migration season. “It is gratifying to find so many people looking to provide assistance to birds, but it’s extremely challenging,” says Director Annette Prince. “With only a few volunteers answering the hotline from morning to night, it can be an exhausting non-stop effort. We have had calls about everything from eagles to hummingbirds, and from places as far away as California, Colorado, Florida and even the Bahamas!”

In downtown Chicago, every spring and fall, CBCM teams rescue several thousand birds that are victims of window collisions. Hotline calls from commuters and building staff notify CBCM about many of these injured birds. Most collision birds are found in the early morning hours, after migrants have flown all night and have landed in the urban landscape to spend the day resting and eating. But window strikes can occur throughout the day, as well as at other times of the year, when rescue teams are no longer patrolling.



Pictured here is a young Peregrine Falcon (endangered species) that flew through heavy security glass on the upper story of a Lincoln Park high rise building in early summer. It was recovered by building staff and taken for care by CBCM to Willowbrook Wildlife Center where it was examined and cared for until it was ready to return to its territory. (Photo and caption courtesy of CBCM's website: birdmonitors.net)

CBCM's mission is to rescue injured local and migrating birds and to help prevent window collisions, but its network of more than 200 volunteers also assist or advise the public on the best way to help birds that have encountered other urban hazards such as cats, glue traps, fishing line and vehicles. Summer brings many calls about baby birds—are they nestlings (too young to stand or open their eyes and lacking many feathers) or are they fledglings (young birds too big for the nest but fully-feathered and able to hop on the ground where parent birds care for them until they can fly)? Questions about whether or not to intervene (and how) can be answered by a wildlife center, such as Willowbrook Wildlife Center

Either in pursuit of prey, attracted by something on the other side of the window, or fooled by a reflection, this female Red-tailed Hawk broke through the double pane glass of a suburban front window. Home security alarms alerted the family of a break-in to their home. When they found this very large bird of prey in their living room, they called Chicago Bird Collision Monitors who safely rescued the bird and took it to Willowbrook Wildlife Center. The hawk was evaluated and found to have only minor injuries. Amazing, considering the force with which it must have hit to break the heavy glass! (Photos and caption courtesy of CBCM's website: birdmonitors.net)



Rehabilitation at Willowbrook Wildlife Center.



Returned to her territory in the wild.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

CBCM offers the following training sessions for new volunteers. Register at info@birdmonitors.net or call 773-988-1867.

Place: Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago
Dates: September 6 and September 17
Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Each year Chicago Bird Collision Monitors recover more than 6000 birds that have collided with buildings.

With your help our rescue and prevention efforts can be expanded and more birds can be saved.

Join a morning rescue team.
Monitor a building where you live or work.
Transport birds to wildlife rehabilitation centers.
Support collision prevention work.
Assist in public outreach and awareness programs.

For more information: www.birdmonitors.net

(630-942-6200, ext. 0). If it's determined that a bird needs human assistance, containing it securely and transporting it to a wildlife center is critical. If you can't reach a wildlife center, you can call the CBCM hotline for advice on the best way to help the bird (773-988-1867).

Help the Hotline! If you are someone with call-center experience and would like to put that experience to work by connecting birds with the help they need, the hotline wants you! Contact CBCM at info@birdmonitors.net.

Become a CBCM Monitor! Attend an orientation session for prospective monitors September 6 or September 17 at Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum from 7 to 9 p.m. Register by emailing info@birdmonitors.net or calling 773-988-1867.

Support CBCM! Donations enable CBCM to maintain and expand its hotline coverage and to continue its rescue and conservation work, saving thousands of birds each year. To donate, go to birdmonitors.net/SupportUs.php.

Here is a link to an informative documentary about bird migration, CBCM, and Willowbrook Wildlife Center: video.wttw.com/video/wttw-presents-urban-nature-building-bird-safe-city

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Preventing disease: What's the best way to clean your birdfeeders?

Feeding birds can be a great source of joy, but feeders can increase the risk of disease transmission in the birds we love if feeders are not cleaned adequately. What's the best cleaning method to prevent the spread of disease? According to an article published in the March issue of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, researchers at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania recently conducted a study to determine the most effective way to reduce levels of *Salmonella enterica enterica* bacteria on wild bird feeders.

The researchers gathered data from two sets of feeders: a set that had gathered debris from normal feeding activity and a set of unused, clean feeders. They applied cultures of *Salmonella* to the entire perch and seed well areas of each feeder and then measured the concentration of bacteria on the feeder. The researchers tested three cleaning methods: scrubbing feeders with soap and water, soaking them in a diluted bleach solution for ten minutes, and scrubbing them with soap and water



Yellow-rumped Warblers. Photo by Laura Finazzo.

followed by a soak in bleach solution. The feeders were tested again to determine how much bacteria remained.

The researchers found that all three cleaning methods reduced the amount of *Salmonella* on the feeders. However, in both feeder types, the two methods that involved a bleach soak were more effective in reducing *Salmonella* bacteria than simply scrubbing with soap

and water. Additionally, they found that feeders with debris had more bacteria after cleaning than new feeders, regardless of the cleaning method used. Furthermore, the debris-laden feeders that received only the soap and water treatment still had enough *Salmonella* to risk disease transmission.

So what does this mean for FeederWatchers? We recommend that,

at minimum, when you clean your feeders you soak or scrub them with a dilute bleach solution, rinse them thoroughly, and let them dry before adding bird feed. If your feeders have visible debris, be sure to scrub them as long as necessary to remove all visible debris before cleaning them. Remember that prevention is the key to avoiding the spread of disease and that you should regularly clean your feeders even when there are no signs of disease. For more information, visit feederwatch.org/learn/sick-birds-and-bird-diseases.

Reference:

Feliciano, L.M., Underwood, T.J., and Aruscavage, D.F. (2018). The effectiveness of bird feeder cleaning methods with and without debris. *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology*, 130(1):313-320. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1676/16-161.1>

Article and photograph courtesy of Cornell Lab of Ornithology feederwatch.org



House Finches. Photo by Jerry Goldner.



Pine Siskin. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

Calendar of Events

Birdwalks, Workdays, Programs

You do not need to be a member of Chicago Audubon Society (CAS) to attend our programs or join any of our walks.

For updates on dates and times, visit chicagoaudubon.org.

Every Friday August 24 through October 5. CAS and Red Hill Birding Bird Watching at the Jarvis Bird Sanctuary, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.: Meet at the viewing platform on the east side of the Sanctuary. The group will remain on the viewing platform so people can arrive after 7:30 if they need to. Directions: Exit Lake Shore Drive at Irving Park, turn east and follow that road (called Recreation Drive) south through parking lots. Go about half-mile to the large Totem pole. The Sanctuary is right behind the Totem pole. A scope will be available and coffee will be provided. For further information or questions, contact Josh Engel at josh@redhillbirding.com.



Dark-eyed Junco. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

Every Saturday in September and October, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walks at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 North Pulaski Road, Building D: Come join us for migration time to see many birds and walk through the beautiful autumn woods surrounding the Nature Center. All levels of birders are encouraged to attend. The walk leaders always welcome questions. For information or if you need directions, call the CAS office at 773-539-6793. Bring family and friends!

Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. CAS Program: Liam Heneghan, author of *Beasts at Bedtime: Revealing the Environmental Wisdom in Children's Literature*. North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road, Building D: Liam is a conservation biologist (and father). He will examine the environmental underpinnings of children's stories and discuss how classic children's stories can provide a complete guide to environmental literacy. Please join

us for socializing at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:15 p.m. If you have questions or need directions, call the CAS office at 773-539-6793

Wednesday, September 19, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walk, Bemis Woods North, Westchester: We'll be looking for the height of fall warbler migration and many other migrants. Learn how fall warblers aren't really that hard, as we watch how birds are using the woodland's varied vegetation. Bemis Woods North, Wolf Rd. between 31st and Ogden, easternmost part of parking area, just west of Wolf Rd. Leader: Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com).

Saturday, September 22, 7:30 a.m. CAS Migration Walk, Thatcher Woods, River Forest: We should find migrant warblers, sparrows and others, and resident woodpeckers and other woodland birds along the Des Plaines River, with a good chance of seeing lingering butterflies and dragonflies. Meet at Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Ave., River Forest

(708-366-6530). Leader: John Elliott (johnelliott4@gmail.com).

Saturday, September 29, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walk, Deer Grove East, Palatine: Look for migrant warblers, sparrows and resident birds in grassland and woodlands. CAS President Dave Willard leads this walk as part of the Cook County Forest Preserves "Party for the Preserves." Location: Dundee Rd. west of Hicks, east of Quentin; park near the information sign at the west end of the left (west) driveway. Leader: Dave Willard (dwillard@fieldmuseum.org).

Sunday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walk, Skokie Lagoons: Migrant waterfowl and land birds should be found. Meet at the north end of the Erickson Woods parking lot, Willow Road just east of the Edens Expressway. Leader: Jeff Bilsky (jbilsky@gmail.com).

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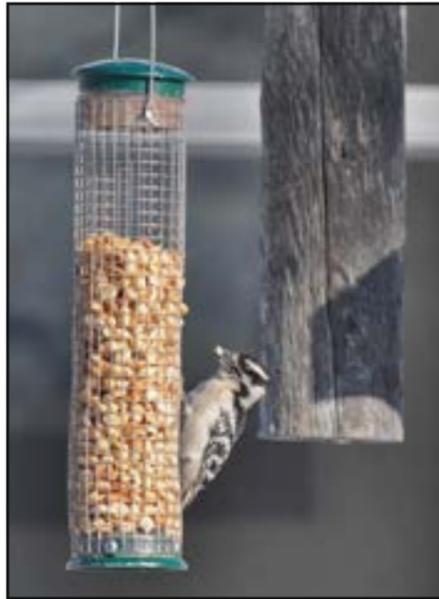
For updates on dates and times, visit chicagoaudubon.org.

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Sunday, October 7, 8:00 a.m. CAS Walk and Seed Collection, 10:00 a.m., Camp Pine, Glenview: See how the CAS restoration project has enhanced prairie and shrub habitat, while we look for birds in that location and in the Des Plaines River woodland. Stay to help collect seed, or come at 10:00 a.m. for a casual workday. Enter on the south side of Lake Avenue, eastbound ONLY from Des Plaines River Rd.—no left turn west bound on Lake. Leader: John Elliott (johnelliott4@gmail.com).

Wednesday, October 17, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walk, Bemis Woods North, Westchester: Warbler migration will be reduced to a trickle by mid-October, but there will still be a large diversity of landbird migrants representing many different groups of birds. We'll search both Bemis North and Bemis South, expecting a wide array of migratory birds. Bemis Woods North, Wolf Rd. between 31st and Ogden, easternmost part of parking area, just west of Wolf Rd. Leader: Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com).

Saturdays, November 3 and December 1, 9:00 a.m. Camp Pine Brush Cut Days: Warm up, get your daily exercise, and contribute to bird habitat at this CAS restoration project. Bring water and gloves if you have them; dress for some moderate work. We'll have tools, gloves and snacks. Enter on the south side of Lake Avenue, eastbound ONLY from Des Plaines River Rd.—no left turn west bound on Lake. Leader: Ken Schaefer. Contact for questions: Laurel Ross (lross@fieldmuseum.org).



Downy Woodpecker. Photo by Joy Schmoll.

Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., CAS Program: Making Chicago's Buildings Safe for Birds: North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road, Building D: Come and learn how you can be a part of reducing a major threat to birds. An amazing migration of bird life takes place through the United States twice each year, and Chicago gets more than its share. However, up to a billion birds are killed each year as a result of window collisions. Join Annette Prince, Director of Chicago Bird Collision Monitors and Carl Giometti, architect and president of the Chicago Ornithological Society, as they discuss the bird-safe building laws that are currently being developed in Chicago and around the region, share bird-friendly building designs and practices, and discuss how to become a bird-safe building advocate. Join us for socializing at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:15 p.m. For questions or directions, call the CAS office at 773-539-6793.

Wednesday, November 14, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walk, Bemis Woods North, Westchester: Migration continues at Bemis Woods in mid-November. We will be looking for late fall migrants and species preparing to winter in the forest preserves. Join us to look for sparrows, kinglets, creepers and lingering migrants. Bemis Woods North, Wolf Rd. between 31st and Ogden, easternmost part of parking area, just west of Wolf Rd. Leader: Douglas Stotz (dfstotz@gmail.com).

Every Saturday, All Year, 8:00 a.m. CAS Bird Walks, Wooded Island, Jackson Park: These walks continue throughout the year, weather permitting. Bring binoculars, field guides, and dress for the weather. Many species are seen. Meet at the parking lot

south of the Museum of Science & Industry (MSI), which is accessible via Science Drive, the intersection just south of 57th Drive/MSI. You do not need to be a member of Chicago Audubon to participate. For details and directions, contact Pat Durkin at pat.durkin@comcast.net. Everyone is welcome!

Every Second Saturday, All Year, 10:00 a.m. Skokie Lagoons Workdays: These workdays are sponsored by Chicago Audubon. Activities include buckthorn cutting, brush pile burning and other management endeavors. Meet at the Tower Road parking lot, east of the lagoon bridge, in Winnetka. For further information, please call Dave Kosnik at 847-456-6368.

Chicago Audubon Membership Form

If you wish to become a new member or to renew an existing membership, you may either mail in this form with a check or your credit card information or charge your membership online (chicagoaudubon.org). You may also make a straight donation with this form or online. If you prefer, you may call the office with your credit card information (773-539-6793).

Your name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Minimum yearly membership: \$25. At \$65 or above, new Membership or Membership renewal includes an official Chicago Audubon hat.

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In Appreciation...

Chicago Audubon could not hold its annual birdseed sale without the help of Nature House and Good Earth Greenhouse, which provide our two locations for seed pickup. Please consider supporting them year-round.

Nature House/Erva Tool provides wrought iron and tubular feeder poles; Quick Connect hooks and hangers; baffles; bird feeders; bird houses and much more. The showroom will be open on seed pickup day. naturehouseinc.com

Good Earth Greenhouse is an excellent source for native bird- and butterfly-friendly plants; organic gardening aids; eco-friendly soil; and garden decor. It includes a cafe, florist and various related classes. The greenhouse is open on seed pickup day. goodearthgreenhouse.com



Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Photo by Jerry Goldner.

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