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If You're Tired of Fighting the Squirrels, Feed 'Em

Tips to feed squirrels and birds to create harmony in your backyard

(Family Features) Countless backyards are battlegrounds between die-hard homeowners and squirrels fighting over bird feed. Squirrels need not be an inevitable element of bird feeding; even though keeping squirrels out of bird feeders is an age-old problem, there are ways to thwart these thieves.

One common tactic is stocking feeders with seed squirrels dislike, such as safflower, nyjer, white proso millet and seed infused with capsaicin, a compound derived from hot peppers that makes mammals' tongues smart. An option like Cole's Hot Meats features nutritious sunflower meats infused with fiery habanero chili peppers. They're a no waste, no mess feed, birds enjoy but squirrels' dislike.

Some people find squirrels adorable, fascinating to watch and have nothing against them, even allowing them to share seed with birds. The real problem begins when squirrels take their share and then some.

To combat this, consider adding a baffle to your bird feeder on a pole about 5 feet high so squirrels don't jump over it. Bird feeders on poles can be set in open spaces where there's no trees or structures squirrels can jump from onto feeders. Try a "squirrel-proof" feeder that employs cages, or springloaded doors, keeping squirrels at bay. You can then offer food specific to squirrels' taste preferences away from bird feeders.

Because squirrels are territorial, they're less likely to go to other locations once they're accustomed to eating in a designated place. Establishing a feeding space just for squirrels can satisfy their appetites and keep them out of bird feeders. You can use an open feeder or scatter feed on the ground for easy access. Try 100% whole peanuts or Cole's Critter Munchies, which includes ingredients squirrels love. Another way to help squirrels thrive is to provide access to fresh, clean water.

Squirrels are interesting creatures and worth the watch. Consider these facts:

- Squirrels can find food buried beneath 1 foot of snow.
- Squirrels' front teeth never stop growing.
- Squirrels run zigzag patterns to escape predators.
- Squirrels "fake out" other squirrels and pretend to bury nuts to throw off potential thieves from their hiding places.
- When falling, squirrels use their tails both for balance and as parachutes. Plus, they can jump up to 20 feet and run 20 miles per hour.
- Squirrels can see behind them, but they're blind at birth.
- When given a mixture of nuts, squirrels sort them by type before burying each variety in a different area.
- Squirrels can rotate their hind feet 180 degrees when descending trees and poles.
- Squirrels are one of the most important animals for helping spread oak trees. They store acorns in the ground but only recover about 70% of them, allowing forgotten acorns to grow into healthy trees.

As for the birds: In cold weather, it's important to provide high-quality choices that offer the most fat, nutrients and energy. Look for black oil sunflower, which is rich in oil, attracting birds and providing energy.



Birds also love suet, the solid fat rendered from beef, venison or vegetables, which provides concentrated energy, helping them make it through freezing weather.

Some suet cakes are formulated to attract the largest variety and number of birds as well as specific bird species. Birds are greatly attracted to the taste of hot and spicy suet cakes, and some even prefer them over non-spicy suet cakes. To attract seed-, fruit- and insect-loving songbirds try Nutberry Suet, a unique mix of premium fruits, preferred nuts, nutritious suet kibbles and whole-kernel sunflower meats.

By following squirrel proofing tips and offering food birds and squirrels prefer in separate locations, you'll see for yourself birds and squirrels can live harmoniously in your backyard while you enjoy watching both species' entertaining antics. For more information, visit coleswildbird.com.



Add Meaning to Halloween and Support a Good Cause

(Family Features) As the world faces multiple crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, families may have to adjust traditional trick-or-treating plans again this year. However, there are still ways to help make a difference and celebrate Halloween virtually. One way to add more meaning to Halloween is to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund. Celebrating more than 70 years of fundraising, this annual tradition is America's longest running youth engagement campaign and has raised more than \$180 million to help support children's health care, education, nutrition, safe water, emergency relief and more.

Last year, the beloved program was launched as a virtual experience in an effort to celebrate Halloween responsibly while social distancing. This Halloween, it is evolving into a fully digital experience. Getting involved virtually can prove just as rewarding. Funds raised will help support lifesaving work to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to communities, health care workers and families around the world that need them most. As the largest purchaser of vaccines each year, UNICEF is helping lead procurement and distribution in the largest and fastest immunization effort of its kind, and you can be a part of that effort by aiding the organization in raising lifesaving funds and safely celebrating Halloween.

To learn more and get involved, visit trickortreatforunicef.org/join.



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Threats to pets that roam outdoors

Domesticated pets may have evolved from wild animals, but it has been some time since dogs were needed to hunt like wolves or domesticated cats had to survive like wild leopards or tigers. While pets can enjoy time outdoors, it's important to avoid leaving them to their own devices for too long. The online health resource Healthcare for Pets says responsible pet ownership necessitates certain precautions to keep pets safe when they venture out of the home.

The following is a list of potential dangers that can affect pets outdoors.

• Pesticides and poisons: Pet owners may use pet-friendly products in and around their homes. However, there's no guarantee that your neighbors do the same. Common lawn and garden products, including insecticides and pesticides, may cause anything from mild irritations to toxic poisoning.

• Weather: A fur coat does not offer complete protection from conditions like extreme weather. Pets can experience hypothermia or heat stroke if they are exposed to extreme weather for prolonged periods of time.



Successfully Caring for Orchids is Easier Than You May Think

(StatePoint) Some people shy away from orchids because they appear fragile, but mostly these gorgeous plants are just misunderstood.

Even if you've never owned a houseplant or tried your hand at gardening, you can successfully grow Phalaenopsis (moth) orchids. Perfect for beginners, they are easy to grow and require minimal care. To get started, check out the tips and resources available at justaddiceorchids.com.

Orchid care is easier than you may think. All you need is a bit of knowledge to keep your orchid happy and healthy for successful blooms again and again.

• Automobiles: Dogs and cats that wander can be struck by vehicles and/ or ingest potentially harmful substances leaking from cars or trucks. Automotive coolant (antifreeze) is often sweet and brightly colored, which attracts curious pets. Ethylene glycol in coolant is fatal to dogs and cats if ingested. Outdoor cats may hide or seek warmth in car engines, putting them at risk for injury.

• Exposure to illnesses: Young animals should not spend prolonged periods of time outdoors before they are vaccinated. However, the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior recommends that pet parents begin taking puppies on walks and public outings as early as one week after their initial rounds of vaccinations (roughly seven weeks old) because this is the window of time when socialization skills are learned.

• Parasites: Bugs and parasites may be lurking outdoors. Parasitic worm larvae, fleas, mosquitoes, and ticks can be harmful to pets. Ask your vet about year-round flea/tick/heartworm preventatives if a pet spends time outdoors.



• Other animals: Wild animals pose a risk to domesticated pets. They can pass illnesses on to pets or engage them in scuffles that result in injuries or even death. If companion animals are not spayed or neutered, pet owners may have to confront unexpected pregnancies after pets spend time outdoors.

Pets that spend time outdoors should be supervised whenever they leave the confines of their homes.







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