Detachable Component System™

Squirrel Buster feeders are designed to be dismantled by hand into individual components without the use of tools. This allows for easy cleaning and filling.

A Clean Feeder Matters

A clean bird feeder is as important to birds as clean dishes are to humans. Grimey bird feeders can be a source of food contamination. Wild birds will naturally avoid spoiled food. A clean bird feeder will attract more wild birds.

RoxResin® – Better Than Metal

RoxResin is a remarkable composite material that is 100% show proof, waterproof, rust proof and UV stabilized. It is also 100% dishwasher safe or a mussel-susceptible spirals. It is also 100% dishwasher safe.

Seed Ventilation System™

Transparent seed tubes are like greenhouses - they trap solar energy. Traditional seed tube cover design blocks the escape of heated air. The patented Seed Ventilation System™ 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.

Care of Your Squirrel Buster Plus

Cleaning Your Feeder

Your Squirrel Buster™ is designed 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 reassembling.

Washing 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 fully sanitized and look like new.

Cardinal Ring System™

The Squirrel Buster Plus™ can be used with or without the Cardinal Ring System™, an optional pos-grip ring designed especially for Cardinals. Cardinals prefer to grip a thick-textured perch and, because it’s awkward for them to turn their short necks to feed, they prefer to face their food source directly. The Squirrel Buster Plus™ Cardinal Ring System™ allows Cardinals to eat facing the seed from a secure and comfortable perch. These Cardinal-friendly feeding features combined with a bush-level location make Squirrel Buster Plus™ very inviting to our scarlet friends.
**Owner's Guide**

1. **Adjust perch length**
   - 1.25” for small birds
   - 0.95 oz./26g to 1.2 oz./32g
   - 1.0” for medium birds
   - 1.0 oz./28g to 2 oz./56g
   - 1.75” for larger birds
   - 2.0 oz./56g and more.
   a) Rotate wing nut counter clockwise 2 turns to unlock perches
   b) Screw or unscrew perches to required length.
   c) Rotate wing nut clockwise to lock perches in position. Use thumb pressure only — do not force.

2. **Attach hanger**

3. **Fill your feeder and latch cover**
   Fill the seed tube with up to 3-quart/2.8 liters of seed. To close and latch the cover, align one of the dimples on the side of the cover with the yellow dot on the seed tube. Push down and rotate clockwise to the stop.

4. **Adjust the closing mechanism**
   Use the feeder at the factory setting before making any adjustments. The spring is calibrated to hold 3.5 ounces/100 grams. Any additional weight will activate the closing mechanism. Spring strength may vary. Fluctuating temperatures may also affect the performance of the spring mechanism.

To increase the adjustment setting, rotate the transparent cartridge clockwise. The red line will move down from the previous setting. This increases the weight required to close access to the seed.

To decrease the adjustment setting, turn the cartridge counter clockwise. The red line will move up from the previous setting. This decreases the weight required to close access to the seed.

**Attaching the Cardinal Ring™**

1. Loosen the wing nut located on the bottom of the feeder to unlock the perches (A).
2. Place the feeder in the middle of the assembled Cardinal Ring (B).
3. Screw out two perches that are opposite each other into the perches ports on the inside of the Ring. Make sure the perches are of equal length when in their perch ports.
4. Screw out the additional perches until they fit snugly into their respective perch ports (C).
5. Please remember to tighten the wing nut at the bottom of the feeder to lock the perches in place, ensuring that the Cardinal Ring is now securely attached.

**Dismantling Your Feeder for Cleaning**

1. **Disconnect the hanger from the feeder**

2. **Disconnect and remove the seed tube**
   Depress clips located inside the seed ports and push up.

3. **Remove skirt component**

4. **Remove the bottom wing nut**

5. **Remove the shroud (bottom section)**
   Align one of the dimples on the bottom of the shroud (B) with the 3 slots inside the center post. Make sure the perches are locked in place, ensuring that the Cardinal Ring (B) is now securely attached.

6. **Place all parts on the top rack of dishwasher**
   Note: The heating element on some dishwashers may be close enough to the bottom rack to damage plastic parts. While all our products are made from components meant to last, Squirrel Buster Plus™ components are not guaranteed against excessive heat. Replacement parts are available at an authorized Squirrel Buster Plus™ dealer or from www.broomebirdcare.com

**How to Assemble Your Feeder**

1. **Insert shroud (bottom section) into center post**
   Align the 3 ribs on the shroud hub with the 3 slots inside the center post.

2. **Attach wing nut**
   Use thumb pressure only — do not force.

3. **Insert skirt component**

4. **Insert the seed tube**
   Align yellow arrows on seed tube with yellow marks on base. Press down gently until the clips snap into place. Test for proper attachment by lifting the feeder by the seed tube.

5. **Attach and latch hanger cover**

**Where Do I Locate My Squirrel Buster Plus™?**

You can locate this bird feeder anywhere and be squirrel free. Position it to get great close-up views of your favorite birds. Hang your Squirrel Buster Plus™ 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. Hooks and brackets are available at birding stores, garden centers and hardware supply stores.

Squirrel Buster Plus™ prevents squirrels from eating expensive seed, scaring the birds and damaging your feeder. Enjoy being free of squirrel problems, but please remember, squirrels also need to eat. For the price of a few peanuts, or inexpensive cracked corn, squirrels will be happy to entertain.

**Clearance**

Remember it’s a squirrel’s weight that triggers the closing mechanism. If squirrels can reach over from a nearby foothold and avoid placing any weight on the feeder, they will be able to access the birdseed. To overcome this problem, the top of the feeder must be 18” from the suspension point and 18” away from any fixed lateral surface. Clearance from the top is important so that squirrels cannot pry off the top of the feeder. Use extension hooks to extend the feeder from its suspension point. This clearance will force squirrels to climb onto the feeder and trigger the closing mechanism.