

**ZOXDEAL EXCLUSIVE BONUS**

# Feeder Care: Stop Squirrels, Moldy Seed & Alert Fatigue

Four problems hit almost every smart-feeder owner. This checklist fixes each one with steps taken from long-term owner reports and Birdfy's own advice.

## **Squirrels chewing the housing.**

Mount on a smooth metal pole with a baffle below the feeder - this beats every spray and spice trick owners tested. Keep the feeder 10 feet from trees and fences squirrels launch from. The plastic housing is chewable, so position is your real defense.

## **Seed sprouting or molding in the tray.**

The tray has no drainage. After rain, empty it, wipe it dry, and refill with a shallow layer. In wet weeks, fill the hopper less and let birds finish it faster. Never top old seed with new seed.

## **Fifty alerts a day.**

Lower the motion sensitivity one step at a time, and aim the camera away from swaying branches. If you take the AI plan, switch on birds-only filtering. Review clips once a day instead of chasing every ping.

## **Camera going offline.**

The feeder uses 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi only. Put it in strong range of the router - through one wall, not three - and check the signal in the app before final mounting. A cheap outdoor access point fixes most dropout complaints.

## **Winter battery drain.**

Cold weeks plus cloudy days can outrun the solar panel. Bring the unit in for a full USB-C charge once a month in winter, and angle the panel at the midday sun, not the morning sun.

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