

Kaytee Partners With Jane Lynch and Christian Cooper to Make Backyard Birding the Hobby of the Season

As birding takes flight in popular culture, Kaytee leads the movement, launching "The Birder Hub" alongside a star-powered partnership inspiring connection, curiosity, and calm.

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FRANKLIN, Wis.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- <u>Kaytee</u>, a leading brand in backyard birding and pet care, today announced the launch of <u>The Birder Hub</u>, a first-of-its-kind digital destination designed to make birding accessible, inspiring, and enjoyable for everyone, from curious beginners to seasoned enthusiasts.

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visibility to the hobby. With more young people discovering birding through social media, outdoor adventures, and mindful escapes, The Birder Hub offers a welcoming space that reflects a generation's desire for calm, curiosity, and authentic joy.

To bring this vision to life, Kaytee has partnered with Emmy Award-winning actress and comedian Jane Lynch and birding expert and advocate Christian Cooper — two voices that capture the balance of fun and expertise that defines modern birding.

"Jane reminds us that you don't have to be an expert to enjoy birding, you just have to be a little curious," said Manny Orejuela, the VP of Marketing for Kaytee. "Together with Christian, she helps us show that birding is for everyone, and that's what makes this partnership so special."

"Beyond discovery, birding offers real benefits for mental health and emotional well-being. Time spent observing nature nurtures mindfulness, strengthens intergenerational bonds, and inspires renewed joy in everyday life," said Lynch. "Through The Birder Hub, Kaytee encourages everyone to explore birding as a meaningful blend of calm, curiosity, and

connection."

"Birding gives us a chance to slow down, breathe, and find joy in what's around us," said Christian Cooper. "It's more than a hobby. It's a reminder that wonder is always within reach."

The Birder Hub features expert insights, educational resources, and easy how-tos to help anyone get started—whether they're learning to identify their first cardinal or setting up a backyard feeder. The platform is part of Kaytee's broader mission to make nature accessible, joyful, and sustainable for all.

Explore Kaytee's Birder Hub at https://www.kaytee.com/birderhub. For more inspiration, sign up for our newsletter and follow Kaytee on Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook.

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<u>Kaytee®</u> is a leading brand in small-animal and bird care, helping pet parents nurture healthy, happy companions for more than 150 years. From food, hay and treats to bedding, habitats, toys, and accessories, Kaytee designs products to support well-being, enrichment, and the bond between people and their pets—whether that's hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs, parakeets, cockatiels, parrots, or the wild birds in your backyard. Backed by in-house nutrition and animal-care expertise, Kaytee also offers easy, research-based care guides and how-tos to help pets thrive at every life stage. Learn more at www.kaytee.com. Kaytee is part of the Central Garden & Pet (NASDAQ: CENT) (NASDAQ: CENTA) portfolio.

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