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May is the most rewarding month, for the backyard bird watcher. It is the time of year when all the summer residents return, full of song and are the busiest declaring territory for nesting sights.

Some migrants, like the white crown and the white throated sparrow, will visit your yard for a few days on their way north. The white throated sparrow has a very lovely song. Many species will remain, the Baltimore Oriole, Brown Thrasher Crested Flycatcher, Catbird, Wren and Canada Warbler are a few you will see in or near your yard.

Drinking water and baths should be kept filled with fresh water every day. Feeders should be filled with a mixture of bird seed. Woodpeckers still enjoy suet feeders.

One common bird problem is created by the large picture windows. These windows have been the cause of many small and large bird fatalities. A quite expensive problem to the home owner as well when broken.

Apparently the bird sees the reflection of sky or trees in the glass, thus appearing to be open space and flies into the window. When this happens with the small birds, they may be stunned or injured or killed. If you see the bird fall to the ground, watch it for a few moments. It may be just stunned and will recover in a short time and fly away. If not carefully pick it

up and put in a cardboard box with a lid on it, with a few small holes in the lid for air. It may take a half hour for the bird to recover. Should the bird appear to have a broken wing or leg, it is best to try and take it to a bird naturalist for special treatment. There is a very humane lady that cares for all species of birds that are brought to her home. Her name is Mrs. Chubb and she lives in Verona. Mrs. Chubb is licensed

to take care of injured birds and works closely with the Kingston Field Naturalists. I have visited Mrs. Chubb and seen the wonderful humane work that she and her husband are doing in caring for many injured birds.

Here are some suggestions that I have heard and read to prevent window casualties from happening. A hanging plant or a mobile placed in front of the window. Place a picture of a hawk or owl made from black construction paper on the glass with a bit of tape. Long streams of colored ribbon suspended on the outside of the window will blow in the breeze and warn approaching birds away from the glass.

Meanwhile curtains drawn may cut down on the reflections and will be a good idea.

The evening and night birds are active in June listen for nighthawks, whip-poor-wills, common snipe and owls.

1956-57 Grade 12 Class at Athens High School



On July 11th & 12th, 1980 a reunion for former students and teachers of Athens High School will be held. The deadline for registration is June 15, 1980. For further information, please contact John Webster, Athens High School Centennial Committee, Athens, Ontario.

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