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Here's looking at you ...

Story by Stephanie Jordan

The red-bellied woodpecker is easy to spot for birdwatchers

The red-bellied woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*), featured on the cover of this month's *Shore Home & Garden Magazine*, is one of many birds that you can attract to your backyard this winter.

The bird is the most common woodpecker in the Southeast, says Andi Pupke, education/outreach director for Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage in Easton.

It is a medium- to large-size (9 inches) woodpecker, and are frequently seen at bird feeders and in backyards that are close to wooded areas. Red-bellied woodpeckers are easy to spot — they have a red hood from the top of its to the back of its neck.

“The male’s red hood extends to its forehead, but the female only has a red nape,” Pupke says.

The red-bellied woodpecker gets its name from the light red wash that covers its belly, although the “hood” is much easier to spot. Its back is covered with black and white bars.

Another difference between the male and female is that the male has a longer bill and longer, wider tongue tip, which allows the male to reach further for food.

The bird typically eats arthropods, seeds, fruit and sap — and occasionally extends its diet to lizards, tree frogs, small fish, nestlings and eggs. Pupke says it stores its food in cracks and crevices in trees and



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wooden fence posts, and the bird competes with other woodpeckers for nest holes.

To attract the red-bellied woodpecker to your backyard, supply them with a platform feeder or a large tube feeder filled with sunflower seeds. The bird also will eat suet, peanuts and safflower seed, if they are available. Pupke does have a word of

caution for folks who try to attract any bird to their backyards.

“Feeding should always be done wisely, as it may attract weakened and sick individuals, and could promote the spread of diseases,” she said. “Bird feeders and baths should always be kept clean to prevent the spread of disease; this includes the area under the feeders.” ➤

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The unique shape of the Skystream's fins, held here by Tim Fluharty, are designed turn easier in the wind.

Story, photographs
by Sean Clougherty

At this home,
money doesn't grow
on trees, but is
pulled out of the sky

Back in September, Frank Rehill had a Skystream wind turbine installed in their Tilghman backyard.

The wind coming off the Chesapeake Bay can be strong enough to blow down or relocate anything that's not anchored down, and Rehill decided to capitalize on it.



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An avid recycler, Rehill said there are plenty of people talking about the importance of alternative energy and it's time to "put your money where your mouth is."

The wind turbine generates electricity that heats Rehill's home and powers its appliances. The home is still connected to a utility and draws from the grid when wind-generated electricity is low. When the wind blows hard and long generating more wind than the home needs, the excess power is sent the power grid for anyone to use. In these cases, the meter turns backwards in the Rehill home, giving them a credit for the power they don't use. By mid-December, the turbine had generated more than 630 kilowatt hours, enough to drop his November utility bill by 30 percent. Rehill said on a "good day" the turbine can generate about 25 kWh.

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Want to go green? Here's a roadmap

What if a wind turbine doesn't fit into your plan for reducing energy costs? There are dozens, if not hundreds, of smaller ways to keep to reduce energy use around the home. Some ways, like wind turbines, cost more at the start but pay for themselves over time, while others show up on the next month's utility bill.

Here are a few to consider:

Start with the small things:

Some changes to drop energy costs cost next to nothing. Running ceiling fans in the winter in reverse (clockwise) changes the direction

of the blades and pushes warm air down, helping to keep rooms warm in winter. Applying foam stripping around leaky windows will keep warm in the house longer and the cold air out. Wash clothes in cold water when possible. Dry dishes by hand rather than having the electric dishwasher do it. When looked at separately, the small things may not seem worthwhile but when combined, they can make one big difference when the bill comes in the mail.

Switch to an electric mower: A two-stroke, (PAGE 37)

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If the wind blows too fast, the turbine has a brake it will employ as a safety measure. Also for safety reasons, the turbine will shut down during a power outage.

Rehills isn't the only shore resident who's gone with the wind. Tim Fluharty, owner of Fluharty's Electric in Tilghman, has installed or will soon install Skystream wind turbines in Dorchester and Kent counties, as well as in Delaware.

He said each wind system he puts in sparks interest among neighbors considering wind power.

"It's new, it's interesting and it's (PAGE 36)



Frank Rehill, right, and Tim Fluharty stand in Rehill's backyard. Rehill's wind turbine has generated more than 630 kWh since it was installed in September.

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