



# FACEBOOK LIVE WEBINAR

## The Garden Guru's Top 10 Birding Essentials

Our gardens are beneficial to not only our well-being, but the creatures that live in these environments as well. Birding is a large part of the gardening experience, no matter what time of year it is. In this webinar, the Garden Guru, Mike Westphal, takes us through his top 10 favorite items that make birding a real tweet. From unique homes and food to helpful supplies and more, the Guru is here for all your birding needs.

### #10 - Plants for the Birds

Plants can attract birds in different ways, and having a yard full of diverse varieties will help you achieve more bird sightings, as well as provide the birds themselves with shelter and food.

Some great plants to choose from:

- Nandina Shrubs
- Mahonia Shrubs
- Serviceberry Trees
- And so many more!

### #9 - Cleaning Brush

Nobody likes leftover food that the dishwasher didn't quite get to! Avoid spreading disease and keep your bird feeders clean. Using a cleaning brush specifically made for the kind of feeder you have will make your job easier and the birds will thank you for it. We carry wire, sponge, and bristle brushes for different types of feeders.

### #8 - Hummingbird Feeder

Hummingbirds are a sight to be seen and attracting them to your yard in droves is sometimes a difficult task, even if you have a fantastic garden full of flowering plants. Hummingbird feeders aid in this mission to get more hummingbirds to visit your garden. For more information on hummingbirds, visit our blog [here](#).

Some great products to try:

- The Humm Yumm
- The Humm Bug
- Hummingbird Nectar Feeders

### #7 - Hummingbird Nectar

No hummingbird feeder is complete without nectar and we carry a fantastic product here at our stores. The Sweet Seed hummingbird nectar is free of dyes, full of nutrients that hummingbirds need, and comes in a variety of ways (including ready-to-use and concentrate versions).



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### #6 - Squirrel Baffle

Some folks love attracting squirrels to their gardens, others find them to be a nuisance. A squirrel baffle is a great, safe way to deter those pesky nibblers from stealing all of your bird seed right from the feeder. We carry both pole baffles and hanging or tree baffles for wherever you are hanging your feeders.



### #5 - Hopper Feeder

This type of feeder not only holds a large amount of bird seed, but generally attracts larger varieties of birds as well. You can get them in a variety of styles, as well as squirrel-resistant types.

### #4 - Bird Baths

Although feeding birds is an essential, water sources for both drinking and cleaning are also very important. Small, bubbling fountains, as well as stagnant bird baths, are great options. We carry bird baths in glass, ceramic, and concrete as well as a variety of fountain styles that can attract these flying friends.

### #3 - Bird Houses

Bird houses are not only for nesting, but also as a shelter from storms and an aesthetic addition to your garden. Getting birds to stay or even find your houses, can be challenging, but try different locations and make sure they are protected but easy to find.

### #2 - Quality Bird Seed

Using basic seed or commodity seed is a thing of the past. By getting a high-quality seed, you will attract more feathered friends and it will actually last longer. There are tons of different seed mixes to attract specific birds to your garden as well.

Bird Seed Brands We Carry:

- Cole's
- Wild Delight

### #1 - Squirrel Buster Bird Feeder

This type of tube feeder is easy to fill and easy to clean. They attract a wide variety of smaller birds and songbirds while also keeping your seed safe and dry. Many are also squirrel-resistant.

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