#### Meet the Clinger Family

#### Woodpeckers



These chisel-billed, wood-boring birds have stiff spring tails that act as props when climbing. Red-Headed, Red-Bellied, Pileated, Downey, and Hairy Woodpeckers, along with their cousins, the Northern Flicker and Yellow-Bellied Sapsuckers are among the most common backyard visitors.

#### **Nuthatches**

These birds are small, stout tree-climbers with strong Woodpecker like bills and strong feet. They habitually go down trees head first. The most common Nuthatches include the White-Breasted & Red-Breasted.



#### The Titmouse Family

You many not be aware that the Titmouse and Chickadee are cousins. They share the same scientific name - Paridae, Latin for Titmouse.



#### Tufted Titmouse

The Tufted Titmouse is the most common of the Titmouse family. It is a small, gray, mouse colored bird. Many say it looks like a miniature Cardinal. It has a distinctive "Peter-Peter-Peter" call.

#### Black-Capped & Carolina Chickadee

Another popular backyard visitor, these birds are well worth the effort to attract for their exciting & entertaining personalities. They are often the first to try a new feeder, and have great memory, recalling where they found food 8 months later.



#### The More You Know

Of the Clingers, the Titmice, including Chickadees, and Nuthatches stand out for their polite eating habits. The have a tendency to take one seed from a feeder and fly off to either eat or store it. Only after they have taken care of that seed will they return for another. This is an entertaining routine to watch as they flit back and forth to and from the feeder.



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# Songbird Essentials' Tips for Attracting Clinger Birds



## Clinger Birds

The Clinging Birds include those with strong feet that make it easy for them to run up and down a tree trunk or to grasp onto a small surface. They may do this when clinging onto a feeder or when retrieving an insect or gnat.

A naturally curious group, they are often the first to visit new feeders. They are some of the most entertaining birds, making them desirable species to attract to your yard, patio, deck, and even window.





#### **Food & Feeders**

The clinging family of birds are not particularly hard to please when it comes to food. They will eat suet, in any form, and many different seeds. Their favorite seed mixture contains Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Sunflower Meats, Cracked Corn, Black Oil Sunflower, and Pumpkin Seed Kernels. A mix containing all of these ingredients is sure to attract these birds to your yard.

When feeding seed, if your goal is to deter larger birds, consider a feeder made specifically for the clinger family. These would be feeders with narrow trays that are harder for larger birds to grip.

Suet feeders have clinger-only options as well. Offering a suet feeder where the birds must eat from the bottom ensures larger birds, like Starlings and Grackles, will not easily be able to feed if you hang these feeders as high as possible off the ground.

Woodpeckers utilize their tails to navigate up and down tree trunks. They appreciate a feeder like our SERUBSF100HD, which has a long tail prop to rest their tails on. Larger Woodpeckers, like Flickers, Red Bellied, and Pileated, especially like this type of feeder.

The feeder that consumers tell us their Clingers love the best is our Natural Cedar Suet Logs filled with Songbird Essentials suet plugs. Every bird that tries it believes he's found the suet jackpot. One secret is the fact that our suet plugs are made of just three things: suet, peanut butter, and peanuts - NO fillers.





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