Bird Feeders: Why Hang More Than One?

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If maximum species variety is your feeding goal, you'll want to have several feeders, placed at varied heights and locations. Here are a few considerations to bear in mind when selecting a feeder:

Style

Platform feeders are ideal for attracting ground feeders such as cardinals, doves, juncos, and jays. Hanging or post-mounted feeders attract birds that feed at branch level. Nectar feeders invite orioles and hummingbirds. Insect feeders attract robins, bluebirds, and purple martins. Hopper or open styles are better for larger birds. Tube feeders are ideal for smaller birds like finches and chickadees.

Ports and Perches

Ports must be sized appropriately. Sunflower or mixed seeds won't fit through the smaller ports of finch feeders.

Offer multiple seed mixes in feeders with multiple seed tubes, and look for feeders with adaptable ports so you can switch from mixed to thistle seed offerings.

Feeders with perches attract grackles, grosbeaks, chickadees, titmice, and other perching birds. Clinging birds, such as woodpeckers, finches, or nuthatches, prefer feeders without perches. To attract both varieties, look for feeders that feature removable or flip-up perches.

Construction: what to look for

- Rust-resistant construction
- UV resistant feed tubes
- Squirrel resistant features
- Solid, durable components

Value

Price is a factor. Get the most for your money by weighing features, durability, and appearance against overall cost of the feeder.

Some Feeders We Recommend

Squirrel Buster Classic

Triple Tube Wild Bird Feeder

Covered Ground Feeder

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