



Tips for Keeping Squirrels off Bird Feeders by Don & Lillian Stokes

Squirrels can be furry thieves at bird feeders, but there are some steps you can take to keep them off the feeders and reserve the seed for the birds.

1. Place feeders at least 12-15 feet from any surface the squirrel can jump from, such as a tree, shrub or house. You may have to move it further if your squirrels can still jump and reach the feeder.

2. Mount feeders on the Stokes Select® Bird Feeder Pole at least 5 feet off the ground. Place the Squirrel-X® Squirrel Baffle below the feeder. This will prevent gray and red squirrels from climbing the pole and reaching the seed.

3. Use the Squirrel-X® Squirrel-Proof Feeder in any situation where there are gray squirrels. It lets small birds, such as chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, cardinals and finches, feed but excludes gray squirrels. Even if gray squirrels get on the feeder, they cannot get inside the cage to access the seed, thus this feeder is ideal for decks, trees and hanging close to houses.



4. Try Stokes Select® Safflower Seed, which squirrels usually find unappealing, but birds such as cardinals and chickadees do find appealing.

5. Divert squirrels from bird feeders by providing them with their own feeders and squirrel toys. The Stokes Select® Squirrel Lunch Box holds over 4 quarts of seed and is all metal to keep squirrels from chewing the feeder. Watch the entertaining squirrel antics as they quickly learn to lift the lid and get their treats!

6. Use Stokes' Critter Snack Select to fill the Stokes Select® Squirrel Lunch Box. This blend of whole corn, peanuts and sunflower appeals to squirrels and keeps them coming back for more.

7. Try the Stokes Select® Corn Cob Feeder, a unique and attractively designed accessory that holds a corn cob. The Stokes Select® Tractor Cob Feeder is another fun feeder for the squirrels that holds two corn cobs. This gives squirrels their own yummy treat and helps keep them off the bird feeders.