

The PIPELINE



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Taylor Hours

Our Feathered Friends Edition

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February

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 -11:30	InfoDesk: 8:30-6:00
Fridays: 8:30 - 9:30	InfoDesk: 8:30-6:00
Saturdays: Academic study hall with self-service available 10:00—9:30	InfoDesk: closed
Sundays: 10:00 - 9:30	InfoDesk: 10:00-4:30
Research Help Room Staffed: Monday to Friday: 11:30 - 3:30	Research Help: tayref@uwo.ca

Reading Week February 17th—February 26th
 Friday Library and InfoDesk open: 8:30-6:00pm
 Saturday-Monday CLOSED
 Tuesday—Thursday
 Library Open: 8:30 am—9:30 pm
 InfoDesk 8:30am –6:00pm
 Friday Library & InfoDesk open 8:30 am—6:00pm
 Saturday & Sunday CLOSED
 Regular Hours begin February 27th—April 7th

Birdfeeding Trivia

Currently one third of the U.S. adult population feed birds in their backyard.

500,000 tons of birdseed is purchased annually in North America

Americans spend more than \$3 billion a year on bird food and \$800 million a year on bird feeders, bird houses and other bird feeding accessories



February is National Bird Feeding Month!

February is one of the most difficult months for wild birds living in North America. Extreme cold and lack of readily available food and water make life difficult for many birds. During this month bird enthusiasts are encouraged to provide food, water, and shelter to help wild birds survive.

Feeding wild birds is an easy hobby to start and does not need to be overly expensive. Some hobbyists simply hang a single feeder outside a window and fill it with wild bird seed mix while others try to attract specific species to their feeders with very individualized diets of specific seeds, suet, fresh fruit, peanuts etc. Part of the fun of bird feeding as a hobby is discovering the relationship between the type and location of feeders and the seeds offered in them, and the number and varieties of birds attracted. Feeding wild birds can be an enjoyable activity for the whole family and promotes an interest in ecology and biodiversity on a local level. Why not give it a try!

References

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird_feeding
2. <http://www.birdschoice.com/backyard-birding/february-national-bird>