

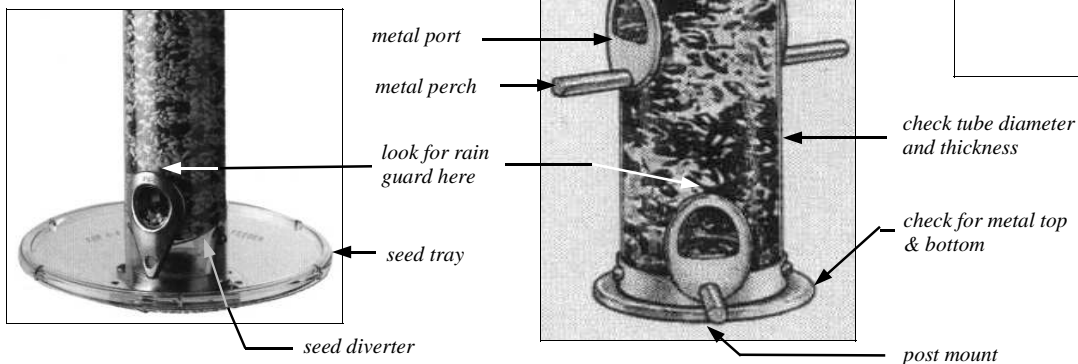
# Selecting Bird Feeders

Mill Creek Seed Co

## Tips on Selecting Tube Bird Feeders

- Look for steel perches vs plastic/wood
- Birds feet will not stick to steel perches as their feet are made of “fingernail” like material.
- Birds will not get cold on steel perches as their blood flow is reduced to their feet in cold weather, thus heat loss is minimal
- how many perches does it have?
- is there a seed diverter in the bottom?
- does it have a hanger and/or pole mount?
- Larger diameter tube will hold more seed

- check the tube’s plastic thickness and quality.
- is there a warranty?
- metal top and bottom are more durable than plastic
- is there good drainage?
- Does it have an evenflow system?
- Is it easy to fill?
- Does the lid have a lip around the edge for easy removal with gloves on?
- Does the port have a lip



on top to prevent rain from dripping into the tube?

- Can you mount a tray?

# Tips on Selecting Hopper Feeders



- A house or gazebo shape will attract more birds than a tower

- Will the seed easily flow into the tray from the hopper, there should be a 1/2" minimum for good seed flow.

- A perch separate from the tray will help prevent diseases

- Does it have baffles to prevent seed flicking?

- Is the feeder easy to fill? (ie large opening)

- Get a large roof to keep the seed dry



- Does it have an adequate hanger?

- The wider the perching width, the more birds will use the feeder

- does it have a large capacity?

- Screws are better over staples brads, or other mechanical assembly line fasteners.

- look for good drainage

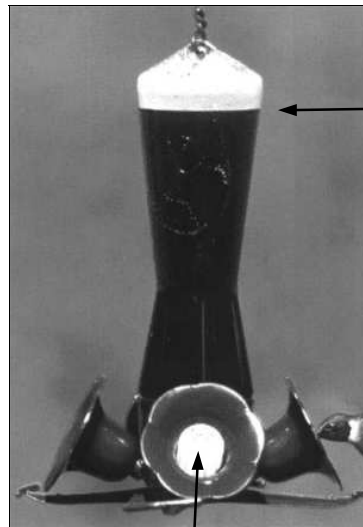
- Is there a seed diverter in the bottom to push the seed from the hopper to the perching area?



- A large tray will provide more feeding area and less spillage

## Tips on Selecting Hummingbird Feeders

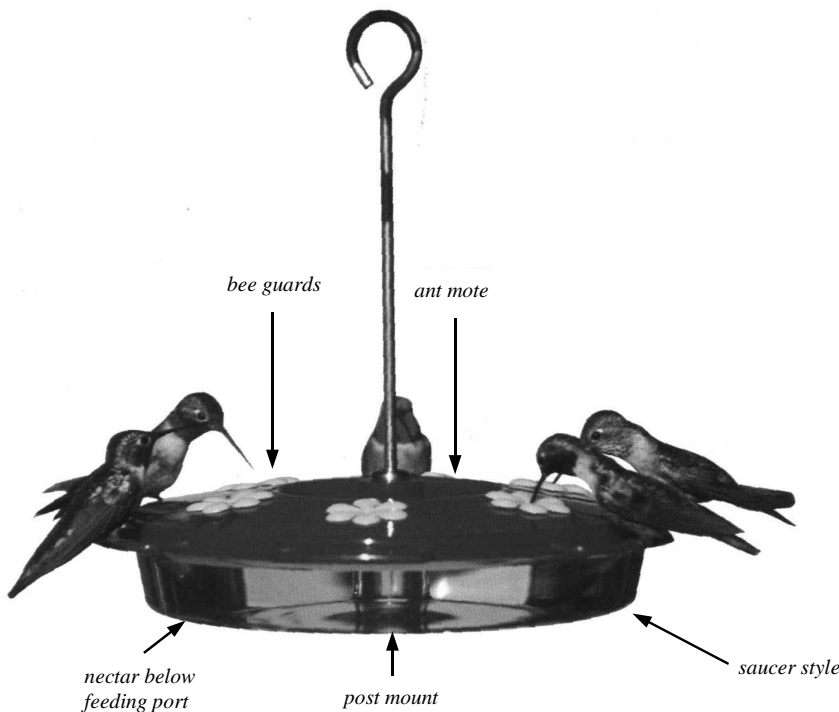
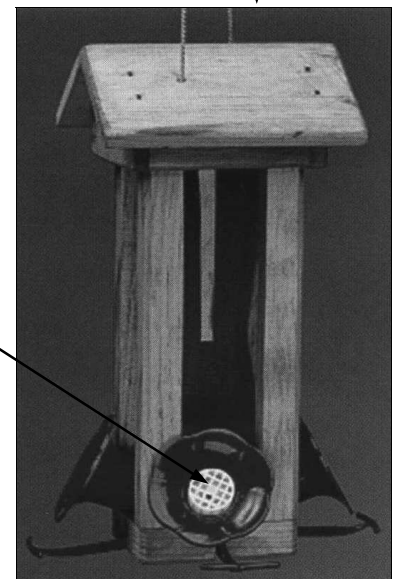
- Is it easy to clean?
- Does it have bee guards?
- Is there an ant mote?
- Does it have the right capacity for your area?
- Is it easy to fill
- Is it red at the feeding port(s)
- Can it be pole mounted or hung?
- Is the nectar reservoir above or below the feeding port?
- generally when the port is above the nectar reservoir it will not leak.
- Is it saucer shaped or gravity fed?
- Does it have an arbour?
- It is okay to have perches on a hummingbird feeder



gravity fed feeder

bee guards

feeder with arbour



bee guards

ant mote

nectar below feeding port

post mount

saucer style