

FOX SQUIRREL POSSIBLE REPELLANTS

Many squirrel repellents such as Squirrel Away and Scoot Squirrel rely on hot peppers such as cayenne, red and chili peppers. Ground white and black pepper are also common. These are frequently advertised as both additives for your bird food and as deterrents from forbidden spots. Many other products such as Shake Away and Squirrel B Gone rely on concentrated predator urine. The idea is simple: hungry killer fox = stay the heck away. These products are meant to be sprinkled, sprayed or hung around flower beds and other squirrel free zones. If you're not a gardener and just want the tree rats to quit chewing on your stuff, find a bitter tasting gel or spray like Ro-pel. For any squirrel repellent make sure to read the directions carefully as it is sometimes necessary to reapply after a certain amount of time or after a rain.

– From getridofthings.com

Squirrel repellent can be a valuable tool when you are trying to protect your fall bulbs and bird feeders. The organic compound that has proven to best repel squirrels is cayenne pepper. The capsaicin in this substance is an irritant that repels squirrels without harming them. If you have a squirrel problem that you are trying to control, try any of these natural repellents.

Squirrel Repellent Pepper Spray

One of the most effective squirrel repellent recipes is for a very basic pepper spray. For this recipe you will need:

- 2 onions (chopped)
- 1 jalapeño (chopped)
- 1 tbsp. cayenne pepper
- 1½ quarts water

Bring the water to a boil. Add in the chopped vegetables and the cayenne pepper. Allow this mixture to boil for about 30 minutes, and then remove it from the heat. Let the mixture cool, strain out the vegetables and pour into a spray bottle using a funnel.

Apply this pepper spray to the places where you want to deter squirrels, like flower beds, screened-in porches and around bird feeders.

Dry Squirrel Repellents If you are trying to keep squirrels away from bird feeders or flowerbeds, try this dry repellent. From your spice rack, gather a bottle of paprika, cayenne pepper and/or a bottle of crushed red pepper flakes. Sprinkle a mixture of these spices where you don't want squirrels to dig or tread. You can even mix them in with your wild birdseed to keep the squirrels from eating it.

- From doityourself.com

Where and When to use Ropel® .

Ropel is safe and effective when used as directed on siding, fences, posts, footings, unpainted furniture, trees, saplings, plants, bulbs and seeds. Do not use on edible plants or crops during the fruit bearing season, Ropel could possibly affect the taste of the produce if used improperly. Ropel is for outdoor use only!

How does Ropel work?

When animals lick, bite, nibble or chew treated surfaces, they get a bitter reminder that this property is off limits. Ropel has been tested against cattle, deer, dogs, goats, gophers, mice, moles, opossum, rabbits, raccoons, rats, skunks, squirrels, etc, and can remain effective for up to a year when applied correctly.

Available from Nixilite.com.

This may also be available at Ace Hardware.

The squirrels that are now plaguing Bixby Village are not native to California. They are Fox Squirrels (*Sciurus Niger*), native to the south and parts of the Midwest. According to the information from a professor from CSULA, World War II veterans at the Westwood VA probably imported them into southern California. They have been spreading throughout the region since then.

These products should apparently not be used if you have an outside cat or a dog.

I have not tested these products yet. REMEMBER PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE SQUIRRELS.

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