

# Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife update status of unknown, mysterious bird feeder and illness

“Bird Feeder and Illness Update: While much remains unknown about the mysterious bird illness documented in the mid-Atlantic and mid-west regions since May, there have been decreasing reports of sick and dead birds in the impacted states.

Based on current knowledge, there is no indication that bird feeders or baths are contributing to the spread of this recent illness. Despite this, MassWildlife cautions rushing to put your bird feeders back up, as birdseed and suet are known to attract other animals like rodents, bears, and turkeys, which can cause conflicts between humans and wildlife. If you choose to resume feeding birds,

MassWildlife advises taking certain precautions. Since birds congregating at feeders and baths can still spread other diseases, take extra care to disinfect these surfaces on at least a weekly basis. State wildlife officials will continue to monitor bird illness reports and coordinate with other wildlife disease specialists across the region.

Read the full update on the bird illness and bird feeder advisory [here](#).”-Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.