



PROJECTWILDBIRD®

A comprehensive scientific research study of the feed and feeder preferences of wild birds in the United States and Canada

NORTH AMERICA

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PROJECT WILDBIRD® was the first continent-wide scientific study examining the bird feed and bird feeder preferences of wild birds in the US and Canada. From 2005 through 2008, hundreds of dedicated and knowledgeable citizen scientists throughout the United States and Canada volunteered their time to gather the data that gives us the information found in this table. These citizen scientists followed a scientific protocol during their observations of wild birds at bird feeders. The bird species listed on this page are the most abundant at bird feeders and listed in alphabetical order. The bird feed and bird feeder preferences are the result of statistical analysis of the data from the study and your wild bird feeding experiences may vary from what is presented here.

KEY:	FEED PREFERRED BY THESE WILD BIRDS										FEEDER STYLE PREFERRED		
	Feed Types										Feeder Types		
	Black-oil Sunflower	Cracked Corn	Fine Sunflower Chips	Medium Sunflower Chips	Nyjer®	Red Milo	Safflower	Striped Sunflower	White Proso Millet	Whole Peanuts	Platform	Hopper	Tube
1 = HIGH PREFERENCE (ranked 1)													
2 = MODERATE PREFERENCE (ranked 2)													
3 = LOW PREFERENCE (ranked 3)													
1. American Goldfinch	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
2. Black-capped & Carolina Chickadee	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	1
3. Brown-headed Cowbird	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	2	2
4. Chipping Sparrow	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	1	3	2	1	1
5. Dark-eyed Junco	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2
6. Downy Woodpecker	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	2	3	1	1	1	1
7. European Starling	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2
8. House Finch	1	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	1	2	1
9. House Sparrow	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	1	3	1	2	1
10. Mourning Dove	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	1	3	3
11. Pine Siskin	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	2	1
12. Purple Finch	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	1	1
13. Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	2
14. Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
15. White-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1

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