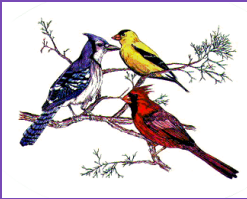


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Coping with Grackles and Starlings

Grackles:

- Use a caged tube feeder
- Use a caged suet feeder
- Prefer soft food so offer Squirrel Free® blend or safflower
- Shorten your perches
- Use a clinging feeder (without a tray)
- Use a finch feeder for nyjer or wild finch mix
- Try using safflower. It has a hard outer shell (be patient, it may take time)
- Use pure suet (not as attractive as mixed suet)
- Safflower Cylinder
- Use an adjustable weighted perch feeder (Squirrel Buster) It will work some of the time but not guaranteed to work all the time.
- Avoid cheap seed containing milo; they are one of the few birds that actually eat milo!

Starlings

- Prefer soft food so offer Squirrel Free® blend or safflower
- Use a caged tube feeder
- Use a caged suet feeder
- Try an upside-down suet feeder (slows them down but they may still feed)
- Use a clinging feeder (without a tray)
- Use pure suet (not as attractive as mixed suet)
- Use Peanuts in shell (works for starlings but not grackles)
- Safflower Cylinder
- Use an adjustable weighted perch feeder (Squirrel Buster) It will work some of the time but not guaranteed to work all the time.
- **Note: Starlings eat more lawn insects than any other bird so they are actually beneficial to your local environment.**