

## Benefits of Bird Feeders

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### **Insect Control:**

By inviting birds into your backyard with a birdfeeder, they will be more likely to feast on other, unwanted critters, such as insects, worms, snails, and spiders. This natural pest control can reduce the need for insecticides or other chemicals.

### **Flower Pollination:**

Much like bees and butterflies, birds also help with flower pollination! An increase of birds can lead to healthier, more abundant flower and vegetable gardens.

### **Bird Watching:**

Birdfeeders can attract a wide variety of bird species into a backyard. Native and migrating species will visit throughout the year.

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## Birds You Might See



White-Breasted Nuthatch



Eastern Bluebird



American Goldfinch

# Town-Friendly Bird Feeders

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## Pigeon-Proof/Squirrel-Proof Bird Feeders



Bird feeders are a wonderful way to view the plethora of beautiful bird species that Secaucus has to offer. However, the most common complaints with bird feeders is that they attract unwanted critters, such as squirrels, raccoons, and larger birds such as pigeons and starlings. Hummingbird feeders, mesh feeders, and pressure-sensitive feeders are amongst the many options to keep out these creatures. Here are some examples:

Black-capped Chickadees are noted for their curiosity and are quick to explore bird feeders.



Northern Cardinal  
White-breasted Nuthatch



Downy Woodpeckers  
Black-capped Chickadee



## Help the Hummingbirds!

The Ruby-throated hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) is the most common hummingbird spotted in New Jersey. This bird undergoes an incredible journey in the spring to reach nesting grounds in South America. In order to accomplish this, they must fly over 500 miles of open water at the Gulf of Mexico. You can assist their journey by adding a hummingbird nectar feeder to your backyard!



Hummingbirds can remember every flower they have been to and how long it will take to refill.