

BUCHANAN'S

NATIVE PLANTS

Fall Birding

Hummingbirds

Maintain your feeders. The late migrating Hummingbirds will appreciate a freshly filled nectar feeder.

Goldfinches

Goldfinches should begin showing up in our yards in October. Hang up thistle socks (Nyjer seed) and finch specialty feeds. Fill thistle socks with plain nyjer seed, nyjer with sunflower hearts, or a complete mixture of nyjer, sunflower hearts, and red millet (Audubon blend).

Orchard Orioles

Orioles will be migrating through on their way down south. You can spot them by their bright orange colors. Keep nectar feeders available to them.

Warblers

Be listening for the low-pitched chuck from yellow-rumps (or butter-butts) as they flit around under and around tree branches searching for insects to feed on. Supplement their diet with Suet cakes in caged feeders hung at different levels.

Kinglets

These are busy little 4" birds often found looking for insects. Feed kinglets suet in feeders hung at the same level.

Woodpeckers

Resident woodpeckers enjoy suet cakes offered in specially designed cages with tail-prop boards attached. Mount on tree trunks or something flush to keep from swinging.

Wrens

Carolina wrens are residents of the Houston area. These eat insects and suet. Offer mealworms on a tray or wide cup. Mealworms can also be laid out to attract cardinals, woodpeckers, wrens, robins, and more.

Resident Birds

Keep feeders filled with fresh seed blends or black oil sunflower seed. Water is a year-round necessity. Clean bird baths and fill with water daily.