

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What about raccoons and similar critters?

The Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ feeder is absolutely squirrel proof, but is not designed to deter raccoons or similar critters that can damage the feeder. Often they will drop the feeder to the ground and roll it around to extract the food. This can be minimized by latching your feeder with a snap hook that is tied to a hook or bracket.



### What about bears and other larger animals?

Wild bird food is attractive to a wide variety of wild animals. If there is a problem, take your feeder in at night.

### How long before birds come to a new feeder?

It could take several weeks for birds to feel comfortable around a new feeder. Birds have to find the feeder by sight and then make sure that it is safe. They are constantly aware of the threat of predators and will take the time to check out the surroundings. Placing the new feeder near bushes or trees will give the birds natural hiding places. To keep food clean and fresh, only fill about half full, until the activity on your feeder increases.

### When should I feed birds?

Any time of year is a good time to feed the birds! Feeding birds during the fall and winter months helps them to survive the cold weather. Nature's natural food supply is actually at its lowest in the Spring, also 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.



## Owners Guide

The spring mechanism is calibrated at the factory to hold 2.5 oz. / 70g. It will close fully at 5.3 oz. / 150 g., shutting out the smaller Red Squirrels, as well as the larger Gray Squirrels.

*Note: Spring tension may vary depending on outside temperatures.*

### Typical Energy Values

Food	Caloric Value (per 100 g. / 3.5 oz.)
Nyjer®	480 calories
Black Oiled Sunflower Seed	500 calories
Peanuts	560 calories
Sunflower Hearts	600 calories
Pure Suet	800 calories

### Birds by weight

Red-Breasted Nuthatch	0.35 oz. / 10 g.
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak	1.6 oz. / 45 g.
Chickadee	0.4 oz. / 11 g.
Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker	1.7 oz. / 50 g.
American Goldfinch	0.5 oz. / 14 g.
Red-Winged Blackbird	2.0 oz. / 52 g.
Common Redpoll	0.5 oz. / 14 g.
Evening Grosbeak	2.0 oz. / 56 g.
Pine Siskin	0.5 oz. / 14 g.
Northern Cardinal	2.0 oz. / 56 g.
Dark-Eyed Junco	0.7 oz. / 20 g.
Hairy Woodpecker	2.3 oz. / 66 g.
Tufted Titmouse	0.7 oz. / 20 g.
European Starling	3.0 oz. / 84 g.
White-Breasted Nuthatch	0.7 oz. / 20 g.
Jay	4.0 oz. / 112 g.
House Finch	1.0 oz. / 28 g.
Common Grackle	4.0 oz. / 112 g.
Purple Finch	1.0 oz. / 28 g.
Mourning Dove	4.0 oz. / 112 g.
Sparrow	1.0 oz. / 28 g.
Northern Flicker	4.6 oz. / 130 g.
Downy Woodpecker	1.0 oz. / 42 g.
Domestic Pigeon	9.0 oz. / 255 g.

### Squirrels by weight

Douglas Squirrel	5 to 10 oz. / 140 to 280 g.
Red Squirrel	5 to 11 oz. / 140 to 310 g.
Gray Squirrel	12 to 26 oz. / 320 to 740 g.
Fox Squirrel	17 to 37 oz. / 480 to 1050 g.

## Brome Bird Care Legacy Commitment

One of the founding principles of Brome Bird Care is our commitment to reducing the negative impact of human activity on our planet. We achieve that, in large part, by building wild bird feeders that last a very long time, and don't need to be discarded because a single part needs to be replaced. Our commitment is to:

- Design products that are easy for people to maintain and repair.
- Build products that will last a long time by using materials that are tailored to their environment and are not easily damaged or worn out.
- Carry spare parts that are readily available to customers. Should a part wear out or break, it can be replaced and the product does not have to be discarded.
- Reduce the impact on our environment by ensuring that our products are 100% recyclable.
- Offer expert customer service to help owners with any needed maintenance or repairs.

### SQUIRREL BUSTER HASSLE-FREE WARRANTY

Your Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ squirrel proof bird feeder is guaranteed to be free of material or manufacturing defects for a period of 24 months from the date of purchase as long as this product is used according to our instructions. Cosmetic scratches from squirrels or damage from raccoons, bears or other animals are not covered. Should you have any questions or need help, call customer care at 1-800-856-5685.

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PART NO. 1052-205-1

# Squirrel Buster®

PEANUT+

◆ NO MESS - NO WASTE™ ◆



2 Year  
Warranty

Chew Proof

Woodpecker  
Friendly

Guaranteed  
Squirrel Proof

Shelled Peanuts  
or Nuggets

Patented Squirrel Proof Design

Holds 3/4 Quarts • 750 ml  
Model 1052

## Proven Technology



The Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ feeder breaks new ground with design features available for the first time on any wild bird peanut feeder. Over a million happy clients (and well-fed birds) confirm that the patented Squirrel Buster system is **truly squirrel proof!**

### How It Works

Openings in the middle section of the metal mesh shroud align with the wire mesh holding the peanuts, providing birds access to the food. When a squirrel climbs onto the feeder, its weight automatically forces the shroud down, closing access to the ports. Squirrels and some large birds are foiled but not harmed in any way.

See videos at [bromebirdcare.com](http://bromebirdcare.com)

### Negative Grip Tube™

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



## Cleaning Your Feeder

Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ is designed to be easily dismantled for cleaning. Always examine your feeder before filling to determine if it requires cleaning.

Frequency of cleaning varies according to climate. In general, hot and humid climates require more frequent cleaning than colder climates.

### Washing by Hand

After removing the wire shroud, discard any accumulation of wild bird food and unscrew the stand assembly from the feeder tube. Wash the wire shroud and feeder tube in a solution of dish detergent and warm water. Rinse with a 20% solution of white vinegar and water. Vinegar, a mild, natural disinfectant, will not harm your feeder or the birds. Wipe the stand assembly with a damp cloth, if necessary. Make sure all components are completely dry before assembling.

### Washing the Feeder Tube in the Dishwasher

Place the feeder tube on the top rack of the dishwasher. Fill both the pre-wash and the main-wash sections of the detergent dispenser with your regular dishwasher detergent. Select either high temperature drying or an air-dry option. Use your regular washing cycle. Upon completion, your feeder tube will be sanitized and look like new.

**Warning:** Bird droppings contain contaminants. Avoid skin contact.



## Feeder Ventilation System™

Damp and decaying food decreases bird traffic and can become contaminated and spread disease. Most transparent bird feeder food tubes trap solar energy just like a greenhouse. The air in the Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ feeder rises and escapes through patented water-proof vents at the top of the feeder. The escaping, heated air is replaced by fresh air entering through the food ports as well as from the bottom of the feeder. Food remains fresh, attracting more birds.



### Woodpecker Friendly Tail Prop

The Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ feeder is designed with a large tail prop allowing woodpeckers to feed comfortably, using their tails for support and balance – just like they do on trees. Woodpeckers have zygodactyl feet, each consisting of four toes, the first and fourth facing back and the second and third facing front. This toe arrangement is good for grasping the limbs and trunks of trees, but to balance easily the tail and feet need to work together for support. Thus, they need a large surface against which to prop their tails.



## Weight Adjustable for Selective Feeding

The patented adjustable spring mechanism controls how much weight the metal mesh shroud will support, allowing the birds to feed. Any additional weight will activate the closing mechanism. Use the feeder at the factory setting – red nut on grey line – before making any adjustments.

### To Decrease Adjustment Setting (-)

Rotate the red dial on the bottom of the feeder counter clockwise. The red nut inside the feeder will move up from the previous setting reducing spring tension. This decreases the weight required to close access to the food.



### To Increase Adjustment Setting (+)

Rotate the red dial on the bottom of the feeder clockwise. The red nut inside the feeder will move down from the previous setting increasing the spring tension. This increases the weight required to close access to the food.



## Dismantling Your Feeder for Cleaning

The Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ feeder is designed to be dismantled by hand into individual components without the use of tools. This allows for easy cleaning and maintenance.

1. Place feeder on level surface.
2. Lift the negative grip tube.



3. Unhook the hanger.



4. Lift off the wire mesh shroud.



5. Unscrew the stand assembly from the feeder tube.



6. Slide the stand assembly out of the base of the feeder tube.



## How to Assemble Your Feeder

1. Align the triangle nut near the top of the assembly (1) with the triangular opening in the base of the feeder tube (2).



2. Slide the stand assembly into the base of the feeder tube.



3. Screw the stand assembly into the base of the feeder tube.



4. Replace the wire mesh shroud.



5. Hook the hanger.



6. Lower the negative grip tube.



## How to Fill Your Feeder

1. Place feeder on level surface.

2. Lift the negative grip tube.



3. Unhook the hanger.



4. Lift off the wire mesh shroud.

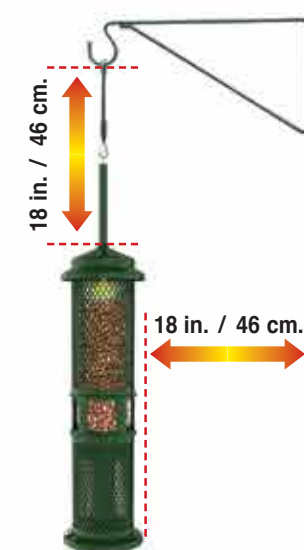


5. Fill feeder to the top of the clear container.



## The Need for Clearance

Remember it is the squirrel's weight that triggers the closing mechanism. If a squirrel can reach over from a nearby foothold and avoid placing its weight on the feeder, it will be able to access the food. Allow for at least 18 in. / 46 cm. of clearance around the feeder. This will force the squirrel to climb onto the feeder triggering the closing mechanism.



## Freedom to Locate Your Feeder

Since you no longer have to worry about squirrels, you are now free to locate your feeder just about anywhere.

Position your feeder over your favorite window, by your deck or in a nearby tree, for those great close-up views of the birds.

Use wall brackets, deck hangers, branch and extension hooks to hang your feeder.



## Peanut +™ Adds to your Birding Pleasure

### + Versatility

The Squirrel Buster Peanut +™ holds shelled peanuts as well as wild bird food nuggets (see below). Peanuts are an incredibly popular food at feeders and will attract a great variety of birds. Nuggets are a convenient, clean, compact, high energy wild bird food. Both are high in protein, oil, and fat, making them a perfect addition to the other foods you offer the birds in your backyard.

### + Mess free

Birds consume the entire shelled peanut or wild bird food nugget, so there are no shells to accumulate under the feeder. Very small bits that may fall below the feeder will be eaten by ground-feeding birds or squirrels. Food is not wasted and there is no mess to clean up. Ideal for decks, condos and apartments.

### + Less frequent filling

Peanuts and nuggets are 100% pure food. They will last longer in the feeder requiring less frequent filling and are easy to store and handle when filling your feeder.

### + More time to enjoy the birds

The wire mesh holding the shelled peanuts or wild bird food nuggets is calibrated so that birds cannot simply pick the food out of the feeder and fly away. They need to peck at the food through the wire mesh, so they are on the feeder longer for your enjoyment.

### What are nuggets?

They are a new high energy suet-based soft wild bird food product. These ready to feed, no waste nuggets are a favorite of all suet, fruit and insect-eating birds. They come in a wide range of flavors allowing you to choose which birds you wish to attract.



## Wild Bird Safety

The care and safety of wild birds is paramount to Brome Bird Care. In conjunction with the Wild Bird Feeding Industry, we invite you to review the 6-Step Program for creating your very own Wild Bird Sanctuary.

Here are six steps you can take to make the future brighter for birds:

### 1. Put out the welcome mat!

Habitat loss is the biggest challenge facing birds. You can help by making your neighborhood more attractive to birds by landscaping with native plants that provide natural food sources, shelter from the elements and predators, and nesting sites. Providing feeders, nesting boxes and water also benefits birds. To learn how, stop by your local wild bird shop.

### 2. Prepare a proper menu.

Providing the appropriate foods year-round will attract more birds to your yard and help ensure that they have a safe and nutritious diet. Refill feeders regularly with food desired by birds in your area. To pick the best menu, stop by your local wild bird shop.



### 3. Keep feed and feeding areas clean.

To help reduce the possibility of disease transmission in birds, clean feeders and feeding areas at least once a month. Rinse feeders with a solution of white vinegar and warm water. Scrub birdbaths with a brush and replace water every three to five days to discourage mosquito reproduction. Rake up and dispose of seed hulls under feeders. Moving feeders periodically helps prevent the buildup of waste on the ground. Keep seed and foods dry; discard food that smells musty, is wet or looks moldy. Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned every three to five days, or every other day in warm weather. It's good hygiene to wash your hands after filling or cleaning feeders.

### 4. Birds and chemicals don't mix.

Many pesticides, herbicides and fungicides are toxic to birds; avoid using these near areas where birds feed, bathe or nest. Always follow directions provided by chemical manufacturers. For additional information, visit your garden retailer.

*Squirrels are incredibly talented and persistent when it comes to bird food. Please share some of your "squirrely" experiences with us. We will publish selected stories on our website, [bromebirdcare.com](http://bromebirdcare.com)*

### 5. Keep cats away from birds.

Scientists estimate that cats probably kill hundreds of millions of birds each year in the U.S. alone. This is a big problem, but it's easy to fix. Many people who enjoy feeding birds also love cats. The best solution is to keep cats indoors. They will lead longer, healthier lives, and your yard will be safe for birds. Install feeders in areas not readily accessible to cats, or install fences or other barriers to help keep stray cats from feeder areas. Collar bells, de-clawing and keeping cats well fed will not solve the problem.

### 6. Reduce window collisions.

Collisions with glass windows kill millions of wild birds every year. Depending on their size and location, some windows reflect the sky or vegetation, and birds are fooled into thinking they can fly through them. To eliminate this problem identify windows that cause collisions (typically larger, reflective windows, those near the ground, or those that "look through" the house). Attaching decorative decals or other decorations to the outside surface of the glass can reduce reflections. Feeder birds fleeing predators are vulnerable to window collisions. If this is happening at your house, consider moving feeders within three feet of the windows, so that birds cannot accelerate to injury-level speeds while flying away. Problem windows can be covered with a screen, so that birds bounce off, rather than hit the glass.