

Bill Lindemann's Best Bird Suet

3 cups/parts cornmeal

1 cup/part whole wheat flour

1 cup/part lard (not Crisco or shortening)

Mix ingredients together until they form a ball. Too sticky? Add more dry ingredients. Too crumbly? Add more lard. Be careful not to add too much wheat flour. The suet becomes too dense if you do so. Peanut butter and wild bird seed optional.

Suet may be stored in large zip-close storage bags. If it will be used in a fairly short time, it would be okay to keep in the garage, especially in winter months; otherwise it should be kept in the house. Can be frozen and held over summer for use the following fall.



Pat Beecher's Bird Mix

4 cups cornmeal

1 cup flour

1 cup peanut butter

1 cup lard

Mix dry ingredients together and then add lard and peanut butter. Microwave on high for 2 minutes; stir well. Microwave again for 2 minutes and stir again. There is no need to refrigerate this mix.



The Tom Collins Bird Buffet

I use the same basic recipe with the following modifications:

1 cup peanut butter

1/2 cup white millet seeds

A small amount of sunflower seeds

1/2 cup mixed crushed pecans/walnuts

Toss in some raisins or dried blueberries

Consider experimenting with anything that birds will eat and add it in.

