2018 Birdseed
Information Enclosed!

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Find order forms enclosed to order:

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

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

We are looking for volunteers to distribute seed, especially at the Freeport site on Thursday, October 18th and Friday, October 19th...

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

Thank You!
2018 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 5
Order pickup or delivery: OCTOBER 18, 19 and 20 - 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 5. If you have questions, or need additional forms, contact Tim at 815.835.5109 or timtreetsmith@gmail.com. You can also download forms from our website: nwilaudubon.org

For customers with total orders of $150 or more, free delivery can be provided. For orders less than $150, 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.

Approximately 25% 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.
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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**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID AND RECEIVED BY OCT. 5, 2018**

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| **Delivery Charge** (Delivery available if desired. There is no charge for orders over $150. For orders under $150, there will be a $10 charge.) FOR DELIVERY, please write clear directions to your house (use the back if you need more space). | | | | |
| | SUBTOTAL | | DELIVERY CHARGE | |
| | TOTAL AMOUNT DUE | | | |

**Preferred Delivery Time:**  
☐ Thurs. Afternoon  ☐ Fri. Morning  ☐ Fri. Afternoon

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

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

Please Indicate Desired Pickup Location:  
☐ Freeport  ☐ Dakota  ☐ Stockton  ☐ Davis  ☐ Forreston