

Bird-Inspired Dishware

Set the table with these avian infused designs.

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You can't deny that birds love to eat, and as owners we strive to provide the most nutritionally-balanced yet tastiest food possible. While some owners like to keep their birds away from the fine china — opting for more bird-friendly dishes and bowls doesn't mean you have to completely keep birds off your plate. This month, BIRD TALK found dishware and dinnerware that reflect avian elegance to make your next dinner party bird très chic.

This 8-piece Little Bird hand-pressed coaster set by Sesame Letterpress features a bird printed on beverage boards with rubber-based ink. Contact: Sprout Home, (312) 226-5950, www.sprouthome.com.

This 4-piece Aviary Dessert Plate set is designed by Thomas Paul. The glossy print features a different whimsical bird design on each melamine plate. The plates are dishwasher-safe, but not microwave-safe. Contact: Velocity Art and Design, (866) 781-9494, www.velocityartanddesign.com.

The Mystic Bird Cup and Saucer set comes with six colored cups with a bird prominently displayed on each. A large, matching decorative box holds the set together. Contact: Sprout Home, (312) 226-5950, www.sprouthome.com.

Tord Boontje's dishware and glassware are available from Artecnic, Inc. The white porcelain dinner plate features a light gray bird, leaf and animal pattern. The large "Bird With Flower" glass features a screen pattern of birds, flowers and rabbits. Both pieces are dishwasher safe. Contact: Sprout Home, (312) 226-5950, www.sprouthome.com.