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Cotton's Corner

The days are getting a little longer, which is great as I can finally play outside again and enjoy my favourite pass-time of "bird watching"! I have been watching all the wax eye's snacking on Topflite's wild bird food range. Cakes, truffles, pellets and logs which are berry and peanut flavoured! They also have their very own holders and feeders so you can hang them in the trees! They look really delicious! and I don't mean the birds...

I can't catch them anyway, my people here at the Blue Cross Veterinary Centre have put a collar on me that has lots of jingly bells on it, so the wax eye's can hear me coming!!

You should send your human down to your Blue Cross Veterinary Centre to check out the Topflite wildbird range but don't tell them about the awesome range of cat collars available..... it makes catching birds impossible!!



...Cotton



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deserves the very best!

Bring the Wildlife into your Backyard

How do I attract birds to my garden?

The first thing is to provide a safe feeding area, like a small table. Position it away from windows so the birds don't fly into them and away from places where cats can pounce. You can suspend the table top from a branch or at least 1.7m off the ground. Having a birdbath is also a good idea. Birds will drop into bathe or just for a drink. However, the water should be cleaned regularly as it can become contaminated with droppings. Also be wary of pests, particularly rats or stoats – setting a trap for these pests will make your garden a true sanctuary.

Which food for which Bird?

Energy Cakes - Sparrow, Waxeye, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Greenfinch

Nectar - Tui, Bellbird, Waxeye, Saddleback

Gourmet Hanging Treat - Sparrow, Waxeye, Rosella

Wild Bird Seed - Finches, Sparrow, Redpoll, Starling

Mealworms - Sparrow, Waxeye, Blackbird, Starling.

Common Birds in Our District



Goldfinch – the goldfinch are seed eaters who prefer the smaller thistle and weed seeds. They are also handy at keeping garden pests like aphids at bay. A flock of goldfinches is aptly known as “a charm”.



Waxeye – also known as the Silvereeye, the Tauhou is the NZ native we see most. They are frequent visitors to bird feeders, especially if energy rich food is on the menu.



Tui – The song of a Tui is the sound of home. And good news – Tui numbers are on the rise, thanks to urban restoration projects. They love a good gulp from kowhai or flax flowers. Put out a nectar feeder and they'll visit daily.



Fantail – Gentle and curious little souls the Piwakawaka show up regularly in rural gardens, forests and parks. Around a feeder they can get pushed to the side by the larger, more aggressive birds.



Hanging Treat

Nectar

Energy Cake

Feeders



Bird Bistro



Snack Shack dual feeder



Wild Bird Energy Coconut Feeder



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