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Edition 2! As winter strikes the first blow, remember that your garden birds will start finding it tougher; less food, a greater struggle to keep warm, and greater emphasis on good shelter. In addition, many of our trees and shrubs will be giving less cover against predators and our pets. A good stock of high energy food supplement really does help, and you should start to see far greater numbers of hungry winged friends at your feeding point. A number of our specials this month offer an ideal supplement in the form of Elaine's suet. Browse our website for other useful items.

Regular customers will notice that we have added several new products in this last month – all bulk offerings to try to reduce the price of birding.

All subscribers are welcome to contact me at george@naturesheart.co.za.

Birding Shrub of the Month

Wild Peach (Kiggelaria Africana)

Actually a fast growing tree rather than a shrub, so you will need to keep it pruned down (if you are fortunate enough to have a large bushveld garden, just let it grow!). It likes full sun, and will flower in spring/summer, leaving edible fruit in late summer. The tree is great for a variety of birds, and is known to attract caterpillars. It will grow throughout most of South Africa, and will thrive in urban settings. Hint: If your tree is sufficiently mature, why not try one of the Nature's Heart nesting products.



Natures Heart

Specials of the Month

Valid from 1 June 2017 until 23 June 2017 or while stocks last. (All prices include VAT).

1): Cup Suet Block Month Pack (30 units) with a free Red Heart Cup Feeder.

Our Price - R500,00

Value - R685,00

SAVE R185-00

2): Bird Grub Suet Slabs.

Our Price – R15,00

Value - R20,00

SAVE R5-00

3): Suet Bits 3kg

Our Price - R180,00

Value - R220,00

SAVE R40-00

4): Combo Cup and Seed Feeder

Our Price - R90,00

Value - R115,00

SAVE R25-00

Bon Mots

We love life, not because we are used to living, but because we are used to loving.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Environmental Chirps

Proposals exist to mine the Wakkerstroom area. As every birder knows, Wakkerstroom is a birding hotspot (and more generally an environmental hotspot). It is also a "Protected Area". It is actually pointless to even debate the merits of these mining applications – they **must** not happen. Please support every right minded person in opposing this new insanity.

Bird of the Month

Crested Barbet
(*Trachyphonus vaillantii*)

If you are lucky enough to have a resident crested barbet, then you are lucky enough (apologies to the Irish readers). This toughie is really special, from the colour, to the distinctive clicking call, to the aggressive behaviour. Yet they become very comfortable with the bird-lovers presence, and will come right up to you at your feeder to get their daily treat. It is also fun to encourage them to breed in your garden using nesting logs. Fortunately they love both fruit and Elaine's suet in even measure, and are very easily attracted to your garden. A "Crestie" means hours of fun!

