

Other Bird Food Preferences

| | Suet | Mealworms* | Berries/Fruit | Nectar** |
|----------------------|------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Chickadee | | | | |
| Titmouse | | | | |
| Nuthatch | | | | |
| House Finch | | | | |
| Mockingbird | | | | |
| Robin | | | | |
| Bluebird | | | | |
| Cedar Waxwing | | | | |
| Jay | | | | |
| Woodpecker | | | | |
| Flicker | | | | |
| Hummingbird | | | | |
| Oriole | | | | |

*Mealworms can be offered to most all birds to feed baby birds during nesting season.

**Other birds have been known to visit nectar feeders such as chickadees and woodpeckers.

Nectar Mix (sugar water: four parts water, one part sugar)

Feeding Squirrels



Whole Corn, cobs



Striped Sunflower



Peanuts



Nature's Trail Mix



Pumpkin Seeds

And pretty much anything else we offer with the exception of Safflower and Nyjer seeds (not their favorites).



Backyard Bird Feeder Styles



Tube

Most popular with perching birds. Best to use single seed (black oil sunflower, hulled sunflower or safflower.) All Millet not appropriate. Use mixes with high percentage of sunflower (Birders Choice, Songbird Select, Pure Patio or Garden Mix) so that kick-out for the ground feeders is limited. Easy to baffle against squirrels.



Mesh/Sock

Feeders are either a fine mesh sock or metal mesh for Nyjer/Thistle and Finch Blend, or a large mesh for shelled peanuts or trail mix. Easy for clinging birds.



Hopper

Any feeder where the seed is put in the top and comes out the bottom. Harder to baffle. Takes all seeds and mixes. Easier for most birds.



Hanging Platform

Free for all and very hard to baffle unless post baffled.



Ground Platform

Free for all. Keep cats away by keeping them indoors or with rosebush trimmings surrounding the feeder. A small circle of garden edging (metal fence-like material) can also be used.



Squirrel Proof

Designed to close off food source by the weight of the squirrel. Birds are light enough that it does not trigger the closure mechanism. Other styles use a 1½x1½ grid excluding squirrels as well as larger birds such as Jays and Doves.



Mealworm

Smaller feeders with glass or plastic cups with straight sides to prevent worms from crawling out. Mealworms are available from February to September in 100 or 500 count tubs. Attractive to insect eating birds and parents feeding babies.



Nectar

Both for Hummingbird and Oriole. Smaller is better to prevent food spoilage. Use sugar water – 4 parts water, 1 part sugar. No coloring. Change every 3 days in summer, 5 in winter. Available in saucer or reservoir style.



Suet

Enjoyed year round by chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, jays, and squirrels. Hot pepper suet will repel squirrels. Location specific. Move until the birds tell you they like the place.



Birdbath

Birds enjoy fresh water for bathing and drinking. Change water frequently. Keep algae free with Fountec and clean when needed with white vinegar or Superbac bird bath cleaner. Can be hanging, deck mounted, pedestal, or ground style.

Backyard Bird Seed Preferences

| Seeds | Chickadee | Titmouse | Nuthatch | House Finch | Goldfinch | Pine Siskin | Grosbeak | Jay, Crow | Pigeon | Dove | Junco | Woodpecker | Flicker | Quail | Towhee | Sparrow | Turkey |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| Black Oil Sunflower | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hulled Sunflower | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Striped Sunflower | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| White Proso Millet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Safflower | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nyjer/Thistle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cracked Corn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whole Corn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peanuts in Shell | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelled Peanuts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mixes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Birder's Choice | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pure Patio Mix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Songbird Select | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Premium Garden Mix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Premium Wild Finch Mix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Backyard Basic | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dove and Quail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nature's Trail Mix | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Seeds

Black Oil Sunflower – Most popular with most seed eating birds, leaves shell, can grow if not eaten, can kill grass.

Hulled Sunflower – Also very popular with most seed eating birds, no mess, can't grow, absorbs moisture from rain and molds quickly.

Striped Sunflower – Larger than Black Oil, jays and squirrels like.

White Proso Millet – Liked by ground feeders, kick out seed from tubes. Hulled millet doesn't grow.

Safflower – Favorite of Titmice. Other birds will get used to it. Squirrels don't particularly like it.

Nyjer/Thistle – Small black, imported seed served in special mesh or small holed feeder. Has shell but doesn't grow. Especially used to attract goldfinch. Also eaten by house finch, juncos and doves on the ground.

Cracked Corn – usually considered a filler in mixes but good for ground feeders, deer and squirrels.

Whole Corn – Some squirrels like or like part of it. Crows and jays like.

Whole Peanuts – Jays and squirrels like. Only put a little out because they both bury the excess.

Shelled Peanuts – Put in a mesh peanut feeder, peanuts are enjoyed by chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers and jays. Baffle against squirrels.

Mixes

Birder's Choice – Black oil sunflower, millet, peanut chips. Good as all purpose mix in tube, but expect kick out for ground feeders. Also can be used as ground feed.

Pure Patio Mix – Hulled sunflower, hulled millet, peanut chips. No shells, so no mess and nothing grows. Good as all purpose mix in tube, but expect kick out for ground feeders. Susceptible to moisture. Best Seller.

Songbird Select – Black oil sunflower, hulled sunflower and safflower. Good mix when fewer ground feeders present. Titmice, chickadees and house finches like.

Premium Garden Mix – Hulled Sunflower, hulled millet, safflower. Almost no waste, but safflower has shell and can grow. Low waste, good where peanuts not desired.

Premium Wild Finch Mix – Nyjer and fine chip hulled sunflower. Not advised for mesh bags. Susceptible to moisture. Brings more birds, and possibly squirrels, to Nyjer feeders.

Backyard Basic – White and red millet and a few black oil sunflowers. Juncos love red millet and this mix is great for the ground and platform feeders.

Dove and Quail – Millet, safflower, cracked corn, wheat. Ideal for ground feeders and quail. Band-tailed pigeons will eat lots.

Nature's Trail Mix – Tree nuts. Great for squirrels, jays and deer on the ground or in a platform. Use instead of shelled peanuts in mesh feeder for chickadees and woodpeckers.

