

Timely Turf Tips

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Snow and some colder weather remind us that it is December in Minnesota. While this first snow may not last long, winter is here and more time is spent inside now. Try providing an additional food source for the birds to allow the activity around a bird feeder to entertain. The mill has a wide variety of bird feed and feeders so stop in and check out the selection. Save by using the coupon below.

Bird Feeding Tips

Winter brings short days and long chilly nights, and snow that can cover normal food supplies, so providing a supplemental source of food can benefit bird survival. Think about using a higher percentage of high calorie and high fat foods to provide the energy needed for winter survival. Nutritious winter foods include:

Black oil sunflower seeds- a favorite of many birds, including cardinals, chickadees, finches, nuthatches, titmice, and woodpeckers.

Safflower seeds- a good choice for cardinals, chickadees, grosbeaks, and titmice, but squirrels don't care for it. Ask about golden safflower, which has a higher oil content, fat content, and protein level than white safflower along with a thinner outer shell for easier cracking.

Suet- Birds love suet. A rendered animal fat, suet provides concentrated energy to help birds make it through freezing winter days and nights. Woodpeckers, chickadees, and nuthatches will devour suet.

Peanuts- a nutritious food for birds, high in fat and protein. Well-liked by cardinals, chickadees, woodpeckers, and titmice.

Nyjer seed (thistle) - a small, black seed containing a high calorie and oil content that is desired by goldfinches, redpolls, and pine siskins.



Nuthatch

More Winter Bird Feeding Tips

- Try to locate feeders out of the wind and closer to the house than during the summer for better viewing.
- Clean off feeders, platforms and perches after each storm so seed is easily accessible.
- Add a heated birdbath to the backyard or place a safe heating element in a regular birdbath to provide birds with liquid water. Adding a water source for winter birds is a key element to any winter bird feeding plan.
- Stamp or shovel snow around the feeders to provide easier access to spilled seed for ground feeding birds.

Holiday Gift Ideas at the Mill

- For the family: Bird feeders, birdbath heaters and decorative outdoor thermometers.
- For the kids that are starting to drive: emergency tow strap, jumper cables, windshield scraper, and hand warmers.
- For the older kids in dorms, first apartment or house: tool box filled with hand tools. Tape measure stocking stuffer.
- For the family pets: rawhide chews, biscuits, and toys for dogs and cats. Save 20% by using the coupon.

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