

Rose-breasted Grosbeak Learning Page

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Above: Adult male Rose-breasted Grosbeak in the BIV Bird Garden

Right: A female Rose-breasted Grosbeak clings to a mesh feeder for **Sunflower Hearts** (out of the shell). Note the large “grosbeak” bill and the white eyebrow stripe.



Above: A first Spring male Rose-breasted Grosbeak (left) shows some rose color on the breast but retains some of the coloring of first-autumn plumage (ie the mottled back and white eyebrow stripe.) By autumn of THIS year, this bird should look like the adult male Rose-breasted Grosbeak on the right!

Right: A male Rose-breasted Grosbeak stops at our waterfall bath for a drink and a bath.



Did you know??.... the Male Rose-breasted Grosbeak will help the female incubate her eggs by “spelling” her on the nest at various intervals.



Left and Right: Male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at feeders stocked with white **Safflower seed** (a Grosbeak favorite). An added advantage of the Safflower seed: When fed alone, and not mixed with other seed, safflower is one seed starlings and grackles usually do not eat!

