

## ***Squirrel Away***

### ***Helpful hints to discourage the squirrels from coming to your feeder.***

Squirrels are creatures of habit and the task is to break their habit of raiding the bird feeder. The key to breaking the cycle is to make sure the concentration of **Squirrel Away** is high and uniform throughout the feed. The squirrel must be able to taste and smell the powder.

Certain flat or mesh bottom feeders that allow the powder to sift off the seed can be a problem when birds or squirrels agitate the feeding area. This results in a low concentration of powder on the seed and the squirrels will seize the opportunity to eat as much seed as possible in a short period of time. Our best results have been obtained with a tube-type feeder or a hopper-type feeder.

Using all sunflower seed or seed that has lower oil content on the surface of the hull can be a problem. The powder may not adhere as well on a dry seed, resulting in a lower concentration of **Squirrel Away**.

#### ***Try this suggestion:***

Mix only five pounds of seed at a time! Mix the seed well with several one or two second sprays of a non-stick vegetable spray, or two teaspoons of cooking oil before applying the **Squirrel Away**. Mix the powder one teaspoonful at a time, taking care to mix thoroughly. **Allow treated seed to sit 20 minutes before filling feeder.**

If you have a persistent squirrel that eats the treated seed anyway – your birdfeeder may be dusted with a bit of **Squirrel Away**. It is very important that squirrels smell the **Squirrel Away** as well as taste the **Squirrel Away**.