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WATER FOR SIPPING AND DIPPING

As water is essential for all God's creatures great and small, we place saucers of water♦in our vegetable garden for the birds, insects, and other critters. For the birds, we place a clay saucer on top of an inverted clay pot positioned amongst other clay pots of herbs and flowers so they have some protection from predators. Our cat only comes out with us once in a while, so the birds are safe from him.

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Saucers of smooth stones filled with water are placed on the edge of our raised beds and in between the rows. The rocks give the insects a firm footing above the water while they sip, so they don't slip and drown. It is truly amazing to see all the insects that use these pretty watering holes each day on their breaks from working in our garden.

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Most recently, Sonia and I created a new point of interest in our rose garden by adding a beautiful birdbath. Simply and inexpensively assembled, Sonia and I placed a gorgeous blue bowl from Home Goods for \$12.99 on top of a wrought iron stand we found at OK Hatchery for \$27.99.♦ Once in place, this new spa has become a favorite sipping and dipping place for all the neighborhood birds.

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Wisely stewarding God's resources has in turn provided hours of pleasure for our family as we sit on our front porch each day watching the birds sipping and dipping, sometimes drinking in unison, other times taking turns bathing. Observing their graceful flight from our Butternut tree to our Spirea bush, to the top of our rose arbor down to the birdbath, from our Red Maple to our honeysuckle vines down to the saucer of water, blesses our day as we marvel at God's magnificent creatures.♦