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Squirrel Proof Repellents by Jay Ford

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If you have a problem with squirrels in your yard there are many different types of squirrel repellents available to help your situation. There are animal repellers, motion detected sprinklers, sprays, powders and granules which can all be effective in deterring squirrels.

Before you go out and purchase any of these products it is wise to really look at your situation first so that you do not buy something that ends up doing nothing to help the problem.There are so many different squirrel repellents and each has it's own claims to be effective that you really need to read the "fine print" before you open your wallet. Most of the sprays, powders and granules are safe to use on any plants in your garden but read the bottle first because some may not be safe to use on your vegetables but may be safe for ornamental flowers or plants. Always make sure that any squirrel repellents you choose are safe to use where your children or your pets may be playing before you decide to treat the area.

All of these repellents will indicate in the description approximetely how much square footage they will cover so you should definately figure out how much area you would like to cover before you buy. The other thing that a lot of us do not take into account is rainfall or precipitation. Obviously if you treat an area and then it rains, the repellent will most likely be washed away. Always make sure that you re-treat each area after a rainfall for the repellent to be effective.

Most of the squirrel repellents available today contain a spicy or hot ingredient and some contain the scent of a predator like fox urine. The spicy scent or taste is produced from an ingredient called Capsaicin which is present in Cayenne. We have all tried sprinkling cayenne pepper in areas where we want to deter squirrels and then the next day we notice they are back. As mentioned above, you must reapply the repellent especially if it has rained or it will not be effective. Squirrels have a very acute sense of taste and smell so all these products are designed to work on those senses and in turn will deter them from the area.

The liquid repellents are available in a spray bottle for easy application, the granules and powders are available in a shaker container for spreading or shaking the repellent around the area and there are also packets available that you can hang from your bird feeders or tree branches. The packets claim to last up to thirty days as do most of the liquids, powders and granules. You can actually mix some of these products right in with your birdseed which will effect squirrels keen sense of taste and smell but not effect your birds. Birds do not have the same senses that a squirrel has so they will still eat the seed.

Motion detected sprinklers and animal repellers are some other options available that will help you in deterring squirrels from your yard. When an animal enters an area where these are present, they will detect the motion and it will activate the device. Some of the animal repellers come equipped with a solar panel which will keep it charged at all times. This is a good option as we all forget to check batteries and then wonder why it isn't working. The sprays, powders etc are probably more effective than these methods but they might be worth trying.

Safflower birdseed is another good method because of it's bitter taste. As mentioned earlier, a squirrel has a keen sense of taste and Safflower seeds are not something a squirrel craves. These are popular with many birds such as Cardinals because of their high-oil content. They are popular with many small songbirds. If you try this method you can attract some birds you may not have had at your feeder in the past and you will keep the squirrels away from your seed.

Homemade squirrel repellents can be found on the internet if you do some research and they are quite easy to prepare.In the long run they will save you money and are worth trying if you have the time. These are mostly made up of cayenne pepper, onions, hot peppers and with dish soap or even Murphy's Oil Soap added to the mix.

If you decide to try any of these methods we highly recommended that you do your research first so that you do not waste your valuable time and money on a product that does not work for your situation. Always take in to account the environment and do not if possible use any products that contain poisons. Do not use anything that could be dangerous to animals and especially children or humans in general.

Most of these products have good customer reviews so you can see what actual consumers are saying and then make an informative decision. We also recommend that you visit your neighbourhood wild bird store if at all possible and get advice from an expert. Hopefully there is a squirrel repellent product that can help you beat those pesky squirrels and win the battle in your yard.

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