



# THE WILD BIRD STORE

January 2018

Southern Alberta's Backyard Birding Specialist



## PILEATED WOODPECKER

### Attracting Pileated woodpeckers to Your backyard

If you have dead or dying trees or snags on your property, consider leaving them alone as they may attract Pileated woodpeckers (as well as other Woodpeckers, nuthatches, etc) to forage, roost or even nest in them.

Consider putting up a nest box to attract a breeding pair. Make sure you put it up well before breeding season. Attach a guard to keep predators from raiding eggs and young.

Woodpeckers (including the Pileated) will visit bird baths to drink and bathe. They prefer a quieter, more private bath close to the ground. Make sure the bath is fairly shallow—1 1/2" to 2" .

Pileated woodpeckers main food source is ants, which obviously are not available in the winter. But serving up suet containing crickets and mealworms is a favourite! Use a suet feeder with a tail (like the one in the photo) to support their long tail and watch the suet disappear.

- ⇒ The Pileated woodpecker digs characteristically rectangular holes in trees to find ants. These excavations can be so broad and deep that they can cause small trees to break in half.
- ⇒ Pileated woodpecker pair stays together on its territory all year round. It will defend the territory in all seasons, but will tolerate new arrivals during the winter.
- ⇒ The feeding excavations of a Pileated woodpecker are so extensive that they often attract other birds. Other woodpeckers, as well as House wrens, may come and feed there.
- ⇒ The Pileated woodpecker prefers large trees for nesting. In young forests, it will use any large trees remaining from before the forest was cut. Because these trees are larger than the rest of the forest, they present a lightning hazard to the nesting birds.



Winter Birding Course  
 12 weeks starting Monday,  
 January 8, 2018 **Registration required**  
[fishcreekpark.org/programs/birding-course](http://fishcreekpark.org/programs/birding-course)



Town Hall meeting at The Wild Bird Store

January 23, 2018 5:30pm

**MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE**



## Saturday morning bird walks



January 6 Voitiers Flats

January 20 Annual Snowy Owl Prowl—day trip travelling east of Calgary in search of Snowy owls and winter birds. Returning to Calgary between 3:00 to 4:00pm—Please bring lunch.

Meet in front of The Wild Bird Store at 9:00am and carpool to designated birding area. Professional “birder”, Jim St. Laurent is your host. Please remember to dress for the weather and bring water.

**PLEASE NOTE: You must register for ANY bird walk, either in store or by phoning (403)640-2632**

## EVERY TUESDAY IS SENIOR'S DAY

Those Sixty Years or older will receive



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refillable) bag (clean &  
40¢ per poly woven bag (clean &  
refillable)



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**\*\$4.00 on 20 lbs. of medium chip**

\*excludes nature and Seniors day discounts. Points customers

In-store ONLY!



**ALL** heated bird baths

(includes de-icers)



Bird's Choice ® deck  
mount or standing



De-icers—3  
manufacturers



Erva ® heated bird bath insert

Bird baths do not include deck, standing or pedestal mounts

## STORE HOURS

Monday through Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm

Saturday 9:30am to 5:30pm

CLOSED Sundays and **ALL** statutory holidays

**CLOSED**



*New Year's Day*

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**SEMINAR**

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must

Register for EACH seminar!

WINTER BIRD FEEDING

Wednesday, January 10 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 31 2:00pm