

## Bird Feeding Tips: Fruit Attracts Variety

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Let them  
eat  
**fruit**

**Have you ever wondered how to attract a variety of less common wild birds to your backyard feeders? Offer fruit!**

No matter how you serve them – whole, sliced, or dried – you'll almost surely see birds you haven't seen before in your backyard. There are several ways to present fruit offerings. Offer a whole or sliced apple, a plum, or a handful of strawberries on a hanging skewer or on a [Metal Fruit Feeder](#). Or, place a couple of handfuls of grapes, cherries, or raisins on a [platform](#) or [window feeder](#).

**The following fruits are available at many grocery stores year round; check out the variety of wild birds they attract:**

- **Strawberries:** Rose-breasted grosbeaks, common flickers, catbirds, towhees, robins,
- **Oranges:** Mockingbirds, orioles, red-bellied woodpeckers, rose-breasted grosbeaks, gray catbirds, scarlet tanagers, and more



It is important to check your fruit offerings daily for spoilage, especially during the warmer weather months. Also, be sure to clean fruit feeders often to keep them free of bacteria.

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- **Apples:** Cedar waxwings, evening grosbeaks, pine grosbeaks, blue jays, common flickers, chickadees, red-headed woodpeckers, robins, bobwhites, mockingbirds, house finches, and more

- **Blueberries:** Tufted titmice, towhees, orioles, common flickers, black-capped chickadees, robins, and more

- **Grapes:** Evening grosbeaks, robins, brown thrashers, blue jays, cedar waxwings, magpies, cardinals, western tanagers, mockingbirds, orioles, towhees, house finches, steller's jays, bluebirds, acorn woodpeckers, and more



#### [Metal Fruit Feeder](#)

Put fruit or berry pieces on the skewer style feeder and watch your backyard come to life.



#### [Clementine Oriole Feeder](#)

Features a glass jelly dish and two spikes for holding orange halves.



#### [Compact Ground Feeder Tray](#)

The Compact Ground Feeder Tray is the perfect place to offer cherries, raisins, or grapes.



#### [Fruit & Berry Cuisine](#)

Fruit-scented and packed with fruit, nuts, seeds, and berries, our Fruit & Berry Cuisine seed will tempt birds to your feeders!