

Small Win for CANS

My friend and neighbour Anita Burnett recently became housebound for a while and to cheer her up a bird feeder was placed directly outside her Lounge window.

The local birds took to it immediately but seemed to empty the mixed feed very quickly. The culprits were this years Starling fledgelings and a mob of Sparrows. Wood Pidgeons and Doves helped to clear up some of the spoil and although she enjoyed these birds she had hoped for more of the brightly coloured varieties.

Anita had seen my CANS posts on facebook showing Siskins and Redpols and asked if I could advise. I donated a Sunflower Heart feeder that I swear by and within a few days her feeder was regularly covered in as many as 12 Goldfinches at a time. She has seen Great Tits, Bluetits and Greenfinches too.



This simple change brought along the birds that she loves and the feed is lasting a lot longer. The Sparrows still have a nibble too. The caged seed feeders that I use can also be used for mixed feed and help to keep the feed caged for longer whilst still feeding hungry birds. There are lots of ways to encourage wildlife into your garden. Look out for more tips from me in the coming months.

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