

Backyard bird watching with Harry

Well, it looks like we're wrong? finished with the winter snows and it's time to start thinking about your bird houses. Of course as I say that and I'm remembering Easter last year. When we had snow and the kids had fun finding their eggs out at Jubilee Park in the snow.

You will want to start cleaning them out for the spring migration. If you don't have a bird house, you will want to start thinking about building or buying a house or two. For the next couple of weeks we'll talk about bird houses and what we need to do this spring.



Nest Boxes:

Empty:

Q: My son made a birdhouse for me and set it on a pole. It's been up for a while, but no birds are going to it. Is this normal or did he do something

wrong?
A: First, make sure the entry hole is at least 1 1/2 inches across. This is the optimum size to admit wrens, chickadees, titmice and tree swallows.

What to do?

Q: I put out a wren house and a pair of chickadees started going back and forth with bits of moss. I thought they were moving in. A few days later they were gone. Should I clean the house out and hope for other tenants?

in the early morning. If you see no activity for several days, remove the box and clean it out.

Lint:

Q: I have always heard that dryer lint is good nesting material, but now people say it isn't. Why?

A: Lint is not good nesting material because it retains much more water than grass. Wet nesting material will not maintain the nest temperature as dry material will and saturated nesting material can also cause a nest to lose its form. Wadded grass will regain its shape when it dries out, but dryer lint will not.

Reusing:

Q: The birds using my birdhouse have moved on. Should I clean it out or will they use the old nest for another family?

A: Feel free to clean out the old nest. Any birds reusing the box will likely build a new nest anyway. In the fall, take the cleaned out nest and fashion a new one from dried grass. This will give winter birds roosting in the box a bit of cold weather.

Q & A's are out of Bird Watchers Digest.

Groups discuss water quality

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Stream tables, according to Bowman, are a good way for young students to interact with a "river" up close and understand how several science concepts are interrelated.

Bowman also suggested having older students "adopt" a stream in their area and study the water, plant and animal life or organize a cleanup day as part of increased awareness of how streams work.

Volunteers have been checking on streams

near local watersheds for fish populations and areas that might be blocked off from debris, large jumps or other obstacles, making it difficult for fish to spawn.

Ring said IV Watershed Council and Soil and Water Conservation projects are not meant to prevent any development, but to consider how to improve planning.

"If we learn about the fish in our creeks...it just helps us as humans plan better," Ring said.



(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)

Illinois Valley Watershed Council volunteers Jan Walker and Emily Ring check on a hoop fish trap near the Wastewater Treatment Plant Friday, April 8. Volunteers have been regularly checking on fish traps in various local streams to monitor fish populations during the winter and spring seasons.



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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU
1. Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
2. Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
3. The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3x3 grid.