

HOMEMADE SQUIRREL REPELLENT RECIPE

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Squirrels, what squirrels?

We do have plenty of chipmunks running around here, but I have had corn stalks on my porch off and on for YEARS and I never had a problem with those cute little guys eating my fall displays. Never once.



The chipmunks and I are buddies. Amigos. BFFs.

And as for squirrels, I have never seen a single squirrel in the yard. Ever.

Well not until Susie mentioned squirrels in her comment and then all of a sudden I see one of those stupid furry little rats with big tails poking around my porch.

Darn you Susie, you jinxed me!

But here's the kicker, I think the squirrel came up on the porch to give a seminar to the chipmunks on how to eat corn or something.

Corn Eating 101 taught by Skippy The Squirrel.

The little guys were very well behaved until Mr. Squirrel showed up on the scene and now I'm down 3 ears of corn. And I know it was the chipmunks because I saw one scurrying out of the cornstalks when I opened the back door.

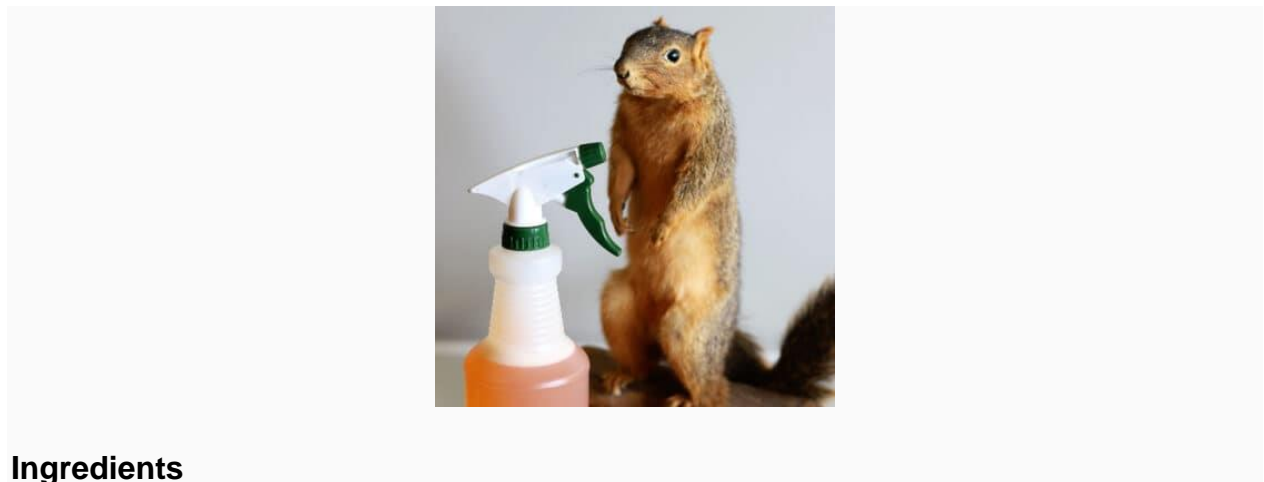


So, I searched online and tried a few concoctions and theories and came up with a homemade squirrel repellent that seems to be working on both the squirrels and the chipmunks.

Of course, there's always the shovel over the head remedy, but I try very hard not to hurt other living creatures. Besides we USED to be friends.

Oh, and BTW, the squirrel in these photos is the stuffed squirrel my son bought at an antique mall a few months ago. He's long dead, probably 50 years dead, so it's not like I killed Skippy to make some pretty photos or anything.

HOW TO MAKE HOMEMADE SQUIRREL REPELLENT



Ingredients

- 4 cups Water
- 1 oz Hot Sauce (1/2 of the small bottle)
- 3 drops Dish Soap (you can also use vegetable oil if you prefer)
- 1 Spray Bottle

Instructions

1. Pour 4 cups water into the spray bottle
2. Add 1/2 bottle (1 oz) hot sauce into the water
3. Add 3 drops dish soap
4. Close spray bottle and gently shake
5. Spray liberally on any garden vegetables or flowers. Re-apply after heavy rains.
6. This won't harm the squirrels and chipmunks, it will just deter them from eating your stuff

Notes

Disclaimer: Please don't be silly and spray this stuff in your eyes or face. It is a pepper-based spray and it is HOT!

Others uses for Squirrel Repellent:

- **Bird Feeders** - spray on the birdseed in your feeders to keep the squirrels out. It doesn't hurt the birds or deter them from eating the seeds.
- **Fall Outdoor Decor** - spray on your cornstalks, pumpkins etc on your porch to keep the squirrels and chipmunks from eating them.

(my dead stuffed squirrel agrees, use your common sense when using this)

USING SQUIRREL REPELLENT IN THE GARDEN



Besides keeping them off my fall decor, it is also good for using in your garden. Just spray the plants and flowers you want the squirrels to stay away from (it won't harm the plants and flowers). You may need to reapply after heavy rains as it would tend to wash away.

Now if this homemade squirrel repellent would just work on snakes too, I'd be all set!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO REPEL SQUIRRELS?

Well, my homemade squirrel repellent obviously, but I'll list some alternatives.

Dogs and Cats – Not that they will be able to chase off every single squirrel in the yard, but the more your animals run around in the backyard the less you'll see squirrel activity. You can even go as far as to take some pet hair and place it around your vegetables and plants to keep the squirrels away.

Let them have a picnic – You can always try to feed the squirrels in another part of your yard and hope it keeps them from wanting to eat your good stuff in the other part of the yard. Have you seen those cute little squirrel picnic benches?

Surround your plants with netting, similar to what you would do to keep birds from eating berries.

Buy fake cat silhouettes or fox decoys to stake out in the garden to scare them off.

WHAT ARE SOME COMPANION PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN TO REPEL SQUIRRELS?

- Marigolds
- Allium
- Daffodils
- Geraniums
- Lily Of The Valley
- Hot pepper plants

WHAT SCENT WILL REPEL SQUIRRELS?

Spicy things like my squirrel repellent above. You can also grind up some chili pepper flakes and spread them around the base of the plants.

Garlic

Peppermint

Predator urine – you can buy coyote urine in a spray bottle online if you don't want to follow your dog around the back yard in the morning

Cider Vinegar – soak rags in cider vinegar and lay in the garden

Mothballs

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