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## The nose knows

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# Spice up life with variety

I love a bargain.

Actually, I'm so tight I won't settle for less than a good deal: Ten for \$10? Buy one, get one free? Clearance rack, here I come! ... I don't, however, buy just because it's on sale. There has to be a purpose.

My current reason? Bird food. I miss the larger variety I used to enjoy in the country.

Now, I'm making a creative effort to lure more of that variety to my St. Michaels yard.

"Feed them and they will come," right? There's where the marketing comes in.

Let me give you a few surprising tips on feeds other than bird seed to feed up with. What

## Tid Bits

By Bev Leitch



our feathered friends tantalize their taste buds with might amaze you.

I always thought the expression "eats like a bird" meant light and picky. ... My past experience with feeding birds makes me think of flying feathered pigs!

I'm determined to attract hummingbirds this year. It's justification for all the flowers in my yard. It's not as easy to get

the original bargain, but with care and a little effort, one year's plants can give big paybacks as years go by.

It's fairly common knowledge that bargain peanut butter spread on pine cones (or most anything) will attract birds. But it's also a favorite treat for squirrels, so buy plenty.

My first-eye opener to unusual bird treats came by accident.

In the country we had a large garden. Some of every kind of pepper had to have a spot.

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# Feed the Burn ...

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## Baking soda

Generously sprinkle baking soda into tepid bathwater. Instead of toweling off, let the solution dry on your skin.



## Vinegar

Mix 1 cup of white vinegar into a tub of cool water.

## Oatmeal

Oatmeal water soothes the skin. Wrap dry oatmeal in cheesecloth or gauze. Run cool water through it. Discard the oatmeal and soak compresses in the liquid. Apply every two to four hours.



## Skim milk

Milk protein is very soothing. Mix one cup skim milk with four cups water, then add a few ice cubes. Apply compresses for 15 to 20 minutes; repeat every two to four hours.



## And remember ...

Lots of water to help counteract the drying effect of a burn and a balanced diet will help provide the nutrients your skin needs to regenerate itself.

Source : [skincare.lovetoknow.com](http://skincare.lovetoknow.com)