



Finest quality garden birdseed from our conservation farm

2020 Spring Newsletter

Hello from Eyebrook Wild Bird Feeds!

To all our customers and friends, we hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the birds as we progress through lockdown. We are missing our customers visiting the farm, but pleased to be able to keep providing you all with birdseed through these hard times. Thank you for supporting us through the last few months and for keeping the nations birds fed, we have been very busy as more people have turned to bird feeding whilst at home. Feeding the wildlife in your garden can bring so much joy, as birds, butterflies and mammals become our new school pals, work colleagues and friends! Please continue to help feed the birds - especially as we move into the breeding season when it is so important to provide quality high energy food for the busy parents and hungry fledglings. Make use of our online services, and our local delivery service to customers who would normally collect from the farm. Keep in touch, keep safe and well, and keep feeding the birds!



Around the Farm

Springtime at Rectory Farm brings new life everywhere we look, our traditional grass pastures are full of contented lambs, enjoying the warmth and sunshine, hopping, skipping and racing on the banks and hills. The arable fields are yellow with the rapeseed in full flower, and green with wheat and barley peeping through. We have also sown spring beans this season which will flower and provide plentiful food and habitat for the bees, insects and other pollinators on the farm. This year has been particularly challenging with the extreme weather – one of the wettest winters on record followed by a dry Spring. We are very grateful for the April showers at last, the grass and crops were all desperate for a warm rain. As usual for this time of year the farm is alive with brown hares, we had a record of spotting twelve on a walk over the hill this week. Soon we will be seeing little leverets dashing between the crops, and spotting the baby roe deer and muntjacs round and about the farm.



The garden at Rectory Farm is teeming with birdlife! We have had an influx of nesting birds which is a joy to see. As I type I watch a very busy Mrs Blackbird racing back and forth with nesting material in her beak, hastily dashing in and out of the hydrangea on the old barn wall. The birds are busy feeding in preparation for the breeding season, we have had green finches and thrushes visiting this Spring which is rare for us, plus a nuthatch and blackcap this week – always a delight to see. The swallows have returned, and the farmyard is busy as usual with house martins moving in great spirals around the puddles in the old yard fetching mud for their nests. In the fields behind the farmyard we have our usual display of skylarks trilling their beautiful song up high in the sky almost out of sight. Yellowhammers, finches, tits and tree sparrows work the hedgerows in great groups, whilst under the hedges dart linnets and blackbirds. We are delighted to report sightings of English partridge in our fields just south of the reservoir, these beautiful birds are in decline so it was such a joy to see them strolling along the hedgerows.





Jimmy's Big Bee Campaign

The wild flower strips we planted with Jimmy Doherty in August are just starting to bloom with a beautiful display of colour, and the great news is they are absolutely full of bees! Cornflowers, Red Campion and Yarrow are all coming out providing plentiful food for bees and insects on the farm. Jimmy will return to Rectory Farm to continue filming as soon as restrictions allow, in the meantime keep up to date with pictures and videos on our social media pages of our wild flower areas as they grow. Support Jimmy in his campaign to get the nation helping our bees by sowing your own wild flowers. Visit our website or phone us at the farm to purchase our packets of beautiful wild flower seeds and get your garden buzzing!



Children closer to nature

As the children remain off school and providing new activities becomes more difficult, take the opportunity to get them engaged and excited about nature! Spark their interest in the natural world by introducing them to bird watching. Purchase our kids starter packs which include feeders, food and bird books to get them watching and identifying all the feathered visitors in their gardens. This activity is educational and fun – a great way to learn a huge range of skills covering subjects such as maths, English, art and science – all whilst having a great time watching the birds. It's also the perfect time of year to get out bug hunting which children love, get them discovering bugs, insects and bees, as well as the mammals that visit our gardens. Visit our wildlife pages for more inspiration.

New Products



We now sell a range of bug and bee houses, as well as scrumptious hedgehog food, feed dishes and housing. As spring progresses look out for the humble hedgehogs visiting your garden, they may even bring their babies along!

Bring the birds closer to you with our window feeders. These feeders allow you to view the birds much closer to admire their beautiful colouring and feathers as they enjoy their delicious seeds and worms



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