

1. The Blue Jay  
 There has always been a nest of blue jays in the cypress tree directly next to my porch for at least 10 years. It's the one tree that stayed rooted during Hurricane Sandy. It's always a treat to see them!! But holy shit I did not realize how big they are - I hope one day I can become a blue jay.

2. The House Finch

This is a bird that I didn't even know existed before I put the food out! They're so beautiful and they've been coming in a group of five to eat. They're very alert and always fly away when the squirrel comes, but they always come back. The red on their feathers is so stunning, sure - I'm sure enough, the house finch is becoming my favorite bird.

**INTERLUDE:**

It is better to leave water out everyday for birds because while they may not need food, they do need water! And be careful leaving food + water out if you have bears in your area!

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 cypress

3. Cardinals (Specially a mated couple)!!

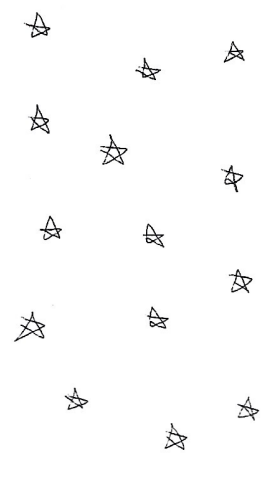
The cardinals were a surprise to me! I sometimes catch a glimpse when I'm walking but they've NEVER gone onto my porch! I read online that the males will court a female by finding seeds and then feeding them to her one by one. I hope to see them again tomorrow

4. 5/6

The House Sparrow I've been seeing eating in conjunction with the common Starling. They both enjoy eating through the leaves instead of flying to the table. They're so much smaller than the blue jays. Lastly, the American crow has been watching from the trees and been very vocal! Maybe they'll finally decide to feast soon!

**BIRDS ON MY PORCH!**

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Recently I've been very called to the beauty of birds. I had a large bag of birdseed distributed on my table outside and all over the porch, with a generous bowl of water. I did not expect to see so many birds! Honestly, I thought it would just be the squirrels, but there are so many birds, and so many different types - I didn't even know there were so many around me. This time lists all the birds I've seen over the last two days this winter!  
 love,  
 cypress  
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