

Bird Feeding Tips for All Seasons

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Variety
keeps your wild
bird feeders
packed
all year long



all is the perfect time to revitalize your backyard [bird feeders](#). Just because the colors of summer have begun to fade, it doesn't mean the [variety of seeds](#) you offer your winged and wild neighbors has to follow suit. True, [suet cakes](#) and [sunflower seeds](#) – both high in fat and energy – are excellent feed choices that can help most bird species prepare for and survive the coming winter. But, by also keeping other high quality [seed mixes](#) available, your backyard is sure to be a winter hotspot for a variety of wild birds.

The key is to find the perfect balance of quantity and quality of offered seeds. Though a flock of finches may have devoured an entire [tube feeder](#) worth of [thistle](#) on a weekly basis during the summer, they may only eat a portion of that as fall turns into winter. In addition, some seed and mix varieties may spoil faster in the cooler, moisture varying weather, which creates unnecessary waste and could potentially harbor diseases. Simply continue to monitor feeding activity at each of your [bird feeders](#) and adjust the offered seed levels accordingly.

Similarly, the style of bird feeder you maintain doesn't need to change throughout the year either. Birds, such as mourning doves and juncos, that tend to ground feed don't change their preferences just because the ground is covered with leaves or snow. True, as leaves or snow begin to fall and potentially fill the feeder, maintaining a [ground-style feeder](#) requires a bit more upkeep. But, the rewards of keeping birds in your yard throughout the fall and winter far outweigh the short time it takes each day to clean and replenish your bird feeders.

THERE'S MORE TO FEEDING THAN JUST FOOD

Keeping your wild bird neighbors well fed with a variety of high quality seeds is only part of the year-round bird feeding equation. The best bird feeders are not singular additions randomly placed in your backyard. Instead, the most visited and successful bird feeders are part of a welcoming environment that includes water, shelter, and natural food sources. Whether you've been birding for years or are just beginning to forage into this exciting hobby, keep birds at your feeders during the fall, winter, spring, and summer with:

- _____ Fresh water for drinking and [bathing](#)
- _____ Ample cover, preferably provided by native plants and landscaping
- _____ Natural food sources, such as berries, nuts, and fruits, from native plants

Recommended Products



[Squirrel Be-Gone III Triple Tube Feeder](#)



[Triple Tube Wild Bird Feeder](#)



[Economy Waste-Free Seed Mix](#)



[Copper Roof Double Suet Feeder](#)