

Suet Recipes for the Birds

Natalie's Recipe

16 oz. cake of lard
1 1/2 cups chunky peanut butter
1 tablespoon sugar
2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups oatmeal
1 1/2 cups cornmeal
1 cup bird seed
Anything else you might have on hand...crushed up crackers, cereal, etc.

Melt lard and chunky peanut butter together in a bowl in the microwave. Add all other ingredients and stir well. Pour into two foil-lined round cake pans (or whatever else you might come up with). Place in freezer and break chunks off as you need them to place in suet feeder.

Measurements are approximate; you can experiment to get the consistency you like.

Merritt's Wild Bird Miracle Meal from Callaway Gardens

2 cups smooth or chunky peanut butter
2 cups shortening
2 cups flour
8 cups cornmeal

Melt peanut butter and shortening in a large saucepan over medium heat; stir in dry ingredients. Turn dough out into a wax paper-lined 13x9-inch pan. Let stand until cool enough to stiffen (approx. 2 hours). Cut into rectangles that fit standard suet feeders. Refrigerate until ready to use.