

# NEWSLETTER

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# **End-of-Summer Birding**

As summer winds down in Northern Illinois, the birdwatching scene remains vibrant and diverse. August is an excellent time to feed wild birds, offering an opportunity to observe various species and provide them with essential nourishment during a period of transition.

Northern Illinois hosts a range of bird species in August. You might see resident birds such as Northern

Cardinals, Blue Jays, and American Goldfinches, as well as migratory species beginning their journey south. Warblers, thrushes, and sparrows are among the migrants that may stop by your feeders as they prepare for their long flights.

#### **Ideal Feeders and Food**

**Seed Feeders:** Black oil sunflower seeds are a favorite for many birds, including cardinals, finches, and chickadees. These seeds are nutritious and have a high oil content, providing essential energy.

**Suet Feeders:** Suet cakes provide a high-energy food source, especially appreciated by woodpeckers, nuthatches, and wrens. Choose suet with added nuts, fruits, or insects for an extra nutritional boost.

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Ace® Black Oil Sunflower Seed, 20 Lb.





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Ace® Bird Suet, 11 Oz.

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## **End-of-Summer Birding** (continued)

#### **Location and Maintenance**

Place feeders in areas that provide both visibility and safety. Near trees or shrubs is ideal, as these offer birds quick refuge from predators. Clean feeders regularly to prevent the spread of disease. In hot weather, this means at least once a week. Replenish water sources frequently, as birds need reliable access to clean water for drinking and bathing.

Feeding wild birds in Northern Illinois during August is a rewarding activity that supports bird populations and enhances your connection with nature. By offering

a variety of foods and maintaining a bird-friendly environment, you can enjoy the beauty of these feathered visitors and contribute to their well-being during a crucial time of year. Geneva Ace Hardware has the 20 lb. bag of Ace® Wild Bird Food on sale for just \$10.00 each. You can also pick up some Ace® Black Oil Sunflower Seed, just \$14.99 for the 20 lb. bag. And don't forget the suet for that extra energy; 11 oz. Ace® Bird Suet in assorted varieties is on sale for just \$1.29 each. Stop in today!

### **Get Started on Outdoor Fall Cleaning!**



As summer transitions into the crisp days of fall, it's essential to prepare your outdoor spaces for the cooler months ahead. Cleaning up your home's exterior, including siding,

decks, and other outdoor structures, not only enhances your home's appearance but also helps to prevent damage caused by the fall and winter elements.

Over the summer, your home's siding can accumulate dirt, mold, and mildew. A thorough cleaning can prevent these substances from causing long-term damage.

Use a garden hose or pressure washer on a low setting to rinse off surface dirt. For a deeper clean, mix a solution of water and mild detergent or a specialized siding cleaner. Scrub with a soft brush, then rinse thoroughly.

Decks can suffer from the elements and heavy use over the summer, leading to dirt build-up and potential damage. Rinse the deck with a garden hose or pressure washer on a low setting. Use a deck cleaner or a homemade solution of water, dish soap, and a little vinegar. Scrub with a stiff brush to remove grime and algae.

Clogged gutters and downspouts can lead to water damage and ice dams in winter. Use a garden hose to flush out any remaining dirt and check for proper water flow.

Keeping patios and walkways clean ensures safety and prevents the build-up of moss and mildew.

Cleaning up your outdoor spaces before fall arrives ensures they remain in good condition through the changing seasons. Regular maintenance not only extends the life of your home's exterior and outdoor structures but also enhances curb appeal and prepares your home to withstand the colder, wetter weather. Geneva Ace Hardware has everything you need to tackle these essential chores. The Ace® Flexogen® 50' Heavy Duty Premium Garden Hose is on sale for just \$24.99 (limit two), and the Little Giant® Velocity 22' Aluminum Telescoping Multi- Position Ladder with a 300 lb. capacity is on sale for just \$289.99.



Limit 2 at this price.



