

## Outwit The Squirrels

(NAPSA)—Bird feeding can be a fulfilling hobby, if you know how to outsmart a clever squirrel who's eating your birdseed. These tips can help:

**1) Baffles:** Install baffles, at least 15 inches wide and sloped, between the top of the feeder and its hanger on a hanging feeder or between the ground and the feeder for feeders on posts.

**2) Spinners:** String spinners on a horizontal line.



**To keep squirrels out of your bird feeder, remove debris and spilled seed from the ground around the feeder that could be attracting them.**

**3) Location:** Mount bird feeders on a smooth metal pole at least six feet high and prune any branches within a 12-foot radius.

**4) Feeders:**

- Metal Feeders help minimize the damage from hungry squirrels.

- Wire Cages placed around a bird feeder will keep squirrels out and allow smaller birds to continue feeding but prevent larger birds from accessing the feeder.

- Slammer Feeders designed with doors triggered by a large bird's or squirrel's weight close and hamper access to seed.

- Interactive Bird Feeders such as the Squirrel Boss Bird Feeder. This humane and effective squirrel-proof bird feeder has a remote control operated by you from inside your home that gives the squirrel a harmless static shock correction that "tingles" but doesn't hurt the squirrel in any way. For more information, visit [www.squirrelboss.com](http://www.squirrelboss.com) or call (888) 476-9499.

**5) Seed:** Squirrels are less enticed by nyger, millet, safflower, canary and canola seeds. Adding capsaicin to birdseed can also deter squirrels.