

Feeding Backyard Birds in Winter



Here are some of the common backyard birds you'll see in winter.

Chickadee

Often the first birds you'll see at a new feeder, chickadees are very comfortable around humans. Choose feeders with smaller perches so larger birds such as jays won't have a place to perch and bully smaller chickadees.

Finches

These small sociable birds are best viewed up close; place a feeder near your window or deck so you can see them.



Sparrow

These beautiful singers will bring lively sounds to the garden in the depths of winter. These are ground feeders so ensure you leave feed on the ground for them.

Blue Jay

Can be bullies in the backyard; provide a larger feeder and seed mix for the jays and keep well stocked, so smaller birds can eat at their own feeder without being disturbed.



Nuthatch

Year round residents to Alberta, Nuthatches are commonly found in grassland areas, and areas with White Spruce stands. Their summer diet includes a wide range of insects, making them an excellent garden helper.



Types of Feed

Greenland carries the **Wild Delight** brand of seed; it is a high quality seed with no fillers.

Nyger - This black seed attracts finches, nuthatches and chickadees. Its small size is perfect for all small birds, and its high oil content gives birds lots of energy.

Black Oil Sunflower - An excellent feed for smaller birds such as chickadees. Many inexpensive mixes will contain only 10% black oil sunflower and 90% filler. Our Black Oil Sunflower feed is 100% black oil sunflower.

Deck Porch and Patio Blend - This zero waste blend combines pistachios and sunflowers with added vitamins and minerals. Feeds songbirds, finches, jays and nuthatches.

Safflower- Loved by cardinals, this bitter tasting seed is often not preferred by pesky blue jays and squirrels.

Total Cuisine - As the name suggests this is a healthy mix of raisins, nuts and sunflower that will appeal to all birds in your yard.

Woodpecker/Nuthatch/Chickadee Seed - This premium blend includes real fruit and nuts to attract larger birds.

Fruit and Nut and Fruit and Berry - Both mixes boast fruits, berries and nuts to attract all birds.

Outdoor Finch Food - This premium blend of millet, canary grass and nyjer seed is perfect for finches.

Cracked Corn - Attracts larger birds such as jays and bluebirds, but also a great source of feed for squirrels.



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Suet - The high fat content of suet provides birds with lots of energy to keep warm. Greenland carries block forms of suet, along with wire suet feeders that make refilling and cleaning easy.



Seed Blocks - Our block feeders are so easy to fill. A block of seed is placed inside the wire feeder, and birds can perch and feed from the block. No spilling and no messy bags of seed to store!

Along with food and shelter, birds must have fresh, water for bathing and drinking year round. Drinking open water is more beneficial for birds as they will not lose as much body heat as when they eat snow. Purchase a birdbath heater to keep the water open in your birdbath or use a heated pet bowl for water.



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