

# Timely Turf Tips



## December 2014

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**Winter has arrived early this year.** The snow covered gardens has us at the mill thinking about our feathered friends. It is easy to provide a supplemental food source for the birds. Both you and the birds will be rewarded. To get started, check out our coupon specials listed below.

The best foods to offer birds in colder weather have a high fat or oil content that will provide abundant energy 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 content, fat content, and protein level than white safflower along with a thinner outer shell for easier 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. They are 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.



### More Winter Bird Feeding Tips

- Clean off feeders, platforms and perches after each storm so seed is easily accessible.
- Add a heated birdbath to the backyard or place a safe heating element in a regular birdbath to provide birds with liquid water.
- Stamp or shovel snow around the feeders to provide easier access to spilled seed for ground feeding birds.

### Holiday Gift Ideas at the Mill

- For the family: Bird feeders and decorative outdoor thermometers.
- For the kids that are starting to drive: emergency tow strap, jumper cables, windshield scraper, and hand warmers.
- For the older kids in dorms, first apartment or house: tool box filled with hand tools. Tape measure stocking stuffer.
- For the family pets: rawhide chews, biscuits, and toys for dogs and cats.

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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#### Wildlife Sciences

**Suet Ball Feeder w/ 5 pk. Suet Balls  
Special \$12.95**

1 coupon per customer. Expires 12/31/14

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**40# bag of Hugo Cardinal Mix  
(Limit 2 bags)**

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