

Your Yard

Squirrel-Proof Birdfeeder

(NAPSA)—If your heart takes wing at the sight of birds in your yard, consider these seven suggestions for saving the seeds you leave them from squirrels:

1. **Location:** Mount birdfeeders on a smooth metal pole at least six feet high. Prune any branches within a 12-foot radius.

2. **Baffles:** Install baffles, at least 15 inches wide and sloped, between the top of the feeder and its hanger or between the ground and the feeder.



It's not a flight of fancy: An ingenious device keeps squirrels far from your birdfeeder with the touch of a button.

3. **Spinners:** String spinners on a horizontal line.

4. **Seed:** Squirrels are less attracted to nyger, millet, safflower, canary and canola seeds.

5. **Clean:** Remove any debris and spilled seed from around the feeder.

6. **Traps:** Live traps can harmlessly catch and relocate squirrels.

7. **Squirrel-Proof Feeders:** There are several kinds. Squirrel-resistant feeders have doors that close when triggered by the squirrel's weight. Metal feeders help minimize the damage from hungry squirrels. Wire cages around a birdfeeder can keep squirrels out but may prevent large birds from accessing the feeder as well.

You can also get a humane and effective interactive birdfeeder. The Squirrel Boss Bird Feeder has a remote control operated by you from inside your house. When you press it, the offending squirrel gets a harmless static shock that tingles but doesn't hurt.

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