

her flaming. Over-scorching surface checking. Riches of sun-baked mud. Lush with sharp edges, all them less time under the



diag comes next. Use stiff-brush to rake out soil brushing lightly with the and puffing dust away into corners with an old brush. Continue until you desired shade of light or brown. Patted holes, light scorching, will get darker as brush over them.

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ps on Avoiding Extra Work



Which on friction. Screw-held pulls on drawers and cupboard doors sometimes work loose. Before you tighten the screws, increase friction, and holding power with sandpaper washers. Cut washers with scrapers. By using two, you can have rough sides facing both wood and screwhead.

ke Without Fire. Smoking home workshop can be a hazard. To make a shop tray that won't disappear, use a tin can inward. This holds a cigarette firmly. A paper cigarette won't burn, but a point where it overhangs the rim.



His the spot. It isn't difficult to avoid spilling when you pour from one container into another. Use a funnel, of course, and keep the opening of the top container at the highest possible point to eliminate air gurgling. But before you start to pour, lift the bottom container as pictured and catch the funnel under the spout of the top can.

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If the wild birds don't gather where you live, you are missing something.

Bird-watching has many compensations. It's a hobby in itself. But, even though you take it only as a hobby, you'll find that whenever you take time to watch the cheery wild creatures you'll relax, forget your troubles and enjoy yourself. Probably there's no simpler way for deepening family pleasure than by watching birds out your window. It's educational, too, for children are always enthusiastic about birds and quickly learn to identify many varieties.

Besides, birds are our friends. According to ornithologists, if birds did not keep insects in check, we would cease to exist in less than nine years.

Feed Attracts Birds

The easiest way to attract birds is to feed them. There are many kinds of feeders, but the simplest is the window shelf type, shown at the home of Walther Pfeiffer, 680 Santa Barbara Road in Berkeley. The window ledge feeder can be a shelf of any length; you can make one in an hour or less. Experts suggest a shelf about 12 inches wide and 36 inches long. Attach a strip of wood 1 1/2 inches high all around the three outer sides in order to keep the seed mixture from blowing away. Then set the shelf tightly against the window sill, put braces beneath and the job is done.

If you want a "table" for the birds in your garden or patio, set it up on a post about 4 1/2 feet above the ground. The post should be imbedded 24 to 30 inches and should be placed out in the open, not under a tree. But it should be within 10 to 20 feet of a tree or shrubbery to which small birds can fly.

The feeder itself can be merely a simple tray set upon the post. A good size is 36 inches by 24 inches deep. Into the tray bore about six holes, each one inch in diameter, to allow rain water to drain. The birds will find it on the ground, too. The wood about 3/4 inch thick for your tray. There are many types of feeders, ranging from trolley feeders to weather-vane feeders—but the tray-feeder is always popular with the birds. But because it is open, be sure to supply protection from the cold by wrapping a metal sleeve around the post.

Birds Have Problems, Too

Sometimes we don't realize it, but as we improve our gardens, we make life difficult for wild birds. We cement up natural holes in trees, we cut off the dead branches into which birds could cut new holes. It's easy to see why the birds leave the city at nesting time.

But every year more and more people are helping the birds at nesting season by providing boxes for them. In the United States, ornithologists have discovered, 30 varieties of hole-nesting birds that will accept man-made nesting boxes. If



This is what you call "decorating for the birds."

you'd like to attract a bird-family to your garden this year, build a nesting box and get it up by May 1.

In one photo here we show a simple, stained box for any bird that will nest in boxes. However, you must change the di-



House for Rent.

mensions to suit the kind of bird you are trying to attract. The inside measurements of this house are 7 inches by 7 inches; the depth is 15 inches. The hole is 2 1/2 inches in diameter and is placed on the front panel about 15 inches above the floor of the box. Above the entrance hole are four 1/4 inch hinges for ventilation and at the bottom are four one-inch holes for rainwater-drainage. The roof slants toward the front of the box to shed rain. To the back of the box is a screw, a board 18 inches by 24 inches by one inch. This is a "mounting board" which is used to screw the house to a tree, fence or post.

A more elaborate house is shown in another photo. Here Harry Morse of Oakland and his wife are finishing up an attractive house for smaller birds. It

really doesn't matter to the birds themselves whether your house is gay and decorative, but houses of this type are fun to make. Small bird-house requirements are simple: inside dimensions are 4 inches by 4 inches. The depth of the box is 8 inches. The entrance is 5 inches from the "floor" and the diameter of the hole is 1 1/2 inches. It stands on a post 7 feet off the ground.

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