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Who are we?

Sustainability at the
 Township of Lyons Clerk's Office

What is our goal?

To provide community members
 with resources to conserve natural
 resources and prevent pollution

Questions?

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FEEDING OUR OUTDOOR FRIENDS

Just like us, birds have their own food
 preferences. If you want to attract a
 specific species, try adding more of
 their favorite foods into your feeder!

Ingredients Birds Love! Attraction Chart	Sunflower	Safflower	Millet	Thistle	Dried Fruit	Sunflower Chips	Peanuts
Blue Jay	•		•			•	•
Cardinal	•	•	•		•	•	•
Chickadee	•	•		•	•	•	•
Dark-Eyed Junco	•		•	•		•	•
Grosbeak	•	•			•	•	•
Goldfinch	•			•		•	
Indigo Bunting	•		•	•		•	
Mourning Dove	•	•	•	•		•	
Northern Flicker	•					•	
Siskin	•		•	•		•	
Purple Finch	•		•	•	•	•	
Nuthatch	•	•				•	•
Towhee	•		•			•	•
Sparrow	•	•	•	•		•	
Titmouse	•			•		•	
Woodpecker	•				•	•	•



TOWNSHIP OF LYONS



CARING
 FOR OUR
BIRDS



BIRDS ARE VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY

-  Birds are a natural pest control. Many rely on insects and rodents as their main source of food.
-  Watching birds and listening to their songs improve mental health.
-  Birds are pollinators, just like bees. They help plants thrive.
-  Birds plant new plants by spreading seeds. Many birds hide their food and forget about it, causing it to grow!

When avian species are lost, their functions and benefits disappear too!



WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP BIRDS THRIVE?

Studies show that North American bird populations are declining at an accelerating rate.

-  **Keep cats indoors** Outdoor cats are predators, which make bird populations drop.
-  **Grow native plants** Birds need nutrients from these plants to survive.
-  **Put anti-collision stickers on windows** Fatal injuries can occur when birds fly into windows.



-  **Supply water** It is a staple for our feathered friends, especially in the summer and winter, when supply is scarce.
-  **Turn off non-essential lights** 80% of birds migrate during the night, and their migration is disrupted by outdoor lighting, especially from high Kelvin bulbs.
-  **Drink sustainably sourced coffee** Shade-grown coffee provides vital winter habitat.

NATIVE PLANTS HELP BIRDS

Did you know that birds visit backyards much more frequently where there are native plants?

Native plants offer an abundance of food and shelter for birds, bringing more species into your backyard!

