



# The Fat Robin

wild bird & nature shop

## Winter 2014 Newsletter

Celebrating  
our  
20th year!

### Mexico in October !

Mexico, Missouri that is. One of our main suppliers' base of operations is in a very small town called Mexico, about two hours northwest of St. Louis. Every October they have a trade show, and this year Carol decided to see what it was like. Trade shows are one of the ways we find new products for the store. In most cases it means going to New York and walking aisles and aisles for hours, only to find a few items that would be appropriate for a bird store. But this show was specifically for bird stores and related retailers. It has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few years so she decided it was worth the trip to find new items. And she found them! You can see some of the new items in this newsletter but much, much more can be seen at the store.

We can't tell you how many times we are asked, "Will you still have this item in a few weeks?" Well folks, maybe, maybe not!



*We will offer one special per week on our FACEBOOK page until the end of the year!*

### STORE HOURS:

Mon to Fri 10 - 6

Sat 10 - 5 ~ Sun 12 - 4

Open Christmas Eve 10am-3pm

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas  
& New Year's Day.

[www.fatrobin.com](http://www.fatrobin.com)

**Thank You for Supporting The Fat Robin**  
As we enter our 20th holiday season, we wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your continued support.

The birds, squirrels, chipmunks and all the other critters that call your yard home also wish to thank you! (They told us so!)



Red Squirrel



Blue Jay

### RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD FACTS !

You could mail a Ruby-throated Hummingbird for the cost of a First Class postage stamp (actually you could mail quite a few of them, they only weigh 0.1 to 0.2 ounces)! ([www.allaboutbirds.com](http://www.allaboutbirds.com))

According to [www.hummingbirds.net](http://www.hummingbirds.net), the average life-span is 3-5 years with 12 years being the oldest known. On a good note, Ruby-throated Hummingbird populations have risen over the past five decades and they are not on the conservation watch list.

### Photographer's TRIPOD for sale

Jim is selling one of his Gitzo Tripods.

Carbon Fiber model 3530LSV

New it cost about \$800 and a new replacement is over \$900.

**Used but perfect working condition.**

**For only \$495, it can be yours!**

If you ever wanted a good, sturdy, yet light-weight tripod made by the best in the world here's your chance!

# Costa Rica - July 2014

Jim and I returned to Costa Rica in July for our second trip to this Central American jewel. Traveling almost anywhere within the United States in July you face crowds and expensive summer rates, but July is the “rainy” season in Costa Rica, with fewer tourists and far more affordable accommodations and services. It is located near the Equator so temperatures do not vary much from month to month; they change with elevation.

Our first trip to Costa Rica was in February of 2012 with Sunrise Birding, a bird watching tour company headquartered in CT. It was a great way to get a feel for the country and see a ton of birds! (We highly recommend Gina and Sunrise Birding for trips all over the world.)

On our second trip we wanted less structure and more time to just wander on our own. We spent the first two days at a “resort” called Punta Leona on the West Coast, about two hours from the airport in San Jose. We chose this hotel because its air conditioning provided a much needed escape from the coastal heat and humidity. We chose Punta Leona because they pretty much guaranteed we would see the monkeys we had missed on our 2012 visit. We were not disappointed! White-faced Capuchin monkeys were seen up close and personal. I put “resort” in quotations because it is really just a large conglomeration of hotels, condos and private homes, but it also has a very large portion of the forest protected from development.

Our next lodge, Savegre, was located in the cloud forest. The mountain road to Savegre is paved only in areas where it would likely wash out if it weren't for the pavement. It is quite steep and barely wide enough for two cars to pass. But the area is beautiful and quite comfortable year-round with temperatures rarely going below 40 or above 70. We had read that in the rainy season the mornings are usually clear with rain developing around noon, then clearing again for evening. For the most part that is what happened, so for us, the rainy season worked out well. Hummingbirds are quite numerous in the higher elevations with a dozen or so species coming to the feeders at any time. The highlight of the area, however, is the Resplendent Quetzal! This magnificent bird is one of the most striking and beautiful birds in the world but Trogons and Toucanettes were equally spectacular!

Our trip was wonderful and I know we will return. The people are great, the prices are reasonable, you can use American dollars and the wildlife is awesome! English is spoken in most of the lodges although not always fluently. **To see more from this trip go to: [www.jimzipp.com/costarica](http://www.jimzipp.com/costarica)**



**Collared Trogon**



**Snowcap  
(Hummingbird)**



**White-  
faced  
Capuchin  
(Monkey)**

## **Nutty Treat Suet**

**\$12.99/Case of 12**

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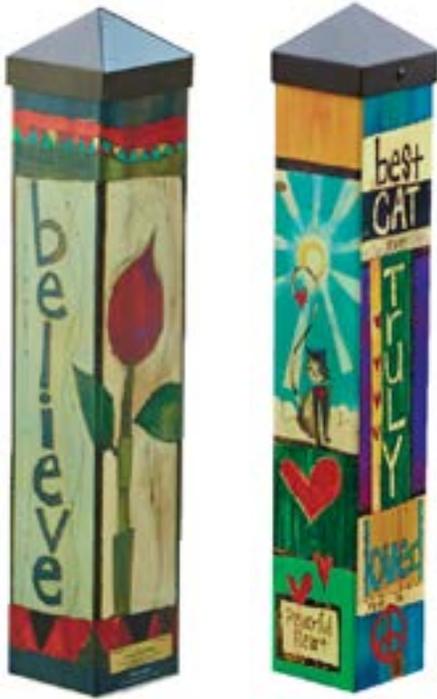
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With Coupon or show on Smart Phone*

## **20% Off Any Book**

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**Decorative Memorial Art Poles** for the yard. Approximately 2 feet tall. Includes ground stake to keep them upright



**New Cardinal Sound Clock!**



**Finger Puppets!**



**Back by popular demand!** Squirrel, Chipmunk & Cardinal Poop! If you don't know what it is, stop in and see it!



**One-of-a-kind Hand-Painted Ornaments** made in USA  
Unbelievable Artwork!



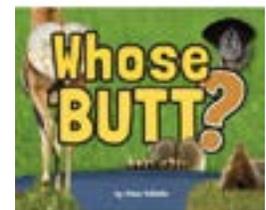
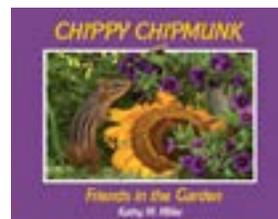
**Silver Forest Jewelry**  
Made in Vermont!



**Quality ball-caps with embroidered birds!**

**New Books:** *Whose Butt?* A clever children's book by Birds of Connecticut author and photographer, Stan Tekiela. Guess what it is about?

**Chippy Chipmunk Friends in the Garden:** newest book in the "Chippy" series. This book deals with loss in a way that a child can understand. Also in stock, the original Chippy Chipmunk as well as Chippy Chipmunk socks!!



**These are a few of my favorite things...**



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## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2014

Kick off the season with us on Small Business Saturday! We will have some great specials just for Small Business Saturday as well as give-aways to 15 lucky people! By choosing to shop local, you're choosing to keep dollars in your own community. Thank you!



## SEMI-ANNUAL OPTICS SALE

Saturday December 13th to Sunday December 21st

Lowest prices of the year on all binoculars and spotting scopes!

Binoculars have come a long way in the 20 years we have been selling them. For \$100 you can get nice binoculars, for around \$300 great binoculars and for about \$600 fabulous binoculars.

Spend even more and you can get something that will blow you away!



Vortex 8x32 Diamondback  
Extremely popular!  
Under \$200



Swarovski Spotting Scopes  
Superb Quality!

*We don't just sell binoculars and spotting scopes, we use them! Jim and I bird almost every single day. We offer expert advice on quality optics at competitive prices. What more could you ask for?*