

# Bird Treats

Suet - what is it? According to Websters, it is the hard fat about the kidneys and loins in beef and mutton that yields tallow. But for our needs, all you really need to know is you can get it from your local grocer.

## Bird Cake Recipes

### Peanut Butter Cake

1 part melted beef suet  
1 part peanut butter  
6 parts cornmeal

Melt suet. Mix in peanut butter and cornmeal. Spoon into paper-lined muffin tins and cool. Store in freezer till needed.

### Oat Cake

1 pound suet in small pieces  
1 cup rolled oats  
1 cup yellow cornmeal  
1 cup chunk peanut butter  
1 cup mixed wild bird seed  
1 cup sunflower seeds

Melt suet. Stir in remaining ingredients and blend. Pour into paper-lined muffin tins. Chill until hardened or freeze.

### Nut and Apple Cake

2 cups bread crumbs  
1 cup nuts unsalted!  
3 chopped apples (use seeds too)  
1 cup raisins  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup of cornmeal  
1/2 pound of ground suet  
1/2 cup flour  
1 8-ounce jar of peanut butter  
1 cup wild bird seed

Mix ingredients, add enough bacon drippings to hold it together. Shape into balls or press into pine cones. Freeze and use as needed.



## **Pine Cone Suet Feeder**

Pine cones make great suet feeders. Suet is a favorite food of wild birds in the winter.

You will start your project by finding some pine cones. You will want to choose an appropriate pine cone; medium-sized ones work well, but it really is up to you.

After selecting your pine cone, you will next need to attach either a string (if your pine cone is small) or a wire hanger (if your pine cone is large) to suspend your feeder once it is complete.

Now select a suet recipe. There are literally hundreds of recipes for suet. Any of the recipes listed above will work or follow some of the links below to search for others.

Follow the recipe to make your suet and then press the mixture into the pine cone petals. You can put your pine cones in the freezer until you are ready to use them. And now you have a treat for the birds you attract to your garden.