



# The High Desert Gardener



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**Special 4th of July Store Hours  
8 a.m. to Noon**

### Now is the Time To...

- Control aphids - Aphids, in a variety of colors, have cropped up in abundance on just about everything - deciduous and fruit trees, roses, honeysuckle and more. Use **Bonide Eight** (also treats ants and earwigs), **Bonide Rose Rx** or **Bonide Tomato & Vegetable Spray**, and **Dr. Earth Insect Sprays**.
- Woolly apple aphids have returned with a vengeance this year - attacking crabapples and apple trees. Cut off leaves with masses of aphids and dispose. Then spray with **Bonide Eight** and treat with a systemic like **Bonide Tree and Shrub Insect Control** now to prevent aphids from taking up permanent residence in other parts of the tree and causing more damage.
- Water trees - Established trees, shrubs, perennials & roses must receive 1 inch of water per week throughout their root zones.
- If not done yet, mulch garden beds immediately after weeding with 2 to 4 inches of organic material such as **Gardner & Bloome Soil Building Compost** to retain moisture and keep weeds under control.
- Prevent brown patch - To prevent brown patch and other lawn fungus diseases that show up in June and July, spray lawn with **Bonide INFUSE**, **Bonide Fung-onil** or **Dr. Earth Organic Fungicide** - especially if fungus was present last season.
- Monitor roses closely for blackspot. Remove any leaves that show darkened circles with fuzzy margins on either side; yellow foliage

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Featured Products:



For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or

with dark spots; and any leaves that have already dropped from the plant. Begin a spray program with **Safer Garden Fungicide** or **Bayer 3-in-1 Insect, Disease & Mite Control** immediately. Dispose of infected leaves in the trash; do not compost. In the future, select disease resistant roses like **Bailey's Easy Elegance** series.

- Fertilize vegetables with **Dr. Earth Blended Organic Fertilizers** every 2 months or **Dr. Earth Organic Liquid Fertilizer** every 2 to 4 weeks.
- Feed (and watch for) hummingbirds - As summer progresses, rufous hummingbirds will start showing up and will stay into the fall.

[Click here for more Timely Tips!](#)

Looking for more timely tips? Watch KRNV News 4 every Friday at 6 a.m. for Moana's High Desert Gardening Tip of the Week!



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### Citrus Trees & Water Plants = Summer Fun!

*Just arrived - Lemon, lime, orange and kumquat trees and water plants.*



Lime Tree



Water Plants

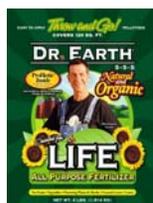
**Citrus trees available at the Moana Ln. and S. Virginia St. locations only. Water plants available at all three locations.**

### Organic & Green

We'll show you how!



transplanting all plants:  
Superthrive, Gardner &  
Bloome Soil Building  
Compost and Dr. Earth Life  
Fertilizer.



July Recommended  
Products:



Use **Bonide Eight** to control a variety of vegetable and garden insects.



**Plantskydd** keeps rabbits away from lawns and other areas of your garden by a combination of both taste and smell.



Lisa Braginton

It may seem a little late in the season to discuss something as basic to an organic and green garden as starting with the right soil; but in fact, now is the perfect time to 'amend' your ways if you did not have a chance to work your soil this spring. It is also a great time to keep a good thing going if you do have improved soil. By mulching all your beds and borders with composted organic matter, you reduce moisture loss (and conserve water), keep roots cooler and happier, suppress weeds, and lay the foundation for healthy soil next year. We recommend **Gardner and**

**Bloome Soil Building Compost.**

Lay your mulch 2" deep around your plants, keeping it at least 2" away from their root crowns. Essentially any composted organic material you can turn into soil will work as mulch, though the best is compost that you make yourself. By turning your yard clippings and non-meat kitchen scraps into compost, you efficiently recycle the energy invested in growing those materials in the first place - very green!

Creating enough compost to use throughout your yard can take some time. If you don't have any compost cooking yet, get started with this season's trimmings so that you have a pile to work from when you need to add another layer of mulch late in the season after the soil is frozen. In the meantime, purchase a good quality, blended compost and apply your mulch now to receive all the above benefits. The plants and the planet will thank you!

**Fountains Galore** *Just arrived... Choose from fiberglass, concrete, cast iron, table top and wall models & more!*



Evening Grosbeak

## July Bird of the Month

### Grosbeak

#### Evening Grosbeak - Male

#### Description

Brownish black head with black crown. Yellow forehead and eyestripe (supercillium). Wing, tail, and upper tail coverts black. Dark brown nape fading to yellow on back. Secondaries and

coverts white, creating large square white patch on back of wing in flight. Dark brownish throat fades to brownish-yellow underparts, becoming brightest under tail. Legs pink.

#### Evening Grosbeak - Female Description

Head and upperparts mostly grayish brown. Weak dark malar stripe. Yellowish wash on sides of neck. Uppertail coverts black with white



**Green Light Blossom Set** increases the yield on tomatoes and other veggies.



Use **Dr. Earth Home and Garden Insect Spray** for effective and natural insect control.



**Bonide Grub Beater** botanical insecticide is derived from the seeds of the neem tree and effectively controls a huge variety of surface and subsoil insect pests.

#### Helpful Links:



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E-Gardening Magazine  
Click the link!  
[Spring/Summer Magazine](#)



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spotting. Wings and tail black with white and gray patches in wing. Throat and underparts pale grayish brown. White under tail.



Black-headed Grosbeak

#### **Black-headed Grosbeak - Male Description**

Breeding (Alternate) Plumage: Head black (sometimes broken by partial or complete eyestripe of bright cinnamon); wings and tail black with sharply contrasting white spots; breast, rump, nape, and flanks brilliant cinnamon; and a patch of lemon-yellow on belly.

Nonbreeding (Basic) Plumage: similar, but dark feathers tipped with buff,

hiding much of plumage pattern.

#### **Black-headed Grosbeak - Female Description**

Head brown with buffy to white (occasionally lemon-yellow) crown and eyestripe, a pale chin, brown wings and tail with indistinct buffy spots, and heavily streaked body plumage that is dull cinnamon to buff with variable amounts of yellow.

#### **Fun Facts:**

- Black-headed Grosbeaks are one of the few birds capable of eating toxic monarch butterflies. They discard the wings before eating the butterfly in an apparent attempt to reduce the amount of toxins they ingest.
- Evening Grosbeaks like to eat wild cherries, but unlike other birds, they only eat the pits. They manipulate cherries in their beak to remove the outer skin and flesh. The remaining slippery seeds are held firmly with special pads on the "gross beak" and are simply cracked open and then swallowed.

For more information visit our local WBU website [reno.wbu.com](http://reno.wbu.com)



### Limited Time Offer **FREE Bird Food Cylinder** When You Buy a Bird Food Cylinder and Feeder\*

Now thru 7/12/11, when you buy a Bird Food Cylinder and a Decorative Bird Food Cylinder Feeder or Dinner Bell Feeder, you'll get an additional **FREE Bird Food Cylinder** of equal or lesser value. *\*Not valid with other offers.*

### Wild Birds Unlimited Instore Specials

- **Simply Seed Suet** - Buy 4, get 1 Free - *while supplies last*
- **Jim's Birdacious Nutty for Nuts** - \$2.49 (Reg. \$4.99) - *while supplies last*
- **Jim's Birdacious Bark Butter Bug Blend** - \$9.99 (Reg. \$13.49) - *while supplies last*
- **20# Winter Blend** - \$19.99 (Reg. \$34.99) -- Moana Ln. only - 8 bags left!

**Red Hot Specials!**

**e-Newsletter**

Sign up for Nature News - the Wild Birds Unlimited e-Newsletter from Moana Nursery [HERE](#)

**1 Gal. Sedums  
Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer 4 Lb. Bag**



**Sedum - 'Dragon's Blood' and 'Tricolor' both make great groundcovers; 'Autumn Joy' grows 15-18" tall and flowers in the fall.**  
 These beautiful perennials are perfect for the garden and containers, adding texture and color to each. And they're drought tolerant!  
**1 gal. \$3.99** (Reg. \$8.99) *3 per customer. While supplies last.*



**Plant with Dr. Earth Starter Fertilizer 4 lb. bag - For planting success with all new perennials, vegetables and annuals.**  
**\$7.49** (Reg. \$9.99) *Special offer ends July 12, 2011.*

**Save...On Home Improvement Specials**  
*Add value and beauty to your home with*  
**\$15 shrubs & \$59 trees**

**Buy 5 or more shrubs - For \$12 each**



#5 'Old Gold' Juniper **\$15** (Reg. \$28.00)    #5 'Katherine Dykes' Potentilla **\$15** (Reg. \$28.00)    #3 'Coppertina' Ninebark **\$15** (Reg. \$32.99)

**Buy 3 or more trees - For \$55 each**



#15 'Purple Robe' Locust      #15 Scarlet Oak      #15 'Cardinal Royal' Mtn. Ash  
**\$59** (Reg. \$109.99)      **\$59** (Reg. \$109.99)      **\$59** (Reg. \$109.99)

*Limited to stock on hand. Selection runs until July 12, 2011.*

## Upcoming Seminars

### July 16 - Canning

*Craig Frezzette, Expert Gardener and Canning Master*

*All seminars are free and held at 1190 W. Moana Lane in our Landscape & Design Center. Seminars begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Seating is limited to 60 and is first come, first served. Visit [www.moananursery.com](http://www.moananursery.com) or call (775) 825-0600 for more information.*

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