

Buds AND Blossoms

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"Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times: and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the Lord."—Jeremiah 8:7.

"But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: Ye are of more value than many sparrow."— Luke 12:7.

"And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and it abode upon him."— John 1:32.

It was M. Claudius who said: He is the only Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.
No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Plant shrubs and plants that will attract birds. Some birds are very helpful, but some are very harmful. Sun flowers planted in spring will make nice seed for birds next winter. Have shrubs that have berries to invite birds to your surroundings.

There are many house plants that come from seed. They are as follows: African violets, asparagus fern, begonia, calceolaria, civeraria, cyclamen, lantana, primula, impatiens, granium, gloxinia, catus, loyelia and coleus.

Grow perennial flowers from seed. Plant the seed early to bloom the first year. Some of them require the second season. When planted they are permanent. The following are perennials: the achillea, alyssum, anchusa, anemone, anthemis, arabis, armeria and Hardy asters.

Hollyhocks are old garden favorites, and a nice background for lower plants. They are nice against a building or plank fence. They come in all colors. They thrive in most any soil, and they can be planted now.

Statice is a nice rock garden plant. It grows one foot tall, hanging with masses of panicicles of flowers. They are nice to dry for flower arrangements. It blooms in July and August. They come in silvery gray, lavender and light lavender.

Foxglove do well in half shade. It likes wood soil and blooms in June and July. Plant seed each year for continuous blooms. They usually come in white, lavender and purple.

While you work in the garden, take time to enjoy the birds getting ready for the apartments of the young, as expressed in the following:

THE BIRDS OF KILLINGSWORTH
Do you ever think what wondrous beings these?

Do you ne'er think who made them and who taught
The dialect they speak, where melodies
Alone are the interpreters of thought.
Whose household words are songs in many keys,
Sweeter than instruments of men e'er caught!
Whose habitations in the tree-tops even
Are half-way houses on the road to heaven.
Think every morning when the sun peeps through
The dim, leaf-latticed windows of the grove,
How jubilant the happy birds renew
Their old, melodious madigals of love!

And when you think of this, remember too
'Tis always morning somewhere, and above
The awakening continents, from shore to shore,
Somewhere the birds are singing evermore.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Charles William Jones of Mariabel to Mary Alberta Gibbs of Mariabel.

William Edward Dixon of Grantsboro to Evelyn Purser McDavitt of New Bern.

Robert Richard Daley of Hartford, Conn., to Jane Marie Crossley of Worcester, Mass.

Lewis Bynum, Jr., of Port Arthur, Texas, to Loretta Jean Williams of Louisville, Ky.

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