



Days are growing longer and now is the time to start thinking about turning your garden into a haven for birds. You can receive a free copy of an article from "Living Bird" magazine that tells you how to get started. "Living Bird" is the quarterly publication of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, a membership organization for the study, appreciation, and conservation of birds, located on a 200 acre wildlife sanctuary in Ithaca, New York.

The Lab recently remodeled its bird feeding area to create a state-of-the-art garden that exemplifies techniques you can use to attract birds to your property.

Using a design by Cornell landscape architect Marvin Adelman a glorified mud-puddle was transformed into a veritable avian mecca. First the straight-edge shore of the pond was replaced with a more attractive and accessible curving line. Then trees, vines, shrubs, and groundcover was planted to attract and feed birds year round: conifers, Juneberry, bush honeysuckle and winterberry. Finally, they added new, squirrel-resistant feeders, a birdbath, and a waterfall.

The area now provides all the elements of an ideal bird attracting garden. It provides a range of elevations for perching and nesting. It produces a variety of seeds, grains, and fruit, and food is present every month of the year. Edges between different plant types and between water and land are extensive and curved - edge attracts birds and gives the best viewing for observers.

If you send a self-addressed, international mail paid envelope they will send you more information.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

The Natural History Society again offered prizes for the best natural history project in the U.P.E.I. Science Fair. The Society's team of judges consisted of Donald Wilkinson, Charles Keuper, and Linda Thomas. They found the quality of the projects to be high and they awarded prizes in all three categories. The winners, their school, and the title of their exhibits were as follows:

Senior Category Grades 10 - 12:

- 1st Prize - Celeste Coles and Valerie Thomas of Kensington Senior High for the exhibit "Wishing Well Water Well".
- 2nd Prize - Buffie Boily of Kensington Senior High for the exhibit "Herbicide ... Enemy of our Soil".
- 3rd Prize - John Webster and Alex Hearney of Kensington Senior High for the exhibit "Our Soil is Disappearing".

Intermediate Category Grades 8 & 9:

- 1st Prize - Ivan Wong of Summerside Intermediate with the exhibit "Biological Control of Spider Mites".
- 2nd Prize - Helene Deacon and Jennifer Cameron of Montague Regional High for the exhibit "The Plight of the Piping Plover".
- 3rd Prize - Kelly Gavin and Amanda Gallant of Hernewood Junior High for the exhibit "What Have We Done? An Environmental Question".

Junior Category Grades 5 - 7:

- 1st Prize - Jeff Paynter of Queen Elizabeth Elementary for the exhibit "Whales of Canada"