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NORTHWEST ILLINOIS BIRD AND NATURE ALLIANCE

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TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR BIRDS!

Buy your annual supply of top quality birdseed from Northwest Illinois Bird & Nature Alliance (formerly known as Northwest Illinois Audubon Society). Proceeds from your purchase will support the programs and projects of the Northwest Illinois Bird & Nature Alliance (NIBNA), 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.

Please complete the order form and make checks payable to NIBNA. Mail your completed order form and payment to Tim Smith, 1975 Mound Hill Rd., Dixon, IL 61021 to arrive by October 2nd. If you have questions, or need additional forms, contact Tim at 779-861-0301 or timtreetsmith@gmail.com. You can also download forms from our website: nwilbirdnaturealliance.org

For customers with total orders of \$300 or more, free delivery can be provided. For orders less than \$300 there will be a \$25 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.

Proceeds from the birdseed sale support NIBNA programs and projects. NIBNA is a 501c3 organization, 25% 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 here. Dates and times vary by location. Seed pickup is easy at any of our sites. Our volunteers will load your order into your vehicle!

2026 BIRDSEED SALE

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ORDERS – OCTOBER 2ND

2026 BIRDSEED SALE						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Oct. 2nd - last day to submit orders!				1	OCT. 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pick-up and Delivery!				OCT. 15	OCT. 16	OCT. 17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Pick-up Days!

Pick-up Times and Locations

**Freeport (Thurs. Oct. 15, noon - 4:00 p.m.
and Fri. Oct. 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**

O'Mara Transport Co. | 1240 S. Adams Street

Stockton (Sat. Oct. 17, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

John Day residence: 773-802-6029
12987 E. Blair Hill

Forreston (Sat. Oct. 17, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

Anne Straight residence: 706-248-9344
606 S. 5th Ave.

Dakota (Sat. Oct. 17, 8:30-11:30 a.m.)

Chris Kruger residence: 815-238-9259
201 W. Zimmerman St.

Davis (Sat. Oct. 17, 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!

BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER

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

STRIPED SUNFLOWER

***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

SUNFLOWER HEARTS

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

SAFFLOWER

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

NYJER (THISTLE)

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

WHITE MILLET

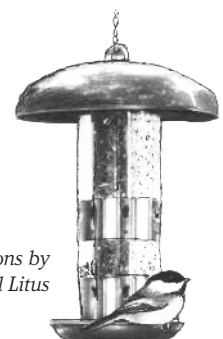
***Dark-eyed Junco**
***House Sparrow**
***Mourning Dove**
***Song Sparrow**
***Tree Sparrow**
***White-crowned Sparrow**
***White-throated Sparrow**
European Starling
Northern Cardinal
Pine Siskin

CRACKED CORN

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

PEANUT PIECES

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



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2026 BIRDSEED SALE

Name		Member ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Address		Email:	
City	Zip	Phone	

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID AND RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 2ND, 2026

ITEM	UNIT	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Our Own Mix - (40% black oil sunflower, 15% striped sunflower, 15% white millet, 15% safflower, 10% sunflower chips, 5% peanut pieces) <i>Specially formulated for NIBNA.</i>	20 lb		\$16.50	
	40 lb		\$31.50	
Deluxe Mix - (50% black oil sunflower, 20% white millet, 10% sunflower chips, 10% safflower, 10% cracked corn) <i>Specially formulated for NIBNA.</i>	20 lb		\$14.50	
	40 lb		\$27.50	
Standard Mix - (40% black oil sunflower, 10% striped sunflower, 30% white millet, 20% cracked corn) <i>Specially formulated for NIBNA.</i>	20 lb		\$12.00	
	40 lb		\$22.25	
Peg's Finch Mix (50% Nyjer, 50% fine sunflower chips) <i>Specially formulated for NIBNA.</i>	25 lb		\$37.50	
Cardinal Blend - (50% black oil sunflower, 50% safflower) <i>Specially formulated for NIBNA.</i>	20 lb		\$17.00	
	40 lb		\$31.75	
Black Oil Sunflower Seed - Thinner shells and higher oil content means more energy per pound than other varieties.	25 lb		\$15.75	
	50 lb		\$30.50	
Med. Striped Sunflower Seed - Larger seed that is favored by larger birds such as cardinals.	20 lb		\$13.50	
	40 lb		\$26.50	
Safflower - High energy treat that is a favorite of cardinals and other popular birds. BITTER TASTE discourages squirrels and house sparrows.	20 lb		\$20.00	
	50 lb		\$47.00	
Cracked Corn - Economical feed good for pheasants, doves and other ground feeders.	50 lb		\$13.50	
Jim's Ear Corn	1 doz		\$5.50	
Peanut Pieces - A preferred ingredient because of high energy content and tantalizing aroma.	10 lb		\$16.00	
Coarse Sunflower Chips - These hulled sunflower seeds reduce the mess of shells.	25 lb		\$35.50	
Nyjer Seed - 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		\$19.50	
	20 lb		\$36.75	
Suet Cakes - Cakes of white beef suet blended with feed.	Each (1)		\$1.50	
	Case of 12		\$18.00	
Delivery Charge (Delivery available if desired. There is no charge for orders over \$250. For orders under \$300, there will be a \$25 charge.) <i>FOR DELIVERY, please write clear directions to your house (use the back if you need more space).</i>	SUBTOTAL			
	DELIVERY CHARGE			
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

If your order is being **delivered**, please pick a preferred time: ☐ Thurs. Afternoon ☐ Fri. Morning ☐ Fri. Afternoon ☐ Any Time

If you will be **picking your seed up** please indicate the desired location: ☐ Freeport ☐ Dakota ☐ Stockton ☐ Davis ☐ Forreston

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Freeport, IL 61032-0771

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Members of the 2025 birdseed warehouse crew (L to R): Tim Smith, Lynn Feaver, Richard Benning, Clay Schroll, Mary Blackmore and Judy Corrie. | Photo by Chris Kruger



THANK YOU!

*If available, call Mary Blackmore at 815-938-3204
or Chris Kruger at 815-238-9259.*

October 15th and Friday, October 16th...
to distribute seed, especially at the Freeport site on Thursday,

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

- Locally created premium bird seed mixes.
- Hi-Energy Suet Cakes.
- Sales that support NIBNA programs and projects.

Find forms enclosed to order: