Suet Bird Blocks

This is a recipe I got from Birds and Blooms Magazine several years ago for suet bird blocks. If you triple this recipe as I most always do, it will make about 6 blocks. You can store them in the refrigerator until needed, or even freeze them. Buy large containers of lard and peanut butter at Walmart. In addition, this recipe can be used as “bark butter”. Spread some on tree bark or into tree holes. Woodpeckers love it this way.

1 cup lard
1 cup crunchy peanut butter
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup whole wheat flour
2 cups cornmeal
1 cup raisins, seeds, or crushed eggshells; optional. I like currants as fruit as they are small.

Dump it all in a pot and heat over medium heat until lard and peanut butter melt and stir thoroughly. Pour into bread pan (slice to fit feeder size), or into a plastic storage container same size as bird feeder. For ease of handling, line containers with plastic wrap before filling. Cool until solid. Remove plastic wraps and hang in your feeders.

Several nice Stokes brand double or 4 cake suet feeders are on Amazon.