



A male Downy Woodpecker clung to the side of my old suet feeder to peck out some morsels from a suet cake.

This White-breasted Nuthatch had an unusual way of getting at the suet.



In Sax-Zim Bog, a Boreal Chickadee got energy from raw beef suet.



A Red-breasted Nuthatch grabbed a chunk of suet in Sax-Zim Bog.



A pair of chickadees were frustrated by an upside down suet cake in a feeder. They couldn't peck through the plastic.

A Carolina Wren had the same dilemma. A bird had to hang underneath to get at the suet cake. This is a way to deter European Starlings.







A young Downy was also confused by the suet encased in plastic. It didn't "think" to crawl underneath to get at the suet.

The best laid plans were, however, thwarted. A starling landed on the suet and appraised the situation.



It quickly figured out how to get at the suet underneath the plastic.





A Northern Mockingbird used the nuthatch's method of getting peanut butter at this feeder.

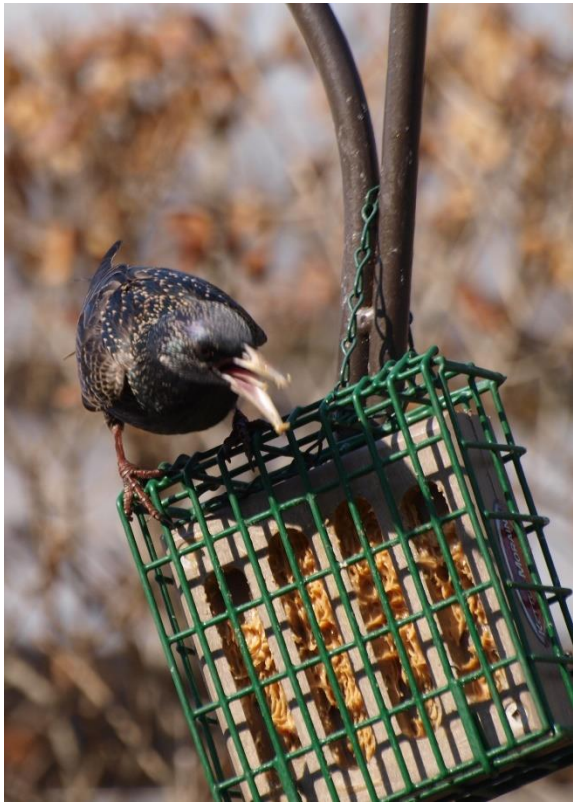
A Canada Jay in Sax-Zim Bog enjoyed peanut butter smeared on a branch by volunteers.



At home, the Carolina Wren was more successful at getting to the peanut butter.



Northern Chickadees were happy to find peanut butter in Sax-Zim Bog.



A European Starling, a notorious overeater, had peanut butter smeared on its beak after indulging itself.

Suet and peanut butter are high energy foods for Boreal Chickadees in Minnesota.



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