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## **Contech Electronics Introduces Squirrel-proof Birdfeeder**

**Victoria, Canada (February 15, 2006)** Contech Electronics, developer of the ScareCrow® motion-activated animal deterrent, today introduced an automated birdfeeder designed to accommodate birds while repelling squirrels and other rodents. The SquirrelScatter® birdfeeder is an attractive and durable device that combines an efficient spill-resistant design with a harmless, yet effective electronic squirrel deterrent. A mild electric pulse safely and effectively discourages garden pests, while allowing birds to feed undisturbed. Ideal for gardeners and bird fanciers alike, the battery-operated SquirrelScatter provides a simple and affordable way to encourage the feeding and nesting of birds, without attracting wasteful and destructive squirrels to the area.

According to Erik Djukastein, co-founder and chief innovation officer for Contech Electronics, devices such as the SquirrelScatter® can be particularly effective in the many communities throughout North America and Europe where indigenous bird populations are increasingly threatened by invasive species of rodents such as the Gray Squirrel — listed by the World Conservation Union as one of “100 of the world’s worst invasive alien species.” “Most gardeners know about the damage squirrels can cause to local bird populations,” explained Djukastein, “competing for food sources, taking eggs and small birds from nests — and when they raid a bird feeder, the resulting mess can attract rats to the area too. By using a squirrel-proof feeder, homeowners can make their garden a bird-friendly space, without attracting unwelcome visitors to the yard.”

The SquirrelScatter automated bird feeder is available now from Contech Electronics. For more information, visit [www.contech-inc.com](http://www.contech-inc.com), or contact 1-800-767-8658 or [info@contech-inc.com](mailto:info@contech-inc.com).

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*Established in 1987, Contech Electronics is a designer and provider of advanced animal training and control technology for pets, their owners, and gardeners all over the world. From its global headquarters in Victoria, Canada, Contech oversees the development, manufacture and distribution of a growing range of products designed to promote harmony between animals and humans. Safe and effective solutions such as the ScatMat pet training mat and the ScareCrow outdoor animal deterrent have made Contech a favourite among pet owners and gardeners alike, and continue to reinforce the company's reputation as a leading innovator in the pet and garden industries. For more information, visit [www.contech-inc.com](http://www.contech-inc.com).*