

Rubicon Wild Birds and More

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Let Nature be Your “Stress Reliever” In Tough Times

The phrase has often been used “Nature is God’s stress reliever!” In these tough economic times, many of us need a way “to get away – refresh –recharge!” There is not a more cost effective way of observing nature and recharging or relaxing than that or which watching and hearing beautiful birds around your home and office brings.

Something as simple as one of our small bird feeders filled with bird seed will attract lots of beautiful amusing song birds. Watch as a Chickadee picks just the right seed and flies off to enjoy a snack. Titmice, Woodpeckers, Goldfinches, Nuthatches, and more will come right up to your window and eat. With our Sunflower Kernels, there is no mess on the window sill, deck, or patio. Did you know that if you provide food and water for the birds during the fall, you will have winter long flurry of activity in your backyard? Food and water are very important for the birds especially during fall and

Winter as their natural sources stop growing. Come see our selection of premium bird seeds and bird baths.



With the leaves starting to fall and colder nights here, squirrels are becoming more visible and daring as they stock up on food for the cold days ahead. Did you realize squirrels try to deliberately fool others that might eat their “stashed food?” By faking us and potential “robbers” with a slight of hand trick the squirrels appear to be burying a seed or nut. Actually the hole, carefully covered up, is empty. It’s been proven that potential robbers give up after taking time to excavate “empty stashes”. Squirrels can be great fun to watch and feed separately. Ask about our squirrel feeders and

Squirrel chow.

Also, decorating your yard with flags and spinners can be a source of great joy and fun in your backyard. As we turn to winter and all the leaves are gone and the yard takes on a look of plainness, decorating can take away some of the winter time blue’s. Come see our large selection in our expanded shop!!

Look Inside:
Candles
Bird Feeders
Bird Baths
Spinners
Flags
Furniture
Sale Items

Come and see our new expanded shopping areas



Gourds, wind chimes, etc



Hanging Bird Baths



Down Under Pots



New Bird Houses



Flags and Yard Spinners



Kitchen Stuff



Recycled Plastic Furniture



Birdbaths



Cliff Shackelford doing
Woodpecker Seminar



Woodwick Candles

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR
THE BIRD LOVER/NATURE LOVER
IN YOUR LIFE??

WE CAN HELP!

GOING GREEN???

Check out our GREAT selection of feeders & houses
made from recycled plastic, including new post mount
and hanging spindle feeders.

10% off recycled plastic with this coupon good thru Dec 31, 2009

New Christmas Spinners (Check
out Santa Riding a Bike), Large
and Small Flags, Holiday Door
Covers, Design Posts, Mailbox
Covers and MORE

COME AND SEE US IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
FOR A FREE CUP OF HOT WASSAIL!!

Squirrels – Tips to Beat ‘Em

Fuzzy tailed squirrels are public enemy #1 for many Wild Bird feeding enthusiasts.

Wanted here, there, and everywhere for theft, transportation of stolen goods, destroying public property, and making a fool of authorities! Described as fat, perky, fluffy-tailed, seed nibbling, acrobatic, tree climbing daylight robber, the squirrel is an agile and smart critter. In fact, he has a bag of tricks that drives many bird lovers to the brink of “squirrelicide” !!

We realize many of our customers enjoy the squirrels and feed them regularly. However, this page is devoted to all who have attempted to keep squirrels out their birdfeeders and directed toward other sources of food.

How to Beat ‘Em

Essentially there are three ways to prevent squirrels from stealing birdseed: (1) the birdfeeder, (2) the baffle, (3) the feed. Many people find squirrels don't like safflower – It's a great solution in feeders you own that can't be baffled. Another Option is Cole's Hot Meats

that are sunflower meats infused with habanera pepper and safflower oil. All birds love sunflower seeds and without taste buds they do not detect hot pepper. All mammals, including squirrels AND raccoons, do have ability to taste the hot pepper, and will not return.

With proper placement of baffles, you can protect feeders you already own from squirrels. The best method is to hang your feeder on a shepherd hook or pole system that are at least 9' away from branches, fences, etc. You can then mount a baffle on the pole to prevent the squirrel from going up. Our Erva baffles are great and will fit on any 1-1.5" round pole.

For protecting feeders from aerial attack you can use heavy lexan clear hanging baffles. Hanging baffles need to be at least 30% bigger than the feeder hanging under it.

Otherwise squirrels will simply use the baffle as a slide and perhaps be heard

exclaiming “Yee Haw – What a Ride!”

Squirrel Proof Feeders

We've got some VERY effective feeders that save YOUR seed for the birds!! Probably among the best selling would include the Brome Squirrel Busters – we've got 3 models with varying guarantees & capacities that cost from \$24.99. One comment heard – “THEY WORK” Don't forget – if you want to win the War on squirrels, we've got what You need.

SIDE NOTE :

For those of you who LIKE those pesky squirrels – we do have squirrel feeders including the Rubicon recycled plastic one. Besides the peanuts, we also carry Critter Munchies that will make your favorite squirrel think he's found a FEAST!!