Bird Feeders

Today on Gardening in a Minute: bird feeders.

Bird feeders can provide food for our feathered friends, while providing you with a beautiful show.

Your bird feeder can be designed to attract either a variety of species, or just one. Select a tube, nectar, fruit, or hopper feeder, depending on the type of birds you’re interested in seeing.

The type of food you choose will also determine which birds visit. To attract orioles, thrashers, and bluebirds, put out fruit. Cardinals, titmice, and chickadees prefer sunflower seeds and safflower seeds.

Put your bird feeder in a spot where you’ll have a good view of all the activity. Place it at least 10 to 15 feet away from trees to keep squirrels at bay, and be sure to clean your feeder often to prevent the spread of diseases.

For more information about bird feeders and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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