Insect Eating Birds Need Help When Insects are Scarce

Take a log and drill 1 1/2 inch holes. Hang the log vertically for birds that like to cling to trees. Hang the log horizontally for other birds.

Bird Food Recipe:
- Put one part flour to three parts yellow cornmeal in a bowl. Add lard (not shortening) until the mixture forms a ball. Add peanuts. (For summer food reduce the amount of lard)
- Pack the food mixture into the holes. Discard the log after two years of use.
- Bird visitors may include: bluebirds, woodpeckers, chickadees, cardinals, nuthatches, jays, mocking birds, wrens, and sparrows.

Suet Cake: Suet an energy food for birds and is a good substitute for insects.
- Cut suet into small pieces and melt.
- Remove any meat.
- Add mixed birdseed (2 parts suet to 1 part seed).
- Pour into milk carton; let harden.
- Place suet cake in a mesh sack.
- Hang suet out for the birds.