



# Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

## Songbird Habitat Fall Maintenance Checklist

Below are the supplies/tools needed to complete each maintenance task along with an estimated cost, an estimated amount of time needed to accomplish each task, and the frequency each task should be done.

Task Description	Supplies/Tools Needed	Estimated Cost	Est. Time Needed	Frequency of Task
<b>WEEKLY FALL MAINTENANCE TIPS</b>				
Fill the bird feeders and clean the outside of each one with a disinfecting wipe.	Songbird Food & Baby Wipes	\$5 (for food per month)	10 - 15 minutes	Once per week
Remove any leaves, trash or other debris from bird baths & then add clean water.	Water Hose & Scrub Brush	n/a	5 min	Once
If it hasn't rained, water to a depth of 2" inches.	Water Hose	n/a	15-30 min	Twice
Pull weeds and clean out the garden.	Gloves	n/a	15-30 min	Once
Keep hummingbird feeder(s) clean and filled.	1:4 Sugar water	\$5	15 min	Twice
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Remove diseased/damaged plants. Contact your local ACES Extension office for advice.	Gloves & Pruners	n/a	30 min	Once
Update your Songbird Habitat Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your Consultant for assistance.	Your Songbird Habitat Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once
Update paint/sealer on items like plant ID signs.	Paint or Sealer	\$5-10	1 hour	Once
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Watch for increasing numbers of hummingbirds. Report sightings on Journey North's website.	n/a	n/a	10 min	Twice per week
Leave seed heads on dying or dead plants as food for birds. Ex. Black-eyed Susans and Coneflower	n/a	n/a	n/a	Once
Clean bird feeder(s) in a bucket of water & bleach for 24 hours to disinfect them.	Bucket, bleach & a scrub brush	NA	20 min	Once
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Report hummingbird sightings on Journey North	n/a	n/a	10 min	Twice
Plant new perennials if needed.	gloves, plants, trowel/shovel	\$10-20	30-60 min	Once
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once
Apply mulch to help protect plants in winter.	Mulch	\$2 per bag	30 min	Once
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Update the Garden Plant ID Map if needed.	Plant ID Map	n/a	15 min	Once
Add suet to bird feeders for winter.	suet blocks	\$2 per block	15 min	Twice