3 Tips for Backyard Harmony with Squirrels

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Many bird enthusiasts have reversed their "zero tolerance" squirrel policy. Instead, they're rolling out the welcome mat. . .

Why, you ask? For one, squirrels occasionally forget where they bury some of their nuts, which helps new habitat and food spring to life. But, squirrels are also hugely entertaining. You've seen them rush to the end of a tiny limb, teeter as if likely to plummet, and then leap successfully onto one of your bird feeders - 15 ft away! Imagine the joy you'd feel if this act in no way impacted visiting songbirds. With thoughtful backyard planning, you can enjoy these witty visitors - without sacrificing your songbirds.

First - Establish clear feeding areas for squirrels, since their presence can scare away songbirds. Place squirrel feeding stations at least 15 ft from songbird feeders.

Second - Employ their persistent methods for your personal amusement. Give them a squirrel feeder that makes them work for their food, and thus gives you an amusing look at their intelligent problem-solving skills. Adirondack Chair and Squirrel-In-A-Jar feeders will keep a smile on your face while also keeping squirrels away from bird feeders.

Third - Keep squirrel feeders filled with mixes they love, so they'll be less tempted by wild bird offerings. Squirrels enjoy peanuts in the shell, dried corn, and sunflower seed. You can give them all three, plus vitamins and minerals, when you offer our Squirrel Food.

An adult squirrel must consume its entire body weight in food each week. Plus, they have to sock away food for colder, food-scarce months. That's a lot of seeds, bugs, and nuts - and surely explains their almost frenzied approach to foraging. Lend them a hand by offering them foods they love in a feeder that brings a smile to your face.

Recommended Products

Squirrel-In-A-Jar Feeder

Squirrel Food

Squirrel House

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