

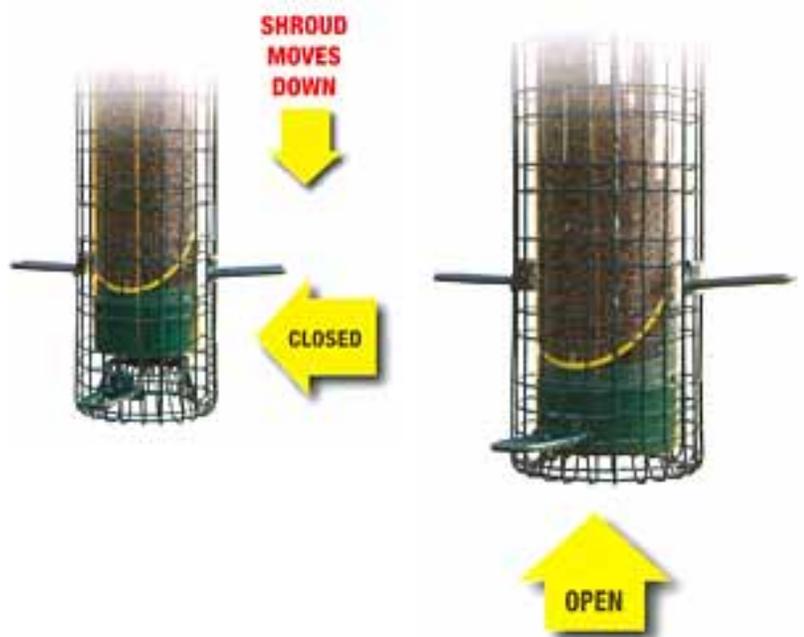
Squirrel Buster Finch™ Feeder

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The following instructions were provided by the manufacturer.

How it works

Openings in the wire shroud align with seed ports and provide birds access to the seed. When a squirrel climbs onto the feeder, its weight automatically forces the shroud down, closing access to the seed ports. All squirrels and many large birds are foiled, but not harmed in any way.



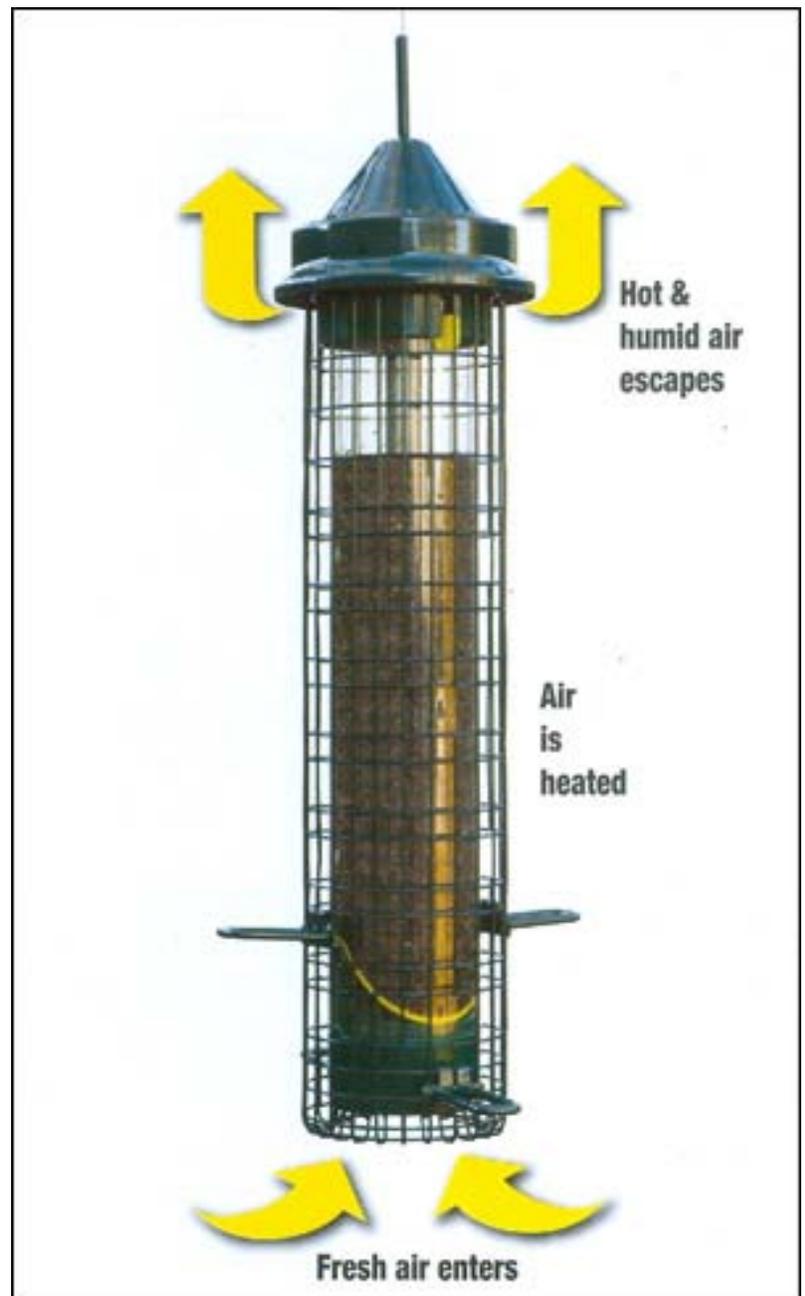
Finches love to both perch and cling

Finches are very gregarious birds and love to either perch or cling when feeding. The 4 seed ports on the upper half of the Squirrel Buster Finch provide a surface area for clinging, while the 4 seed ports on the lower half of the feeder provide 4 perches for perching. You will find a great amount of activity as the birds move from perching to clinging as they compete for a feeding position.



Patented Seed Tube Ventilation System™

Transparent seed tubes are like greenhouses, they trap solar energy. Traditional seed tube cover designs block the escape of heated air.



The patented Seed Tube Ventilation System in your Squirrel Buster Finch permits humidity and warm air to escape through waterproof vents at the top of the feeder. The escaping air is replaced by fresh air entering through the seed ports.

The seed remains fresher and attracts more birds.

Detachable Component System™

Squirrel Buster Finch has been designed to dismantle easily, without any tools, so that cleaning your feeder is effortless. It is extremely important, for the safety of wild birds, to always offer them a sanitary feeder and fresh food.



1 Push down and turn



2 Remove the cover



3 Pull yellow center post cap



4 Disconnect hanger cable



6 Pull out tube



7 Push buttons and remove



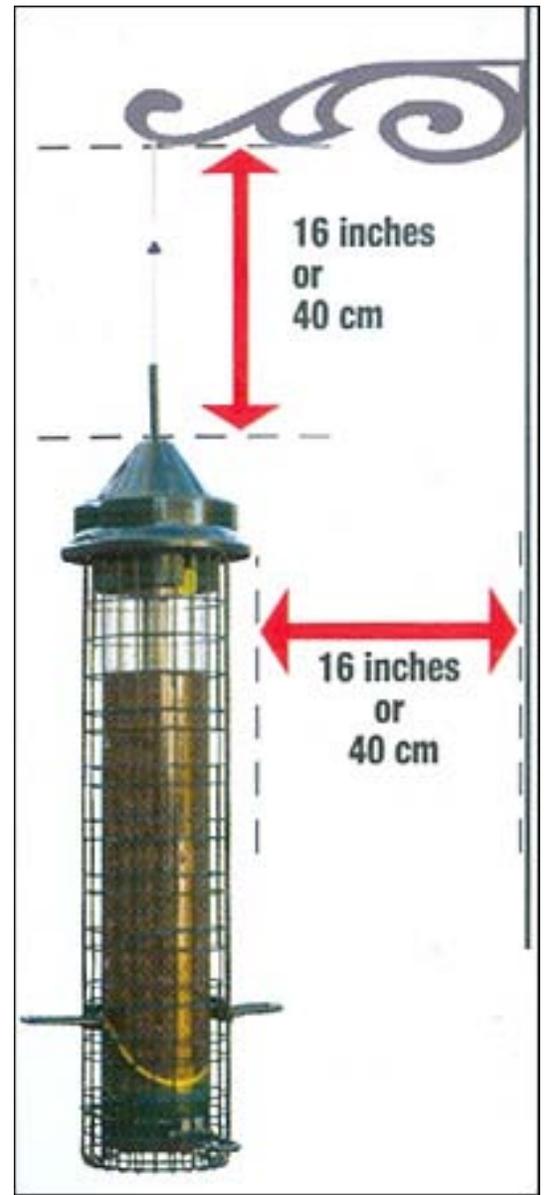
5 Remove nut



8 Remove

The need for clearance

Remember, it's the squirrel's weight that triggers the closing mechanism. If a squirrel can reach over from a nearby foothold and avoid placing any weight on the feeder, he will have access to the seed ports. Allow for at least 16 inches or 40 cm of clearance around the feeder. This will force the squirrel to climb onto the feeder, thus triggering the closing mechanism.



Negative Grip Tube™

The negative grip tube prevents squirrels from grabbing the wire hanger with their hind legs, hanging alongside the feeder and defeating the closing mechanism.



Wild Bird Safety

Clean bird feeders are as important to wild birds as clean dishes are to humans. Grimy bird feeders can be a source of contamination that can be fatal to birds. Please help to spread the word about the need for clean wild bird feeders.

Cleaning

Wash the components of Squirrel Buster Finch with a solution of dishwashing detergent and warm water. Rinse with a solution of white vinegar, a mild natural disinfectant.

DO NOT PUT IN DISHWASHER. The high temperatures generated in a dishwasher will damage feeder components.

Owner's Guide

The spring mechanism is calibrated at the factory to close at 4.0 oz./115g. The smaller Red Squirrels, as well as the larger Gray Squirrels, are shut out at this setting.

Birds by weight

Red-breasted Nuthatch	0.35 oz. / 10	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1.6 oz. / 45g
Chickadee	0.4 oz. / 11g	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1.7 oz. / 50g
American Goldfinch	0.5 oz. / 14g	Red-winged Blackbird	2.0 oz. / 52g
Common Redpoll	0.5 oz. / 14g	Evening Grosbeak	2.0 oz. / 56g
Pine Siskin	0.5 oz. / 14g	Northern Cardinal	2.0 oz. / 56g
Dark-eyed Junco	0.7 oz. / 20g	Hairy Woodpecker	2.3 oz. / 66g
Tufted Titmouse	0.7 oz. / 20g	European Starling	3.0 oz. / 84g
White-breasted Nuthatch	0.7 oz. / 20g	Jay	4.0 oz. / 112g
House Finch	1.0 oz. / 28g	Common Grackle	4.0 oz. / 112g
Purple Finch	1.0 oz. / 28g	Mourning Dove	4.0 oz. / 112g
Sparrow	1.0 oz. / 28g	Northern Flicker	4.6 oz. / 130g
Downy Woodpecker	1.5 oz. / 42g	Domestic Pigeon	9.0 oz. / 225g

Squirrels by weight

Douglas Squirrel	5 to 10 oz. / 140 to 280g
Red Squirrel	5 to 11 oz. / 140 to 310g
Gray Squirrel	12 to 26 oz. / 340 to 740g
Fox Squirrel	17 to 37 oz. / 480 to 1050g

Frequently asked questions

What seed should I use?

Your Squirrel Buster Finch feeder is specifically designed to dispense Nyjer seed (formerly known as thistle seed), the preferred seed of the American Goldfinch. It is also considered the premier seed for attracting many varieties of smaller songbirds. Its high oil content is a highly nutritious and valuable food source for wild birds.

When should I feed birds?

Any time of the year is a good time to feed wild birds. Feeding birds during the fall and winter months helps them to survive the cold weather. Nature's food supply is actually at its lowest in the spring, making it an important feeding season. During the summer, birds are establishing their territory, nesting and raising young. This is a time of high activity for the birds and a steady supply of dry seed is a welcome addition to their diet.

What happens if I stop feeding the birds?

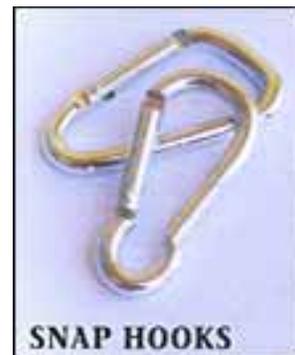
Mother Nature has always provided for the birds. Birdseed from feeders is a bonus for wild birds and provides only a part of their nutritional needs. If you stop feeding the birds, they will continue to feed from natural sources just as they did before you began feeding them.

Do metal perches cause any harm?

There is some concern that birds' feet will stick to metal perches in freezing weather. This cannot and does not happen. Birds do not have sweat glands in their feet and never stick to metal objects such as utility wires, metal fences or radio and TV antennas.

What about chipmunks, raccoons, bears and other critters?

Squirrel Buster Finch is absolutely squirrel proof, but is not designed to deter chipmunks, raccoons, bears and other critters that can damage the feeder. Raccoons can damage the feeder when they drop it to the ground and roll it around to extract the seed. Latch your feeder with a snap hook to avoid raccoon damage.



Birdseed is attractive to a wide variety of wild animals. Usually these animals are nocturnal. If you have a problem, we recommend that you take your feeder in at night.