

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Protection from predators:

If you're a bird lover like Cheryl and me, you'll have several kinds of bird feeders around your yard. The biggest problem we have here in O'Brien is seed thieves and predators. I hope this article will help you eliminate some of those problems.

Cats

If you're feeding birds you probably have nesting birds near or close to your home. Nest and their birds are extremely vulnerable to cats. The fledglings and birds roosting for the night fall prey to hungry cats. Putting a bell collar on your cat may offer birds little protection. We tried that with our Siamese cat and I swear he would hold the bell in one paw and attack with the other. Nailing a sheet metal guard or cone to a tree trunk may deter less agile felines. Houses mounted on metal poles are the most difficult for predators to reach. Avoid using grease or petroleum jelly on the pole, it can get on the bird's feathers, and the birds cannot preen it off and that can be fatal. The best deterrent is for owners to keep their cats inside whenever possible.

Squirrels

Brown squirrels, and sometimes gray squirrels, can become a serious menace to birdhouses and the birds themselves. If you find your nest hole enlarged, chances are a gray or brown squirrel is the culprit. Once inside the box, squirrels make a meal of the eggs and young. Adding a predator guard made of sheet metal to the entrance is usually enough to keep squirrels out.

Raccoons and Opossums

Raccoons and opossums will stick their arms inside nest boxes and try to pull out the adult, young, and eggs. Adding a 1 inch thick predator guard to the birdhouse or an inverted cone to its pole support is a simple solution.

Snakes

Snakes play an important part in the balance of nature. If you find one in your birdhouse, don't kill it. You can snake-proof your birdhouse by putting it on a metal pole with squirrel baffle.

House sparrows and starlings

If you don't discourage them, these two nuisance species introduced from Europe will harass or kill cavity-nesting birds. Since house sparrows and starlings are not protected by law, you may destroy their nests. But remember, other birds are protected by law.

House wrens

House wrens sometimes interfere with the nesting success of other birds by puncturing their eggs. But, unlike the house sparrow and starling, these birds are native to North America and are protected by law. Don't be tempted to intervene when wrens appear at your backyard birdhouse.

Insects

Many insects lay their eggs and pupate in birdhouses. Inspect your birdhouses for signs of gypsy moths, blow flies, wasps, ants, gnats and bees. Keep bees and wasps from attaching their nests by coating the inside of the roof with bar soap. In areas where gypsy moths abound, avoid placing boxes in oak trees, which the gypsy moths favor. If you have feeders for you hummers, you may want to put some wax or Vaseline on

the feeder wire to deter ants. Pyrethrin and rotenone insecticides are recommended for killing fly larvae, bird lice and mites after birds have finished nesting for the season.

Remember to keep your feeders and houses clean. The feeders should be cleaned every month and the houses at the end of each season. I hope these help you have a safe and happy birdhouse. You can contact me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

The above is from Bird Digest and Harry Johnson.



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Church News

Community Bible Church

A path less traveled

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth."
~Robert Frost

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the way of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

I have a picture in my home of a little used path heading up into a forest. I bought it because it made me think of the paths people take in their lives. The verse from Psalm one depicts the

downward spiral that so many follow in this life: The phrase "To walk in the counsel" represents our decisions – who do we take counsel from, and is their counsel good and helpful on a long term basis or does it reflect a foolish, destructive lifestyle?

The next phrase is "to stand in the way of sinners," – to make our decisions and take action on wrong advice and counsel.

The final step is to "sit in the seat of the scornful," – that is to have an established, destructive lifestyle founded in wrong counsel.

You should make sure to notice that the Bible verse above says, "Blessed is the man..." that does not take bad counsel, make poor deci-

sions, or follow a destructive lifestyle. In the short term, poor counsel might look good (but it also might not), but in the long term it is almost always destructive.

I like the way Robert Frost ended his poem: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

Poor counsel is almost always the easy way out, but most often the more difficult way is best and ultimately blessed by God.

May the Lord bless you as you seek Him.

See you Sunday.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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only reason most American families don't own an elephant is that they've never been offered one for a dollar down with easy weekly payments.

So Jesus tells him a story. We think it's about rich people: Warren Buffet, Bill Gates, Power Ball winners; you know who I mean. But the man in Jesus' parable wasn't a fool because he was rich. He'd worked hard, made good decisions and gotten everything he had honestly. He was a fool because he forgot what was really important.

My crops ... my barns ... my goods; his mental barns were filled with himself and empty of anything belonging to God. He went wrong in the things he placed first in his thoughts.

Jesus didn't condemn the man for eating, drinking and being merry, or even for being rich. The man was called foolish because he wanted to pull down what he had to build bigger barns.

The man says, "What should I do for I have no

place to store my crops?" Wait a minute! He's got barns. His problem is that his harvest has been so great that his present storage facilities won't hold all of the grain. So rather than sharing this bounty, he decides, "I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain." But he forgot how fleeting all this abundance could be.

This man is called a "fool" not because of his wealth or his ambition but rather because he equates fleeting, temporary things with the things that have true, infinite value. He's tried to protect himself from fate and fortune through productive farming and adequate finances, but he's come up empty. He has everything he thinks he wants and more, yet at the end - which comes that very night! - it's not enough.

In his effort to preserve his bounty, he forgot about who gave it to him. And he forgot you really can't take it with you. Foolish, indeed.

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