



Cardinal Bird Feeders

The Cardinal may be the most popular bird to feed and attract, especially in the eastern part of the United States. Male Cardinals are known by their brilliant red feathers and majestic crested heads. Female Cardinals, while also beautiful, sport a more subtle dull reddish color. Cardinals are a non-migratory bird and will stay in an area as long as food and adequate shelter are available throughout the year. Cardinals are very eager to dine at most any available feeder but prefer a steady stationary feeder over a hanging bird feeder. Pole-mounted gazebo feeders tend to be more accommodating to Cardinals and are usually more successful in attracting them. Cardinals also prefer bird feeders that are about 5 - 6 feet above ground. They will visit your feeder starting early in the morning and they'll keep returning to it well into the evening. Since Cardinals dine early in the morning and late in the evening, they have plenty of time for singing all day long while the other birds are taking their turns at your bird feeder. Unlike many birds, both the males and the females are very vocal and will sing all year long. Sunflower seeds are a favorite food for Cardinals. They will usually sift through the entire mixture of seeds to get to every sunflower seed before starting in on the other seeds. They also enjoy white proso millet and safflower seeds when they can't get sunflower seeds.

