

# Birdseed Scoop, Version 2.0

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I feed a lot of wild birds. This means filling three large birdfeeders every day. If *they* were in charge, I'd be filling two of these feeders twice a day. That is a lot of shoveling.

This bird seed scoop was inspired by the scoop on an old steam shovel.

I place the closed end in my can of birdseed. Then I dig down with it to scoop up seed. After lifting the scoop out of the can, I rotate it, so the seed flows to the back corner, and the funnel end is forward. And finally, I tilt the scoop to pour out the seed.

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The scoop has a backbone made from a piece of galvanized steel track<sup>2</sup> used to build walls.



The front end is tapered to fit the diameter of my smallest bird feeder.

Initially, I made this out of a plastic 1-gallon milk jug. This material is too weak, so it caved in as I dug into the seed.



After using this metal scoop for two days, I happened to finish off a bottle of juice. These bottles are made of polycarbonate so very tough and ridged.



I cut a square hole first using a knife and then scissors. The scoop has less capacity than my metal one but works just as well.



The hardest part was rinsing out the bottle and drying it!

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<sup>2</sup> Search for “ProTRAK 25 1-1/4 in. x 3-5/8 in. x 10 ft. Galvanized Steel Track”

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