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February Newsletter

WHICH BIRDS EAT SUET & HOW TO ATTRACT THEM?

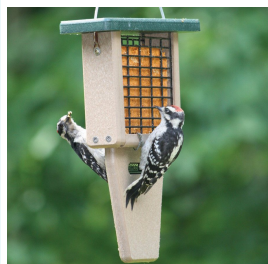
Suet can be fed to our backyard birds all year long. During the summer months, adult birds will feed suet to their young, but it is especially important to offer suet to the birds during the cold winter months. Suet is high in calories and fat which provides the birds with more energy. They need to consume more fat in the colder months to help them survive the harsh conditions.



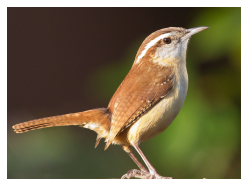
Nuthatches are very easy to please. They love suet. Especially nut and peanut butter flavors. Use a hanging suet basket and fill it with peanut flavored suet cakes. They'll soon be clinging to the grid, usually upside down!



Chickadees also love suet. Suet is an important food for birds year-round and it seems to be a real favorite with chickadees. Make sure it's always available for them and they'll be at your feeders all day long. Feed suet cakes on a platform feeder, in a suet basket or feed suet balls in a suet ball feeder. Chickadees love the peanut and nut flavored suet cakes.



Next time you observe a woodpecker feeding naturally on a tree, look at their entire body. You will notice that woodpeckers prefer three points of contact, which includes their two feet and tail! Woodpeckers prefer to have their tail securely pressed against something solid when they start banging their head on a tree. So a feeder with a tail prop should make your birds feel more at home while feeding. Woodpeckers who love tail prop feeders includes Downy, Hairy, Red-Bellied, Red-Headed Pileated and Northern Flicker.



At feeders, Wrens will sample mealworms, peanut butter, peanut hearts, and suets. Platform or tray feeders are best for offering these foods. Peanut butter and suet can be smeared directly on a tree trunk or branch to offer to wrens, and these birds will also visit suet feeders.



Like most wild birds, Blue Jays love suet particularly during cold winter months. If you're offering this type of bird food to them make sure you have chosen an extra-sturdy model of the feeder. Many of the basic wire suet feeders are not made to accommodate large songbirds like Blue Jays.

Suet is the Highest Energy Feed You Can Feed your Backyard Birds this Winter

Suet Balls/Plugs



Suet Cakes



Suet Nuggets



Urban Nature Store Fun Feather Facts

Suet Saver

Orange Burst, Blueberry, Berry Blast & Peanut flavors of suet made by Heath that are offered at Urban Nature Store and are loved and needed by a variety of birds to help birds receive the fat and calories they need during the frigid months. If you are having issues with unwanted pests like Starlings or Grackles, pick up a Suet Saver. It is a great suet feeder that discourages these nuisance birds from hanging and gobbling up all of the suet.



#SE-902 Suet Saver

70 Cardinals

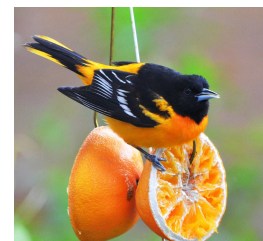
During winter months Cardinals have been known to flock together with up to 70 birds in a flock. This makes as it always seems like there is countless “fire in the snow” when we happen to receive any snowfall. Tray and ground feeders are a great way to allow Cardinals to eat together and they prefer black oil sunflower or safflower the best. If you just love the “fire in the snow” scene, Urban Nature Store has mugs, flags, and other great gifts just in time for Valentine’s Day.



Fire In The Snow Garden Flag
SEEK6603

Migrating birds

Neotropical birds are birds migrating from neotropical areas in Central America and South America. Birds that are considered neotropical migrators include the Northern Oriole, the Baltimore Oriole, the Indigo Bunting, the Rose-Breasted Grosbeak, Purple Martins and the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird.



Baltimore Oriole

Recycled Cardinal Earrings

Jabebo Earrings are worn by educators and nature enthusiasts of all sorts to display interests close to their hearts. The earrings are hand made with post-consumer paperboard from cereal box cartons. The original packaging is visible on the reverse of the earring piece. The earrings are light weight and comfortable to wear.

Product Of The Month



Recycled Northern Cardinal Earrings
JAB-105

Attract Birds with Suet Feeders

Suet feeders come in many shapes, sizes and colours. You can purchase your basic suet feeder which is a small square cage, or you may decide on a double suet feeder which holds two cakes of suet. You could also go all out and purchase a squirrel-proof suet feeder. We have suet feeders that have cages around them to keep the gray and black squirrels out... but not the red squirrels and chipmunks.

Suet Cages



Suet Log Feeder



Tail-Prop Suet Feeder



Squirrel Proof Suet Feeder



Upside down Suet Feeder

