

# YANKEE BLOCKER® (YB)

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## SET-UP AND USE

**Hang your feeder securely.** We recommend using a **Droll Yankees Locking Chain (LC18)** to protect your feeder from falls. The Yankee Blocker should be hung in a location where it is sheltered from the wind.

## TO FILL

Gently press down on the lid, rotate the lid counter-clockwise a quarter turn (looking down) until it releases and can be lifted up on its hanger. Fill with your favorite wild bird seed. To close, simply replace the lid on top and gently twist the lid clockwise until it locks in place. **Fill the feeder** with black oil sunflower seed, safflower seed, sunflower hearts or your favorite specialty mix. Premium black oil sunflower seed is highly recommended as it is very nutritious and attracts the widest variety of birds. Store your wild bird seed in a dry, critter-proof container.

## ADJUSTING YOUR YANKEE BLOCKER

### Squirrel Size Adjustment

Because squirrels in your area may vary in their weight, you may need to adjust your feeder's spring. Adjust your feeder by using the easy-to-use adjustment knob found on the base of your feeder (**fig. A**). To increase spring tension (larger squirrels), rotate the knob clockwise, to reduce spring tension (smaller squirrels) rotate the knob counter-clockwise. The green tension indicator on the spring post moves up or down to indicate weight needed to close the feeding ports. (**fig. B**). More tension prevents all but the smallest birds to feed. The goal is to allow four birds to feed at the same time, while keeping a single squirrel from getting to the seed. Please note the tension is factory preset to protect against gray squirrels.

### Bird Size Adjustable Perches

Your feeder also has adjustable perches, which you can use to limit large birds having easy seed access. Simply push in the perch, which will allow only smaller songbirds to easily feed at your feeder, or pull out to allow for larger birds (**fig. C**).

## FEEDER PLACEMENT

Hang the feeder far enough away from any deck rail, pole, tree, etc. so that the squirrel must place all of its body weight on the perches. The recommended minimum is 14", but a greater distance may be preferable. We recommend using a **Droll Yankees® Pole System**. Because activation is based on weight, a squirrel that is able to lean across to the feeder and place only part of its weight on the perches may avoid collapsing the ports. Red squirrels and chipmunks may not be heavy enough to activate the spring tension, but placing the feeder so that they have to jump to it will significantly increase your chances of deterring them. If you have problems with raccoons, take your feeder in at night until they go elsewhere. If not deterred, raccoons can damage your feeder and deplete your seed rather quickly. Place your feeder within 30 feet of a bush or tree if possible. Due to the threat of hawks and other predators, birds are most comfortable when they are close to cover.

## TO CLEAN

### Disassemble your feeder for easier cleaning

**Step 1** - Open the top lid of your feeder and remove the lid assembly by putting gentle pressure on the cross bar until it disengages from the tube.

**Step 2** - Remove the base section of the feeder by removing the metal bolt (found on the center of the spring adjustment dial) by simply unscrewing it counter-clockwise with your fingers or a flat head screwdriver. NOTE: the screw will not completely remove from the base. It will stay attached to the base to avoid misplacing the small piece. You should now have your feeder in three sections: base with perches, seed tube and lid assembly.

**Step 3** - Prepare a tub with a warm solution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaners as these may damage the feeder. Soak the three feeder sections in your tub for approximately 5 minutes. Use a cleaning brush (**Bird Feeder Brush model (BFB)**) to reach the hard to clean areas: inside the tube, and in and around the feeder ports. Rinse thoroughly all the sections and allow to dry completely before re-assembling and refilling your feeder. Clean the ground below your feeder to prevent a build-up of hulls, discarded seed and other waste.

## YANKEE FAMILY LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY AGAINST SQUIRREL DAMAGE

The **Yankee Blocker (YB)** bird feeder is covered by the Droll Yankees Limited Lifetime Warranty Against Squirrel Damage. The warranty does not extend to damage through improper use, improper cleaning, weather, neglect, abuse, modification, disassembly, or falls. Raccoon and bear damage is not covered. Feeders must be removed until the pests depart.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE

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