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Winter Newsletter

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**Merry Christmas to you and your garden
birds from Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds!**



To celebrate the festive season with the birds we are sending out 200g mealworms free with all orders placed over the phone or online throughout December! Take advantage of this great offer to provide your feathered friends with a great protein source as the cold weather sets in, robins in particular will delight in this winter treat!

Date for your diary... Do pop the 10th - 11th December in your diary for our Christmas offer weekend! Spend over £30 online or in our shop over that weekend and you will receive a £5 voucher to spend on your next purchase! Join us in the shop for a sherry and mince pie that weekend whilst you shop, and see the great range of Christmas gifts we have on offer.

Christmas gift guide

What better than a gift of garden bird seed, benefiting loved ones and the birds that frequent their gardens. See our Christmas gift guide to inspire you, or select any of our products online and we can deliver direct to your recipient with a personal gift card. We also have gift vouchers available to use online or to spend at Rectory Farm.

On the Farm

Our winter crops are all safely in the ground and the farm moves to a steadier pace as winter sets in. The winter months provide us with the opportunity for machinery maintenance, paper work in the office and of course mixing lots of birdseed! With little sheep work to do this time of year Brooke and Belle spend their days in the warmth of the mixing shed, Belle is particularly partial to a stray mealworm, whereas Brook spends most of the day chasing the shadows on the wall! Now there is less natural food in the fields we supplementary feed around the farm, this uses up the cleanings from the grain dryer, sweepings from under the mixer and from the grain store which are all greatly appreciated by the birds, and means we get the pleasure of watching them around the farm! The sheep flock are thriving from the great Autumn we have had, our rams have been doing their duty and covered all the ewes in the last month so we can look forward to a busy time lambing in the spring.



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Birds on the Farm

Driving the quad bike around the fields checking on the crops is rather bracing this time of year, but provides a great opportunity to catch up on the wildlife activity on the farm. With the crops being low we can see our thriving hare population at its best with fourteen in one field last week. Stopping off on their way through were a flock of beautiful waxwings and some brambling not far behind. We have had great numbers of Phil's favourite farmland bird -the Lapwing, feeding on the stubbles which will be sown in the Spring, also a flock of about 30 Canadian Geese made an appearance last week resting on the sown wheat. We have started ploughing and had the usual flock of seagulls and an unprecedented amount of starlings joining in the feeding frenzy, now just who is it that tells these birds the plough is in the ground?!



In addition to our conservation areas this year, we have ten acres of fallow land (land left out of production) which we are watching with great interest to see what birds and wildlife this brings in, we will keep you posted. A final note is a thank you to the members of South Leicester Birdwatchers who spent an afternoon monitoring the nest boxes in the spinney behind the farm. The good news is that the majority of the boxes were in use including the sparrow boxes (though one had been inhabited by a blue tit!).

Winter Feeding



Although all year round feeding is endorsed by bird experts, winter is traditionally the time of year when our thoughts turn to our feathered friends as they flock into our gardens in greater numbers searching for sources of food. And it is now when feeding the birds can offer the greatest help of all. The cold weather brings challenges to the birds to find enough food to provide enough energy for them to survive a cold night. It is essential at this time of year we feed enough high energy and good quality feeds to ensure the survival of our garden friends. Suet, high energy seeds such as sunflower hearts, peanut granules and protein rich mealworms are fantastic sources of food to feed through a cold snap, aiding our birds survival.

Visit our website or come to the farm to see our new range of bird feeding products! From feeding stations to window feeders, suet logs to kids fun feeders we have everything you need to fill your garden with activity and bring the birds closer to you.

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