

## THE BEST OF BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY

(from Nature Alert, September, 1985)

The National Museum of Natural Sciences and the Canadian Nature Federation are mounting their first national travelling exhibit of photographic art. Our jurors, led by Freeman Patterson, are looking for the best of bird photography from across the country. The exhibit will be mounted in spring, 1986, in celebration of the 19th International Ornithological Conference to be hosted by Canada in June.

Photographers are asked to submit 16 by 20 inch (40 cm by 50 cm) or larger gallery quality prints. Please do not mount, matt, or frame your submission. Enter as many prints as you like. The deadline is January 17.

We want to know who your subject is, the title you've chosen, the technical data. Clearly label each submission and pack carefully. Insure your package, and mail entries to: The Best of Bird Photography, National Museum of Natural Sciences, 2785 Riverside Drive, 2nd floor, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M8.

## BIRD FEEDER FILLERS

(from Evelyn Meader)

When you clean out a squash for cooking don't throw away the seeds. Put them on your bird feeder, pulp and all. Bluejays will gulp them down. Just like the British, they enjoy an orange squash. Dish up your pumpkin seeds too.

Birds get thirsty in the winter time. When you put out your seeds give them a drink too and they may learn to be there before it freezes.

I keep a can for bird seed on my kitchen counter. When I have to brush up crumbs, into the can they go along with the seeds I put out daily. You may call this a crumby idea, but it doesn't take much to fill up a song sparrow.

If you have some old rice to get rid of, don't feed it to the birds unless you cook it first. It swells up if eaten raw and can cause "tweetment" problems.

Rendered fat is a treat for the birds. It can be placed on the feeder or stuffed into holes drilled in a small log that is hung in a tree for woodpeckers and chickadees. I guess the feathered family has no cholesterol worries.

## BIRD OFF COURSE

(from the Halifax Chronicle Herald)  
(Oct. 12, 1985)

CHRISTCHURCH, England (Reuter) - A tiny North American songbird turned up in Britain on Tuesday after being blown 3,000 nautical miles off course by hurricane Gloria, birdwatchers said.

The yellow-breasted Parula Warbler, which normally migrates south to Brazil for the winter, turned up on a sand dune at Hengistbury Head near Christchurch, southern England.

It has been rarely sighted in Britain. Dr. George Green of the Dorset Bird Club said it probably hitched rides across the Atlantic by resting on passing cargo ships.

