#### **SOUIRREL BUSTER** LIFETIME HASSLE-FREE WARRANTY

We warranty all our Squirrel Buster products against any material or manufacturing defects. Brome Bird Care's sole responsibility will be to repair or replace a defective or damaged product.

The warranty applies when the product is used according to manufacturer's 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 our Unlimited Customer Care at 1-800-856-5685.

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#### Bird Feeding by the Numbers

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

0.35 oz / 10 g

.. 5 to 10 oz. / 140 to 280 g.

.. 5 to 11 oz. / 140 to 310 g.

.. 12 to 26 oz. / 320 to 740 g.

. 17 to 37 oz. / 480 to 1050 g.

#### Birds by weight Red-Breasted Nuthatch

Squirrels by weight

Douglas Squirrel

Red Squirrel..

Gray Squirrel..

Fox Squirrel...

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merican Goldfinch	0.5 oz./ 14 g
ommon Redpoll	0.5 oz. / 14 g
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#### 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

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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.

> The Wild Bird Feeding Industry (WBFI) sponsored development of these guidelines. WBFI is an association dedicated to the progressive expansion of the wild bird feeding industry. ©2004 Wild Bird Feeding Industry



#### Frequently **Asked Questions** What seed should I feed

the birds?

Black Oil Sunflower Seed is a good, all-round birdseed. Local birding stores supply seed blends and information specific to your area. Guidance from the experts will help you to attract and protect the wild birds in your neighborhood. We do not recommend filling seed tubes with hulled seeds and millet. The density of this combination does not permit air to rise between the kernels.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### What about chipmunks, raccoons and similar critters?

Squirrel Buster feeders are absolutely squirrel proof, but are not designed to deter raccoons, chipmunks 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. To minimize this behavior, latch your feeder with a snap hook that is tied to a hook or bracket.



#### 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.

#### **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:

- 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.
- Design products that are easy for people to maintain and repair
- 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 Unlimited Customer Care.

#### **Share Your Experience**

Squirrels are incredibly talented and persistent when it comes to food. Please share some of your "squirrelly" experiences with us. We will publish selected stories on our website: bromebirdcare.com

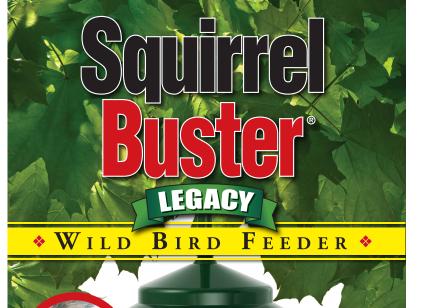
#### For More Information About Backyard Birds

If you'd like to know more about the many different North American varieties of wild birds that may visit your Squirrel Buster wild bird feeder, here are some helpful web sites:

North American backvard birds

- www.backyardbirdcare.org
- American Birds Conservancy
- -www.abcbirds.org
- American Birding Association - www.americanbirding.org
- Bird Conservation Alliance
- www.birdconservationalliance.org
- Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
- www.birds.cornell.edu
- National Audubon Society
- www.audubon.org National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- www.nfwf.org
- The Wild Bird Feeding Industry www.wbfi.org







Patented Squirrel-Proof Design
Holds 1.5 quarts/ 2.6 lbs of seed
1.5 | / 1.2 kg of seed







## Squirrel Buster Legacy

The Squirrel Buster Legacy<sup>TM</sup> delivers all the features proven to maximize your wild bird feeding experience:

- Award winning, patented Squirrel Buster technology is truly squirrel proof. Over 2 million very happy customers have confirmed it.
- Weight adjustable closing mechanism shuts out squirrels as well as some heavier undesirable birds.
- Seed Saver Technology<sup>TM</sup> eliminates seed loss to pilfering squirrels. These savings alone pay for the feeder.
- Both perching and clinging footholds increase bird activity.
- Chew-proof components stop annoying squirrel damage.
- Seed Tube Ventillation™ keeps seed fresh.
- Detachable Component System<sup>TM</sup> for easy cleaning, filling and servicing.
- Dishwasher safe for total sanitizing.
- Tough Polycarbonate tube.
- Stainless steel perches and hanger.
- UV stabilized components.
- Unlimited Customer Care<sup>TM</sup> at 800-856-5685.
- Lifetime hassle-free warranty.

#### **How It Works**

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



#### **Both Perching and Clinging Birds Love this Feeder**

**Negative Grip Tube**<sup>™</sup>

The Negative Grip Tube<sup>TM</sup>

prevents squirrels from grasping

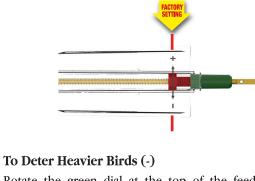
legs, hanging down alongside the

feeder and defeating the closing

mechanism.

the wire hanger with their hind NEGATIVE GRIP TUBE

The feeder has perches for perching birds, while the metal shroud offers a large area for clinging birds. Because of the combined perching and clinging surfaces, you will find an enhanced level of bird activity with this Squirrel Buster



Weight Adjustable for Selective Feeding

tension may vary depending on outside temperatures.

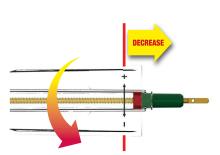
The patented adjustable spring mechanism controls how

much weight the shroud will support, allowing the birds to

feed. Use the feeder at the factory setting - red nut on

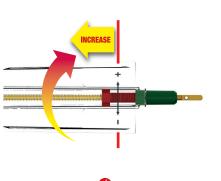
indicator line - before making any adjustments. Note: Spring

Rotate the green dial at the top of the feeder counter clockwise. The red nut will move up from the previous setting. This deters heavier birds from accessing the food.



#### To Allow Heavier Birds (+)

Rotate the green dial at the top of the feeder clockwise. The red nut will move down from the previous setting. This allows heavier birds access to the food.



#### **Seed Ventilation System**<sup>™</sup>

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

The patented Seed Ventilation System<sup>TM</sup> permits humidity and hot air to escape through vents at the top of the feeder. The escaping hot air is replaced with fresh air entering the seed ports and openings on the bottom of the seed tube. The food remains fresher and attracts more birds.



#### **RoxResin**® **Better Than Metal**

RoxResin is a remarkable composite material that is chew proof, waterproof, rust proof and UV stabilized. It is also 100% dishwasher safe.



### **Detachable Component System**™

Squirrel Buster feeders are designed to be dismantled by This allows for easy cleaning and filling.

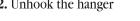




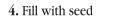


3. Lift off the metal mesh shroud



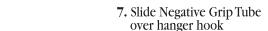






hand into individual components without the use of tools.







#### To replace:



of hanger

6. Insert hooked end

#### Removable Base

In order to facilitate cleaning the base is designed to be removed from the seed tube.

#### To remove:

**5.** Replace shroud

1. While holding onto the seed tube, rotate the base counter clockwise to unscrew.

2. Separate base from tube taking care to not lose spring and tension assembly.

1. Slide tension assembly into tube by lining up the ridges in the tube with the grooves on the red nut.

2. Screw the base back into the bottom of the tube by turning clockwise.



Since you no longer have to worry about squirrels, you are now free to locate your feeder just about anywhere. Position your feeder to get great close-up views of your favorite birds: over a window, in a tree, on a deck, a fence, in your garden, on the

side of your house, from a rain trough or over sliding doors. Use brackets, extension hooks and tree hooks to hang your feeder at the recommended clearance.



#### The Need for Clearance

Remember it's a 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 bird food. Allow for at least 18"/46 cm of clearance around the feeder. This will force the squirrel to climb onto the feeder triggering the closing mechanism.

Hanger

Bracket



to be easily dismantled for cleaning and is dishwasher safe. Frequency of cleaning varies according to climate. In general, in hot and humid climates, more frequent cleaning is required than in colder climates. Heavy bird traffic can also increase the frequency of cleaning.

Warning: Bird droppings contain contaminants. Avoid skin contact.

#### Washing by Hand

Dismantle and discard any accumulation of wild bird food. Wash 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. Make sure all components are completely dry before assembling.

#### Sanitizing in the Dishwasher

Dismantle and discard any accumulation of wild bird food. Place the components of the feeder 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 will be sanitized and look like new.









