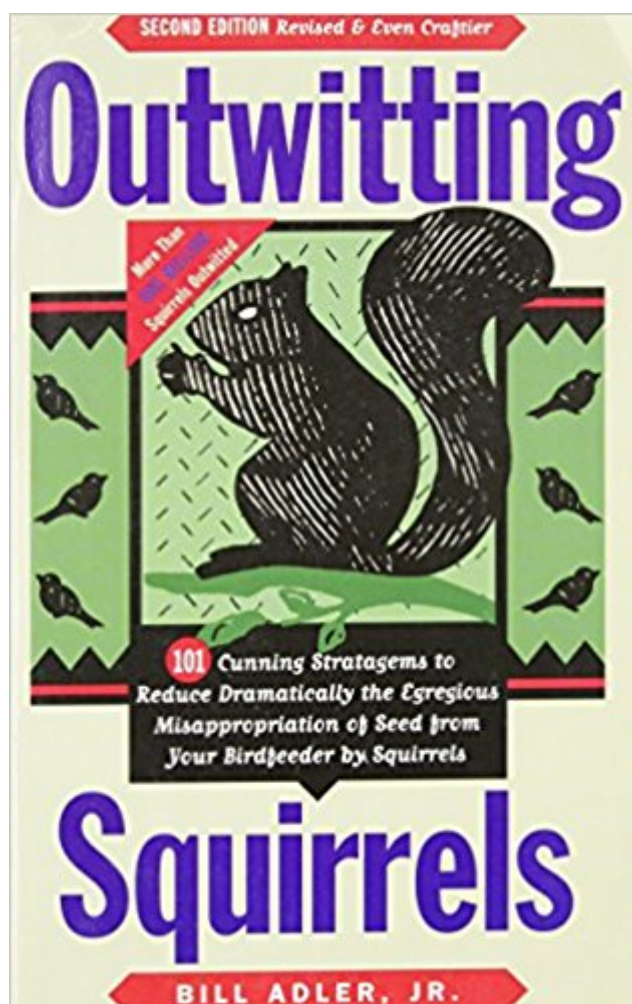


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# Outwitting Squirrels: 101 Cunning Stratagems To Reduce Dramatically The Egregious Misappropriation Of Seed From Your Birdfeeder By Squirrels





## Synopsis

This book illustrates and explains a series of stratagems to keep squirrels from eating and ruining yards and gardens when more traditional tactics fail.

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## Customer Reviews

“Ingenious tricks to keep squirrels from eating all the seed when the feeders fail.”  
•Washington Post  
“A masterpiece on squirrel strategy.”  
•Wall Street Journal

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None of the ideas worked for me. The book admits it is hard to outwit squirrels. Take the money you would have spent for the book and buy cayenne or other hot chili powder; I tried everything in the book (pun intended) and the squirrel kept coming. When I sprayed the finch sock with Pam, and sprinkled it and the cord with hot chili powder, The finches like the chili. The squirrel is still in the garden but not at the bird feeder. This would not be practical for a fruit tree though. But getting rid of the squirrel will just leave territory for a new one to claim.

I already own this book on my Kindle(s). I laughed myself silly over the escapades described by the author, having lived many of them in our household. I bought this paperback copy for my husband who is not a Kindle person but is a bird feeder person, for two reasons. He will laugh as much as I

did reading about the squirrels outwitting humans as we know from first hand experience. The second reason he will love the book is the authors insight offered in the second half of the book on what kind of seed to attract specific birds and advice on what to offer seasonally in the bird feeder. Oh what well fed Squirrels we'll have!

I bought this book sort of as a joke for my husband, who has an ongoing battle with squirrels getting in the bird feeders. While the book contains a few good pointers, most of the content is on birds -- what to feed them, which birds like which birdhouses etc. Not that much on "outwitting" squirrels. Plus, some of the content is hard to follow. Would have been better with photos. Bottom line: the book is a boring dud!

I really enjoyed this extremely humorous book. After reading it, any failure on any birder's part to get rid of his sleek, well-fed squirrels is understandable. They're great athletes, motivated and social to boot. It is great stocking stuffer for your squirrel-obsessed birder spouse or friends! \*\*It's been 11 years since this book was published. There are more creative supposedly squirrel proof feeders out there now: Some spin when the squirrel puts weight on the bird perch. Some are caged in steel, keeping the buggers and many of the birds out of the feeder. Some creative types have attached a bug zapper to the pole and attempt using Pavlovian conditioning to train squirrels via shocks. A few have developed squirrel chuckers (catapults). There's many funny videos on YouTube. However, the squirrels are still winning most of the time. Enjoy reading the ratings on the various supposedly squirrel proof feeders. And consider buying chili powder in kegs. Can be mixed into bird seed and dissuades squirrels but not birds. And for our sensitive European readers who have squirrels that eat from squirrel feeders rather than bird feeders, our American squirrels PREFER eating from bird feeders and destroying them while doing so to any other sport except making baby squirrels. Regards all!

There are some books that you just HAVE to have - if only because the topic they're on is so funny. This is one of those! Not only that, but it actually is handy for birders, in a practical way. Whether you like or don't like squirrels, you have to account for them when you're trying to feed birds. Otherwise your birds end up with no food and you have many fat squirrels running around. This book gives you ways to handle this situation whether you mind the squirrels, or just want them to be in their own area. It rates various feeders, complete with photos, showing you the drawbacks and benefits of each one. It talks about different kinds of food, and different ways you can work with them to make

them bird-only. It gives you ways to distract the squirrels. And it's REALLY funny! A must-buy for any birder on your present list, and tuck one into your own stocking, too.

This is a Christmas gift for my husband, whose bane on life our squirrels! The book arrived on time and as expected condition

Our family is one full of engineers who insist they can outsmart the squirrels. They spend hours discussing this and have all sorts of nefarious methods they employ to thwart the squirrel population, so far the squirrels are still winning. This humorous book was a great conversation starter on Christmas Day!

This book is cute as can be. However, it is a job to outwit squirrels. Baffles on poles with feeders is the best answer and away from trees, but if you need additional information as to how to work with squirrels running all over your yard, this book will help.

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