



NEW LEAF News

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KENTON STORE
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Winter hours for both Stores until early March: M, W, F: 9-4, Sat. 9-1, Tues-Thurs-Sun: CLOSED | Ada store Tues. & Thurs. by chance



Nyjer – *(mistakenly called Thistle)* *Not a Weed but an Imported Delicacy*



Don't we all like a treat for a special occasion or a personal reward? Maybe a luxury imported food or a trip to a restaurant with international cuisine? Well birds do too! And we can provide selected birds with just such a treat – **Nyjer!**

Nyjer is the one seed that is not grown in North America but is imported from Ethiopia, India, Myanmar and Nepal where it is grown as an oil seed crop. This imported delicacy is highly favored by finches, pine siskins and indigo buntings. Most other birds are not enticed by its taste and squirrels usually ignore it!

Although Nyjer has been sold as bird seed for 40 years it is still mistakenly referred to as "thistle." But Nyjer is not thistle. The two seeds may appear somewhat alike to us, and are similar, but given the choice, finches flock to Nyjer. It is more nutritious with higher oil content and a greater caloric value.

As with all non-native species, farmers worry about the potential spread of a thistle-like weed. The USDA has imposed rules that require all imported Nyjer be heat-treated (or sterilized) to prevent it & any other weed seeds with it from germinating. So you won't find Nyjer plants growing under your feeder.

Nyjer is a very tiny seed and when used in standard feeders there is a chance that it may accidentally spill out. It is best to use a feeder that is designed specifically for Nyjer with very small seed ports. There are several designs available: upright feeders, Nyjer socks and one design with feeding ports located below the perches requiring birds to hang upside-down to eat (see picture). A goldfinch can do that easily but other birds can't. Other birds just fall off the perch when they try to eat upside down. The result is a backyard restaurant for goldfinches only.

Nyjer is a very oily seed and because it is so oily it dries out more quickly than other seeds and becomes stale. If you've had some Nyjer for quite some time and the birds seem to be ignoring it, you may just need to replace it with some fresh seed. And remember – every time you purchase bird seed at New Leaf, we'll punch your bird seed card for every 5 pounds purchased. After you've filled your card with punches we'll give you **10 pounds of bird seed FREE!** And we carry all kinds of bird seed: **Premium Wild Bird mix, Economy Wild Bird mix, Black Oil Sunflower, Striped Sunflower, Safflower, Sunflower Chips, White Millet, Whole Peanuts in the shell, Peanut Splits, Finch Feast, Cracked Corn & Suet Cakes.**

Nyjer is sometimes dubbed "black gold." Perhaps this nick-name refers to its value in attracting the colorful, acrobatic goldfinches that we all love to watch. So, if you've not tried attracting goldfinches to your backyard, get some Nyjer and a feeder and in no time you'll be watching their upside-down antics and enjoying every minute of it!

January / February Winter Specials

(No coupon needed)

All
**Houseplants
& Succulents
50% Off**

Baccto Lite
Premium potting soil
8 qt. – reg. \$ 4.49
\$ 3.49
No limit

Nyjer Thistle
Wild bird seed - Reg. \$ 1.19 / lb.
\$ 99¢ / lb.

Suet Cakes
3 varieties only – Wild Bird,
Woodpecker Blend,
or Nuts & Berries
reg. \$ 1.29
99¢ each

All
**Bird Feeders
15% Off**

Sale prices good thru Feb.
28, 2018

2018 New Leaf Seminars

Our Seminars are **EARLY** this year, so be sure to check out all the info on the back page!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

From December to March, there are for many of us three gardens:

the garden outdoors,

the garden of pots & bowls in the house,

and the garden of the mind's eye.

- Katherine S. White



SIGN UP FOR OUR SPRING SEMINARS - NOW!

SEMINARS - NOW!

This will be the only Newsletter that you'll receive about the Seminars! Because of scheduling conflicts our Seminars are EARLY this year.

Also, there is NO questionnaire.

Kenton Seminars - Feb. 24th Ada Seminars - March 3rd

10:00 am - "Hydrangeas Demystified" - Laurie will give you NEW info on an old favorite - hydrangeas - a MUST HAVE for every garden!

11:00 am - "What were they thinking?" - Laurie will talk about the Most Common Landscaping Mistakes she sees made by home owners.

12:00 pm - "Top 12 Herbs that every Kitchen Garden should be growing" - Pam will talk about

what a kitchen garden is, what herbs to grow there and then use the herbs in recipes served for lunch.

1:30 pm - "What's new in 2018". Laurie will do a recap of 2017 and then go over things that are new for 2018.

Call or sign up at either store NOW!

RSVP IS REQUIRED because of space limitations! We have 25 spots at the Ada store and 40 at our Kenton store - so **RSVP EARLY!** ***Since the response to our Seminars has grown, so have our costs. This year we will again be charging \$ 5.00 per person for the Seminars, payable at the door the day of the Seminar.



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Mark Your Calendars NOW for the upcoming events...

Sat. Feb. 24 - Seminars at our Kenton store

Sat. March 3 - Seminars at our Ada store

Sun. April 1 - Easter



Shop at New Leaf

ALL WINTER

for the following items...

- House Plants
- House Plant Supplies
- Potting Soils
- Fertilizers
- Seed Starter & Peat Pots
- Pre-packaged seeds coming early Feb.
- Gardening Information Books
- Bird Feeding Supplies
- Wild Bird Feeds



Memorial Items

- Remembrance Items
- Cemetery Saddles & Wreaths
- Angels - Wind chimes
- Concrete Memorial Stones & Benches

We provide FREE delivery of memorial items to: Hanson-Neely, Ada and Price or Schindewolf, Stout, Crates in Kenton.

We carry... K-1 Kerosene Wicks
And do... Kerosene Heater Repair