

# Timely Turf Tips

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Brrr, it feels like winter is here. Since we tend to spend more time indoors now, our fine feathered friends can be a wonderful source of enjoyment amid the chilly winter weather. Winter bird feeding is a rewarding hobby that can provide entertainment for us and a supplemental source of food for the birds. Steve says that with the arrival of the new crop seeds, Hugo Cardinal Mix is now at a new lower price. Save even more when you use the coupon below.

## Bird Feeding Tips

High calorie and high fat foods will help provide the energy needed for winter survival. Nutritious winter foods include:

**Black oil sunflower seeds**- a favorite of many birds, including cardinals, chickadees, finches, nuthatches titmice, and woodpeckers.

**Safflower seeds**- a good choice for cardinals, chickadees, grosbeaks, and titmice. Ask about golden safflower, which has a higher oil and fat content which provides more protein levels than white safflower. The outer shell is thinner for easy cracking.

**Suet**- Birds love suet. A rendered animal fat, suet provides concentrated energy to help birds make it through freezing winter days and nights. Woodpeckers, chickadees, and nuthatches will devour suet.

**Peanuts**- a nutritious food for birds, high in fat and protein. Well-liked by cardinals, chickadees, woodpeckers, and titmice.

**Nyjer seed**- a small, black seed containing a high calorie and oil content that is desired by goldfinches, redpolls, and pine siskins.

Do you remember the solution used to sanitize your garden tools? This same mixture of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water can be used to sanitize your bird feeders, so find a pair of rubber gloves and an old toothbrush and scrub away. Rinse with clean water to remove any cleaning solution residue. Be sure the feeder is completely dry before filling. It's recommended that feeders be cleaned at least once per month. More often if the feeder is popular.



Happy Holidays from all of us here at Hugo Feed Mill. We thank you for your business and look forward to continuing to serve you with your lawn, garden, feed and hardware needs throughout the new year.

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