Bird Food Buffet

Consider making a bird food buffet this Spring!  This is a great way to see what foods the birds in our yards prefer!

Most of our backyard birds are choosy about what they eat.  Some of our birds prefer seeds and fruit, while others prefer things that wiggle, like worms and insects.

To find out what the birds in our area enjoy most, put together a bird food buffet.  The birds can come and choose from the choices you lay out for them.  Collect some things that the local birds in our area like to eat.  Some suggestions are:

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When it is assembled:
Put the bird food in your backyard close to bushes or overhanging trees
BRING THE FOOD IN AT NIGHT, to avoid mammals that are looking for an easy meal.
And replace it in the morning, for several days.

Observe:
Which foods the birds prefer
Which birds seem to be vegetarians and which ones prefer worms
Do the birds eat the food right at the buffet or bring it somewhere else to eat?
Which birds are picky eaters and which ones are happy with anything
Can you guess from their beaks which type of food they will choose?